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Authorities prep for Juggalos, ICP

Crittenden County authorities say they will be on maximum alert this weekend while the rap group Insane Clown Posse holds a gathering at Cave In Rock, Ill.

The musicians, known for their violent lyrics and evil clown costumes, have followers called Juggalos. Police say some of the group's past gatherings have resulted in criminal activity. Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent and Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal say that patrols will be beefed up here. Extra state troopers from Posts 1 and 2 will be assigned to Crittenden County and Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources agents will be working the Ohio River.

Periodic road checks and heavy patrols can be expected in the county, mostly along Ky. 91 North. The gathering at Cave In Rock starts today and runs through Sunday. The ferry will operate normally during the event from 6 a.m., until 10 p.m.



Drought leads to restrictions

BY DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Dog days, indeed. Mix a precipitation deficit as much as 10 inches, a long-range forecast void of rain and heat index values above 100 degrees and you have a recipe for concern in Crittenden County.

Both the City of Marion and county governments are directing residents to make changes in their lifestyle to confront the lingering drought and dismal forecast. Both burning and water consumption are addressed by the local governments.

A county-wide ban on outdoor burning of any type was issued Monday by Judge-Executive Fred Brown.

"Due to the recent drought in

Crittenden County and the concerns of all the county fire departments, a no burn ban is in effect immediately for all of Crittenden County," Brown said in an official statement.



Brown

occurs within a 24-hour period or until otherwise removed by Brown.

Currently, University of Kentucky weather data from Princeton and Paducah show rainfall deficits this year at 6.09 and 9.95 inches, respectively. There is no UK data collection

site for Marion. And, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has classified the drought in western Kentucky as severe.

That data, as well as a bleak longterm forecast, prompted Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant on Monday to issue a call for voluntary outdoor watering reductions.

"The ongoing drought, now coupled with a 10-day forecast of temperatures between 95 and 100, have

101°
Today's weather

Today's temperature is forecast to top 100 for the first time this year. Such heat can be deadly, so take care to stay cool and hydrated.

us concerned enough to ask residents to begin cutting back on their outdoor water use," said Bryant.

A 10-day forecast for Marion from The Weather Channel's Web site shows no rain and only one cloudy day through next Friday. The air temperature alone is forecast for 101 degrees today (Thursday) and in the 90s the remainder of the extended forecast. The heat index, which takes humidity into account with temperature, will be at or above 100 each day.

The city is asking residents and businesses with odd-numbered addresses to limit outdoor watering to odd-numbered days between 8 p.m., and 8 a.m. Likewise, even-numbered addresses will be asked to limit

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Grand jury indicts 10

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted 10 individuals Monday on various charges ranging from rape to theft.

The grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides whether there is enough evidence to indict an individual on felony charges or to drop the charges. If indicted, the case is continued in Crittenden Circuit Court.

Those indicted this week were:

Nathan Adams, 40, of Nipper Road in Marion on charges of receiving stolen property (over \$300) by complicity; first-degree wanton endangerment by complicity; two counts of first-degree criminal mischief by complicity and second-

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County fair ends after week of fun

The annual Crittenden County Lions Club Fair is now over, but the memories remain. Take a look at some of the winners and happenings from the week-long event.

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Fancy Farm event previews election

The 127th annual Fancy Farm Picnic in Graves County attracted thousands to the official kickoff of Kentucky's political season. But, the muck-raking and mud-slinging can make it difficult to understand the real issues facing the state, which don't involve Iraq.

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Local meetings

UPCOMING

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet 6 p.m., Aug. 14 at Rocket Arena.
- Crittenden Circuit court will convene Aug. 16 at the courthouse.
- Livingston Fiscal Court will meet 5:30 p.m., Aug. 16 in the courthouse courtroom.
- Marion City Council will meet 6 p.m., Aug. 20 in council Chambers.
- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet 9 a.m., Aug. 21 at the courthouse.

Rain gauge

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

7 days 30 days 2007
0.00" 1.33" 24.94"
below average: 6.09"

Forecast

Reported by the National Weather Service.

Thursday Friday
Mostly sunny 101/76
Sunny 97/76

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Champion, 26, electrocuted

STAFF REPORT

Thoughts and prayers of many Crittenden Countians remain focused this week on Josh Champion and his family.

The 26-year-old man was electrocuted Tuesday while working in Calvert City. He remains in critical but stable condition at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

Champion and his brother, Jared, both work for Hendrix Electric of Clay, an electrical contracting company.

The company's safety director, Scott Whitsell, was investigating the accident Wednesday morning and said he couldn't discuss any details at that time. He did say that Champion was working on an electrical line when he was electrocuted.

Champion was flown by PHI Air Ambulance from the scene of the accident directly to the Vanderbilt Burn Center.

Friends and family members say that Champion has burns over about 40 percent of his body. The extent of any internal injuries remained unknown at press time. He was still being evaluated by doctors early Wednesday.

Champion was heavily sedated and on a ventilator, friends said. He is expected to be in the intensive care unit for at least two weeks and will have a long road to recovery.

Champion and his wife, the former Julie Potter, have one daughter who is nearly 2 years old. He is the son of Kenny and Pam Champion of Sheridan.



Danger

About 400 American workers each year are electrocuted on the job.

Back to school: First-day jitters



PHOTO BY ALLISON EVANS

Perhaps a bit tentative about her first day at school, kindergartener Alaina Cowsert and her mom, Tammy Cowsert, walk hand-in-hand Wednesday morning on their way in to Crittenden County Elementary School. School started Wednesday with a half-day of classes.

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PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Marie and Richard Binkley of West Depot Street in Marion stand in the corner of a neighbor's yard, just feet away from new jail construction they say has made their lives miserable.

Jail construction putting strain on neighborhood

BY JERRITT HOVEY
PRESS STAFF WRITER

It's not easy trying to get a few extra hours of sleep with hammers pounding next door. The sounds of construction including delivery vehicles in and out, men talking and drills turning have made it down right impossible for the folks living next to the new jail site to have anything similar to a normal life.

Even a pillow over the head can't muffle the sounds of a fork lift. Just ask some people who live on Depot Street, right next door to the construction of the jail.

"It's miserable," said Marie

Binkley, a resident on Depot Street. "They're working later into the night and half of us can't get any sleep."

On June 22, 2006, the Crittenden County Fiscal Court finalized a deal to build a new 129-bed detention center behind the current jail. After a year and one month, the outside construction is just about finished. However, the doors won't officially be opened until December.

"Construction is just about over," Judge-Executive Fred Brown said. "Just a few more months and then the noise will be bearable again."

Brown said he knows res-

idents are having a hard time living next to a major work site and he apologizes for the inconvenience.

For residents on Depot Street, a few more months is going to be tough to handle. The main problem some of them have is that an old alley way they used to access the backs of their properties has been closed off because of construction.

"Not only did they block the alley way, they tore it up making it almost impossible to use," said Richard Binkley. "Marie told them that they couldn't use our driveway

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School board will decide Tuesday on tax increase

STAFF REPORT

Hoping to generate an additional \$127,400 in revenue, Crittenden County's board of education next week is anticipated to increase property tax rates.

Last week, the board announced its intentions to raise the 2007 personal and real property tax rates from 40.2 cents per \$100 of assessed property to 41.4 cents. The tax is levied on annual property tax bills

mailed to property owners each fall. No increase on the motor vehicle tax is being sought.

The board of education will make a decision on the tax rate Tuesday evening, following a public hearing on the matter scheduled for 5:50 p.m., at Rocket Arena.

Crittenden County schools have been struggling financially in recent years, forcing staff and program cuts. State-mandated contributions

to employee retirement, utilities and transportation costs have all increased exponentially. In fact, Chief Financial Officer Brent Highfill has estimated \$100,000 on transportation fuel alone will be spent this school year, double what was paid out in 2005.

While the school system relies on taxpayers largely through property taxes, they also collect 3 percent of gross utility charges in Crittenden

County. Those utilities include phone, cable and satellite television, electric, water and natural and artificial gas. Highfill said fees from satellite TV had not been collected until last year.

"...About the same time, the state decided to take control of collections and assess the local district a fee for collecting those taxes, roughly 1 percent," Highfill said.

Utilities formerly remitted the 3

percent collection directly to the school system, but must now send the money to Frankfort, where the state collects a fee on the money before distributing it back to the respective county's school district.

Last year, the Crittenden County Board of Education collected \$372,583 from the utility fee. That number was \$355,192 and \$352,371 in the two previous years, respectively.

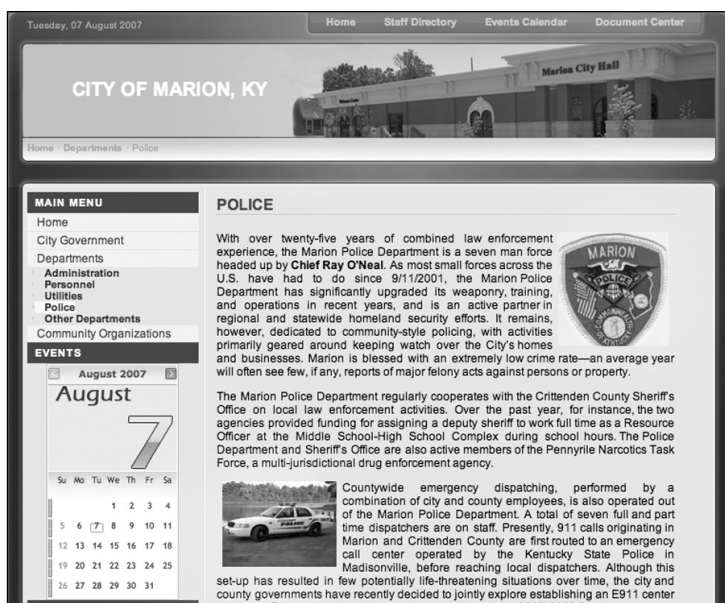
Marion unveils Web site

STAFF REPORT

Marion will soon be visited by thousands of tourists a week, some expected from as far away as the other side of the globe. For them, Marion is now just a click away at MarionKy.gov.

While those new visitors will be virtual, not spending money in our stores or jamming city streets with their cars, the exposure the city's new Web site will generate could eventually bring some of those surfers to town. That may not be the reason the city developed the site, but it is certainly one benefit.

MarionKy.gov went online about a week ago, with a few kinks and tweaks still being worked out by City Administrator Mark Bryant and designer B&B Design Group, a western Kentucky company formed last year by Bruce McClure and Ben Grainger. Bryant said the site serves as a sort of library, giving residents and prospective visitors easy access to some of



A screenshot from MarionKy.gov shows a sample of what surfers can find on the new Web site for the City of Marion.

the most common information requests.

The city paid \$995 for the design, plus another \$400 for hosting fees, a bargain according to the city administrator.

Mayor Mickey Alexander says it is important for the city to have a presence on the Internet.

The new Web site has all the essentials expected from visitors, including a profile of the city, a calendar of events, a staff directory with links to

e-mail addresses, department and government profiles, community organizations and weather. Bryant created most of the text and concept for the site.

Perhaps one of the most helpful features for local residents and businesses is the document center, where minutes of meetings, permits and applications, tax forms, fee schedules and zoning information can be downloaded. Downloads are available in the universal PDF format.

County fair deemed a hit

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Lions Club members say this summer's county fair felt like some of those from year's past - hot, dry and fun.

No rain, just temperatures hovering in the high 90s made the annual event reminiscent of earlier August fairs, especially when farmers showed up with their farm tractors Wednesday night. From homemade lemonade to cotton candy and the demolition derby, the Lions Club said everything seemed to be a big hit.

The fair has been juggled through the summer schedule over the past few years, but is now back in August, its more traditional time.

Shelby Belt, president of the Lions Club, said gate receipts were good every night and as usual the demolition derby was the biggest drawing card with about 1,400 people in attendance and 30 cars on the track.

"Overall we were pleased with how things went," Belt said. "Fair attendance is down everywhere so I think we had a pretty good one."

The truck and tractor pull was one of the most talked

about events of the week as off-the-farm stock tractors were allowed to strut their stuff for the first time in many years.

"We had 15-18 plain old farm tractors," Belt said. "I think people really liked that part."

Tractor pulling, like many competitive events, started out with humble beginnings. Farmers unhooked their plows and disks and went straight to town with

carnival so that's something we're going to look at before next year," he said.

Tuesday night's talent show seemed to go well for its debut season. Belt said it drew a bigger crowd than some of the more recent Tuesday night events. The motorcycle races on Friday were also interesting for biker buffs.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown, also a longtime Lions Club member, said it's incredible to see what goes on behind the scenes.

"You can't imagine how many volunteer hours go into putting on the fair," he said. "People like Shelby Belt should be commended. They work on that track every day and night to get it ready."

James Penn came in with his backhoe to help us get ready for the demolition derby. That helped us cut our preparation time in half."

Brown said Saturday night's derby crowd was a hungry one, too.

"We cooked and cooked until we ran completely out of meat," he said about the concession stand.



More coverage Photos and fair results can be found on pages 6B and 7B

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because we didn't want it torn up as well."

Not only is it loud, some of the residents think that drainage will be a problem when the new jail is complete. They think runoff will flood their yards and homes.

Kathy Harris, who lives on West Carlisle, just about experienced a flash flood a few weeks ago. Mud washed from the construction site down a hill to her house.

"It came right up to my threshold," Harris said. "My husband and I went over to the jail site and asked to borrow two pieces of steel that were about 12 feet long so that we could redirect the water. If it wasn't for that, my entire bottom stairs

would have been flooded."

Since the county fire department is right near Harris' home, she had already had a concrete bump put over the entry of her driveway to keep water from flowing into her yard when the firemen flushed their trucks. That barrier didn't help when recent rains washed muck from the construction area.

"Even with that bump there the mud and water was so much that it just flowed right over it," Harris said.

Harris hopes the runoff problem will be rectified once the jail is complete and gutting systems are put into place.

"It better not happen again," Harris said. "I'm hoping it was just an accident from all of the rain and back wash."

Of course recent drought conditions have created another problem - dust.

Brown asks that residents be understanding for a short time longer. The new jail, he said will be a great asset to the community and will even create a few new jobs.

Construction has about four more months to go, but much of the outside banging and clanging may be close to finished. Much of the interior work will create less of a burden for nearby residents, he said.

"I sincerely apologize for the construction," the judge-executive said. "The work will be over soon and then everything will be back to normal. I am sorry for any inconveniences it may have caused."

B.H. Green of Paducah is the contractor for the job. Brown said so far, everything is on schedule and the county has been pleased with the work.

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degree persistent felony offender.

The charges stem from a June investigation into the theft and disassembling of electric transformers from old mining property near Frances. Another man, James E. Millikan, was also indicted on similar charges (see below) for his alleged participation in the transformer case.

Court records allege that Adams was in possession of more than 5,000 feet of copper and aluminum wire and transformer materials taken from the east and west sides of Ky. 70.

The wanton endangerment charge stems from the potentially hazardous materials from the transformers being left in a yard near a home where a minor child had access to the items. Police said the child was playing nearby when they went to the home investigating the case.

The two criminal mischief charges are due to the environmental hazards created when the transformers were taken down on both sides of the highway and dismantled. Cleanup cost more than \$1,000 at each site, court records said.

James E. Millikan, 31, of 1808 Ky. 70 was indicted on charges of receiving stolen property (over \$300) by complicity; two counts of theft by unlawful taking (over \$300) by complicity; first-degree wanton endangerment by complicity; and two counts of first-degree criminal mischief by complicity. The charges are the same as those against Adams, but Millikan faces an additional theft charge for his alleged role in taking transformers from poles at old mining property. Police found evidence that some of the transformers were stripped down for their valuable wire at his home. The remnants of the transformers were burned next to the house. That's where officers said the child was playing nearby, prompting the wanton

endangerment charge.

John Wesley Fowler Jr., 22, of Jackson Street in Marion was indicted for third-degree rape of a 14-year-old neighbor on May 1.

Brent Gibson, 28, of Maple Street in Princeton was indicted on eight counts of theft of a firearm by complicity. The guns were allegedly taken from a residence at 2133 Ky. 654 North in rural Crittenden County. Police reports said several guns were taken including a 12 gauge Mossburg shotgun, 9 mm Glock, Ruger Mini, .22 Ruger rifle, a Marlin rifle, a .22 Higgins rifle, a .410 shotgun and a .22 Remington rifle.

Court records indicate that a woman, Sandra Gibson, was also involved (see related case below). Police records said the victim of the theft was Sandra Gibson's mother. The guns were allegedly stolen on Oct. 2, 2006.

Brent Gibson was also indicted on a charge of second-degree burglary by complicity and theft by unlawful taking (over \$300) by complicity. Those charges stem from the alleged taking of a ring and bench grinder from the same address on Ky. 654 North on April 27 of this year.

Sandra Gibson, 19, of Adamson Lane in Marion was indicted on eight counts of theft by unlawful taking (firearms) by complicity relating the guns allegedly stolen from her mother's house on Ky. 654 North last year. Gibson was also indicted for theft by unlawful taking by complicity and second-degree burglary by complicity for her alleged role in the taking of the ring and grinder in April.

Sabrina Gayle Jones, 20, of Arleen Street in Marion was indicted on a charge of second offense use or possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. The charges stem from a case opened on June 2 by Marion Police Officer Bobby West. A tip led West and Trooper Matt Foster to Jones' home where they smelled marijuana. After receiving consent to search her home, they found what police

reports said were two marijuana pipes in the suspect's purse. They also reported finding scales, marijuana, rolling papers, pipe cleaners and other items in a vent in the floor.

Jimmy L. McFarland, 60, of Ky. 295 in Marion was indicted on a charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon by complicity and being a second-degree persistent felony offender. Court records say that Sheriff's Deputy Greg Rushing was conducting a home visit on May 31 along with probation and parole agents when a .22 rifle was discovered in the bedroom closet.

Lois A. McFarland, 51, of Ky. 295 in Marion was indicted on a charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon by complicity and being a second-degree persistent felony offender. The charges stem from a home visit by Deputy Rushing and probation and parole officials on May 31 (see details in above case).

Thomas Anthony Slayton, 49, of Blackburn Street in Marion was indicted on three counts of second-offense, first-degree possession of a controlled substance and for being a first-degree persistent felony offender. The case was opened on June 19 when Marion Patrolman Marty Hodge was conducting a traffic stop. His report indicates that several

pill bottles were found in a prescription bottle that was not their original container. Hodge reported finding five alleged Oxycodone tablets, four other Oxycodone tablets and one dose of Methodone. Court records say the pills were in a bottle for Hydrocodone that was prescribed in the suspect's name.

Billy R. Sullivan, 50, of Cannon Road in Princeton was indicted on charges of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a vehicle, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, alcohol intoxication in a public place and being a second-degree persistent felony offender.

Police records indicate that Trooper B. Gann arrested Sullivan at a road check on May 3. Sullivan was a passenger in a vehicle stopped on Ky. 139 at Shady Grove. Court records say that Trooper Gann observed Sullivan putting a gun under the backseat of the car as the vehicle approached the road check. The report also said that Sullivan resisted arrest, but there was no indictment on that charge.

NOTICE OF HEARING

CRITTENDEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Crittenden County Board of Education will hold a public hearing in the Crittenden County Board of Education Rocket Arena on August 14, 2007 at 5:50 p.m. to hear public comments regarding a proposed general fund tax levy of 41.4 cents on real property and 41.4 cents on personal property.

The General fund tax levied in fiscal year 2007 was 40.2 cents on real property and 40.2 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$1,199,543. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 41.4 cents on real property and 41.4 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$1,326,956 for 2008. Of this amount, \$220,983 is from new and personal property. Estimated increase over prior year is \$127,413. The compensating tax rate for 2008 is 39.7 cents for Real Estate and is expected to produce \$1,076,322 and 40.2 cents for Personal Property to produce 198,616, for a combined total of \$1,274,938.

The general areas to which revenue in excess of 2007 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$5,778; building fund, \$3,482; instruction, \$118,153.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and the information contained herein.

*Actual collections will probably be less.

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FOOTBALL

Rockets scrimmage

The Rocket football team will scrimmage at Muhlenberg South starting at 7 p.m., Friday. The team will have its second and final scrimmage next Thursday at home against Hopkins Central. Kickoff is at 6:30 p.m.

Little league sign up

The Lions Club's Junior Pro football registration for youngsters in grades 3-6 will begin Thursday (tonight) at the Lions Club building at the fairgrounds. Sign-ups start at 6 p.m. Registration periods will also be held at the same place starting at 6 p.m., Monday and Tuesday nights. Teams are split into 3-4 and 5-6 grade leagues. All players need a birth certificate, even if they played in years past. The cost is \$25. For more information, call Donnie Phillips at 625-1875.

K-2 LL flag football

The Rocket football program is kicking off a new youth flag football league for boys currently in grades K-2. It will be a no-contact league played on a 70-yard field on Saturday mornings. The season will start in early September and last for six weeks. Participation is free and each player will receive a free jersey. Registration forms are available at Crittenden Elementary School or at The Crittenden Press. Call Jamie Brown at 704-0814 for more information.

GOLF

Sycamore Hills action

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.

BASKETBALL

3-on-3 tournament

There will be a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for boys and girls in various age divisions and an open division for adults on Aug. 25 as part of the annual Eddyville Founders Day celebration at Lee Jones Park. There will also be a five-person co-ed volleyball tournament the same day. Entry forms are available at McDonald's in Marion, Princeton and Eddyville and other locations, including Akridge Farm Supply in Fredonia. For information, call Paul Akridge at 388-2910. Deadline to enter is Aug. 20.

BASEBALL

Post 68 third place

Three Crittenden County baseball players finished up their American Legion season recently with the Post 68 Eddyville Aces. The local players were Travis Conway, Jacob McMican and Jordan Martin. The Aces finished third in the District Tournament after beating Madisonville 13-3 then losing 7-4 to eventual champion Bowling Green. Coach Troy Conway said the club did very well in its first season in the Senior League. He thinks the team will be even better next year with experience and a full 18-man roster. Pitching depth will be an area the team will look to enhance during the offseason.

Diamond Club meets

The Crittenden County High School Diamond Club boosters will meet at 6 p.m., Monday at the high school library. All parents of players who intend to play Rocket baseball next spring are encouraged to attend. The top priority of the meeting is to discuss fundraisers for the spring break trip to Florida.

SOFTBALL

Q'berry tournaments

Sammie Jo Quisenberry and the Evansville Stealers U-16 fast-pitch softball team traveled to Clarksville, Tenn., recently and finished third in the Lil' Lady Colonel Classic. They also finished second in the annual Firecracker Fast Pitch Tournament at Robinson, Ill. Quisenberry is a member of the Crittenden County High School softball team.



Members of the 2007 Lady Rocket volleyball team are (from left) coach Glenna Hoeszle, Taylor Keister, Kelcie Miniard, Nicole Bean, Wynne Wallace, Erika Leet, Tiffany Hearrell, Meredith Lanham, Breanna Cozart, Casey Knox, Chasity Doom, Shannah Williams, Olivia Adams, Taylor Venable and coach Larry Duvall.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

V-ballers seeking third straight winning season

BY CHRIS HARDESTY
PRESS SPORTS WRITER

Fresh off of a 26-4 record coupled with the program's first ever Fifth District championship, the Lady Rocket volleyball team will attempt to keep that winning tradition going under first-year coach Larry Duvall. When asked about his decision to take the coaching job, Duvall said he has been interested in the sport since there was some discussion about starting a program four years ago. Despite only being hired two weeks ago, the longtime agriculture teacher has enjoyed his initial taste of the coaching profession.

"I'm taking it one step at a time," he said.

With the exception of not participating in the Lone Oak Invitational Tournament this fall, the regular season slate is exactly the same as last year.

Although Duvall knows it will be a learning process between him and his team, he still believes the talent is there to rack up several wins.

The new coach believes this year's ball club will be extremely competitive in league play.

"I would think we would be because of the talent we have coming back. If we don't finish well, I'll be disappointed," said the Lady Rocket coach.

If they are to keep that successful tradition going, Crittenden will have to replace the talented trio of Darah Easley, Kiley Amburgy and Rheanda Dunn, who were each lost to graduation.

Also, Lonna Starnes, who has battled knee injuries the last few seasons and was a key contributor on last year's squad, chose not to play this fall due to injuries.

Only 13 girls came out for the squad this school year. Five of those are first-year players. But a key addition to this year's ball club is senior Breanna Cozart, who missed last season because of a knee injury.

Cozart will be one of the most athletic weapons of the team this time.

Senior Chasity Doom has played four years and will be one of the top defenders on the team.

The junior class is made up of Tiffany Hearrell and Meredith Lanham, who have both made tremendous impacts on the program over the course of their careers.

Although the sophomore class is thin with only Olivia Adams and Erica Leet, Duvall has been impressed with that duo's tremendous work ethic.

Nicole Bean, Casey Knox, Taylor Venable, Wynne Wallace and Kelcie Miniard are all first-year players who are still learning the intricacies of the sport.

"I think there is some talent there," the new coach said, describing his rookies.

Shooting for a third consecutive winning season will be a strong motivating factor for this year's relatively young squad, Duvall said.

"My primary goal is to make the sport fun," he said.

When asked for the key to a successful season, it did not take long for

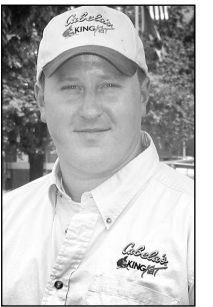
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2	Taylor Keister	8th		
3	Breanna Cozart	Sr.		
4	Chasity Doom	Sr.		
7	Erika Leet	So.		
12	Tiffany Hearrell	Jr.		
13	Olivia Adams	So.		
25	Meredith Lanham	Jr.		
--	Kelcie Miniard	Fr.		
--	Wynne Wallace	Sr.		
--	Nicole Bean	Sr.		
--	Casey Knox	Fr.		
--	Shawna Venable	8th		
Coach: Larry Duvall. Asst. Coach: Glenna Hoeszle				
Date	Opponent	Site	Time	J/V/V
Aug. 6	Christian	A	6:00	J/V/V
Aug. 10	Ft. Campbell	H	6:00	J/V/V
Aug. 13	Madisonville	A	6:00	J/V/V
Aug. 14	Graves	A	6:00	J/V/V
Aug. 21	Trigg	A	6:00	J/V/V
Aug. 23	Henderson	H	6:00	J/V/V
Aug. 28	Caldwel	H	6:00	J/V/V
Aug. 30	Livingston	H	6:00	J/V/V
Sep. 10	Union	H	6:00	J/V/V
Sep. 4	Hopkins Central	H	6:00	J/V/V
Sep. 6	Christian	H	6:00	J/V/V
Sep. 11	Caldwel	A	6:00	J/V/V
Sep. 13	Livingston	A	6:00	J/V/V
Sep. 18	Trigg	H	6:00	J/V/V
Sep. 20	CC Spikefest	H	6:00	V
Sep. 21	CC Spikefest	H	5:00	V
Sep. 22	CC Spikefest	H	TBA	V
Sep. 24	Union	A	6:00	J/V/V
Sep. 29	Hopkins Cent. Tourm.	A	TBA	V
Oct. 2	Community Christian	H	6:00	J/V/V
Oct. 4	Hopkinsville	H	6:00	J/V/V

Fishing partner

Tabor earns living by keeping anglers on busy schedule

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Most men would love to have jobs that are focused on outdoor hobbies such as hunting or fishing, as opposed to being cooped up in a three-walled cubicle or in front of a computer. For Tanner Tabor, his office is his house, his car and anywhere on the river.



TABOR

Tabor, 25, is the catfish tournament director for Crappie USA, a business that specializes in crappie and catfish tournaments.

Having graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2005 with a degree in marketing, the Crittenden County native was looking for a job when he ran into Darryl Van Dactor, CEO of the Benton-based Crappie USA.

"I've always wanted to do something that involved the outdoors," Tabor said. "Me getting to meet Darryl, let alone getting a job offer from him as well, was all by chance."

Tabor was introduced to Van Dactor by his mother, Debbie, who worked for Van Dactor's doctor. After meeting one another, Tabor and Van Dactor quickly hit it off, and it was then that Tabor was given the offer to work for Crappie USA.

"He just said that he had a position open for a catfish tournament director," Tabor said. "He asked me if I would be interested in it, and I said that I was."

As a director for catfish tournaments, Tabor is in charge of setting up the schedule, finding locations, securing local advertisements and finding national sponsorships. On average, Crappie USA has about 40 crappie tournaments and 14 catfish tournaments a year. Tabor is in charge of all of the catfishing tournaments.

When Tabor goes to a town to set up a tournament, he doesn't always know that it will be approved by local government. In fact, there have been a few times when plans for a tournament have been rejected, but it doesn't seem to discourage the tournament organizer.

"Sometimes I get turned down," Tabor said. "It's different where ever you go, but it's always fun. It's an adventure."

When a tournament is approved, however, Tabor has to make sure he has advertising from local businesses. Not only does it help the tournament meet its financial goals, but it benefits the businesses as well. Then he will get national sponsorships, like Cabela's, to promote the tournament.

After that, seminars and registration are held on Friday, a brief captain's meeting on Saturday and then the boats are released. At most of the tournaments, Tabor is the emcee for the event.

Cabela's sponsored a catfish tournament in Henderson last weekend called Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail. The King Kat tournament is a special one because this year, the Sportsman Channel will be airing highlights from the event.

"We're pretty excited," Tabor said. "A few weeks ago they recorded the largest catfish being caught on film. It weighed about 85 pounds. We're kind of hoping that it'll happen at Henderson, too."

For him to be arranging fishing tournaments, it may hard to believe that he doesn't get to fish a lot.

"I'm busy making sure that these tournaments go accordingly to plan," Tabor said. "It doesn't leave much room for fishing, but I don't mind. It's all for the sport."

Hart earns spot with IronCats

Crittenden County's Brad Hart recently finished among the top Wildcats for pre-season workouts and earned the designation IronCat along with about 28 other teammates. To be a member of the IronCats team, players could not have had any unexcused absences during the summer strength and conditioning workouts and had to finish in the top three lifters at their position or in the top three on the team in the bench press, squat lift or power clean. Hart is a sophomore finance major at the University of Kentucky. He is currently fighting for a starting position at longsnapper. To see a photo of the 2007 IronCats, got online to www.ukathletics.com.

Rockets gearing up for season's 1st scrimmage

STAFF REPORT

With three weeks of pre-season workouts and practice under their belts, the Rocket football players are off to Muhlenberg South Friday for a test against a live opponent.

The scrimmage game will start at 7 p.m., at the middle school field on Pritchett Drive in Greenville.

Crittenden County fans can expect a much improved team this fall. Rocket coach Al Starnes says the boys are working harder than any group he's ever had.

"I attribute most of that to Denis Hodge and Jared Brown," Starnes said,

pointing to a couple of new assistant coaches who have military backgrounds. Hodge was a U.S. Army Ranger and Brown is a former Marine. Starnes said they're using some old-fashioned basic training tactics to get the most out of the boys.

Heat has been a factor the last few days. Practice times were changed from mid afternoon until 6:30 p.m.

Sophomore J.D. Gray is looking good at his new position - quarterback. With Gray running the spread offense, Crittenden has some real offensive weapons in running backs Jeramie Sorina and Rodney Robertson. The QB and two backs each run 4.7 in the 40-yard dash or better.

Sorina sports a 4.5 time. "This is the fastest set of running backs we've ever had," the coach said.

Senior Adam Hardin and newcomers Mason Baker and Joey Pluskota are looking good at receiver, too.

Alex Wood and Aaron Berry have moved to the offensive line to help shore up thin numbers there.

Despite the near certainty of having a lethal offense, Starnes said the defense is making the greatest strides.

"We're going to be a whole lot tougher on defense this time," he said.

The biggest setback so far has been a knee injury to Josh Ippock, a lineman and end. A dislocated knee cap will sideline him through the first game or two.

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