

“Track”

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jump with a career best state championship jump of 32’6.75”, less than two inches away from her personal best. As with Alyssa, Katelynn should be a strong contender for state titles in the jumping events throughout her high school career.

RCHS freshman Tori Phillips came into the state meet tied for 4th after her career best jump of 4’10” at regional competition. With a starting height of 4’8” at the state meet, which is 4” to 6” higher than the usual starting

height at meets all season, many competitors did not clear the opening height. Tori had several outstanding attempts at 4’8” but came up just short of clearance. She’s expected to easily surpass 5’ next season and contend for the state title for the next three years.

The RCMS girls’ track team will compete at state this weekend. The girls have lost only once all season long and captured their 7th indoor state title in March. They face some very stiff competition from several schools including Murray Middle from Western Kentucky, the defending middle school state

champions from a year ago and the favorite for the outdoor team title on Saturday.

RCMS has some of the best middle school girls in the state with several ranked in the top ten in their events. Katelynn Hensley is ranked 1st in long jump and 2nd in triple jump among all middle schoolers in the state of Ken-

tucky. Jennifer Mercer is ranked 3rd in long jump, but unfortunately only one competitor from each team may compete in the state meet. Jennifer is also ranked 5th in the state in the 300-meter hurdles and should be a state title contender for the 100-meter hurdles and 100-meter dash as well. Mikaela Sadler

is tied for 4th in pole vault heading into state even though she’s only recently picked up the event. Sierra Mercer is ranked 10th in the 200-meter dash and Katelynn Hensley a close 11th. Sierra should also be a strong contender for the state title in the 400-meter dash. The 4 x 400-meter relay team is ranked

3rd. Several other RCMS competitors and relays are ranked in the top twenty in their events and will look to get into the scoring column.

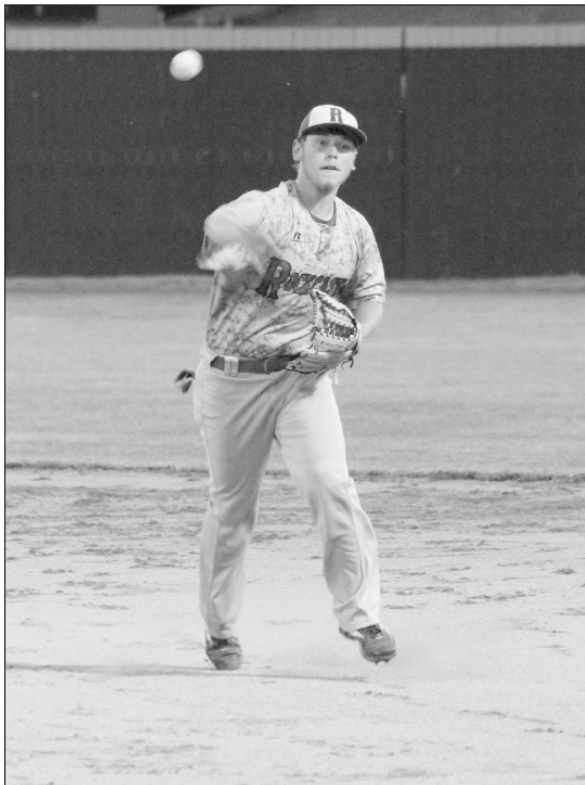
The Middle School State Track and Field Championships will be held at the University of Louisville this Saturday, May 25 beginning at 10:00 am.



Kayla Cromer waits for a flyball during the Lady Rockets 12-5 distict win over the Somerset Lady Briar Jumpers Monday night.



Devon McGuire takes a base after getting hit by a pitch during Monday night’s district tournament loss to the Pulaski County Maroons.



RJ Smith makes a throw to first during Monday night’s 6-5 district tournament loss to the Pulaski County Maroons.



Gage Reynolds is shown laying down a bunt during Monday night’s 6-5 district tournament loss. The Rockets were ahead of the Pulaski County Maroons 5-2 going into the bottom of the 7th inning when the Maroons scored four runs.



The 2013 Rockcastle County Middle School Baseball team won the Commonwealth Middle School Athletic Conference Tournament last week. The team finished the season with an 18-1 record. They also were the regular season conference champions. Pictured are, front row, from left: coach Scott Smith, Thomas Burdette, Austin Saylor, Isaac McClure, Peyton Saylor, Jayden Payne, Anthony Houk, Carson Noble, Dustin Taylor and Gavin Isaacs. Back row from left: Brady Lear, Hunter Rigbsby, Ryan Martin, Blake King, Jordan Smith, Tommy Benge, Michael Tomlinson, Lucas Gentry, Isaiah Mercer, Eldon Simpson, Nick Dillingham, Brent Lovell and James Isaacs.



Hannah Childress hit a three run homerun during the second inning of the Lady Rockets district win against Somerset Monday night to make the score 8-0. The Lady Rockets ended up winning the game 12-5. Hannah’s teammates gathered at hhome plate to congratulate Childress.

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