

'86 FLOOD

"We BOOKED it just for you!"

The community photo/story album about Fort Scott's historic record-breaking flood of October 3, 1986.



A
collection of
photographs
essays &
poems



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edited by
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Dedication

To my mother, Mary Elizabeth Freed Siedhoff, this book is inscribed. She encouraged me along life's way, gently prodding, always directing that life was meant to live for others. Knowing that I take on the 'impossible' tasks in life, she had to wonder 'Can he do it?', but her words and hugs were always positive influences and, sure enough, here is **'86 FLOOD**.

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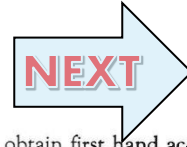
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Writing Contest Winners



Courtesy of the Pittsburg *Morning Sun*

Following the tremendous response of the photography contest, Freed then sponsored a writing contest to obtain first hand accounts and feelings about the flood. Over 90 entries were received, from elementary school children to adults. They entered at least one of four categories: Humor, True Life, Narrative & Poetry. Prizes were awarded for First, Second & Third place in the four categories. The winners received a free photograph of the area of the flood they wrote about and/or a free copy of the book '86 FLOOD.

Winners of the '86 FLOOD writing contest:

Fort Scott—Winners of the '86 FLOOD writing contest were announced by John Freed, director of the contest, Friday afternoon at the Ralph Richards Museum. The writing contest received 70 entries.

Winners, listed by contest category, are:

Humor—Tanya Kirk, Fort Scott Middle School (FSMS), first; Jennifer Witt, Fort Scott Christian Heights (FSCH), second; Tracy Worthington, FSCH, third; and Jo Ann Goans, adult, first.

True Life—Sarah Horsh, St. Mary's Elementary School, first; Cristen Courtway, FSMS, first; Brent Chance, FSCH, first; Shane Doherty, St. Mary's second; John Comstock, FSMS, second; Trenton Ropp, FSMS, second; Trinity Sheehy, St. Mary's, third; and Kevin Gilpin, FSCH, third.

Narrative—Allison Gorman, St. Mary's, first; Jennifer Durling, FSMS, first; Kyla Umphenour, St. Mary's, second; Mary Haggood, St. Mary's third; and Jo Ann Goans, adult, first.

Poetry—Ann Meara, St. Mary's, first; Tracy Combs, FSMS, first; Michelle Simpson, FSMS, second; Melinda Jo Peterson, FSCH, third; and Lois Henderson, adult, first.

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