

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
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country. Photo by Abbey
Cutrer.



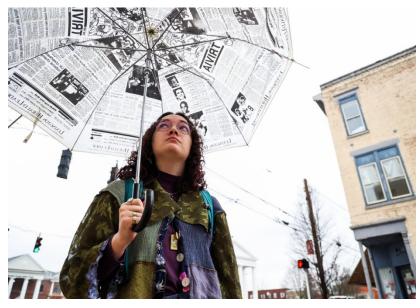
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Regional Editor Kendall
Staton talks to a local
business owner on the
phone on Tuesday, Jan. 23,
2024, at the Democrat office
in Cynthiana, Kentucky.
Photo by Abbey Cutrer.



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.
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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.