



Cynthiana Democrat Regional Editor Kendall Staton walks by a newspaper stand on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, outside of the Democrat office in Cynthiana, Kentucky. Staton is one of the youngest newspaper editor's in the country. Photo by Abbey Cutrer.



Cynthiana Democrat Regional Editor Kendall Staton stands for the Pledge of Allegiance on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, during a school board meeting in Cynthiana, Kentucky. In public meetings where members pray or pledge, Staton chooses not to participate to maintain journalistic boundaries. Photo by Abbey Cutrer.



Cynthiana Democrat Regional Editor Kendall Staton takes notes on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, during a school board meeting in Cynthiana, Kentucky. Photo by Abbey Cutrer.



Cynthiana Democrat Regional Editor Kendall Staton greets retired Cynthiana fire chief Jay Sanders on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, outside of his home in Cynthiana, Kentucky. Photo by Abbey Cutrer.



Cynthiana Democrat Regional Editor Kendall Staton works on the layout of the weekly printed newspaper on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, at the Democrat office in Cynthiana, Kentucky. Staton is one of the youngest newspaper editor's in the country. Photo by Abbey Cutrer.



Cynthiana Democrat Regional Editor Kendall Staton talks to a local business owner on the phone on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, at the Democrat office in Cynthiana, Kentucky. Photo by Abbey Cutrer.



Cynthiana Democrat Regional Editor Kendall Staton sits at her desk on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, at the Democrat office in Cynthiana, Kentucky. On her desktop is a document regarding Gov. Beshear's road plan in Cynthiana, which Staton didn't have time to write up before the print deadline. Photo by Abbey Cutrer.



Cynthiana Democrat Regional Editor Kendall Staton gets a recipe from a shelf as she cooks dinner with her partner, Ethan Speer, on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, in her home in Cynthiana, Kentucky. Photo by Abbey Cutrer.



Cynthiana Democrat Regional Editor Kendall Staton holds a Lexington Herald-Leader umbrella on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, outside the Democrat office in Cynthiana, Kentucky. Staton is one of the youngest newspaper editor's in the country. Photo by Abbey Cutrer.



Cynthiana Democrat Regional Editor Kendall Staton accepts her Jon Fleischaker Freedom of Information Award during the Kentucky Press Association Awards on Friday, Jan. 26, 2024, at the Holiday Inn University Plaza in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The Fleischaker Award is given to journalists who demonstrate exceptional use of public records for reporting. Staton won this award less than a year after graduating college. Photo by Abbey Cutrer.