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Back to School

It's already that time again... Time to get the backpack ready and trade long summer days under the sun for a classroom. Our annual Back to School special will help all Crittenden County students prepare for the year ahead with class rolls, supply lists, a school calendar and important notes from your principals and superintendent. **1B**

Kentucky lowers property tax rate

The Kentucky Department of Revenue has set the 2007 state real property tax rate at 12.4 cents per each \$100 of assessed value. This rate is based on the percentage increase of taxable real property from 2006 to 2007.

If this increase is more than 4 percent after the exclusion of property newly added to the tax roll during 2007, then the prior year rate must be reduced to limit the revenue increase to 4 percent. Since the assessment increase for 2007 is estimated at 6.8 percent, the state rate must decline from 12.8 to 12.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Schools forming exploratory group

People interested in being part of a committee to explore the pros and cons of a four-day school week still have a couple of days to volunteer. This month, the Crittenden County School District began seeking volunteers to serve on four committees to weigh the feasibility of the cost-saving measure.

"We are beginning to get some names for individuals who have indicated their willingness to serve on committees," Superintendent John Belt said Monday.

There will be four different committees — academic, child care, communication and financial — formed to aid in this process. The Board of Education will assign members to each committee.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Holly White or Belt by Friday at 965-3525.

Local meetings

UPCOMING

• Livingston Fiscal Court will meet 5:30 p.m., July 19 at the courthouse.



Rain gauge

Reported by UK Agriculture Weather Service as of Wednesday at Paducah.

7 days 30 days 2007
1.01" 5.55" 24.89"
below average: **4.44"**

Forecast

Reported by the National Weather Service.

Thursday **Friday**
 
20% 20%
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RV park owner still hoping for sewer extension

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
MANAGING EDITOR

Linda Holsapple cannot understand why Marion's city council will not approve a grant-funded sewer extension to the RV park and a proposed motel on property she and her husband own just west of Marion.

"It doesn't make sense," said Holsapple, who has operated S&J RV Park and an accompanying barbecue restaurant with her husband Jerry since last year.

Jason Hatfield, one of five councilmen who voted last week against approving the project, can't see funding a family business with taxpayer money

whether from state or local coffers.

"I'm not against a motel, but I am against \$400,000 for a private entity," the second-term councilman said. "It would be different if it were a large employer."

Instead, Hatfield would rather see that grant money spent to run sewer to existing city residents who have been without the utility for years, particularly without any guarantee a motel would ever be built.

But, the mayor said the economic development grant was approved for the RV park site by the state at the council's urging.

"They approved the request specifi-

cally for this project," Mayor Mickey Alexander said. "It's disappointing."

Holsapple, 63, said health problems, lupus to be specific, have kept her from moving forward with inking a deal with a motel chain.

"I'm a walking time bomb," she said of her illness, which is an immune system disorder. "I couldn't guarantee I'll even be around tomorrow."

But today, plans for doubling the size of the RV park are waiting only on the sewer utility in order to provide 20 full-service sites for visitors to the area.

On Friday, when Holsapple spoke with The Press, all four of the current full-service sites with sewer, water and

electric hook-ups were occupied. And, a few of the six limited hook-up sites were full. All 10 of the current sites have access to sewage disposal either directly or indirectly into a septic system, but the health department will not allow any more camping sites without access to a sewage utility.

Holsapple claims the RV park could have been full last weekend during Little Sturgis Rally if full-service sites had been ready.

With Marion's proximity to the lakes and prime deer hunting, Holsapple believes the RV park and 2.5-acre site

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Bittersweet: Winn ends 32-year police career



After nearly 19 years as chief of Marion Police, Kenneth Winn will be saying goodbye to his service revolver and badge as his 62nd birthday approaches. His retirement comes after 32 years with the department.

Police chief takes aim at retirement, archery

By **CHRIS EVANS**
PRESS EDITOR

Police Chief Kenneth Winn enjoys relaxing on an archery range, firing arrow after arrow from one of his homemade longbows. It's a therapeutic exercise for the 32-year lawman who finds peace in traditional archery.

Shooting a bow and arrow is one thing, but firing a pistol is another. In his lengthy career as a policeman, Winn has never fired his service revolver in the line of duty. In fact, he's only once pulled it with the true intent to stop a suspect. Even that still haunts him.

Winn, 61, is retiring from the Marion Police Department at the end of the month. He will hang up the badge after serving as head of the department for nearly 19 years. Marion has had just two police chiefs in the past 52 years — William Ollie Brown and Winn.

While a replacement has not been officially named, Assistant Police Chief Ray O'Neal is the only applicant for the job. It's anticipated that the city will officially name him the new chief at the beginning of August.

For Winn, the thought of retirement is bittersweet. Through the years he's made countless friends and very few enemies. That's a sizeable chore for a lawman.

"He's the same guy every day whether you meet him on the street or in the office," said O'Neal. "All of the guys feel the same way around the police department. We're really going to miss him."

Mayor Mickey Alexander said Winn's strong, but gentle demeanor has made him a respected lawman.

"I remember back when he was still a patrolman and a woman stopped me in town and asked who the new, tall policeman was in town," related the mayor. "This woman said she met him walking down Carlisle Street and he tipped his hat and said, 'Good day, ma'am."

"She was really surprised," the mayor added. "She said she'd never had someone tip their hat at her."

At 6-foot-6, 250 pounds, the chief towers over most others and perhaps that intimidation factor has been one reason that he's had very little trouble subduing bad guys over the years. Although Winn recalls several scuffles with criminals, he counts just one occasion that warranted potentially deadly force. It's a story he still relives over and over because Winn knows deep down that he'd have fired his pistol if the suspect hadn't dropped the rifle he was carrying.

It was several years ago when a man involved in a domestic dispute called the police station and ended up threatening the emergency dispatcher. The man said he was coming into town, and he was armed. When the man drove into the former Save-A-Lot parking lot and rammed a police cruiser, Winn knew it was going to be the real deal.

"I got out and took a position behind the police car with my gun across the hood," Winn remembers. "The guy was getting out of his car with a rifle in his hand."

"He looked at me and knew I had the drop on him, so he dropped the gun. I'm glad he did because I'd already made up my mind that I would do what I had to do."

As a police officer, Winn says those type incidents are few and far between in Marion, Kentucky. But since he's been chief here, the city has had every type of serious crime except a bank robbery. It's those things that have made the job stressful. Otherwise, it's been very rewarding, Winn said. He even says that people he'd arrested in earlier days are now friendly.

When Winn got his start in law enforcement, there was more of a Mayberry mentality in small towns across Kentucky. He remembers for-



"He's the same guy every day whether you meet him on the street or in the office."

— **Ray O'Neal**

on Kenneth Winn's demeanor

mer county clerk Jim Wheeler recommending that he talk to then-Chief Ollie Brown about a job. The police department was looking for a replacement for the retiring and somewhat legendary local lawman Rube Franklin.

"I went to the chief's house one morning and knocked on his door. We talked for a while and the rest is more or less history," Winn said.

No formal training was necessary, just a gun, a badge and trial by fire, Winn said.

Eventually, the City of Marion changed its policy for policemen and in 1979 made training mandatory. Winn went to the police academy for a 10-week course. Now, that same training takes over 18 weeks.

"So much has changed," Winn said. "Now we have computers in the cruisers and Taser guns, which by the way are the best thing that has come along."

Winn grew up in Michigan but visted here as a young man. His family was from the Creswell and Flatrock areas in the edge of Caldwell County.

"Frankly, I wanted to live in the country and I picked Marion. I had visited here in the summers growing up and really liked it."

Winn made this his home and Mayor Alexander says the retiring chief has often shown a great deal of pride in the community.

"He takes the overall image of the

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County fair set to start

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
MANAGING EDITOR

There's something special that drives an individual to exchange energy and personal time for hard work and no pay.

"It's a lot of fun," Ronnie Heady said of the work the Lions Club puts into organizing and preparing for the county fair each year.

Heady's use of the word "fun" raised a few eyebrows among fellow club members gathered at the fairgrounds Monday evening for a work night to prepare the ground for next week's fair. It may not be fun for all of the dozen or so men who were sweeping, mowing and moving things into place for the week-long event, but it's a labor of love just the same.

"It's a community service," said 15-year member Jeff Ellis, who has worked a few more fairs than Heady as a Lion. "If it weren't for the Lions Club, there probably wouldn't be a fair," said another longtime Lion, Mike Byford.

Decades ago, the Crittenden County Lions Club, an organization of service volunteers, organized its first fair. Since that time, it has entertained literally thousands each year with events like the beauty contest, truck and tractor pulls, rodeos, singing and the demolition derby, by far the biggest draw of the week. Also coinciding with the nightly events are a midway for the kids and agricultural and arts and crafts exhibits at the fair barn.

"It takes us a couple of weeks to get ready, but the planning starts as soon as we get done (each year)," said club President Shelby Belt.

Belt and others are hoping for a resurgence to the fair in this, the second year the event has returned to mid-summer.

For several years prior to 2006, the fair had moved from late July or early August to early June because of a school calendar that started overlapping with fair dates. The June fairs were plagued with bad weather and a lack of ag dis-

plays because it was so early in the planting season.

"It killed us," Byford said of the move to late spring fairs.

Despite some difficulty in finding a carnival available for a late July fair last year, this year's midway promises to be the best in some years, according to fair committee chairman Perry Newcom. Newcom said the carnival company will be the same as Livingston County uses, with a variety of rides and games not offered here in recent years. The midway opens Tuesday night.

Also new this year will be a talent show at the fairgrounds on Tuesday night. Lion Chris O'Leary presented the idea as a possible solution to lagging Tuesday night attendance. A variety of local acts will bring their talent to the stage, replacing gospel music acts of the past.

"There was nothing wrong with them, but you might get 30 here," Belt said of Tuesday night attendance to the shows.

Rounding out the week's events

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Five Scouts near Eagle designation

BY JERRITT HOVEY
PRESS STAFF REPORTER

In 2005, Stephen James was the first Crittenden Countian to earn Eagle Scout in 10 years. The prestigious scouting honor is only achieved by about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts. According to the Boy Scouts Association website, this percentage represents more than 1.7 million Boy Scouts who have earned the rank since 1912. Five local Boy Scouts will be receiving their Eagle Scout hopefully by the end of the year.

Cody Dunham, Seth Keene, Josh Urbanowski, David Kessler, all 16, and Zac

Sizemore, 14, have been working hard in order to get their Eagle Scout honor. With most of these boys being in Cub Scouts and then moving on to Boy Scouts, it has been a long journey to get to where they are now.

In order to earn the Eagle Scout rank, Boy Scouts must meet the requirements in several areas such as leadership, service and outdoor skills. There are six pages of requirements that a Boy Scout must meet.

"This is a hard thing to try to accomplish," Sandy Urbanowski, Assistant Scout Master, said. "These boys don't just get ranked. They

have to earn their badges which some are not that easy to achieve."

Boy Scouts are able to work toward their Eagle Scout honor at the age of 11. When a Boy Scout turns 18 and hasn't received his Eagle Scout, he is no longer eligible.

The final thing a Boy Scout has to do is a community-based project. Volunteer hours must be put in for the project as well as raising money to help fund the project. Each of the mentioned Scouts is working on his project, and one scout already has his finished.

Seth Keene's project is helping the Tourism Center

with its landscaping around each of the "Welcome to Marion" signs. This includes flower arrangements around the signs and possibly a casing to prevent weather damage or vandalism.

Josh Urbanowski's project will be installing wooden bench swings at the Marion-Crittenden County Park. The park board has okayed Urbanowski to install four new swings throughout the park. The locations for the swings have not been picked out.

David Kessler and Zac Sizemore will both be working together on their community project due to the size of

the workload. The boys will be putting in new horse shoe pits at the park. With the lighting over by the future skate park and basketball court, the ideal location is next to one of them. However, it's still undecided as to where the pits will be placed.

The last Boy Scout, Cody Dunham, has already finished his community project with the help of his father. Dunham crafted new benches and placed them throughout the park. The only thing that Dunham has left is his board review and then he will receive his Eagle Scout honor.

The average time that it

takes a Boy Scout to become an Eagle Scout is about two and a half years. However, with the constant support of volunteers and parents, the time can be cut in half.

When a Boy Scout makes his transition into Eagle Scout, it's a momentous accomplishment. Eagle Scouts are highly respected, not just by Cub Scouts, but by other Boy Scouts as well. Murray State University even offers a \$1,000 scholarship to all Eagle Scouts.

If everything goes accordingly, all five of the local boys will be honored at the end of year, Urbanowski said.

Brown promoted at penitentiary

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County man has been named to replace his predecessor, also a Crittenden Countian, as deputy warden at Kentucky State Penitentiary.

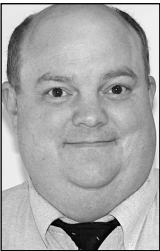
Effective next Wednesday, Alan D. Brown of Sheridan will be promoted to his new position at the maximum security facility in Eddyville. He replaces Nancy Doom, of Dycusburg, who left KSP July 1 to become warden at the Green River Correctional Complex in Central City. Also named to a deputy warden position beginning next Wednesday is Greg Howard.

"Brown has been employed at KSP for several years and understands the institution," said Kentucky Department of Correction's Deputy Commissioner James Schomig, who made the promotion

announcements Monday. "This will prove to be an asset and Brown has worked hard in developing the necessary skill sets to complete his transition into this position."

Brown, who works with several Crittenden Countians at the penitentiary, said the job security is the best part of his work. He has been at the facility for 19 years.

Brown began his career in April of 1988 as a correctional officer at KSP. In 1989 he was promoted to correctional farm crew leader at Western Kentucky Correctional Complex. In 1990 he returned to KSP as a classification and treatment officer and was promoted to



Brown

corrections training instructor in 2003. Brown was promoted to unit administrator in September of 2004.

He is a 1987 graduate of Murray State University with a bachelor of science in agriculture with an additional concentration in animal science. Brown belongs to several professional organizations, American Correctional Association, Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency, Kentucky State Penitentiary CERT team and KOMS project team member. In addition, he is a volunteer for the Sheridan Community Fire Department.

Brown is the recipient of several awards including two Distinguished Service Awards, Commissioners Award and Warden Commendation. He has two children Haley, 7, and Ethan, 6.

Salem men involved in separate crashes

STAFF REPORT

Two Salem men were involved in separate wrecks last week that sent one to an Evansville hospital for treatment of serious injuries.

On Sunday, Gene E. Lundstrom, 67, was headed toward Marion on U.S. 60 West when he lost control of his 2003 Ford Explorer and struck a utility pole off the eastbound lane. The force of the impact broke the wooden pole into three segments, Kentucky State Police reported.

The accident occurred just before 1 p.m., and involved no other vehicles. Lundstrom, who was wearing his seatbelt, was traveling alone.

The Salem man was airlifted from the scene to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville for treatment.

Two days earlier, Kyle Jones, 19, of Salem was involved in a four-vehicle, chain-reaction crash on the Wendell H. Ford Western Kentucky Parkway that left no one injured despite his pickup being sandwiched between three tractor-trail-

ers.

According to a state police report, all four vehicles were headed east on the parkway in a construction zone where both eastbound and westbound traffic had been rerouted onto the eastbound side of the parkway in Hopkins County.

Trooper Nick Rice said a tanker truck operated by the construction crew was also headed east in front of a tractor-trailer operated by Jerry Sebastian, of Williamstown, Ky., and slowed to turn onto the westbound side of the parkway where construction was being completed. Sebastian, another tractor-trailer driven by Charles Scheer, of Paducah, and Jones slowed to allow the tanker to turn, but Scheer's semi was struck in the rear, by another tractor-trailer driven by Keith West, of Providence, causing Scheer's truck to rear-end Jones' Ford Ranger pickup. Jones' truck was then pushed into the rear of the trailer Sebastian was pulling.

Neighbor's burglary report leads to arrests

STAFF REPORT

Marion police have arrested three young men for allegedly stealing items from the home of a man who was in the hospital.

Aaron G. Haney, 20, of East Central Avenue; Tim S. Vickery, 18, of Princeton; and Aaron Wendall LaRue, 19, of Princeton each face charges of second-degree burglary for allegedly going into a mobile home on North Maple Street early last Thursday morning with the intent to burglarize it. Police say that the help from a watchful neighbor stopped the crime and enabled authorities to nab the suspects.

About 5:30 a.m., a man who lived near the incident phoned 911 to report a possible burglary in progress at the home of a man who he said

was in a hospital out of state. He told the police dispatcher that men were going in and out of the trailer next door carrying items and he didn't think the men had permission to be there.

Officer Chuck Hoover was dispatched to the scene. A little more than a block away, Hoover encountered a man walking down the street. Suspicious, Hoover stopped and quizzed the young fellow briefly, getting his name and other information, then proceeded to the burglary scene.

Once there, Hoover learned that the neighbor had scared off the would-be thieves and the officer got a description of the suspects. He believed then that the man he'd just questioned down the street, Wendall LaRue, had been

involved.

Based on information he'd gotten from LaRue, the officer went to the nearby home of one of the other suspects. There, he found Haney and Vickery in bed, but sweating profusely and smelling of alcohol, according to police reports.

Haney and Vickery were taken into custody and subsequently identified by the neighbor who had called police as the men attempting to burglarize the trailer.

Clothes had been taken from the mobile home and a guitar, amp and CDs had been moved to the front porch before the neighbor foiled the alleged crime, police said.

Marion Police Chief Kenneth Winn said good police work and the neighbor's

involvement helped solve the crime quickly. Without help from the community, Winn said, alleged crimes such as this one would largely go unsolved.

Haney and Vickery were arrested and lodged in the Crittenden County Jail early Thursday while LaRue was taken into custody Saturday after a warrant was issued for his arrest.

FAIR

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include:

- Horse show, fairgrounds 6 p.m., Monday;
- Beauty contest, Fohs Hall, 7 p.m., Monday;
- Family night and talent contest, fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday;
- Tractor and lawn tractor pull, fairgrounds, 7 p.m., next Wednesday;
- Truck pull, fairgrounds, 7 p.m., next Thursday;
- Enduro Cross races, fairgrounds, 7 p.m., next Friday;
- Demolition Derby, fairgrounds, 7 p.m., next Saturday.

Getting the arena and grounds ready can be difficult as volunteers become more scarce.

"Help is slimming down," Belt said.

David Copeland, a Lion for about six years, credits the women behind Lions for helping pull things off, particularly in the concession stand.

"Without the wives and girlfriends, we'd be in trouble," the club's vice-president said.

Exhibits at the fair barn will be accepted beginning Tuesday morning with 4-H entries, followed by open division entries next Wednesday morning. Open division antiques will be accepted next Thursday morning.

A youth pet show will be at 2 p.m., next Wednesday, and a



Participating in Monday's beauty pageant at Fohs Hall are (front, from left) Breanna Cozart, Meredith Lanham, Leah Keene, Elise Hill, Cassidy Pinson, (second row, from left) Meagan Kirk, Megan Heady, Bethany Heaton, Lacey Etheridge and (not pictured) and Trisha Maclin.

goat/sheep show will be at 9:30 a.m., next Thursday. Finally, a youth bicycle rodeo will be at 10 a.m., next Saturday at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

For questions on 4-H and other exhibits, contact the Crittenden County Extension Service at 965-5236. For event questions, contact Jared Belt at 965-9985 or any Lions Club member.

The Crittenden County

Lions Club contributes as much as \$6,000 annually to purchase eyeglasses for local individuals, particularly youth, who might otherwise not be able to afford them. Besides the fair, which brings in much of that money, Lions host Lunch with Santa at Christmas and sponsor Little League football.

To join, or offer volunteer assistance, contact Shelby Belt at 965-3883 or any Lion.

SEWER

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for a proposed 20-room motel, pool and shower house for campers would be a nice fit for future economic development in the area. Having the airport nearby doesn't hurt, she added.

"They're not looking at the true picture," she said of the council.

Hatfield wants a guarantee of a motel before using a grant to run about a mile of new sewer line along U.S. 60 West.

"I'm not going to take a gamble on a motel," he said. "I

would like some sort of contract or guarantee."

Hatfield is not alone, at least two other councilmen expressed similar concerns during last week's meeting.

Even with a guarantee, he questioned how much tourism and tax revenue the city would reap from the proposed motel once incorporated into the city.

"I don't think it would be filled up," he said.

Running sewer to some of the 150 or so city homes without the service would be more beneficial, he said, generating more revenue for the city utility through its use at permanent residences.

The mayor said that is not what the grant money was requested for and efforts are moving ahead to provide sewer to many of those homes, including about 20 homes in the Hart and Rudd Street area.

Holsapple is afraid opportunity may be passed up.

"Why are they being so narrow-minded?" she questioned of council members. "They're going to give up \$400,000."

For now, the grant money is in limbo, but Alexander said the matter is not dead.

"It's going to come up again," he said. "I can't tell you the time frame, but as soon as possible."



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OUTDOORS

LBL quota deer hunt

The deadline for applications for LBL quota deer hunts is Tuesday. To obtain hunt applications, call 924-2065 before Friday. Deer harvested on the Kentucky portion of LBL do not count toward the statewide bag limit.

Deer growth seminar

Quality Deer Management Association's Tri-Rivers Branch headquartered in Marion will host a deer management seminar featuring QDMA's Executive Director Brain Murphy at 6 p.m., Thursday at the Crittenden County Public Library. The seminar will focus on helping landowners and hunters to manage and grow trophy whitetails. The seminar is free for everyone.

QDMA banquet set

Quality Deer Management Association's Tri-Rivers Branch headquartered in Marion will host its first banquet and benefit auction beginning at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Crittenden County High School multi-purpose room. Tickets are \$40 for singles and \$50 for couples. Contact Shannon York to reserve tickets at Hooks n' Horns Taxidermy 965-3223.

GOLF

MCC hosts medal play

Marion Country Club will host its annual signature golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 19. The one-day, 18-hole, medal-play tournament has prizes for the top place finishers in each flight. For more information call 965-3464.

Princeton hosts play

Princeton Golf and Country Club is hosting a couple of golf tournaments over the coming weeks. Its sixth annual 1-Day Couples Scramble is Saturday, Aug. 11. Cost is \$75.00 per couple. The event starts at 11 a.m. The Black Patch Golf Tournament, a 36-hole medal play event, will be Aug. 25-26. Entry fee is \$75.

SOCCER

U-12, U-14 league

Boys who will be incoming sixth, seventh and eighth graders this fall and are interested in playing organized youth soccer should contact Greg Hollamon at 965-2746. The league is part of the Crittenden County Youth Soccer Association. A team of combined U-12 and U-14 players will compete in the fall league.

SOFTBALL

L.Rockets banquet set

The Lady Rocket Softball banquet will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday at the Crittenden County High School multi-purpose room.

BASEBALL

Tryouts for Storm

Tryouts for the 2008 14-year-old Paducah Storm baseball team will be held in Paducah at Noble Park Aug. 10-11 at 6 p.m. For more information, call 554-8292. Tryouts for the Storm 11-year-old team will be Aug. 11-12 at 3 p.m. Call 554-4090 for information. Tryouts for the nine-year-old Storm will be Aug. 11-12 at 10 a.m. Call 534-8233.

BOATING

Kentucky Lake races

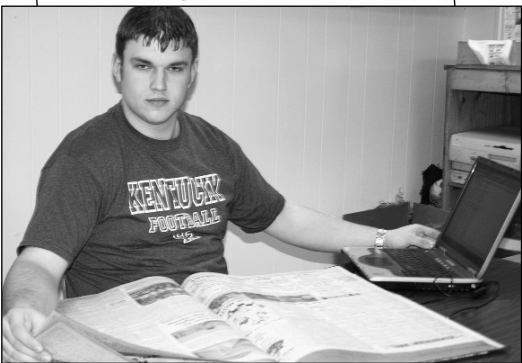
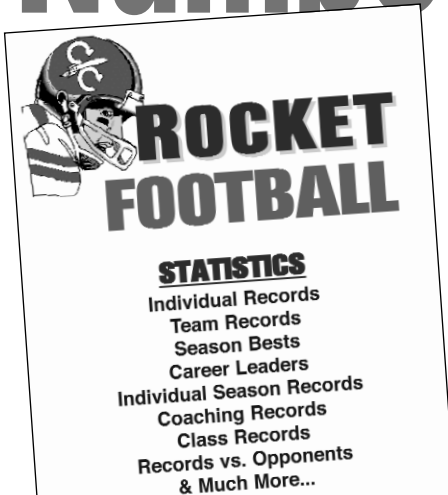
Kentucky Drag Boat Association (KDBA) will host its annual boat races at Pisgah Bay on Kentucky Lake Aug. 4-5. Racing runs from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Test and tune-up runs are Fridays, with time trials on Saturday and featured races on Sunday. There is a \$5 fee at Birmingham Landing at LBL. Under 12 are free.

ARCHERY

Bow club shoot

The Marion Big Buck Bowhunters will host a 3-D archery shoot on Sunday, Aug. 5. Registration begins at 10 a.m., at the club's range on Arrow Lane.

Numbers Game: Hunt tallies up stats



Andy Hunt said his research uncovered many interesting football statistics including 10 fumble recoveries in one game in 1957.

STAFF REPORT

What's the longest pass play in Rocket football history?

It was a 99-yard pass from David Cozart to Jerry Jessup in 1987 at Reidland.

Want to know the longest fumble recovery returned for a touchdown in school history?

Check out the new Rocket statistics book compiled by Andy Hunt to find out that it was a 92-yarder by Mike Hunt in 1975.

The most extra points in a career? George Congenie with 90.

Most points scored in a single game by one player? It was 36 by Jimmy Hopper in 1963.

Career leaders, single-game records and all-time team results are among others found in a 45-page Rocket Football Statistics handbook researched by Hunt and published by The Crittenden Press. The books can be ordered for \$15 plus tax by contacting Hunt or The Press. You may also purchase a CD with the Microsoft Excel files for \$10. Profits from the sale of the book will be donated to the football program.

A former Rocket football player, Hunt is interested in numbers. He

graduated in May from the University of Kentucky with a degree in accounting and he's now working full-time at Farmers Bank.

Hunt was a lineman for the Rockets, graduating in 2003. He's remained interested in his alma mater's football program and last fall began doing research into team and individual statistics.

"I like stats and have a fond place in my heart for the football program," he said. "I wanted to give something back for what the it gave me as a player. Also, I wanted to give the alumni something to generate renewed excitement about their playing days."

His work has added Crittenden County players to 12 categories in the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's State Football Records Book.

Hunt spent well over 200 hours pouring over old newspapers, watching videotape and collecting data from various other sources. He used UK's vast microfilm recourses to help research newspapers from Marion, Paducah, Henderson and throughout the region to find and verify statistics

of players, scores of games and other highlights.

The statistics cover 50 years of Rocket football beginning with the school's consolidation with Marion High in 1957. So far, Hunt's research has centered only on county football records. He may one day expand the research to include information from Marion High School football.

Statistical information was fairly comprehensive and available since 1988, he said. Beyond that, his research required lots of time and patience in going through volumes of various newspapers from the region. While some career numbers include a player's four years of high school, some numbers were only available for a player's junior and senior seasons, Hunt explained.

While the book is being published "as is," Hunt reminds readers that it's a "work in progress" and subject to change as new information becomes available.

Anyone with information that might alter or add to the stat book should contact Hunt at 704-1330 or by email at cchs.football.stats@gmail.com.

Cosby opts for Brescia hoops

BY CHRIS HARDESTY
PRESS SPORTS WRITER

For former Rocket basketball player Josh Cosby, the dream of playing college basketball came true Monday when he signed a scholarship with NAIA Brescia College located in Owensboro.

After strongly considering

Lindsey Wilson and Mid-Continent, the 2007 Crittenden County High School graduate could not pass up the opportunity to ink with the Bearcats.

"I liked the campus and the people up there," Cosby said, when asked what the determining factors were for signing with Brescia.

Due to the fact that he knew there was a good possibility he would sign with the NAIA school, Cosby had already played some pick-up games with his future teammates dating back to last spring.

He is excited about getting to compete for playing time during his freshman

season and believes through hard work and determination he could possibly see a good bit of time on the floor during his debut season.

"They're really thin on guards right now," he said.

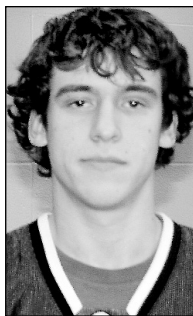
Cosby realizes he needs to make a commitment in the weightroom and get stronger in order to withstand the rigors of college hoops.

Despite finishing with a disappointing 11-19 record last season, the point guard is joining a program that has also experienced winning.

The Bearcats were 24-8 during the 2004-05 season and have made two appearances in the NAIA postseason tournament in recent years.

While being a point guard all of his career, Cosby informed Brescia coach Joe Pechota that he would also be glad to give the off guard position a try, if that opportunity ever arose.

The former Rocket is sim-



COSBY

ply glad his goal of playing college basketball, something he has longed for since playing in youth leagues, has finally come to fruition.

"I just thank God that I have the opportunity to play college basketball. I'm proud to be a Bearcat," said Cosby.

Pechota lists a variety of attributes which impressed him about the new signee.

"The kid plays hard, has a great work ethic and is a competitor. The opportunity to compete for playing time will be there for him," said the Bearcat coach.

Pechota said Cosby must get stronger and be able to adjust to the speed of the college game if he's going to fight for playing time as a freshman.



Marion's Sammie Joe Quisenberry (back left) is a member of the Evansville Steelers under-16 fastpitch softball team that recent qualified for the national tournament. Quisenberry's club finished second in the Diamonds of the South fastpitch tournament recently at Jasper, Ind.

Is it time to hit the road & test your condition?

Been running and working out all summer? Ready to test your conditioning level against other runners from the Tri-State area?

Now's the time: The high point of the summer and fall road racing season is here. For the next three months, thousands of tri-state runners will meet at community, regional and national-level races to test their mettle, set personal bests and enjoy the camaraderie that road races provide.

The cadre of local runners scampering in the park and on county roads are aiming for specific targets: the Evansville YMCA 5K, 10K and Half-Marathon, which also includes a Grand Prix award for overall excellence and a deeply discounted total entry fee of \$65 for entering all three races by August 4; the Louisville and Indianapolis Marathons in October; the Memphis St. Jude Marathon and Half-Marathon in December.

Not only are road races a great

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way to meet people, but they provide various racing options. The feeling of getting on the starting line, hearing the gun fire, and running to the cheers of spectators is thrilling. It's also deeply inspiring and highly motivating if you're looking for a training or conditioning boost. For high school and middle school track athletes, the fall road race season offers a worthy alternative, since Crittenden County does not have high school cross-country programs. For dedicated walkers, several fall races are run/walks – so they work for you, too.

Be sure to give yourself a good test – but know your limits. If you're a shorter distance racer, try the 5K (3.1-mile) run. If you think you can stretch it out, a 10K (6.2-mile) race might be your ticket. For those

ready to go longer, try a half-marathon (13.1 miles). If you wish to go all the way into a marathon (26.2 miles), be sure you've spent a minimum six months in good long-distance training. A good rule of thumb for everyone: If you can routinely run three or four miles in daily workouts, you're capable of racing 10K. If you typically complete 6- to 8-mile runs at least twice a week, then shoot for a half-marathon. If you can run half-marathon distance (13.1 miles) on a weekend morning for three weekends in a row, then you can complete a marathon.

The reasons? First, if you aim for a long race, you'll rest before the race. Your legs will be fresh. Second, your willpower, concentration and drive will increase on race day – always good for extra miles. Finally, seeing hundreds or thousands of other runners on the course doing the same thing as you – some better, some not so good – provides added incentive to finish the job.

RACE CALENDAR

Races during the next six weeks:

July 28 – Evansville Otters Stadium 5K Run/Walk, 5 p.m. Bosse Field, Evansville (rebecca.kiesel@bms.com).

August 4 – YMCA 5K, 8 a.m., YMCA of Southwestern Indiana, Evansville (812) 423-9622.

August 11 – MD Find a Cure 10K and 5K Run/Walk, 6 p.m. Calvert City Civic Center (270) 703-6929.

August 11 – Owensville 4 Mile/2 Mile Watermelon Run/Walk, 8 a.m., Owensville, IN. (812) 615-0091.

August 25 – Bob's Gym North 5K Race & Family Fitness Day, 9 a.m., Evansville. (812) 589-7202.

Sept. 8 – YMCA 10K, 8 a.m., YMCA of Southwestern Indiana, Evansville. Second race of three-race YMCA Grand Prix Series. (812) 423-9622.

Sept. 15 – Susan Komen 5K Run/Walk, 8 a.m. Evansville (http://cms.komen.org/)

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Wednesday Night Mixed Starts August 8
Meeting at 6:30 p.m. • Bowl After Meeting
Thursday Night Ladies Starts August 9
Meeting at 6:30 p.m. • Bowl After Meeting
Saturday Morning Youth Starts September 15
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