

2025 EXCELLENCE IN KENTUCKY NEWSPAPERS AWARDS

[BEST EDITORIAL WRITER]

Weekly 1

1. Carter County Times

Jeremy D. Wells

2. Lake News

Loyd Ford

Weekly 2

1. LaRue County Herald News

Victoria Cox

2. Berea Citizen

Keith Taylor

3. LaRue County Herald News

Allison Shepherd

Weekly 3

1. Meade County Messenger

Earlene Bohannon

2. News Journal

Mark White

3. Mt. Sterling Advocate

Jamie Vinson

Multi-Weekly

1. Georgetown News-Graphic

Mike Scogin

2. Georgetown News-Graphic
Mike Scogin

Student Publication 2

1. College Heights Herald
Price Wilborn
2. Kentucky Kernel
Staff

Daily 1

1. Forward Kentucky
Ivonne Rovira
2. Forward Kentucky
Staff
3. Forward Kentucky
Bruce Maples

Daily 2

Certificate of Merit
Lexington Herald-Leader
Linda Blackford

[BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE]

Weekly 1

1. Falmouth Outlook
Carolyn Reid
2. Falmouth Outlook
Burton Cole

3. Lake News

Loyd Ford

Weekly 2

1. Mt. Sterling Advocate

Tom Marshall & Jamie Vinson

2. Oldham Era

Grant Gerstner

3. Oldham Era

Staff

Weekly 3

1. News Journal

Staff

2. Butler County Banner

Beverly Bonilla

3. News Journal

Timothy Wyatt

Multi-Weekly

1. Times-Tribune

Madison Nantz

2. Kentucky Standard

Katelyn Norris

3. Kentucky Standard

Peter W. Zubaty

Student Publication 2

1. Murray State News

Aly Adler, Ania Boutin & River Murt

2. Kentucky Kernel

Abbey Cutrer

3. Kentucky Kernel

Laurel Swanz

Daily 1

1. Bowling Green Daily News

David Horowitz

2. The State Journal

Chanda Veno

3. The Daily Independent

Aaron Snyder

Daily 2

1. Lexington Herald-Leader

Staff

2. Lexington Herald-Leader

Staff

3. Courier-Journal

Staff

[BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY]

Weekly 1

1. Henry County Local

Bobbie Curd

2. Greater Ashland Beacon

Sasha Bush

3. Carter County Times

Jeremy D. Wells

Weekly 2

1. Adair County Community Voice

Amy Pike

2. Adair County Community Voice

Sharon Burton

3. Oldham Era

Grant Gerstner

Weekly 3

1. News Journal

Trevor Sherman

2. Barren County Progress

Allyson Dix

3. Mt. Sterling Advocate

Tom Marshall

Multi-Weekly

1. Times-Tribune

Madison Nantz

2. Georgetown News-Graphic

James Scogin

3. Ledger Independent

Lauren Tatman

Student Publication 2

1. College Heights Herald

Price Wilborn

2. Kentucky Kernel

Casey Sebastiano

3. The Northerner

Emily Sisk, Sophie McEwen & Holly Keuper

Daily 1

1. Commonwealth Journal

Christopher Harris

2. The State Journal

Dany Boutin

3. Bowling Green Daily News

David Horowitz

Daily 2

1. The Courier-Journal

Matthew Glowicki

2. Kentucky Lantern

McKenna Horsley

3. Messenger Inquirer

James Mayse

[BEST FEATURE STORY]

Weekly 1

1. Bourbon County Citizen

Kristy Horine

2. Bourbon County Citizen Pat
Conley & Bobby Shiftlet 3.
Falmouth Outlook

Burton Cole

Weekly 2

1. Oldham Era
Bobbie Curd
2. LaRue County Herald News
Allison Shepherd
3. Mt. Sterling Advocate

Jamie Vinson

Weekly 3

1. Manchester Enterprise
Mark Hoskins
2. Hart County News Herald
Mary Beth Sallee
3. Casey County News
Charlie VanLeuven

Multi-Weekly

1. Times-Tribune
Macee Swafford
2. Georgetown News-Graphic
Mike Scogin
3. Richmond Register
Stever Cornelius

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel
Isabella Sepahban
2. Kentucky Kernel
Isabella Sepahban
3. Kentucky Kernel
Kennedy Parker

Daily 1

1. The Daily Independent
Matt Jones
2. The State Journal
Linda Younkin
3. The State Journal
Tisa Conway-Cunningham

Daily 2

1. Link nKY
Haley Parnell
2. Courier-Journal
Maggie Menderski
3. Kentucky Lantern
Sarah Ladd

[BEST COLUMNIST]

Weekly 1

1. Falmouth Outlook
Burton Cole

2. Falmouth Outlook

Jim Thaxton

3. Bourbon County Citizen

Kevin Garrison

Weekly 2

1. LaRue County Herald News

Caleb Phelps

2. Berea Citizen

Keith Taylor

3. Adair County Community Voice

Sharon Burton

Weekly 3

1. News Journal

Trevor Sherman

2. Casey County News

Charlie VaLeuven

3. Barren County Progress

Allyson Dix

Multi-Weekly

1. Georgetown News-Graphic

Tommy Druen

2. Georgetown News-Graphic

Tommy Druen

3. Times-Tribune

Brad Hall

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel

Aidan Dillard-Hijikata

2. Kentucky Kernel

Austin Collier

3. Eastern Progress

Emily Kessler

Daily 1

1. The Daily Independent

Aaron Snyder

2. The Daily Independent

Mary Jane Epling

3. The Daily Independent

Lee Ward

Daily 2

1. Kentucky Lantern

Teri Carter

2. Lexington Herald-Leader

Linda Blackford

3. Courier-Journal

Maggie Menderski

[BEST SPORTS COLUMNIST]

Weekly 1

1. Henry County Local

Abby Hooven

2. Bourbon County Citizen

Ivan K. Rice

Weekly 2

1. Oldham Era

Chuck Harper

2. Berea Citizen

Keith Taylor

3. Mt. Sterling Advocate

Dan Manley

Weekly 3

Certificate of Merit

News Journal

Trevor Sherman

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel

Tyler Russell

2. Kentucky Kernel

Cole Parke

3. Kentucky Kernel

Jenna Lifshen

Daily 1

1. The Daily Independent

Matthew Sparks

2. Murray Ledger & Times

John Wright

Daily 2

1. Lexington Herald-Leader

Mark Story

2. Courier-Journal

C.L. Brown

[BEST SPORTS STORY]

Weekly 1

1. Greater Ashland Beacon

James Collier

2. Falmouth Outlook

Rhonda Hutchison

3. Henry County Local

Abby Hooven

Weekly 2

1. LaRue County Herald News

Josh Claywell

2. Greensburg Record-Herald

Dale Curry

3. Oldham Era

Wyatt Sparkman

Weekly 3

1. Manchester Enterprise

Tanner Hoskins

2. Manchester Enterprise

Tanner Hoskins

3. News Journal

Trevor Sherman

Multi-Weekly

1. Georgetown News-Graphic

Peter Wilson

2. Georgetown News-Graphic

Peter Wilson

3. Georgetown News-Graphic

Lily Fabela

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel

Jenna Lifshen

2. Kentucky Kernel

Cole Parke

3. Kentucky Kernel

Jonathon Bruner

Daily 1

1. Owensboro Times

Ryan Richardson

2. Owensboro Times

John Kirkpatrick

3. The State Journal

Linda Younkin

Daily 2

1. Courier-Journal
Payton Titus
2. Courier-Journal
Jason Frakes
3. Lexington Herald-Leader
Ben Roberts

[BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY]

Weekly 1

1. Bourbon County Citizen
Ivan K. Rice
2. Greater Ashland Beacon
James Collier
3. Henry County Local
Abby Hooven

Weekly 2

1. Mt. Sterling Advocate
Dan Manley
2. Oldham Era
Wyatt Sparkman
3. Adair County Community Voice
Amy Pike

Weekly 3

1. Manchester Enterprise
Tanner Hoskins

2. Woodford Sun

Bill Caine

3. News Journal

Trevor Sherman

Multi-Weekly

1. Georgetown News-Graphic

Peter Wilson

2. Kentucky Standard

Katelyn Norris

3. Georgetown News-Graphic

Peter Wilson

Student Publication 2

1. Murray State News

Chelby Melvin

2. Kentucky Kernel

Cole Parke

3. The Northerner

Jonah Moore

Daily 1

1. Owensboro Times

John Kirkpatrick

2. The State Journal

Linda Younkin

3. Owensboro Times

Ryan Richardson

Daily 2

1. Courier-Journal
Jason Frakes
2. Lexington Herald-Leader
Ben Roberts
3. Lexington Herald-Leader
Ben Roberts

[BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY]

Weekly 1

1. Falmouth Outlook
Burton Cole & Jim Thaxton
2. Falmouth Outlook
Burton Cole
3. Carter County Times
Jeremy D. Wells

Weekly 2

1. LaRue County Herald News
Victoria Cox
2. LaRue County Herald News
Victoria Cox
3. Edmonson News
Lynn Bledsoe

Weekly 3

1. News Journal
Mark White

2. News Journal

Timothy Wyatt

3. News Journal

Mark White

Multi-Weekly

1. Ledger Independent

Lauren Tatman

2. Georgetown News-Graphic

Jack Thomas & James Scogin 3.

Richmond Register

Steve Cornelius

Student Publication 2

1. College Heights Herald

Anthony Clauson

2. College Heights Herald

Price Wilborn

3. Kentucky Kernel

Quézia Arruda Cunha

Daily 1

1. Bowling Green Daily News

David Horowitz

2. Murray Ledger & Times

Hawkins Teague

3. Forward Kentucky

Bruce Maples

Daily 2

1. Lexington Herald-Leader

Bill Estep

2. Courier-Journal

Lillian Metzmeier

3. Link nKY

Haley Parnell

[BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES]

Weekly 1

1. Carter County Times

Jeremy D. Wells

2. Carter County Times

Jeremy D. Wells

3. Lake News

Loyd Ford

Weekly 2

1. LaRue County Herald News

Victoria Cox

2. LaRue County Herald News

Victoria Cox

3. LaRue County Herald News

Victoria Cox

Weekly 3

1. News Journal

Mark White

2. Edmonton Herald News

Staff

Multi-Weekly

Certificate of Merit

Georgetown News-Graphic

Jack Thomas

Student Publication 2

1. College Heights Herald

Anthony Clauson

2. Kentucky Kernel

Quézia Arruda Cunha

3. Kentucky Kernel

Ava Bumgarner

Daily 1

1. Owensboro Times

John Kirkpatrick & Ryan Richardson

2. Bowling Green Daily News

Justin Story

3. The State Journal

Linda Younkin

Daily 2

1. Courier-Journal

Stephanie Kuzydym

2. Lexington Herald-Leader

John Cheves

3. Lexington Herald-Leader

Monica Kast & Kendall Staton

[BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY]

Weekly 1

1. McLean County News
Michele Ruxer
2. Bourbon County Citizen
Pat Conley & Bobby Shiftlet
3. Henry County Local
Joseph Durbin

Weekly 2

1. The Sentinel-Echo
Staff
2. The Sentinel-Echo
Madison Nantz
3. Adair County Community Voice
Amy Pike & Sharon Burton

Weekly 3

1. Woodford Sun
Scott White, Bob Vlach & Bill Caine
2. Manchester Enterprise
Mark Hoskins
3. Mt. Sterling Advocate
Tom Marshall

Multi-Weekly

1. Kentucky Standard
Staff
2. Kentucky Standard
Staff
3. Georgetown News-Graphic
Mike Scogin & Jack Thomas

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel
Staff
2. The Northerner
Staff
3. Murray State News
Ania Boutin, River Murt & Harper Spaulding

Daily 1

1. Commonwealth Journal
Staff
2. The State Journal
Hannah Brown
3. The State Journal
Chanda Veno

Daily 2

1. Lexington Herald-Leader
Bill Estep, Christopher Leach & Taylor Six
2. Lexington Herald-Leader
Valarie Spears, Beth Musgrave & Linda Blackford

3. Lexington Herald-Leader

John Cheves

[BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY]

Weekly 1

1. Greater Ashland Beacon

Gwen Akers

2. Greater Ashland Beacon

Gwen Akers

3. Falmouth Outlook

Nila Harris

Weekly 2

1. LaRue County Herald News

Victoria Cox

2. Oldham Era

Bobbie Curd

3. Oldham Era

Grant Gerstner

Weekly 3

1. News Journal

Timothy Wyatt

2. Casey County News

Charlie VanLeuven

3. Hart County News Herald

Mary Beth Sallee

Multi-Weekly

1. Kentucky Standard
Peter W. Zubaty
2. Georgetown News-Graphic
Kayla Thomas Engle
3. Kentucky Standard
Katelyn Norris

Student Publication 2

1. Murray State News
River Murt
2. Kentucky Kernel
Zaida Bell-Frantz
3. Kentucky Kernel
Ramsey Jauregui

Daily 1

1. The State Journal
Hannah Brown
2. The State Journal
Philip Case
3. The State Journal
Susan L. Moore

Daily 2

1. Courier-Journal
Olivia Evans & Connor Giffin
2. Lexington Herald-Leader John

Cheves

3. Courier-Journal
Keely Doll

[BEST LEDE]

Weekly 1

1. Falmouth Outlook
Burton Cole
2. Henry County Local
Abby Hooven
3. Carter County Times
Jeremy D. Wells

Weekly 2

Certificate of Merit
LaRue County Herald News
Victoria Cox

Weekly 3

1. News Journal
Trevor Sherman
2. News Journal
Mark White

Multi-Weekly

Certificate of Merit
Ledger Independent
Peyton Dunaway

Student Publication 2

1. The Northerner

Holly Keuper

2. The Northerner

Ella Rinehard

Daily 1

1. Owensboro Times

Ryan Richardson

2. The Daily Independent

Aaron Snyder

3. Bowling Green Daily News

Wes Swietek

Daily 2

1. Courier-Journal

Stephanie Kuzydym

2. Courier-Journal

Maggie Menderski

3. Courier-Journal

Lucas Aulbach

[BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA OR MULTIMEDIA]

Weekly 1

1. Henry County Local

Abby Hooven

2. Henry County Local

Abby Hooven

3. Henry County Local

Abby Hooven

Weekly 2

Certificate of Merit

Berea Citizen

Jemi Chew

Weekly 3

Certificate of Merit

News Journal

Trevor Sherman

Multi-Weekly

Certificate of Merit

Richmond Register

Sierra Marling

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel

Jackson Redish

2. Murray State News

Aly Adler

3. The Northerner

Jakob Staley

Daily 1

1. Owensboro Times

Staff

2. The State Journal

Hannah Brown

3. Murray Sentinel

Jessica Paine

Daily 2

1. Courier-Journal

Ray Padilla & Brooke Eberle

2. Courier-Journal

Ray Padilla, Kirby Adams & Jordan Grantz

3. Lexington Herald-Leader

Staff

[BEST VIDEO]

Weekly 1

1. Greater Ashland Beacon

Lora Stewart

2. Henry County Local

Abby Hooven

3. Henry County Local

Abby Hooven

Weekly 2

Certificate of Merit

Berea Citizen

Jemi Chew

Weekly 3

Certificate of Merit

News Journal

Timothy Wyatt

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel

Piper Renaud

2. Kentucky Kernel

Giana Gallo

3. Murray State News

Zackary Claggett

Daily 1

1. Owensboro Times

John Kirkpatrick

2. Owensboro Times

Ryan Richardson

3. Owensboro Times

John Kirkpatrick

Daily 2

1. Courier-Journal

Kirby Adams

2. Lexington Herald-Leader

Ryan C. Hermens

3. Lexington Herald-Leader

Andrew Henderson & Orizo Hajigurban

[BEST WEBSITE]

Weekly 2

1. Berea Citizen
Keith Taylor
2. Adair County Community Voice
Staff
3. Mt. Sterling Advocate
Jamie Vinson

Weekly 3

Certificate of Merit
News Journal
Staff

Multi-Weekly

Certificate of Merit
Georgetown News-Graphic
Staff

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel
Staff
2. College Heights Herald
Staff
3. The Northerner
Staff

Daily 1

1. Bowling Green Daily News

Staff

2. Queer Kentucky

Missy Spears & Spencer Jenkins

3. Murray Sentinel

Staff

Daily 2

1. Kentucky Lantern

Staff

2. Lexington Herald-Leader

Staff

3. Link nKY

Staff

[BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE]

Weekly 1

1. Bourbon County Citizen

Warren Shiflet

2. Greenup Gazette

Mark Shaffer

3. Henry County Local

Joseph Durbin

Weekly 2

1. Lewis County Herald

Dennis K. Brown

2. Lewis County Herald

Dennis K. Brown

3. Lewis County Herald

Dennis K. Brown

Weekly 3

1. Manchester Enterprise

Mark Hoskins

2. News Journal

Timothy Wyatt

3. Manchester Enterprise

Mark Hoskins

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel

Hannah Piedad

2. Kentucky Kernel

Christian Kantosky

3. Murray State News

Kristopher Fister

Daily 1

1. Murray Ledger & Times

Hawkins Teague

2. Owensboro Times

Ryan Richardson

3. The State Journal

Hannah Brown

Daily 2

1. Lexington Herald-Leader

Brian Simms

2. Courier-Journal

Jeff Faughender

3. Kentucky Lantern

Austin Anthony

[BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE]

Weekly 1

1. Falmouth Outlook

Burton Cole

2. Falmouth Outlook

Burton Cole

3. Bourbon County Citizen

Bobby Shiftlet

Weekly 2

1. Oldham Era

Wyatt Sparkman

2. LaRue County Herald News

Victoria Cox

3. Lewis County Herald

John Byard

Weekly 3

1. Hart County News Herald

Mary Beth Sallee

2. Manchester Enterprise

Mark Hoskins

3. Manchester Enterprise

Tanner Hoskins

Multi-Weekly

1. Kentucky Standard

Katelyn Norris

2. Georgetown News-Graphic

James Scogin

3. Georgetown News-Graphic

Jack Thomas

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel

Christian Kantosky

2. Kentucky Kernel

Peyton Tindall

3. Murray State News

Zackary Claggett

Daily 1

1. The State Journal

Hannah Brown

2. Commonwealth Journal

Christopher Harris

3. The State Journal

Hannah Brown

Daily 2

1. Courier-Journal

Michael Clevenger

2. Kentucky Lantern

Austin Anthony

3. Messenger-Inquirer

Greg Eans

[BEST FEATURE PICTURE]

Weekly 1

1. Greater Ashland Beacon

Sasha Bush

2. Carter County Times

Jeremy D. Wells

3. Lake News

Loyd Ford

Weekly 2

1. Berea Citizen

Ted Kinson

2. Oldham Era

Jane Ashley Pace

3. LaRue County Herald News

Allison Shepherd

Weekly 3

1. Woodford Sun

Bill Caine

2. Woodford Sun

Scott White

3. News Journal

Mark White

Multi-Weekly

1. Kentucky Standard

Katelyn Norris

Student Publication 2

1. Murray State News

Kristopher Fister

2. Murray State News

Kristopher Fister

3. Kentucky Kernel

Abbey Cutrer

Daily 1

1. The State Journal

Hannah Brown

2. Murray Ledger & Times

Julie Osborne

3. The Daily Independent

Allison Scott

Daily 2

1. Messenger Inquirer

Greg Eans

2. Courier-Journal

Sam Upshaw, Jr.

3. Messenger-Inquirer

Alan Warren

[BEST PICTURE ESSAY (BREAKING, GENERAL OR FEATURE)]

Weekly 1

1. Greater Ashland Beacon

Lora Stewart

2. Falmouth Outlook

Burton Cole

3. Lake News

Loyd Ford

Weekly 2

1. LaRue County Herald News

Victoria Cox

2. Oldham Era

Jane Ashley Pace

3. LaRue County Herald News

Victoria Cox

Weekly 3

1. News Journal

Trevor Sherman, Mark White & Leeann Fragosa

2. News Journal

Trevor Sherman

3. Manchester Enterprise

Tanner Hoskins

Multi-Weekly

1. Times-Tribune

Brittany Whitehead

2. Times-Tribune

Brittany Whitehead

3. Times-Tribune

Macee Swafford

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel

Abbey Cutrer

2. Kentucky Kernel

Christian Kantosky

3. Kentucky Kernel

Ava Bumgarner

Daily 1

1. The State Journal

Hannah Brown

2. Bowling Green Daily News

Grace McDowell

3. Owensboro Times

Ryan Richardson

Daily 2

1. Courier-Journal

Jeffrey Utterback

2. Courier-Journal

Jeff Faughender

3. Courier-Journal

Staff

[BEST SPORTS PICTURE]

Weekly 1

1. Greater Ashland Beacon
Lora Stewart
2. Greater Ashland Beacon
Lora Stewart
3. Greater Ashland Beacon
Wayne Chaffin

Weekly 2

1. Oldham Era
Wyatt Sparkman
2. Oldham Era
Brian K. Wood
3. Oldham Era
Wyatt Sparkman

Weekly 3

1. Manchester Enterprise
Tanner Hoskins
2. News Journal
Timothy Wyatt
3. Barren County Progress
Thomas Wampler

Multi-Weekly

1. Georgetown News-Graphic

Peter Wilson

2. Georgetown News-Graphic

Peter Wilson

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel

Cara Raiford

2. Kentucky Kernel

Cara Raiford

3. Kentucky Kernel

Will Luckett

Daily 1

1. Bowling Green Daily News

Grace McDowell

2. Murray Ledger & Times

Jesse Ordunez

3. The State Journal

Hannah Brown

Daily 2

1. Courier-Journal

Sam Upshaw, Jr.

2. Messenger Inquirer

Greg Eans

3. Messenger Inquirer

Alan Warren

[BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY]

Weekly 1

1. Greater Ashland Beacon
Lora Stewart
2. Henry County Local
Abby Hooven
3. Greater Ashland Beacon
Kim Young & Lora Stewart

Weekly 2

1. Mt. Sterling Advocate
Tonia Witt, Staff & Community Submissions
2. Berea Citizen
Keith Taylor
3. Berea Citizen
Keith Taylor

Weekly 3

1. News Journal
Trevor Sherman
2. News Journal
Trevor Sherman
3. Butler County Banner
Greg Moore

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel

Christian Kantosky, Sydney Novack & Cara Raiford

2. Kentucky Kernel

Matthew Mueller & Christian Kantosky

3. Kentucky Kernel

Matthew Mueller & Christian Kantosky

Daily 1

1. The State Journal

Hannah Brown

2. Owensboro Times

Ryan Richardson

3. Murray Ledger & Times

John Wright

Daily 2

1. Lexington Herald-Leader

Staff

2. Courier Journal

Matt Stone

3. Lexington Herald-Leader

Staff

[BEST SPECIAL SECTION/SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION]

Weekly 1

1. Bourbon County Citizen

Ivan K. Rice

2. Falmouth Outlook

Staff & Burton Cole

3. Greater Ashland Beacon

Sasha Bush, Kimberly Smith & Lora Stewart

Weekly 2

1. The Sentinel-Echo

Brad Hall

2. The Sentinel-Echo

Staff

3. Oldham Era

Staff

Weekly 3

1. Barren County Progress

Thomas Wampler, Boyd Wampler & Teresa Thompson

2. Mt. Sterling Advocate

Staff

3. News Journal

Staff

Multi-Weekly

1. Times-Tribune

Staff

2. Times-Tribune

Staff

3. Georgetown News-Graphic

Lori Baker

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel

Staff

2. Kentucky Kernel

Staff

3. Kentucky Kernel

Ashleigh Jones

Daily 1

1. Bowling Green Daily News

Staff

2. The State Journal

Hannah Brown

3. The Daily Independent

Staff

Daily 2

1. Courier-Journal

Staff

2. Link nKY

Staff

3. Courier-Journal

Bill Campling & Jennifer Herrmann

[BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION]

Weekly 1

1. Greater Ashland Beacon

Staff & Kimberly Smith

2. Greater Ashland Beacon

Kimberly Smith & Lora Stewart

3. Bourbon County Citizen

Ivan K. Rice

Weekly 2

1. The Sentinel-Echo

Brad Hall

2. Mt. Sterling Advocate

Dan Manley

3. LaRue County Herald News

Josh Claywell & Allison Shepherd

Weekly 3

1. Barren County Progress

Thomas Wampler, Teresa Thompson & Allyson Dix

2. Woodford Sun

Bill Caine

3. News Journal

Trevor Sherman

Multi-Weekly

Certificate of Merit

Times-Tribune

Brad Hall

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel

Ashleigh Jones

2. Kentucky Kernel

Akhila Nadimpalli

3. Kentucky Kernel

Akhila Nadimpalli

Daily 1

1. The State Journal

Hannah Brown

2. Murray Ledger & Times

John Wright

3. The State Journal

Chanda Veno

Daily 2

1. Courier-Journal

Staff

2. Courier-Journal

Staff

[BEST EDITORIAL PAGE]

Weekly 1

Certificate of Merit

Carter County Times

Jeremy D. Wells, Keith Kappes & Robert Dean

Weekly 2

1. Oldham Era

Staff

2. Mt. Sterling Advocate

Jamie Vinson

3. Berea Citizen

Keith Taylor

Weekly 3

1. Manchester Enterprise

Mark Hoskins

2. News Journal

Staff

3. Barren County Progress

Teresa Thompson, Jeff Jobe & Allyson Dix

Multi-Weekly

1. Georgetown News-Graphic

Ashley McGee & Mike Scogin

2. Ledger Independent

Peyton Dunaway

3. Georgetown News-Graphic

Ashley McGee & Mike Scogin

Student Publication 2

1. Kentucky Kernel

Ashleigh Jones

2. Kentucky Kernel

Akhila Nadimpalli

Daily 1

1. The State Journal

Chanda Veno

2. The State Journal

- Staff
3. Bowling Green Daily News
Wes Swietek

Daily 2

1. Courier-Journal
Merry Eccles
2. Lexington Herald-Leader
Linda Blackford

[BEST FRONT PAGE]

Weekly 1

1. Falmouth Outlook
Burton Cole
2. Henry County Local
Staff
3. Greater Ashland Beacon
Kimberly Smith

Weekly 2

1. The Sentinel-Echo
Brad Hall
2. Oldham Era
Staff
3. LaRue County Herald News

Victoria Cox & Allison Shepherd

Weekly 3

1. Manchester Enterprise

Mark Hoskins

2. Hart County News Herald

Lisa White

3. Butler County Banner

Staff

Multi-Weekly

1. Times-Tribune

Brad Hall

2. Times-Tribune

Staff

3. Georgetown News-Graphic

Ashley McGee & Mike Scogin

Student Publication 2

1. College Heights Herald

Staff

2. Kentucky Kernel

Ashleigh Jones

3. Kentucky Kernel

Akhila Nadimpalli

Daily 1

1. The State Journal

Hannah Brown

2. Murray Ledger & Times

Hunter Heathcott

3. Owensboro Times

Staff

Daily 2

1. Lexington Herald-Leader
Michael Yparrea
2. Courier-Journal
Leeza Hernandez, Merry Eccles & Jeremy DeLuca

[BEST HEADLINE WRITER]

Weekly 1

1. Falmouth Outlook
Burton Cole
2. Carter County Times
Jeremy D. Wells
3. Henry County Local
Abby Hooven

Weekly 2

1. Oldham Era
Grant Gerstner
2. Mt. Sterling Advocate
Jamie Vinson
3. Edmonson News
Lynn Bledsoe

Weekly 3

Certificate of Merit
News Journal

Trevor Sherman

Multi-Weekly

1. Times-Tribune

Brad Hall

2. Times-Tribune

Brad Hall

Student Publication 2

1. The Northerner

Ella Rinehard

Daily 1

1. The State Journal

Staff

2. The Daily Independent

Matthew Sparks

3. The Daily Independent

Lee Ward

Daily 2

1. Lexington Herald-Leader

John Cheves & Tessa Duvall

2. Lexington Herald-Leader

Austin Horn & Tessa Duvall

3. Courier-Journal

Bailey Loosemore

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Weekly Division

Victoria Cox

LaRue County Herald News

Daily Division

Stephanie Kuzydym

Louisville Courier-Journal

Student Publication Division

Price Wilborn, Ali Costellow, Jake McMahon & Anthony Clauson

College Heights Herald

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Burton Cole

Falmouth Outlook

Daily Division

Hannah Brown

Frankfort State Journal

Student Publications Division

Christian Kantosky

Kentucky Kernel

[GENERAL EXCELLENCE FOR 2025]**Weekly 1**

1. Greater Ashland Beacon
2. Falmouth Outlook
3. Henry County Local

Weekly 2

1. LaRue County Herald News
2. Oldham Era
3. Mount Sterling Advocate

Weekly 3

1. Corbin News Journal
2. Manchester Enterprise
3. Woodford Sun

Multi-Weekly

1. Georgetown News-Graphic
2. Corbin Times Tribune
3. Kentucky Standard

Student Publications

1. Kentucky Kernel
2. College Heights Herald
3. Murray State News

Daily 1

1. Frankfort State Journal
2. Owensboro Times
3. Bowling Green Daily News

Daily 2

1. Louisville Courier-Journal

2. Lexington Herald-Leader

3. Kentucky Lantern