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Remembering our fallen heroes

Prior to Memorial Day Monday, take a few moments to look at the faces and names of those from Crittenden County who gave all so that we may enjoy freedom. **6B**

23rd Crayne Day arrives June 2

The 23rd annual Crayne Day will be held June 2. Anyone interested in setting up may call the Crayne Post Office weekdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., or call 965-4223. There will be a \$3 fee for vendors. This year, the community hopes to offer arts, crafts, food vendors, family yard sales, exhibits and a group singing.

Local meetings

FRIDAY
• Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet 1 p.m., Friday to consider Sue Padgett as treasurer.
TUESDAY
• Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees will meet 5 p.m., Tuesday at the library.

Fuel prices

Reported by AAA as of Wednesday morning. Averages are for self-serve regular only.
Nation Kentucky Local*
\$3.21 \$3.18 \$3.18
Up 28 cents over last week
*Within 10-mile radius of Marion.

KSP traffic

Fatalities reported on the state's roads by the Kentucky State Police.
This year* Last week
312 21
*Through May 22 reporting period

Home mortgage

Fixed rates from FreddieMac.com*
30-year 15-year
6.21% 5.92%
0.4 points 0.4 points
*As of May 17; other variables may apply

Rain gauge

Reported by UK Agriculture Weather Service as of Wednesday at Paducah.
7 days 30 days 2007
0.37" 1.81" 16.57"
below average: 3.88"

Forecast

Reported by the National Weather Service.
Thursday Friday

Partly cloudy 20%
85/63 T-storms
82/63

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Stout chair of Murray State Board of Regents

STAFF REPORT
Marion attorney Alan Stout has long-standing ties to Murray State University. Now, he has been elected chairman of the Murray State Board of Regents.

Stout, who is in the third of a six-year term on the board, has pledged that university business will be more open now that he is chairman. He says public universities should be accessible and accommodating to various thoughts and opinions.

Stout was elected to the chairmanship Friday. A chairperson is chosen annually by regents during officer elections. Faculty Regent Jay Morgan was elected vice chairman. Morgan is an associate professor of agriculture.

Stout replaces Marilyn Buchanan of Grand Rivers as

head of the Board of Regents, the governing body for the university. He was elected after receiving six votes from the nine board members present at the meeting.

"It was the first time in at least 20 years that any of the incumbent officers have been challenged," Buchanan told the Paducah Sun after the vote. However, she said she will work with Stout and Morgan to ensure a smooth transition in leadership.

"It's been said that the changing of an administration at a university is like turning a page," said Stout, who was appointed to the board by Gov. Ernie Fletcher in 2004. "I think of this as turning the page."

Stout said he invites open discussion among board members. He also said new Murray State President Randy Dunn can count on his "complete and total support" and that the board wants to "carry out Dunn's vision to take us to the next level."

Stout's priorities include continuing academic excellence, embracing partnerships with satellite campuses and the community colleges, and increasing accessibility for potential students.

Stout's roots at Murray State run deep. He is a 1978 graduate of the university with a degree in radio and television. His brother, Keith, is a Murray State alumnus and so is his step-daughter Erica Guess and brother-in-law Dr.



STOUT

Local Regents

Hollis C. **Franklin**, 1947-56
Louis **Litchfield**, 1956-60
B.M. **Westberry**, 1982-84
Don **Thomas**, 1983-84
Alan C. **Stout**, 2004-present
**Thomas was a student regent*

Steve Crider and his wife Debbie. Stout's daughter, Katie Cunningham, is currently attending MSU and his son, Logan, who graduates from Crittenden County High this week, will be heading to Murray in the fall.

Two years ago, Stout became very active in Murray State's administrative level when he served as president of the alumni association.

Despite keeping a very busy schedule with his law practice, which has offices in Marion

and Paducah, and his family, Stout says he's always found time to give something back to his university. He said that modern technology has made it much easier to serve as a regent.

"We can handle a great deal through e-mail and conference calls," he said, pointing out that his home is about 70 miles from campus.

Stout is the fifth Crittenden Countian to serve on the Board of Regents, and the first to chair the board. Others were Hollis Franklin, the late president of Farmers Bank; Bill Westberry, the late attorney who practiced in Marion; Louis Litchfield, the late school superintendent here; and Don Thomas, a Benton attorney who was student regent in the mid-1980s.

Becoming Kelsey



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR
Graduating Crittenden County High School senior Kelsey Thompson (center) chats with salutatorian Trisha Maclin (right) during graduation practice Monday morning. Nine years ago, Thompson began her battle with leukemia.

Graduation special for cancer survivor

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR
She probably won't be at all happy to see her face and name on the front of this newspaper, but Kelsey Thompson has been an inspiration to those who have followed her struggle with cancer.

This week, she takes another big step in her life. Thompson graduates this Friday, walking across the stage to receive a diploma like all of her fellow Crittenden County High School seniors.

The 18-year-old shies away from the spotlight and seems quite uncomfortable talking about the nine-year fight with her disease. But it was not always certain she would be around to wear a cap and gown, her mom Kathy said Monday morning while watching seniors in Rocket Arena mingle after practicing for their big night.

"Kelsey's my baby," the mother of two previous graduates said. "That's why this has been so tough."

The youngest of Kathy and Larry Thompson's three children, Kelsey was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of nine.

Half of her life has been consumed by cancer, and maybe that's why she is so looking forward to getting away to Murray State University next fall. Her mom says she may finally be able to be Kelsey Thompson at Murray — just another teenager living on her own for the

first time, struggling to get up for early classes and eating lots of pizza and junk food.

"I think she's ready to start anew," Kathy said, sitting next to her daughter's bone marrow donor who flew in from Pennsylvania for graduation this week.

"It's nice to see her all grown up," Beth Hawthorne said.

Hawthorne first met the little girl to whom she gave another shot at life atop the Empire State Building in New York. It was a little more than a year after Kelsey's March 2000 bone marrow transplant at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. Since that time, the 44-year-old mother of two has watched Kelsey and her friends grow up. In fact, she has become what she calls a second mom to Kelsey.

"Had I not done it, she might not be here," the donor said of her painful operation to remove the bone marrow from her pelvic area.

You might understand why she feels that way when you consider Kelsey has spent more than 200 days in the hospital, had countless days of sickness and pain, lost her hair twice to intense chemotherapy and radiation and missed half of two school years and all of the sixth grade.

"She was worried about her hair. We were worried if she was going to live," Kathy said, with tears starting to well in the corners of her eyes.



Graduation 2007

Ceremonies for the graduating class of 2007 from Crittenden County High School are set for this week, with all services held at Rocket Arena. The schedule is as follows:

- Baccalaureate, 7 p.m., Wednesday
- Class Night, 6 p.m., Thursday
- Commencement, 7 p.m., Friday

Kelsey never fell behind in school, despite missing almost two years of class time. She never wanted to leave her friends like Sam Peek and Kelsey Simpson whom she will graduate with on Friday.

Though she's anxious to leave behind "the drama" she lives with every day in the community that has embraced and backed her, Kelsey has accepted her disease. This summer, she will be a counselor-in-training at Camp Horizon, a camp near Nashville for children with cancer. Her mom says the teen wants to study to be a child-life specialist, helping kids and families cope with serious illnesses.

But more important than preparing for a career and independence that could one day bring about marriage and a family, Hawthorne said Kelsey's time away will give her something even more precious.

"She'll become Kelsey Thompson."

Run-off avoided

It was close, but Steve Beshear acquired the 40-percent necessary to avoid a gubernatorial run-off election next month between the Democrats' top two vote getters. Beshear will face Gov. Ernie Fletcher in November. Below are the nominations for all statewide races in their respective parties. The general election will be Nov. 6. (An asterisk denotes no competition in Tuesday's primary.)

20% Statewide Republican turnout

Fletcher ← Governor
Secretary of State **Trey Grayson***
Attorney General **Stan Lee**
Ag Commissioner **Richie Farmer**
Treasurer **Melinda L. Wheeler**
Auditor **Linda Greenwell***

22% Statewide Democratic turnout

Beshear ← Governor
Secretary of State **S. Bruce Hendrickson**
Attorney General **Jack Conway**
Ag Commissioner **David Lynn Williams**
Treasurer **L.J. "Todd" Hollenbach**
Auditor **Crit Luallen***

More election coverage on 5A

Memorial Day neverending for some vets

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Memorial Day is everyday for J.T. Travis. A veteran of two tours in Vietnam, the Crittenden County native says there's not a day that goes by he doesn't think of the buddies he lost in Southeast Asia.

"A lot of people think it's just the first weekend of summer," Travis said. "I think about them every day. I lost a lot of friends."

On Monday, the 60-year-old will be at the Memorial Day service held each year at the war memorial in Maplevue Cemetery. He is one of the few Vietnam soldiers in the local American Legion Post, which organizes the ceremonies along with the VFW. This year's remembrance starts at 10 a.m.

If you ask Travis to compare his war to the one being fought today in Iraq and Afghanistan, he is quick to point out two things: First, "no war is the same," and secondly, "war is about killing" and killing is killing no matter the decade or location. The latter is about the only common thread he's willing to openly discuss.

In Vietnam, it was a fight to halt communism that claimed 58,209 American lives, according to Department of Defense figures. "Vietnam was a no-win situation," Travis said.

So far, according to the latest official DOD numbers through May 5, 3,742 military
See **WAR**/page 3A

Memorial tributes

- Marion American Legion and VFW posts, **Maplevue Cemetery**, 10 a.m. Special guest speaker will be S.Sgt. Sarah Holler with the Kentucky National Guard.
- **Shady Grove Cemetery**, 11 a.m. Special guest speaker will be Britt Gilbert; music by Bill Wilson and Yvette Martin; meal at fire department following service.
- **Veterans Walk of Honor**, Blackford Walking Trail, 2 p.m.

Remembering the horrors of World War II

As Memorial Day approaches, let us not forget our fallen heroes and heroines who gave their lives for our country.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, we learn about Crittenden County's World War II heroes.

June 11, 1943

A son's letter to his mother reads: Mrs. L.C. Truitt, Repton, Ky.

Dearest mother and all:

How is everyone doing? Fine I hope. Suppose you all are awfully busy with the work. I am OK and feel fine. How does the news sound to you from over here?

The boys in Africa cleaned house didn't they? I think things will progress pretty good from now on, of course it isn't over yet.

The people in the states don't know or realize what hardships are. It would do them good to get a taste of combat, then they would appreciate what they do have. Gets pretty rough and rugged for us all sometimes but we like it. Hope to have another letter.

From your son,
Staff Sgt. Joe Truitt
(somewhere in England)

Just two months later, the Truitt family has another letter.

Aug. 13, 1943.

Sgt. Joseph H. Truitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Truitt, Bombardier stationed in England and operating in European Territory, was reported missing in action, according to word received by his parents. The message from Adj. Gen. Ulio placed

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the date as July 29th.

Sgt. Truitt has been stationed in England for the past several months and was a member of a bomber squadron operating in the European theatre. He is a veteran of many combat aircraft missions and gained national prominence several weeks ago by reporting to the British airdrome the shortest report of military activities on record.

Sgt. Joseph H. Truitt, as a gunner, went down with crew of the 338th Squadron, 96th Group B-17 Flying Fortress in the English Channel.

October 17, 1947

In a telegram received from the War Department last week, Mrs. Sarah J. Collins was notified that the remains of her son, Thomas W. Collins, had arrived in the United States and further information would be sent soon giving more details as to arrival date.

Collins was the first Crittenden County serviceman to lose his life in World War II, having been among the casualties suffered by the United States forces at the treacherous and disastrous Japanese attack upon the Pearl Harbor Naval Base in the Hawaiian Islands on Dec.

7, 1941. He was a member of the United States Navy.

Nov. 7, 1947

In solemn and impressive ceremony, the remains of Thomas W. Collins, the first Crittenden County serviceman to lose his life while in service during the last great war, were laid to rest in the cemetery at the Rock Springs Church in Webster County.

Thomas W. Collins as born Aug. 8, 1921, and enlisted at Louisville in the United States Navy, on Nov. 8, 1939, as Apprentice Seaman.

He was sent to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station for seamanship instruction, and later transferred to the USS Downs. He was stationed at the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands, and was listed as Fireman 3rd Class, while attached to the Downs, a destroyer ship.

He was killed on Dec. 7, 1941, in the Japanese attack on the Hawaiian base.

Collins is survived by his mother, Mrs. Sarah J. Collins; two brothers, Marvin and Eugene, and a sister, Esther.

The body of Collins arrived in the United States a few weeks ago, and was received in Marion last Friday afternoon and was accompanied by Chief Petty Officer William C. Herndon. The body was taken to the home of his brother until Sunday afternoon when the funeral cortege left for the cemetery.

The funeral cortege was escorted from Marion by the City of Marion police car, and a State Highway Patrol car. A large crowd attended the funeral rites at the church, with a large delegation present from Crittenden County.

Military rites were conducted at the funeral with Lt. Col. Calvert Small of Marion in charge of the military service.

At the graveside, the final salute to the dead was given



This photograph was taken at the funeral of Thomas W. Collins, who was killed at Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941. It was the first funeral for a local WWII soldier. Ethel Tucker, a Marion resident, is one of the few people in this picture who is still living. She is one of the women dressed in black and wearing hats. She is the one on the far right wearing pearls. Her brother, the late Howard Stout, is the soldier in the back on the far left.

by a squad of men of Ellis B. Ordway Post 111 of the American Legion, firing three volleys over the grave. The flag which had covered the casket, was folded and presented to Mrs. Collins, the mother, and Taps sounded out the final farewell in tribute to the first war dead returned to Crittenden County from overseas.

Assisting Lt. Col. Small in the military rites were: Firing Squad: Sam Gugenheim, 1st Lt. USN; James Holsapple, 2nd Lt. Inf.; R.C. Hamilton, Roy Conyer, Robert Cook, Todd Wilson and Carson Davidson.

Pall bearers: Ray Hopkins, Herschel Love, Randell Walker, Charles Conditt, Thomas Nunn and G.C. Fuller.

Chaplain: W.T. Franklin. Robert McMican, Captain Inf., and Bennie Brantley assisted in the arrangements at the cemetery.

Flower girls were members of the American Legion Auxiliary: Mrs. Thomas Tucker, Mrs. Carson

Davidson, Mrs. Calvert Small and Miss Dorothy Franklin.

Nov. 14, 1947

Military funeral rites for the second returned serviceman's remains were held Wednesday afternoon, when the body of James Carl Yandell was laid to rest in Union Cemetery.

The body was received in the county on Tuesday and funeral services were under the direction of Ellis B. Ordway Post 111 of American Legion. James C. Yandell was killed Oct. 18, 1944 in Belgium. He was the son of George W. and Nancy C. Yandell.

Nov. 12, 1948

Private Harvey Paris, son of Harvey and Emma Paris, was born at Ridgeway, Ill., on Aug. 9, 1925, and departed this life in action on Aug. 5, 1944, near Vire, France, at the age of 18 years, 11 months and 26 days.

Private Paris was inducted in the U. S. Army December,

1943, and was a member of Co. I, 116 Infantry. He received military training at Camp Croft, S.C., and was sent overseas in June of 1944.

At the time called in service, he was a senior at Marion High School. At the age of 13, he moved to Kentucky with his parents.

He leaves his parents, relatives and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with military rites at the graveside at Mapleview Cemetery.

Harvey's great hope was that the war would soon be over and he would be home soon. Gone but not forgotten. These words from his parents, Harvey and Emma Paris, in memory of their son.

Let us join in salute with those, who in years gone by, have given of their best freely, that all which our flag represents might be kept true and secure.

By Regina MERRICK

Library Director



@ Your Library

Friends are very special to our library

Isn't it great to have friends?

The Friends of the Crittenden County Public Library has started its third year with the annual membership drive and renewal, the book sale during Backroads Tour and fundraising for items much needed by the library.

In recent weeks, your library has had even more friendship bestowed upon it. Upon hearing that the Friends group was planning a fundraiser to purchase new chairs for the main library room, we were approached by Joe and Barbara Myers of Myers Funeral Home with an offer to donate 20 chairs to the library.

The chairs are in place, and those who come in to



Library Donation

Library Board Chairman Chris Evans discusses one of the library's many book titles with Joe and Barbara Myers. The Myerses recently donated several new chairs to the library.

read the paper, do homework, research genealogy, use our wireless Internet service, or simply sit and visit, will certainly appreciate the comfort that the new chairs provide. Thank you for being a blessing to your library.

The Backroads Tour Book Sale was a success, and could not have happened without the help of several other Friends of the Library. Mike Vaughn spent many hours working on the books, setting up the room, and tending the sale. Many other members of the Friends group and Library Board members were on deck to help, and you are certainly appreciated, more than you know.

So what's coming up at the library?

Summer Reading is fast approaching, and plans are well underway for our "Get a Clue @ Your Library" theme that will highlight mysteries of all kinds - in fiction, in history, in real life. More information coming soon about all the fun in June and July.

Remember, Friends of the Library dues are renewable in May, and can be paid at the circulation desk, or at a Friends of the Library meeting. We count our Friends as very important to the life of the Crittenden County Public Library, and we want you to be a part of our lives. Have you hugged a Friend today?

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

From The Crittenden Press Archives

Local news articles from this week 50 years ago:

*Freeman McKinney ran ahead of incumbent Alf Moore in most precincts outside Marion to win the Republican nomination for coroner 889-867.

*Harold Hill sought to induce a swarm of bees clustered atop a spotlight to enter his beehive while his brother, Harvey, helped and Patrolman Earl McChesney directed traffic. Harold was unscathed but Harvey was stung between the eyes.

*Hollis C. Franklin, a Marion banker, was featured in a national magazine for his work as a Sunday School teacher at the Marion United Methodist Church.

*The John Phillip Sousa Award for the outstanding senior member of the band went to Jimmy Alderdice at the Marion High School band's spring concert.

Local news articles from this week 25 years ago:

*The United States Achievement Academy announced that Crittenden County Middle School student, Tonya Peek, had been named a 1982 United States National Award winner in mathematics.

*Fohs Hall was officially placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

*The first graduate of the Marion Church of God Christian School, Rochelle Derrington, received her diploma from school principal and church pastor Lucy Tedrick. Derrington is the daughter of Wayne and Barbara Evans of Detroit and great niece of Frank Lawson of Marion.

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SUMMER FEEDING
June 4 - 29, 2007

The Crittenden County Board of Education is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge. All children below the age of 19 are encouraged to participate in the Summer Food Service Program at Crittenden County High and Middle School Cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and Lunch from 10:30-Noon, Beginning June 4 through June 29. All Vacation Bible Schools and all camps are invited to attend.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

For More Information Contact
Janet Stevens - Food Service Director
270-965-5052

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Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum, P.O. Box 391, Marion, KY 42064

S P O R T S

OUTDOORS

Bluff plans weekend

Paddy's Bluff will be offering special events this holiday weekend. The ATV park opens at noon Friday.

League bow shoot

Marion Big Buck Bowhunters will host its annual league shoot Sunday, June 3. Registration is from 10 a.m., until 2 p.m.

Squirrel hunting

The statewide spring squirrel hunting season is June 2-15. At LBL, the season is June 4-16. The limit is six squirrels per day.

LBL archery shoots

Competitive archery target shoots are once again scheduled at Land Between the Lakes. Shoots are sponsored by the Lakeland Archery Club and include the state archery shoot in July. Registration and competitive field events are scheduled to take place in the practice area of the LBL Archery Range at 9 a.m., June 17 and July 22. Entry fee is \$8.

SWIMMING

Swim team registration

Marion Swim Team will begin registering swimmers for summer competition on Tuesday at Marion Country Club pool. Participants do not have to be members of the club to join the team. Boys and girls 10-under will register at 8 a.m., and children 11-18 will register at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Sherry Frazer at 704-0768.

GOLF

LHHS Auxiliary benefit

The Livingston Hospital Auxiliary at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services is sponsoring a benefit golf scramble on June 2 at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. Cost is \$65 per player. There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m. For more information, call 988-4653.

BASKETBALL

5-on-5 men's action

There will be a 5-on-5 men's basketball tournament Saturday, June 2 at Veterans Memorial Park in Marion. Entry fee is \$75 per team and is due Tuesday. For information, contact Nathan Way at 965-0942 or Ronnie Moss at 836-2668.

RUNNING

5-on-5 m

Crittenden County Middle School seventh grader Chris Sitar captured his age division with an impressive road racing debut Saturday at Morganfield, winning the 13-19 class of the Run for the Roses 5K in 21:34. Sitar, a distance specialist on the Crittenden County Rockets track team, headed several locals who performed well in the 3.1-mile race. Lee Gardella of Marion placed second in the women's 50-59 division in 30:34, while Bob Yehling of Marion was third in the men's 40-49 division in 19:16. Stuart Collins of Marion took fourth in the men's 40-49 group, and Tyler Collins of Marion was fifth in the 13-19 division. Yehling (7th), Sitar (12th) and Stuart Collins (13th) finished in the top 15 out of more than 100 entrants.



Ashley Croft of Marion caught this 14-pound catfish a couple of weeks ago.

spring sports ROUNDUP

Baseball, Softball, Track & Field

ROCKET BASEBALL

Crittenden earns berth in 2nd Region tourney

Possibly for the first time in school history, the Rockets defeated archrival Livingston Central for the third time in the same season Tuesday at Smithland. Crittenden fought back from a five-run deficit after the fifth inning to claim an exhilarating 8-7 victory in the opening round of the Fifth District Tournament.

Despite falling to Trigg County 11-1 in the championship game later Tuesday evening, the Rockets ensured a berth in next week's Second Region Tournament at Christian County. The tournament pairings will be set Saturday.

It will mark Crittenden's first appearance in the Second Region Tournament since the 2000 season.

Come-from-behind berth

In the semifinal matchup, Crittenden leadoff hitter Jacob McMican reached via a hitsbatman to start the game. One out and a stolen base later, he came around to score thanks to an RBI-double by Cody McDonald.

After J.D. Gray stole second base in the second inning, he came around to score on an errant throw.

The Cardinals still trailing 2-0 in the top of the fourth, got things going with two outs and nobody on base when Cardinal hurler Ethan Travelstead reached on a double. He was 3-for-4 on the day. One batter later, designated hitter Sonny Evans recorded an RBI-double.

McMican, who had fanned six while allowing just four hits through four innings, began to struggle in the fifth inning. After issuing a walk, hitting a batter and surrendering an RBI-double to Josh Wiggins, Rocket coach Denis Hodge lifted him in favor of McDonald, who has been the team's best reliever.

However, the Cardinals continued to stroke the ball as a total of six straight hitters reached base thanks to five hits and an error. Soon, Livingston led 7-2 and Alex Wood was called on to pitch with one out. He got the next two batters to keep the game within reach.

The Rocket offense was far from done. McDonald, who finished 2-for-3 in the game, led off the sixth a double. Joey Pluskota followed with a single off of Travelstead and Dylan Clark got his squad's third consecutive hit of the inning, scoring McDonald.

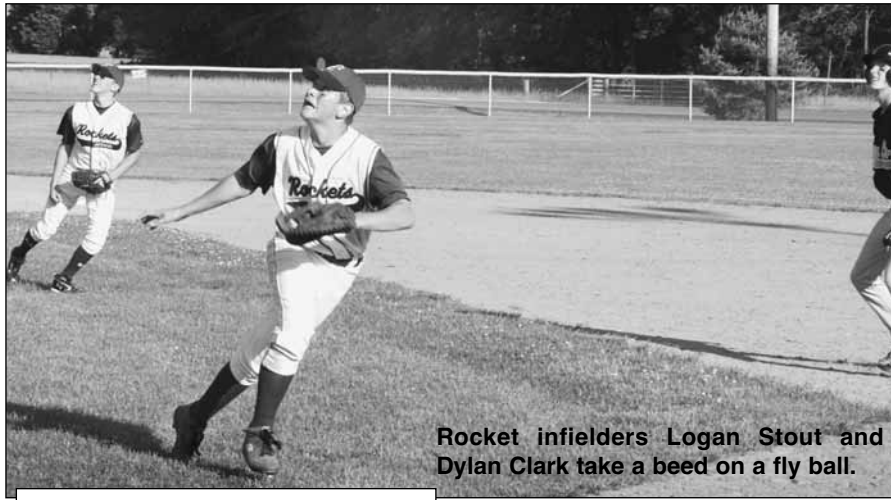
One out later, Gray cut the deficit to 7-4, scoring Pluskota with another RBI-single.

Still trailing 7-4 in the bottom of the seventh, the Rockets put their first three batters on base with no outs for the second consecutive inning.

McMican, who reached base in all four plate appearances in the semifinal win, led off with a double to right field. Livingston Central skipper Mike Riley lifted Travelstead and put Andy Neal on the mound. However, Neal walked Alex Porter, and McDonald reached on an error. McMican scored on an errant throw, cutting the lead to 7-5. Porter also came in to score on a Cardinal miscue making it 7-6 with no outs.

After Neal recovered to retire the next two Crittenden batters, it appeared as if he might be able to nail down the win and end the Rockets' season. However, Wood smacked a game-tying RBI-single to score McDonald.

With their five-run lead gone, the Cards needed one more out to force extra innings. However, after Wood stole second base, then scored on an error.



Rocket infielders Logan Stout and Dylan Clark take a bead on a fly ball.

LEGION TRYOUTS JUNE 2-3

American Legion Post 68 at Eddyville is having tryouts for the coming baseball season. Crittenden County players age 14-19 are eligible for junior or senior leagues. Tryouts are at 9 a.m., June 2 and 1 p.m., June 3 at Lee Jones Park.

"This is definitely the best comeback win I have had in my 13-year tenure," Hodge said.

He praised Wood, who went in to pitch in the fifth and kept Livingston scoreless.

Livingston had won the last four Fifth District titles.

"I think Livingston is one of the best Class A baseball programs in western Kentucky," Hodge said.

Errors, walks cost Rockets title

Six errors and six walks were costly in the championship game as Trigg County defeated the Rockets for the third time this season, beating them 11-1 to capture the Fifth District championship.

Dylan Clark, who combined to go 4-for-6 in the tournament, put his team on top 1-0 in the first inning smacking an RBI-single which scored Alex Porter.

The Wildcats scored in every inning except the fourth.

Wildcat leadoff hitter J.D. Fourqurean gave the Rockets (20-12) fits, going 3-for-3 in the blowout.

Crittenden 8, Livingston Central 7

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Trigg 11, Crittenden 1

Crittenden 100 00-1 6 6
Trigg County 351 02-11 7 0
Howton and McMican; Riddle and Stagner. 2B C-McDonald. T-Stagner, Fourqurean, Allen. 3B none. HR none. WP Riddle. LP Howton. Records Crittenden 20-12, Trigg 15-12-1.

Rockets win regular season finale

The Rockets concluded the regular season by beating Paducah Tilghman 5-4 Saturday. Crittenden ended the season with a 19-11 record.

With the Rockets trailing 4-3 and two outs in the sixth, freshman reserve second baseman Alec Pierce recorded his first varsity RBI to plate Dylan Clark and knot the contest for the third time.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh and the game still tied at 4-all, Clark recorded his second game-winning RBI of the year, scoring pinch runner Josh Urbanowski.

Ballard blows in with shutout

The Rockets were one-hit by Ballard Memorial last Thursday and victimized by 11 strikeouts in an 8-0 loss.

All nine Crittenden hitters in the lineup fanned at least once and Jacob McMican's leadoff double in the first was all that prevented them from being no-hit by the visiting Bombers.

Crittenden 5, Paducah Tilghman 4

Paducah Tilghman 110 011 0-4 8 1
Crittenden 100 021 1-5 10 3
McMican, Howton (2), Pluskota (4), Wood (5),

McDonald (7) and Gray and McMican (2); Irvine and Smith. 2B C-McMican, Gray, Pluskota. PT-none. 3B C-Gray. PT none HR none. WP McDonald. LP Smith. Records Crittenden 19-11, Paducah Tilghman 5-20.

Ballard Memorial 8, Crittenden 0

Ballard Memorial 002 032 1-8 13 0
Crittenden 000 000 0-0 1 2
Howton, Wood (5), McDonald (7) and McMican; Garrett and Harper. 2B C-McMican. B-Lawrence, Pool, Harper. 3B C-none. B-Lawrence. HR C-none. B-Edging 5th and none on. WP Garrett. LP Howton. Records Crittenden 18-11, Ballard Memorial 12-7.

CCHS SOFTBALL

Lady Rockets out of playoffs

After a couple of narrow setbacks against Lyon County during the regular season, the Lady Rockets were hoping the third time would be a charm.

Instead, the opening round of the Fifth District Tournament Monday at Smithland was worse than the originals. The Lady Lyons easily eliminated Crittenden 16-5 from postseason play.

Leading only 1-0 heading into the third inning, the Lady Lyons took advantage of seven hits, eight errors and three walks in that frame to plate 12 more runs and bust the contest wide open taking a commanding 13-0 lead.

"Errors kind of spread like a disease sometimes," Crittenden coach Michael Gibson said after the game, alluding to the 12 his team committed in the loss.

Despite facing the huge deficit, Crittenden (8-15) did not quit. It loaded the bases in the fourth with no outs. Kelly Williams walked followed by a single from Hannah Brantley and Emily Courtney reached thanks to a Lyon error as the Lady Rockets scored three runs.

The Lyons got those runs back in the bottom of the fourth, regaining their original 13-point cushion.

Courtney's final career at-bat proved productive as she smashed an RBI-double which plated Williams in the fifth.

"We just made a bunch of mental mistakes and had one bad inning," said the

Lady Rocket skipper.

Despite the disappointing performance in the district tourney, Gibson was proud of the way his squad improved as the season progressed.

Lyon 16, Crittenden 5

Crittenden 000 32-5 2 2
Lyon 01(12) 3x-16 16 3
Quisenberry and Gatten; White and Fitzpatrick. 2B L-Guess, Parrent. C-Courtney. 3B L-Parrent, Doom. C-none. HR L-Guess 3rd and 2 on. Snow 4th and 1 on. WP White. LP Quisenberry. Records Crittenden 8-15, Lyon 13-13.

CCHS TRACK & FIELD

Track team at regionals this week

Girls' sprint star Anna Jimenez and boys' distance ace Brandon Jackson notched impressive victories to lead the Crittenden County High School last Thursday in a five-team meet at Webster County High School.

Jimenez and teammate Breanna Cozart finished 1-2 in the girls' 200. Jimenez finished in a time of 28.5. In the boys' 1600, Jackson came from behind in the final 200 meters to win in a season-best 5:07. He also finished third in the boys' 3200 with a season-best 12:18.

The Rockets had a number of impressive efforts. The boys' 4x800-meter relay team of Chris Sitar, J.R. Adams, Chris Copeland and Jackson finished second in 10:00. The girls' 4x200-meter relay team of Kaitlyn Moss, Cozart, Leah Keene and Jimenez also were second, in 1:51. In the girls 100, Keene and Moss placed second in their heats, Keene in 14.02 and Moss in 14:32. Steven Parker was second in the boys 200 at 25:01, while Nancy Maclin was third in the girls' 1600 at 6:56.

The Rockets competed Tuesday and Wednesday in the First Region meet for 1A schools at Marshall County.

Results from May 17 at Webster BOYS

Team results Webster 127, Trigg 87, McLean 76, Crittenden 48, Dawson 5
Discus 4. Z.Sorina
3200 relay 2. Crittenden (Sitar, Adams, Copeland, Jackson)
1600 relay 4. Crittenden (Owen, Armstrong, Adams, Parker)
800 relay 2. Crittenden (Stone, Owen, Adams, Parker)
400 relay 3. Crittenden (Adams, Copeland, Parker, Stone)
Long jump 3. Stone
800 meters 5. Sitar
1600 meters 1. Jackson (5:07), 5. Sitar
300 hurdles 4. Owen, 5. Armstrong
3200 meters 5. Sitar

GIRLS

Team results Webster 150, Trigg 92, Mclean 43, Dawson 28, Crittenden 21
Long jump 4. Moss
100 meters 2. Keene, 4. Moss
800 meters 4. Maclin
1600 meters 4. Maclin
200 meters 2. Jimenez, 4. Cozart

LOCAL GOLF SCORES

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Frederick, Tucker 62-61-123
McDaniel, Jarvi 63-64-127
Day, Ogletree 63-65-128
Grooms, Winn 63-66-129
64-67-131
Shoulders, Easley 64-67-131
Hedger, Rogers 65-63-128
Hardin, Gamblin 66-66-132
Love, Patton 66-69-135

FIRST FLIGHT

Guess, Guess 67-66-133
Dawson, Griffin 68-67-135
Starnes, Myers 67-69-136
Gilbert, Reddick 70-68-138
Stout, Wheeler 70-74-144
Biggs, Lee 75-66-141
Edwards, Martin 71-70-141
Hosman, Hatten 69-74-143
Sutton, Patton 70-73-143
Phelps, Driskill 71-72-143
72-76-148
Eakins, Small 71-79-150
Heaton, Gilbert 72-78-150

SECOND FLIGHT

Chandler, Kirk 73-71-144
Myers, Nix 74-70-144
Childress, Ritchie 73-71-144
Stewart, Greenwell 73-73-146
Harrison, Mills 74-72-146
75-71-146
Patterson, Kidd 76-71-147
Dunn, Dunn 75-73-148
Barnes, Cash 79-70-149
Etheridge, McDaniel



Brandon Tucker and Scotty Frederick of Providence won the 2-Man Scramble last weekend at Marion Country Club. Pictures at right is tournament coordinator Pippi Hardin.

Landreth, Phelps 75-74-149
Phelps, Walker 76-75-151
Tinsley, Madden 82-70-152
Jackson, McNealey 76-78-154
Allen, Decker 74-80-154
Rice, Duncan 74-81-155
Burchett, Litchfield 75-85-160

THIRD FLIGHT

Phelps, Phelps 77-78-155
Newcom, Hunt 77-78-155
Shemwell, Shemwell 79-76-155
Schneider, Schneider 77-84-161
Newcom, Crouch 81-82-163
Tabor, Summers 80-84-164

CRITTENDEN COUNTY YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP

Grades K-7 - May 29 through June 1

AT CCMS GYM

K-2 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., \$25

3-4 9:45 - 11:15 a.m., \$25

AT CCHS ROCKET ARENA

5-7 9-11 a.m., \$30

All participants will receive a camp shirt. K-2 will get a basketball.

K-2 Players will be instructed in basic fundamentals and participate in age-appropriate activities.

Grades 3-4 Players will be instructed in fundamentals and drills to improve offensive skills. Players will compete for awards in hot shot, free throws, obstacle course and camper of the week. Team play will also be emphasized.

Grades 5-7 Players will also be instructed in fundamentals and play for the awards mentioned above. Players will also complete in various activities with an emphasis on team play (i.e. full-court, 5-on-5, and half-court 3-on-3).

Registration will take place the morning of Tuesday, May 29, approximately 15 minutes before the start of your session.

Player Name _____

Grade (2006-07 school year) _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Shirt Size Youth M L Adult S M L XL

Parental consent: _____ is physically fit and has my permission to participate in the Boys' Basketball Camp. I understand that the Boys' Rocket Basketball program and/or the Crittenden County School System can in no way be held liable for any accident or injury that might occur.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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292 Yards



KENNETH SUTTON
73 Years Young
Closest To The Pin
135 Yards

Marion Country Club 2-Man Scramble May 19-20