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briefs

Fugitive arrested for burglaries

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

SOUTH WILLIAMSON — Trooper Randy Surber hit the trifecta on Thursday morning when he arrested a suspected burglar who was also wanted for a previous robbery, as well as being on the run from law enforcement in the state of Maine. Surber responded to a prowler complaint at the Pizza Hut in South Williamson at 3 a.m. Thursday and upon arrival he spied a broken window and heard noises emanating from the eatery. He announced his presence to the perpetrator and ordered him to come out, but John L. Coleman, 35, of Turkey Creek, instead allegedly chose to flee the scene. Surber caught up to Coleman and managed to apprehend him. Upon a little investigation he learned that Coleman was allegedly under the influence of drugs and that he was wanted for burglarizing the Dairy Queen in Williamson. He further determined that Coleman was also being sought for burglary charges in Maine. Surber dropped off Coleman at the Pike County Detention Center, where he was charged with two counts of third-degree burglary, fleeing or evading, giving a false name and address, public intoxication, resisting arrest, menacing and being a fugitive from another state.

Nine sentenced for drug charges

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Nine drug-related offenders were sentenced Friday in circuit court, taking with them a collective total of 10 years and eight months behind bars. Those same criminals could have

Most sentences cut by probation

received a collective total of 42 years and six months in prison, had Circuit Judge Danny Caudill chosen to disregard plea offers from the commonwealth. Teresa Howard, represented by attorney David Porter, received the stiffest penalty.

Charged with first- and second-degree drug trafficking and second-degree unlawful transaction with a minor, Howard was handed a total of 13 years by Judge Caudill. Adhering to a recommendation from

the Commonwealth, Judge Caudill sentenced her to eight years for the first-degree trafficking offense, and handed her a five-year sentence for the other two charges against her. All charges run concurrently, Caudill ruled. Howard will be released on probation after serving three (See SENTENCES, page three)



A motion to dismiss charges against convicted cocaine trafficker Rodney Thornsberry is continued until next week, following a hearing in the case Friday.

photo by Mary Music

Caudill named chief judge for East Kentucky

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Circuit Court Judge John D. Caudill has been appointed chief regional judge for the Eastern Kentucky Region. The appointment means that Judge Caudill will be responsible for assigning special judges in 22 counties. The position will make him responsible for sending judges to other counties when a conflict arises that makes it improper for a judge to handle a local case. Caudill has served as the vice regional judge for eight years and that often necessitated traveling to many of the other counties in the region

to adjudicate cases. Family Court Judge Stephen "Nick" Frazier, who oversees family court in Johnson, Letcher and Martin County, retired from the post as of the new year. When Judge Caudill served with him he found himself often traveling to other courts. Caudill noted that he has worked in 20 of the counties in the region, with the exception of Lewis and Bath. "I aim to visit those now," he said. Caudill also mentioned that Judge Eddie Coleman, of Pike County, has been chosen to replace Caudill as the vice regional judge. "He's an excellent choice," Caudill noted. "He works hard."

Judge postpones decision on dismissing drug case

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A motion to dismiss charges against Rodney Thornsberry, a West Virginia inmate serving time in federal prison for cocaine trafficking, was continued in court on Friday. Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner asked presiding Judge

Danny Caudill for an extension of time to consider a response to the motion, which was filed last month on Thornsberry's behalf by Pikeville public advocate Jim Adkins. Adkins argued in his motion that the superseding indictment against Thornsberry, who is currently serving a federal sentence at the Beckley Federal Corrections

Institution, could be prohibited by state statute that forbids "unfair or oppressive prosecution" or by the double jeopardy clause of the U.S. and state constitutions. Thornsberry, 48, a former Bypro resident, was arrested in March 2003, after authorities pinned him during an undercover state police (See CHARGE, page three)

Injured worker sues after repo man takes car

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

LOUISA — A disabled truck driver is seeking more than \$1 million from two out-of-state companies he claims stiffed him after he was injured at work. Paintsville attorney John Coleman Kirk filed the suit last week on behalf of Jeff Maynard, of Louisa, a former truck driver who became disabled after receiving a spinal injury from a fall at his workplace. Maynard is suing the Protective Life Insurance Company for failing to abide by the terms of a disability insurance policy he obtained when he purchased a Chevrolet Cavalier in 2000

from the Ron Perry Auto Mall in Louisa. Shortly after the purchase, Maynard became disabled, a result from work injury, the suit says, and the company, which initially paid a number of installments on the vehicle, refused to abide by the terms of the insurance contract by continuing payments. The vehicle was repossessed last March after the Nuvelt Credit Corporation, a company Maynard says is in "cahoots" with Protective Life, began demanding payments on the vehicle. "One night, sometime after midnight, repo men from Nuvelt came right onto (See CAR, page three)

Reno's suit to continue for now

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Motions for dismissal of the case between Reno's Roadhouse restaurant and former employees will be considered at a later date, Circuit Judge Danny Caudill ruled Friday. Attorney Sheridan Martin, representing CEO Terrence W. Fitzer and operating manager Eric Fitzer, alleges the defendants in the case, several former employees of Reno's, conspired to weaken the

infrastructure of the restaurant to strengthen their own interests in another restaurant. Lexington attorney James Francis filed a motion to dismiss the case last week on behalf of his clients, Steve Dixon, Steve O's Bar and Grill, and its parent company, Momnana's. That motion argued against Martin's allegations that the former employees misappropriated trade secrets, exploited unfair trade practices, counterfeited intellectual property, interfered tortiously with business relationships, conducted

criminal conspiracy, breached their duty of confidentiality, and, according to an amended complaint, are operating a "sham" company. Francis argues that the Fitzers don't have a legal basis for the suit, but Martin stands behind his claims. "I'm confident that we'll prove our case and what makes it easier as an attorney is that I've got very honest and reputable clients," Martin said after the hearing (See LAWSUIT, page three)

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Parents face hurdles after baby comes home with wrong name

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — A Floyd County couple will finally have their minds set at rest about the identity of their child after a visit to the Pikeville Medical Center this weekend, where they have been

invited to meet with hospital personnel. Joana and Alan Crum, of Allen, had their daughter on May 30 but were shocked when they received their child's Social Security card a week later which bore the wrong last name for the baby. That weekend was a busy one at the hospital with eight other births occurring while floodwaters threatened most of the region. Every parent's nightmare seemed to be coming true for the couple as they found themselves mired in red tape over the situa-

tion. Though they have had their baby for half a year now and are convinced it is their child, they would like to have the definitive proof of a proper birth certificate and Social Security card. The hospital originally told them to take their documents to court in Floyd County and have

the child's last name changed back to Crum by a district court judge. This was accomplished on Oct. 29, when Judge James Allen issued such an order. That solution was hardly satisfactory, however, because the (See WRONG NAME, page three)



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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view Democrats need to change

At times, the Democratic Party in Kentucky resembles a dinosaur lumbering toward extinction — or at least a long period of political dormancy.

The party lost control of the Senate five years ago and shows no signs of regaining the upper hand in that body.

In the 2003 gubernatorial election, Democrats put forward an appealing gubernatorial candidate in then-Attorney General Ben Chandler. But Chandler was soundly rebuffed at the polls, in large part because the party's image was damaged by the scandals of the Patton administration and the flotsam and jetsam of 100 years of dominance in Frankfort.

Fletcher's stumbles during his first year in office gave Democrats an opportunity to stem the GOP tide.

But House Democrats clung to the status quo — they opposed the governor's tax modernization plan and put the interests of state employees above the interests of the taxpayers — and saw their majority in the House shrink by seven seats in the November election.

It should be clear to the party's leaders they need to move beyond the bygone era of courthouse politics and confront the future with new ideas and new leaders.

Fortunately for the party, a substantial minority of House Democrats seems to understand that the days of one-party control are over. When lawmakers returned to Frankfort earlier this week, these upstart Democrats challenged their party's leadership, seeking to replace the guardians of the status quo with leaders more attuned to the new reality of vigorous political competition.

The rebels failed to storm the citadel occupied by House Speaker Jody Richards and his chief lieutenants, but the attempted leadership coup did send a signal that the party still has blood coursing in its hardened arteries. ...

It's not clear whether Richards and the other Democratic leaders understood the challengers' message of change.

Richards said he promised the members of his caucus that he would make changes. Among the items he listed were a reversal of the Democrats' political fortunes and an increase in the members' secretarial staff.

Democrats have reason to be skeptical of Richards' promise to end the erosion of the party's House majority. The speaker had no success in dealing with a rookie governor, and Fletcher and his team most likely have learned from their initial miscues.

Perhaps House Democrats need more secretarial help, but secretaries can't create a coherent political message or negotiate a deal on the state budget. Richards' inability to articulate a message or find common ground with the governor clearly contributed to the Democrats' losses in November.

It doesn't help the party that two of its statewide officeholders — Attorney General Greg Stumbo and Auditor Crit Luallen — have used their positions to oppose Gov. Fletcher's efforts to reform state government.

Luallen practically endorsed the indiscriminate use of state credit cards and Stumbo lined up with the state employee unions against the governor's bid to privatize a new prison in Elliott County.

Democrats have less than two years to find a new voice before they face the voters again.

If the party continues to function as the Old Guard, defending discredited practices in state government and opposing serious attempts at reform, the Republicans will continue their rise to dominance. ...

— The Paducah Sun

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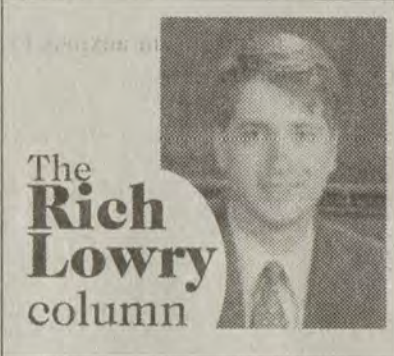
The Rummy haters

President Bush can find new secretaries for the departments of State, Justice, Energy, Health and Human Services, Commerce, Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs, Education and Agriculture, but as long as he leaves Don Rumsfeld at the Defense Department he will not have changed his Cabinet enough to satisfy his critics. No other scalp counts, so long as the hawkish Rumsfeld stays at the Pentagon.

Rumsfeld's detractors say they want his ouster only as a matter of accountability. When something in your bailiwick doesn't go well — a war, in this case — it stands to reason that you should get the boot. Except this logic was never applied to Secretary of State Colin Powell. Even though Bush critics argue that the first administration was a diplomatic disaster area, they always hailed its top diplomat.

The latest round of beating on Rumsfeld comes thanks to a challeng-

ing question he got in Kuwait from a National Guardsman about the lack of up-armored Humvees. Regular Humvees are thin-skinned and provide little protection, putting a premium on the armored version in Iraq's urban combat zone. Rumsfeld's answer has been portrayed as cold and dismissive. Maureen Dowd of The New York Times even compared it to Gen. Patton's infamous slap of a soldier in a hospital bed.



Rumsfeld explained what the military has been doing to make up the gap in armored Humvees and said the Army is "sensitive to the fact that not every vehicle has the degree of armor that would be desirable." He got applause from the troops when he added: "The other day, after there was a big threat alert in Washington, D.C., in connection with the elections, as I recall, I looked outside the Pentagon and there were six or eight up-armored Humvees. They're not there anymore. They're en route out here." That is hardly the back of his hand.

The controversy about Humvees is typical of the debate about the conduct of the Iraq War — there is plenty to criticize, but those doing the criticizing tend to be opportunistic and ahistorical. Wars always produce surprises and unanticipated needs.

The Army initially thought it would need 235 armored Humvees in Iraq. When that number was exposed as absurdly off, it began to make adjustments. Practically every armored Humvee available in the world was sent to Iraq. Production was radically ramped up, going from 15 a month in May 2003 to 450 a month today. Roughly three out of every four Humvees in the combat areas are now armored.

Specialist Thomas Wilson, who asked the question, is being hailed in the press for his bravery. Indeed, asking his question took guts, but there are much more stirring acts of courage by U.S. soldiers every day in Iraq that somehow escape the media's attention.

But the press has its priorities. The old saw used to be that American Jews would ask of anything, "Yes, but is it good for the Jews?" The Rummy-hating media and Left evaluate any Iraq-related event through a similar filter, "Yes, but is it bad for Rumsfeld?"

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review

beyond the beltway

2004's Incredible Man of the Year

by DONALD KAUL

Throughout my long and nearly distinguished career as a columnist, I ended each year by naming an "Incredible Man of the Year," chosen by imaginary respondents to the Incredible Poll, a famously unreliable opinion survey of my invention. It honored the person who, in that particular year, was judged the most unbelievable. It was always a brisk competition.

This year I'm retiring the award. George W. Bush has so far and away outdistanced his rivals that the competition has become ludicrous.

Indeed, he has set a standard for unbelievable ability that has never been achieved before and is unlikely to be achieved again.

Consider the evidence:
When he came into office the federal government was running a healthy budget surplus that, over the previous few years, had helped fuel one of the greatest economic booms in our history. Within months he had squandered that surplus, partly because he insisted on a large tax cut that fell largely to the well-to-do.

He went to war in Afghanistan to capture Osama bin Laden, the architect of the 9/11 attacks, and to punish the Taliban regime there for sheltering the terrorist. He succeeded in knocking over the Taliban but he didn't get bin Laden. Neither did he try very hard, preferring to hold back troops in order to prepare for a war against Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

He then took us to war against Hussein. There were three main reasons given for the attack:

1. Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction and was a security threat to the region and to us.
2. Hussein had been a force behind bin Laden and the 9/11 attacks.
3. He was, in any case, a tyrant hated by his people and the Iraqis would welcome us as liberators.

None of that happened, none of it was true. There is still no evidence that Hussein had such weapons or more than a casual relationship with bin Laden. As for the welcome, we've lost more men and women since the liberation than we did before it.

Furthermore:
■ He has withdrawn from or rejected most of the international agreements favored by our traditional allies in the Western world and has treated the United Nations with extravagant contempt, actions that have squandered the considerable international goodwill that fell to the United States after the 9/11 attacks.

■ He has ignored reputable scientific opinion on such subjects as global warming, stem cell research and the pollution of our water supply, disclaiming it as "junk science." Instead, in virtually every case, he has opted to serve corporate rather than public interests.

■ He has provided money for dubious projects like the missile defense system and promoted an improbable manned mission to Mars, while failing to fund a truly valuable project of proven worth, the Hubble telescope.

■ He turned a blind eye to our torture of military prisoners, a practice so at odds with the ideals of this nation that one is left speechless in the contemplation of it. As a result we have forfeited any rightful claim to moral advantage in the world.

In short, he has been an absolutely dreadful president, easily the worst since Harding and perhaps since Buchanan.

Yet — and this is the incredible part — he won re-election. He was helped by some hanky panky with the voting machines in Ohio, but even so, as many as half of the people in the country voted for him, the majority because he made them feel safer.

Think on that. He made them feel safer. That, I submit, is truly incredible — stunningly, mind-bendingly, stupendously incredible. I doubt anyone else could have done it. He belongs in the Con-Man Hall of Fame, next to P.T. Barnum, Charles Ponzi and Prof. Harold Hill.

And so I give you the Once and Future Incredible Man of the Year — George Walker Bush. Look upon him, my friends, we shall not see his like again. Or so we can hope, at any rate.

Pray for the Republic.

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Faith Extra

Fallen congressman goes from prison to the pulpit

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EZEL — Microphones hang unused next to the pulpit. The Rev. Chris Perkins has no need for them.

His voice booms across the Ezel United Presbyterian Church, filling the spiritual center of this sparsely populated Appalachian community with a message of hope and redemption.

"My friends, the Gospel is not about power and status," he tells the 60 congregants. "The Gospel shows us that God picks up the earthly notions of what is powerful and glorious and honorable and turns them upside down."

Perkins, a former congress-

man and son of the late U.S. Rep. Carl D. Perkins, knows all too well what he's preaching about — he served 21 months in prison for his part in the House banking scandal of the early 1990s.

It was in the midst of the emotional and legal turmoil of his political demise that Perkins turned to religion. And it was in prison that he says he began to realize God was calling him to the ministry.

"I thought, nah, come on," Perkins said. "But it just never went away."

That's not to say Perkins didn't second-guess his calling. He had to make certain in his own mind that he was doing the right thing.

"At times, you think maybe

it's a way that you're trying to cope with things, maybe even by escaping to something else," he said. "But over time, I came to the realization it was more than that."

Perkins took his first step toward the pulpit in 1999 by enrolling at Louisville Seminary, a Presbyterian school where he earned a master's of divinity degree while serving at Ezel. He was ordained last year.

Now, 50, his hair graying, Perkins is the full time pastor at Ezel, easily the largest building in this rural Morgan County community an hour's drive east of Lexington. He and his wife of four years, Bunny, a Lexington physician, met in church.

Robert Motley, a church member for 50 years and owner of a local Frosty Freeze restaurant, said the congregation feels especially fortunate to have Perkins — because of his past rather than in spite of it.

"He's a wonderful preacher," Motley said. "He's a good man."

Mary Reed, pastor of Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church in Lexington and a former leader at Ezel church, said Perkins communicates well with people, no matter their station in life.

"I think he is genuine," she said. "He's experienced the forgiveness and acceptance of God. My sense is he has deep gratitude for that, and wants to be of service."

Still, this was not the path Perkins was supposed to take. He was expected to one day take over the Democratic political empire his father nurtured for more than three decades in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky.

With a folksy, bumpkin-like manner that charmed voters and disarmed political foes, the elder Perkins was known for delivering much-needed federal dollars to one of the nation's poorest districts. As chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor for 17

years, he made sure the War on Poverty flowed through eastern Kentucky.

When Perkins died in 1984 at the age of 71, more than 100 members of Congress attended his funeral in Hindman.

Chris Perkins was swept into office largely on the strength of voters' reverence for his father. He held the congressional seat for eight years, deciding not to seek re-election in 1992 after his role in the House banking scandal was revealed.

The House Ethics Committee discovered thousands of over-drafts written by lawmakers at a special bank that existed solely for their benefit. Perkins, beset by financial problems, had written 514 bad checks.

After pleading guilty to the charges against him, Perkins lost his license to practice law. He said he had no plans to return to that line of work anyway.

"I'm happier than I've been," he said in an interview. "I like what I do. I don't want to do anything else. It's not like a job to me."

Ron Daley, a former adviser to the young congressman, said Perkins felt tremendous pressure to be like his father. He said people who know him well see the difference between his

service as congressman, a job chosen for him, and his work as a clergyman, a job he feels passionate about.

"When I see the power that he has as a pastor and the dedication that he has to serve God and the congregation, it is very exciting," Daley said. "Despite his legal problems, Chris has a very good heart, an extremely keen intellect and a passion for people."

Wages at the Ezel church are nothing like what Perkins was accustomed to as an attorney and congressman. He is paid \$1,000 a month.

"I discovered that power, money, prestige really are false. They're illusions. When you put your faith and your trust in God, there's a peace that comes that is much more real," he said.

As a minister, Perkins said he's able to help people in a way he couldn't as a politician or a lawyer. He assures his congregation that God will give them strength to bear their troubles.

"He comes to us when we need him the most," Perkins said in a recent sermon. "He comes to us in the very worst of times. When all seems lost, and there's no where else to turn, Christ stands with us and he promises to stay with us."

Minister's Moment

Looking for a real change

by PASTOR JOHN A. BAKER
PRESTONSBURG SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST CHURCH

The other day in a conversation with a close friend, he relayed to me that a friend of ours had passed away unexpectedly. The casual nature of the announcement was more conducive in describing a person disembarking off a carousel ride, not one who met their untimely demise and now awaits their maker.

We all know our ultimate fate will be the same, yet, we try to ignore the fact that one day someone will be making the same announcement about us to one of their friends.

It's because life should imi-

tate the commercials we see on television. Everyone on the screen is young, laughing, and has to many things yet to accomplish.

The truth of the matter is, life isn't like commercials. On T.V., if you don't like what you see, you turn it off. Life on the other hand forces you to be an active player in a grander role. We have to see our own selves crumbling under the weight of age, right before our eyes. We then have to say things to our personal friends like, "you've haven't changed a bit" or "you look marvelous" all along knowing you're lying to yourself and most of the time to them as well.

Twenty-five years ago, I

never would have imagined what I see daily in the mirror. An old, balding, rotund, man who resembles more a bumbling professor than a handsome and dashing athlete. I suppose that for no other reason than aging, is reason enough to desire the return of our Lord. I'd love to see my father and grandfather the way I remember them; strong, dark hair, handsome, and full of energy. Then again, I'd like to see myself that way again too.

1 Corinthians 15:52 describing the second coming of Christ states, "In a moment we will be changed in the twinkling of an eye." That is indeed a promise I am anxious to see God keep.

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Old Christmas Sunday, January 9

Old Christmas will be celebrated Sunday, January 9, at the Samuel May House, 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited. Sponsored by the Friends of the Samuel May House.

Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion

Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion being planned for February. Please contact Patricia Garrison at 606-874-6004, Cory Reitz at 859-338-6956 or John Stout at 859-433-3610.

East Point Masonic Lodge

Will hold a regular meeting on January 8, at 7 p.m. District Deputy Grand Master Eddie Overstreet will visit. The Fellow Craft Degree will be conferred. All Master Masons welcome.

D.A.V. Chap. 18

The Big Sandy Chapter 18, Disabled American Veterans, of Auxier, is looking for honorably discharged veterans to join the Chapter, which meets at the Auxier Fire Dept., on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, at 6 p.m. Those interested may bring their DD214 and join the Chapter and receive a D.A.V. ball cap.

Floyd County Democratic Women's Club

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Brenda's Restaurant, in McDowell. All invited to attend.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

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•**Craft/Sewing Club** - Mondays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

•**Creative Sewing** - Mondays, 6-8 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information about these activities and class fees, call 886-0709.

Free Body Recall classes

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

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The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

PARENTS!

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And, learn about how you can stay home with your own children and still earn an income by caring for other children. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

****Jan. 5 - Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild** will meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Extension office. Lesson will include a slide show and hands-on demonstration on Color Coordination. Please bring: small swatches of varying colors of solid fabric, paper and fabric scissors, and a glue stick. Any interested quilters are invited to join. For more information, contact Theresa Scott at 886-2668.

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church.

Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Thursday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Newbee (Beginner) Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office, Prestonsburg.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office, Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of mem-

bers (call 886-2668 for info.)

"Looking For a Support Group?"

•**Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group** - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

•**Alzheimer's Association, Eastern KY Regional Office** - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

•**MS Support Group** - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

•**Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.)** - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

•**US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group** - For

all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

•**Community Weight Loss Support Group** - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

•**Domestic Violence Hotline** - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

•**Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children** - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

•**Disabled?** - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in

your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

•**A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)** - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

•**East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers** - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

•**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

Heating program helps families stay warm

by D.L. DAVIS
COMMUNICATION INFORMATION
REPRESENTATIVE
BIG SANDY AREA COMMUNITY
ACTION PROGRAM

Thousands of needy Big Sandy Area families will stay warmer this winter, thanks to assistance from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Created as a result of the energy crisis in the mid-1970s, Congress allotted funds in 1977 to turn a pilot program into one to serve families nationally, eventually evolving into what we know today as LIHEAP.

In Kentucky, LIHEAP helps an average of 150,000 families meet their home heating costs each year through the program's subsidy component, administered by the state's

Community Action agencies.

In the five-county Big Sandy region, applications were taken this past November and December at local offices of the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, with 9,231 households applying for help, resulting in more than one million dollars paid to utility providers.

Pike County saw the largest number of applicants for assistance in the region, 2,854, with \$318,437 distributed, followed by Floyd County with 2,138 applications and \$229,885 awarded; Magoffin County with 1,706 households and \$225,544 granted; Johnson County with 1,538 applicants and \$168,967 disbursed, followed by Martin County's 995 applications, resulting in \$115,693 distributed.

"Our agency recognizes the

importance of LIHEAP to the families in our communities," said Big Sandy Area CAP Executive Director James Michael Howell. "We are happy to be able to help our neighbors in time of need. We want no one to suffer from the cold because they are unable to meet their home heating costs."

Starting next week, Community Action will begin taking applications for the second phase of LIHEAP, known as the crisis component, for households in danger of having their gas or electric disconnected, or who are within four days of running out of wood, kerosene, coal, etc. Applications will be taken until all funds are expended. For more information, contact your local office of the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program.



CNB appoints Mark Wiete executive vice president and chief operating officer

PAINTSVILLE — Citizens National Bank has announced the appointment of Mark J. Wiete to executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Wiete most recently served as senior vice president and chief financial officer of First Financial Bank in Hamilton, Ohio. Prior to that position, he held management positions with national, regional and local banks in Ohio, West Virginia and Virginia.

Reporting to Dennis T. Dorton, president and chief executive officer of CNB and CNC, Wiete will be responsible for bank operations, branching, marketing and customer service. He will also head an executive committee responsible for strategic planning.

"With 26 years of banking management, Mark is highly qualified to assume the position of chief operating officer," said Dorton. "His education and experience, combined with a passion for community banking, should make Mark a wonderful addition to CNB and the communities we serve."

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome Mark to Citizens National Bank, where his experiences and skills will be valuable to helping our community bank get to the next level of growth," said Charles Wells,

chairman of the board at Citizens National Bank.

Wiete received a B.S.-Finance (1978) and M.B.A.-Finance (1985) from Xavier University in Cincinnati. His previous community services include volunteer regional leadership for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (an agency of the Department of Defense) and squadron commander and pilot for the Civil Air Patrol.

Originally from Cincinnati, Wiete and his wife, Donna, whose childhood home was in West Virginia, have recently relocated to Paintsville.

"I am very excited about the opportunities CNB, its board, Denny and the Eastern Kentucky region have given me," Wiete said.

Citizens National Bank is the second largest independently owned and operated community banking company in the Big Sandy region, with headquarters in Paintsville. CNB operates branches and ATMs in five counties of the Big Sandy region. The bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Citizens National Corporation, a diversified financial services company that owns mortgage loans and insurance operations serving the Big Sandy region of Eastern Kentucky.

50th Wedding Anniversary



Niagara M. Riley and Nell R. Riley of Lexington, will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 15, 2005.

Niagara, known by all as "Riley," a native of Hillsborough, North Carolina, moved to Wheelwright, Kentucky, in 1947, after being recruited to play baseball for the Inland Steel Company in the Big Sandy League. He met Nell Ruth Calhoun, a native of Virgie, Pike County, Kentucky, and they married on January 15, 1955, at the First Baptist Church in Clintwood, Virginia.

They raised their family on Apartment Hill in Wheelwright, having two children, Jeffrey Lynn Riley and Benita Joy Riley. Riley worked at the Price tippie, for Inland Steel, Island Creek, and Wheelwright Mining and Nell worked at the McDowell Hospital for the Daniel Boone Clinic and later the McDowell Regional Medical Center.

After their retirements in 1986, Riley and Nell moved to Lexington, Kentucky, where they reside at 585 Plainview Road. Nell

continues to bowl every week, as she did at the old Wheelwright bowling alley. Both Riley and Nell enjoy visiting with their friends and neighbors on their front porch, which has become the gathering place of their neighborhood. Their popular front porch was featured in an article in the "Lexington-Herald" about neighbors.

Riley and Nell have, since the birth of their first grandchild nineteen years ago, been devoted grandparents to their three grandchildren, Whitney Slone and Lincoln Slone of Prestonsburg, and Mikka Lynn Riley of Langley.

An "Open House" celebration will be held to honor the fifty-year marriage of Riley and Nell on Saturday, January 15th, 2005, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the home of their son, Jeff, and his wife, Becky, at 3277 Brighton Place, Andover Forest, Lexington. All of their Floyd County friends are invited to attend, or call 859-263-3600 during the party to offer telephone congratulations.

Obits

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at Best Care Nursing Home, Wheelersburg, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

William Lloyd Young, 37, of Brushy, died Saturday, January 1. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Grover Allen, 77, died Thursday, December 23, at Saint Joseph Hospice Care Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 27, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Linville Harvey, 80, of Salyersville, died Friday, December 31, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, HOLA Lykins Harvey. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 1, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Melissa Patrick Lykins, 31, of Olive Hill, formerly of Salyersville, died Friday, December 16, in Nicholas County, following an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted December 20, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Mitchell Minix, 79, of Sevierville, Tennessee, formerly of Salyersville, died Sunday, December 26, at the Sevier County Health Care Facility in Sevierville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 29, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Ora Ann Collinsworth Patrick, 89, of Salyersville, died Friday, December 24, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 26, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Geneva Bailey Peters, 59, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, December 22, at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 26, under the direction of Magoffin

County Funeral Home.

Garry T. Wilkes, 59, of Royalton, died Thursday, December 30, at his residence in Meadows. Funeral services will be announced at a later date.

Ressie Bailey Williams, 88, of Salyersville, died Saturday, December 25, at Riveview Nursing Facility in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Hattie Patton Conley, 87, of Leburn, a Knott County native, died Monday, December 27, at Samaritan Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Paul Couch, 75, of Mallie, died Saturday, December 25, at Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Mt. Vernon. He is survived by his wife, Polly Sue Amburgey Couch. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Oshita Ritchie Francis, 82, of Saginaw, Michigan, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, December 21, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Margie Haddix, 83, of Vicco, died Saturday, January 1, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Engle-Walker Funeral Home.

Ray Pridemore Handshoe, 51, of London, formerly of Knott County, died from injuries sustained in a logging accident on Monday, December 20, at Baptist East Hospital, Louisville. He is survived by his wife, Jun Ying Wang Handshoe. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Glen Harold Hicks, 72, of Fountain, Florida, died Thursday, December 22, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Maxine Hicks of Fountain Florida. Graveside funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 26, under the direction of Peavy Funeral Home.

Jessie Little, 58, of Kite, died Tuesday, December 28, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. He is survived by his wife, Martha Johnson Little. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Helen Martin, 75, of Hazard, a Knott County native, died Friday, December 31, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Leroy Martin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

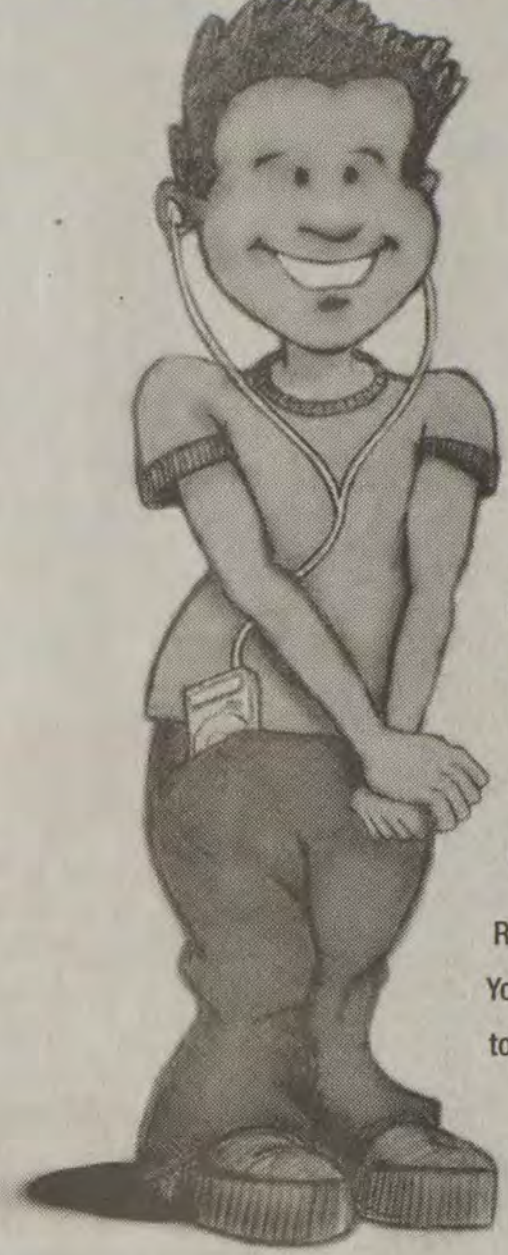
Lola Ritchie, 67, of Fisty, died Thursday, December 22, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Toymae Sexton, 79, of Pinetop, died Monday, December 27, at Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville. She is survived by her husband, George Tick Sexton. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Ermy "Termite" Short, 73, of Mousie, died Tuesday, December 21, at Saint Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Rosalee Hicks Short. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Ford Slone, 69, of Gamer, died Monday, December 20, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Earnestine Slone. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Meet Tish!



BRAIN FREEZE

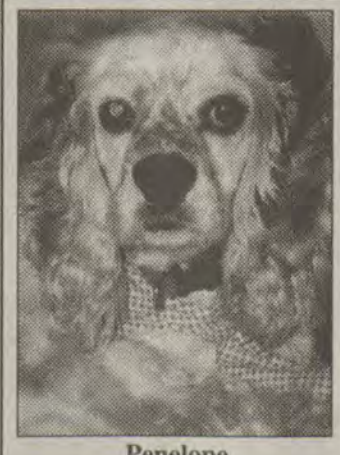
Latisha Deel is a 4th-grader at Goldenrod Elementary School — until the building falls apart, anyway. She's the high-tech part of a high-mileage team trying to win a new school. It'll take quick thinking, though — no brain freeze! Read *Brain Freeze*, a 10-part serial story. You can rap out the clue each week and try to find the answer somewhere in America.



Now it's time to show off those "Precious Pups, Kittys & Other Krittters" in The Times' Special Edition

Animal House
Jan 19, 2005

Most people are known to treat their pets like a member of the family. So, on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, The Floyd County Times will publish a "Special" edition featuring those beloved additions to your family! This special addition will be a complete guide to keep Fluffy or Fido happy and healthy. Information includes nutrition, fitness, and the latest in pet supplies, toys, and grooming.



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Animal House

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"Share The Memories"



On Wednesday, February 2, The Floyd County Times will publish **Prom & Bridal 2005**

We're looking for the most interesting, funny, heartwarming stories our readers would like to share of their most memorable Prom or that special Wedding Story!

Please keep your stories to a 500 word maximum and submit to: features@floydcountytimes.com

Deadline:
Wednesday, January 26, 2005, 5 p.m.

Photos may accompany your story and must be attached jpeg, tiff or pdf format.

We're looking forward to your writings, making this special edition one of our "most" special ever!

Note:
All submissions will be edited. Articles will include bylines. No fee required.

Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Mollie Hughes Calhoun, 95, of Greensboro, Georgia, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, December 29, at Portsbridge Hospice, due to complications from cancer. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 2, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Fannie Viola Price Curry, 75, of Melvin, died Saturday, January 1, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Ellis Curry. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ottis Frasure, 66, of McDowell, died Wednesday, January 5, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Simpson Frasure. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Kenneth (Cracker) Hall, 56, of Teaberry, died Friday, December 31, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Hamilton Hall. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dorsie Wright Johnson, 73, of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, December 29, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James Roy Lackey, 57, of Bevinville, died Saturday, January 1, at the VA Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Spears Lackey. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Donnie Ray Nelson, 46, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, January 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Clara Bradley Parker, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, January 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James Isaac Stephens, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Anthony Taylor Chance Tackett, 3-month-old infant son of Anthony Craig and Rosetta Rowena Brewer Tackett, died Saturday, January 1, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Viola Maebell Wilson, 76, of Tram, died Wednesday, December 29, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Connie Lynn Allen, 53, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, December 28, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Ken Allen. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Maxine Blair, 87, of Nippa, died Tuesday, December 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Cecil Blair. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Mervin Blanton, 73, of Flat Gap, died Thursday, December 30, at the VA Medical Center in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Constance Blanton. Funeral services were conducted Monday,

January 3, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Walter Robert "Bob" Meek, 74, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, December 28, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 30, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Margie Preston, 76, of Springboro, Ohio, a Paintsville native, died Monday, December 27, at Hillspring Healthcare Center in Springboro. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 30, under the direction of Anderson Funeral Home.

Mary Jane "Little Granny" Tackett Puckett, 98, of Paintsville, died Sunday, December 26, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Arnold Eugene Rowland, 64, of Volga, died Wednesday, December 29, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Rose Ann McKenzie Rowland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 1, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Inez Adams, 89, of Louisa, died Wednesday, December 29, at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Graveside funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 1, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Ashley Herald Kelly, 83, of Martha, died Tuesday, December 28, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Marie Griffith Kelly. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Mildred Moore Marcum, 69, of Ft. Gay, West Virginia, died Sunday, January 2, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Lonnie Ray Marcum, 36, of Columbus, Ohio, a Martin County native, died Monday, December 27, in Columbus. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 1, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Garnett Mathews, 81, of Belle, Florida, formerly of Martin County, died Sunday, December 26, in Waycross, Georgia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 30, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Billy Joe Spence, 25, of Columbus, Ohio, died Friday, December 24, in Kermit, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Sherman Brown, 86, died Sunday, December 26, at Jenkins Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Rose Brown. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Nancy Joyce Coulter, 52, of Belcher, died Saturday, January 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, William Stephen Coulter. A memorial service was held Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Charles Herbert Hawkins, 52, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, January 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

William Percy Howell, 83, of Zebulon, died Monday, January 3, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 6, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Jerry Johnson, 46, of Virgie,

died Tuesday, January 4. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Alex Justice, 67, of Regina, died Monday, January 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Janet Ratliff Justice. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Lurcy Slone Kendrick, 65, of Pikeville, died Thursday, December 30. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Charles Little, 54, of Virgie, died Friday, December 31. He is survived by his wife, Deloras Burke Little. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Hall &

Jones Funeral Home.

Joseph Franklin "Tiny" McCoy, 81, of Freeburn, died Saturday, January 1, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Delores McCoy. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home, Phelps.

Alma Ellen Nelson, 85, of McVeigh, died Thursday, December 30, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 2, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Ruth Lee Queen, 86, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, December 28, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday,

December 30, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Herman A. Ramey, 75, of Elkhorn City, died Sunday, January 2, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Caudill Ramey. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Matthew Reed, 47, of Norfolk, Virginia, formerly of Turkey Creek, died Monday, January 3, at DePaul Medical Center, Norfolk. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 7, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Kennis Andrew Rife, 65, of Stopover, died Saturday, January 1. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Grundy Funeral

Home.

Gredis Robinson, 90, of Varney, died Friday, December 31, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital's Skilled Nursing Facility. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Betty J. Phillips Runyon, 80, of Forest Hills, died Monday, January 3, in the Williamson Memorial Hospital Emergency Room. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 6, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Amy Williams, 95, of South Webster, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Saturday, January 1,

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Runnin' Rebs

James Taylor added 14 apiece to lead Cordia to the win over Pikeville in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic. Pikeville led 13-6 at the end of the first period before Cordia picked up its game and made up some ground.

Jesse Parrish led Pikeville with a game-high 22 points. Play in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic was scheduled to run through Saturday night.

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Betsy Layne

three rebounds, eight steals and 10 assists for the Ladycats. "Kristen had an excellent floorgame at the point," noted Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers. Most all of Betsy Layne's points came from the floor or from beyond the arc. Betsy Layne just attempted

one free throw. Clark made good on the lone Betsy Layne free throw attempt. Shelby Valley (5-5) struggled at the free throw line, hitting just six of 18 attempts. The Pike County team is scheduled to travel Monday to the home hardwood of in-county rival

Phelps for a game set for a 7:30 p.m. start. While it must be warm, the late bowhunter well may need a carefully selected clothing system of long underwear, insulating mid-layers and wind- and water-shedding outer shell, warm boots, hats, gloves/mittens and even chemical hand-warmers. While it must be warm, the archer's camouflaged January attire should allow silent freedom of movement for the potential shot at a high-strung deer at close range. State wildlife managers encourage bowhunters to take additional antlerless deer, does specifically, to help roll back the population in high density counties. Especially in counties designated as Zone 1, a greater doe harvest is sought to bring the population back to what is considered a more ideal level while allowing a higher percentage of antlered bucks to flourish within that number.

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Results

one million animals. Kentucky hunters this year so far have reported taking more than 123,000 deer. Still, the deer are so numerous that managers are more concerned about hunters taking enough to hold the population in check than they are of overharvest. There is lower competition for hunting spots now. The late season dropout of most deer hunters proves an advantage for those who endure. The top concern of winter deer is food, so deer food should be the focus of January bowhunters. The earlier motivation of the deer's annual breeding cycle, the rut, has waned and mere survival is the top issue for both bucks and does. Late bowhunters may find concentrations of deer using waste grain around harvested farm fields or plantings of winter wheat or other green forage. Natural buffets like honeysuckle thickets could hold deer in wilder areas.

Most deer have been hunted for a succession of seasons beginning in September and by the late days of the bow season are highly wary of human activities. In many areas, deer may have gravitated to more isolated refuges, spots of heavy cover and lesser people traffic. Thick cover near a ready food source is an ideal combination for late season whitetails. The late bowhunter faces an open woods with foliage long since dropped from the trees. That helps hunters see deer better, but it works vice versa, too. Tree stand hunters may need to position themselves in multi-trunked trees or clusters of trees to break their outlines and dodge deer detection. Higher positions - with careful use of safety harnesses - may be preferred to avoid whitetail scrutiny. Early January weather across Kentucky has been more spring-like than wintry, but typical end run days of the archery season

can bring temperatures that test hunters' insulation. Depending on the quirks of the weather, the late bowhunter well may need a carefully selected clothing system of long underwear, insulating mid-layers and wind- and water-shedding outer shell, warm boots, hats, gloves/mittens and even chemical hand-warmers. While it must be warm, the archer's camouflaged January attire should allow silent freedom of movement for the potential shot at a high-strung deer at close range. State wildlife managers encourage bowhunters to take additional antlerless deer, does specifically, to help roll back the population in high density counties. Especially in counties designated as Zone 1, a greater doe harvest is sought to bring the population back to what is considered a more ideal level while allowing a higher percentage of antlered bucks to flourish within that number.

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Exhibit

as see what's new on the fishing equipment market," said KDFWR Fisheries Director Benjy Kinman. "We encourage sportsmen and women to come by and see us at the department's booth, pick up the new fishing and boating regulations for next year, and get their new year fishing and hunting licenses," Kinman said. "New year licenses are required March 1, so this is a perfect time to get ready for the

spring fishing season."It's not all that far away," Kinman said. Kentucky resident's who both fish and hunt may want to consider a Sportsman's license this year, which includes a combination hunting and fishing license, statewide spring and fall turkey hunting permit, statewide deer permit, state waterfowl and trout permits, at a cost of \$80. Purchased separately, these licenses and permits would be an additional

\$37.50. For the sportsman or woman who does it all, the Sportsman's license is by far the best deal. The new 2005 Kentucky Sport Fishing & Boating Guide will also be available during the Louisville boat show from the KDFWR booth, along with other fishing and boating-related information, and information about the upcoming Kentucky spring turkey hunting season.

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Roethlisberger unanimous choice for top offensive rookie

by BARRY WILNER ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - Ben Roethlisberger did what John Unitas, Joe Montana, Dan Marino, Brett Favre and every other NFL quarterback never managed by winning The Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year award. The first quarterback to win the honor since its inception in 1957, Roethlisberger did so unanimously, the second straight rookie to get all the votes. The Pittsburgh Steelers' young star received all 48 votes Wednesday from a nationwide panel of writers and broadcasters who cover pro football. Last year, Arizona wide receiver Anquan Boldin also swept the panel. But Boldin didn't go unbeaten in 13 starts, as Roethlisberger did in leading the Steelers to a franchise-best 15-1 record, which led the NFL this season. Neither, of course, has any other rookie QB. "I think it is just a comfort level every week, learning and practicing, getting on the same page as these guys," Roethlisberger said. "I think that has really helped by being out there in practice and working with these guys, the receivers, the linemen, the running backs, and just getting familiar with each other has really helped our success and our progress." Roethlisberger's progress was aided by having a superb running game featuring Jerome Bettis and Duce Staley, operating behind perhaps the league's best offensive line. Pittsburgh ranked second in rushing. And the Steelers' defense was the league's best, allowing the fewest points and yards. That meant Roethlisberger

didn't need to win many games with his arm. Yet when he did, he brought back the AFC North champions with late drives to beat Jacksonville and the New York Giants. His composure, competitiveness and intelligent handling of the offense were keys to those wins - and several others in which he didn't require such heroics. "I did not really know what to expect," said Roethlisberger, the 11th choice in the first round of the draft - and the third overall quarterback taken behind Eli Manning and Phillip Rivers, neither of whom had much of an impact. "I thought coming in, knowing about Tommy (Maddox) as the starter, that I was going to come in and just try to learn this offense and try to learn to be a backup, whatever coach was going to ask of me," Roethlisberger said. "Obviously, things changed." They changed when Maddox injured his right elbow in Game 2 at Baltimore, the Steelers' only loss. There were loud doubts about Pittsburgh's chances of prospering with a rookie quarterback, including some from Roethlisberger's teammates. He silenced those doubters very quickly. "We've got mostly the same guys, it's Ben that has made a big difference," linebacker Joey Porter said. "Everybody else has been here. Duce and Ben are the biggest two additions we had. Nobody knew he could play at this level this early." Roethlisberger finished fifth in passer rating at 98.1. He completed 196 of 295 passes - yes, only 99 incompletions - for 2,621 yards, with 17 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. His best work came in the middle of the schedule and he wasn't quite as dynamic in December. But he

kept winning, even as he was given more responsibility in the offense. "I think we will surely evolve and add more plays and do more things as an offense," he said, "and I can kind of become more diversified as we continue on this quest this year and in coming years." Roethlisberger, whose sensational rookie season could earn him \$2.6 million in bonuses, is the fourth Steelers player to win the award, joining receivers Lou Lipps (1984) and Jimmy Orr (1958) and running back Franco Harris (1972).

NFL PLAYOFFS

- Saturday's Games
St. Louis at Seattle
N.Y. Jets at San Diego
(Scores unavailable at press time)
Today's games
Denver at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Minnesota at Green Bay, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 15
San Diego, N.Y. Jets or Denver at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay, Seattle or St. Louis at Atlanta, 8 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 16
Seattle, St. Louis or Minnesota at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis, N.Y. Jets or San Diego at New England, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23
NFC Championship Game, 3 p.m. (FOX)
AFC Championship Game, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
Jacksonville, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 13
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)



Prestonsburg senior Jesse Chaffin (11) and the rest of the Blackcats will hit the road Friday for a district game against 58th District rival South Floyd.



P'burg senior guard Trevor Compton looked to work his way through the Clay County defense.



South Floyd fell on the road to Paintsville Thursday night, losing on the homefloor of the Lady Tigers. The Lady Raiders were scheduled to be back in action yesterday on the road at Jackson City. Results from the South Floyd-Jackson City game were unavailable at press time. South Floyd sophomore Heather Dean (41) defended the Paintsville inbounds play.



In the loss to Paintsville, senior Courtney Blocker (42) added five points.



Dean and Tab Trammell (23) add scoring and rebounding talent inside for the Lady Raiders.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5396 Amendment #3 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that McCoy Elkhorn Corporation, 1148 Long Fork Road, Kimper, Kentucky 41539-9703, has filed for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 1.00 mile north of Broad Bottom, and approximately 1.00 mile east of Betsy Layne, in Floyd and Pike Counties. This amendment will add an additional 4.86 acres of surface disturbance, but will not add any acres of underground mine area, making a total area of 3,750.25 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is located approximately 3,700 feet due east

of Pike/Floyd Hollow County Road's junction with U.S. Route 23 and/or U.S. Route 460, and located in Pike/Floyd Hollow.

The proposed amendment is located on the Broad Bottom and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by East Kentucky Energy Corporation.

The currently approved operation will use the underground method of mining. This Amendment Application proposes to add Ventilation Access Roads "7" and "8" and the associated ventilation areas. This Amendment Application also proposes to bring under permit an area that was shown as a no mining zone that has been mined, and also to address underground pillared areas through a subsidence protection zone.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for

Natural Resources, conference), must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-4321.

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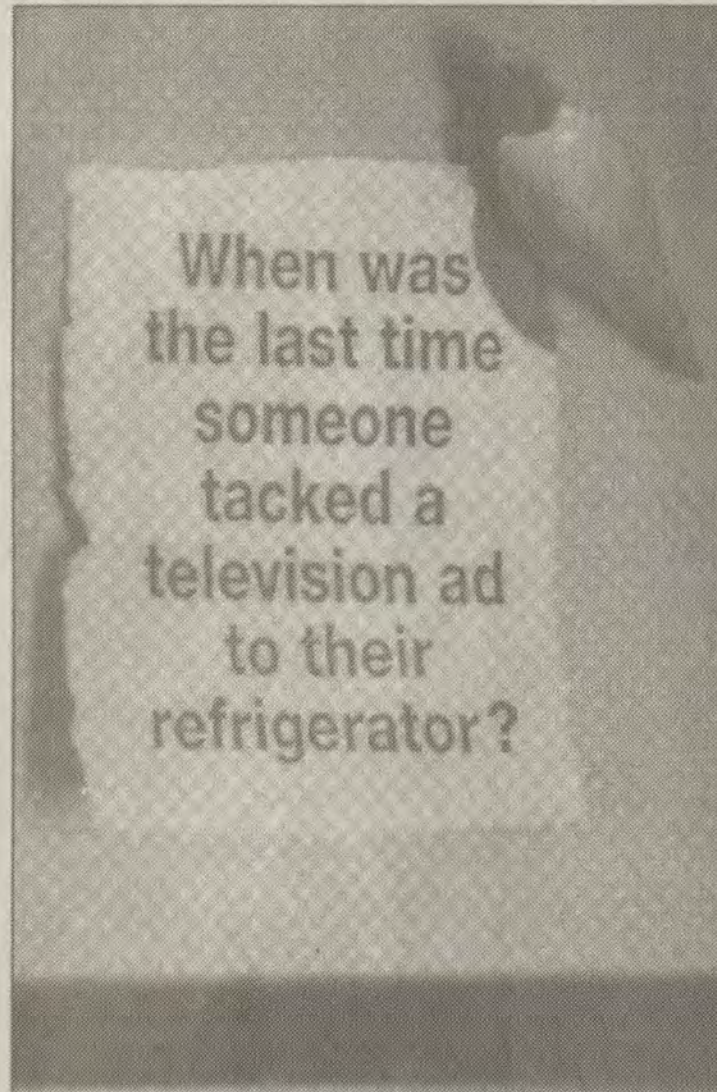


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