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HE HELPS YOUNGSTERS SOAR

Bath County man is honored for nurturing 27 Eagle Scouts



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Robert Moore, left, a representative from Gov. Steve Beshear's office, and state Rep. Sannie Overly, D-Paris, right, presented the award to Terry Highley.

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Bath County's Terry Highley builds and remodels homes for a living, but some folks say he's even better at building young men.

Highley has helped 27 boys in Bath County make Eagle Scout — beginning with his own two sons — since he became a Boy Scout leader in the 1980s.

That record of service recently earned Highley the 2009 Bath County Community Service Volunteer Award, presented annually to a county

resident who works behind the scenes to help others.

Organizers lured Highley to the awards ceremony in front of the Bath County Courthouse in Owingsville by asking him to bring some Boy Scouts to serve as a color guard for the festivities. Once Highley arrived, he realized that he was getting the award. It included a granite tile, bearing his name, in the brick wall in front of the courthouse.

Banker Jacky Watson, who served on the committee that selected Highley for the volunteer award, describes him as

resembling Grizzly Adams but being a "teddy bear at heart."

Watson's son, Aaron Watson, is one of the boys who became an Eagle Scout under Highley's leadership.

A Boy Scout must complete a 100-hour community service project as part of his qualification to become an Eagle Scout. Jacky Watson said Highley strongly backed her son in his project to put up two flagpoles at a volunteer fire station in rural Bath County.

"Aaron was Terry's 25th

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Slots for another signature industry?



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I'm worried about the financial state of journalism.

Digital technology has given newspapers more readers than ever. Ironically, though, that technology means newspapers no longer are the dominant force in advertising, from where the money to support journalism has always come.

To make matters worse, most newspapers are owned by big corporations that went into debt to get bigger. They thought profits from advertising would make the debt affordable. They were wrong.

As a result, newspapers and newsrooms are dwindling in size. Radio and television newsrooms have been hit hard, too; they just don't talk about it. But I worry most about newspapers, and not just because I work for one.

Newspapers have always done most of journalism's heavy lifting, from investigations to public affairs reporting.

The Herald-Leader has gotten a lot of attention lately for exposing wasteful spending in some of Kentucky's quasi-government agencies. But that kind of work is nothing new: Newspapers of all sizes have a long record of giving Kentucky's powerful people and institutions some much-needed oversight.

Newspapers also play a big role in community-building. They do everything from covering neighborhood zoning disputes to printing wedding announcements.

You could call newspapers one of Kentucky's "signature" industries. There's at least one in each of Kentucky's 120 counties, and almost all of them are struggling.

But I have an idea: What if newspapers could persuade the General Assembly to give them another way to replace the advertising revenue they used to have?

What if newspapers were allowed to put slot machines in some of that empty space where reporters and editors used to work? Big newspapers might even have room for full-blown casinos.

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Box brigade

Above: U.S. Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Joe Jenkins waited for a box as students Brandy Berryman, left, Jesse Cross, Whitney Wilkerson and Keaira Pennie formed a "bucket brigade" with the boxes at the Martin Luther King Academy on Liberty Rd. on Nov. 6. Students at the school packed more than 60 boxes with items that veterans can use.

Left: U.S. Army National Guard PFC Michael Difrank sorted boxes after students helped load the truck. Soldiers with the U.S. Army National Guard picked up the boxes in a humvee.

