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Can you dig it?

If you can, join in the second annual Ben E. Clement Gem and Mineral Show this weekend in Marion. Even if you can't dig, there'll be plenty to see and do under the air-conditioned roof of Rocket Arena for the big event.

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Services honor our fallen heroes

Annual Memorial Day services around the county were hosted in Shady Grove, Blackford and Marion, where American Legion Post 111 continued its long-standing tradition of honoring the county and nation's fallen servicemen.

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June 8-9
Marion, Ky.

RELAY FOR LIFE
American Cancer Society

Local meetings

UPCOMING
• Marion City Council will meet 6 p.m., June 18 in council Chambers.
• Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet 9 a.m., June 19 at the courthouse.

Fuel prices

Reported by AAA as of Wednesday morning. Averages are for self-serve regular only.

Nation	Kentucky	Local*
\$3.20	\$3.14	\$3.18

*No change 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
322	10

*Through May 28 reporting period

Home mortgage

Fixed rates from FreddieMac.com*

30-year	15-year
6.37%	6.06%

0.4 points 0.4 points
*As of May 24; other variables may apply

Rain gauge

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

7 days	30 days	2007
0.00"	1.56"	16.09"

below average: 5.76"

Forecast

Reported by the National Weather Service.

Thursday	Friday
20%	20%

Cloudy, showers 86/63
Cloudy 86/65

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Police hope to deafen noise with citations

STAFF REPORT

That rumbling sound of straight pipes or glasspack mufflers may no longer be too cool.

City police are already cracking down on loud, performance-type exhaust systems that rattle windows on Main Street well into the night. Thumping bass stereo systems are also being called into question.

Ray O'Neal, assistant chief of police, says the enforcement of state and city noise laws is in direct response to dozens of complaints filed in the last few weeks. Phone calls to the police about loud pipes and annoying, high-volume music typically increases in the spring and summer. With motorcycles and more traffic on city streets, the din is sometimes problematic.

On the books

"Every vehicle when on a highway shall be so equipped as to make a minimum of noise, smoke or other nuisance, to protect the rights of other traffic, and to promote the public safety."

- KRS 189.020
effective Oct. 1, 1942

"The message we want to send is this: Keep it quiet in town," O'Neal said. "We're not targeting any specific group, we just think it's time to get a handle on the noise. People who live in town should have the same luxury of going to sleep at night as anyone else in the county."

During two weekends in June and July alone, hundreds of motorcyclists

rumble through town for the Hog Rock and Little Sturgis Rally gatherings nearby.

While performance pipes and speakers are certainly part of the problem, O'Neal says it's not the equipment police are planning to target. It's driving patterns and a lack of respect that will be judged.

"We've been giving warnings long enough. There will be no warning tickets. We're writing citations," he added.

In most cases, police will ask the district court judge to compel the owner of the problem vehicle to remedy the situation by removing loud exhaust, plus face fines and court costs.

O'Neal stresses that the main focus will be on people who put a little too



O'Neal

much push on the petal.

"If you drive right, you won't have a problem," the officer said. "But if you get on it in town, squall tires or play music too loud, you can expect a citation."

The crackdown is backed by city ordinances and 65-year-old state noise regulations under Kentucky Revised Statutes 189. O'Neal said that music which is audible outside of the vehicle is also a violation of the Kentucky Noise Control Act.

"Honestly, careless driving is most of it. People need to curb their bad driving habits and they won't have much of a problem," O'Neal said.

One last hurrah



PHOTOS BY DARYL K. TABOR AND JERRITT HOVEY



Above, Katlyn Nasserri (foreground) directs graduation traffic shortly before the Class of 2007 filed into Rocket Arena Friday for professional. Seventy-eight seniors graduated from Crittenden County High School this year. Many of the decorated mortarboards, a relatively new tradition at CCHS, featured a Confederate flag in memory of former classmate Colt Herran who died in an automobile accident last year. A dedication to Herran was made public at last Thursday's Class Night ceremonies. At left, graduate Zack Wright looks on as his mother and Kim Asbridge shout out to friends across the gym floor after Friday's commencement. This year's class featured four valedictorians and one salutatorian.

Graduation 2007

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Guard shuffle

Reorganization turns local unit into engineers

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

The face of Marion's National Guard unit is about to change.

Last week, state officials announced a restructuring plan for the Kentucky Army National Guard that will convert the local unit from armor to engineering sometime before 2011. The reorganization of the Kentucky militia is a statewide effort to better respond to both federal and state requests for assistance.

Most of the 40-plus members who call the Carson G. Davidson National Guard Armory home are currently in Iraq, but 1st Lt. Barkley Hughes, commander of the rear detachment left stateside, said he welcomes the restructuring.

"I can tell you that I look forward to the change," the 1990 Crittenden County High School graduate said. "It will be a benefit not only to the soldiers but also to the community."

According to a release from Kentucky National Guard, Marion and Leitchfield armories will share 104 soldiers under the 206th Engineer Company, Sapper, as a detachment of 206th headquarters in Owensboro.

Capt. David Page at Guard Public Affairs in Frankfort said the "Sapper" indication is a military term for light engineers who handle demolition, clearance of obstacles and clean-up.

"They are more of a light combat engineer... engineers on wheels," he said, noting that plans for the unit are not for a full combat engineer company.

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CEO named at hospital

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Jim Christensen should feel right at home when he arrives on the job in a few weeks.

Christensen has been hired as the new CEO of Crittenden Health Systems, bringing him from one small town to another. He will head the local hospital and its extended services five months after former CEO Claudia Eisenmann resigned her position.

Though no formal announcement has been made, hospital board chair Ramona Ford told The Press a hiring decision had been made. Ronny Humes, Regional Vice-President of QHR (formerly Quorum Health Resource), confirmed on Tuesday that Carl J. "Jim" Christensen had been selected as CEO from the 38 initial applicants.

QHR is a Texas-based health care corporation contracted to provide management services for Crittenden Health

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Larger than life

Guess continues legacy off the clock

By CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

A steady flow of well-wishers filed through The Peoples Bank lobby Friday. They were immediately met by a large framed picture of Gordon B. Guess for whom the day honored as he officially retired from the bank his father founded more than 50 years ago.

For any other man, it might have been considered a life-sized portrait. For Guess, it personified a mere fraction of the real man who stands about 6-foot-4 and has been a tower of community spirit since he came back home to help run the family business in 1973.

His father, Neil, was the ramrod in starting the bank in 1945. The son, who had been working as a banker in Louisville, returned

home to help fill in a gap when a key employee left. Little did he know that his father would pass away the following year and he'd take the reins of the locally-owned institution for the next 33 years.

Going out in style

Longtime Crittenden County Treasurer Roberta Shewmaker enjoyed a retirement party of her own last Friday, Page 3A.

Guess is an icon in the community. From his philanthropic contributions to social, cultural and sports programs to his pressing political intuitiveness, Guess and his family have shown a tremendous amount of civic pride over the past five decades.

The colorful portrait of Guess was commissioned by the Federal Reserve for which he has served as a regional director the last few years. It will hang in the bank board room, on the wall next to a similar likeness of his father.

Guess and a few other major stockholders have sold controlling



Gordon B. Guess

interest in the bank. The process has taken almost a year. The slow motion provided a gentle period of adjustment for the new principals, bank employees and the man who had become the embodiment of

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Getting down to the origin of Tolu's name

River town was bustling burg in 1882

Always interesting, fun and informative were those community items printed in The Crittenden Press from years ago. These items give us a glimpse of yesteryear and the everyday of life as it was then. Let's take a look back at some of the people and events that were happening in the growing river town that was soon to have the new name of "Tolu," or as we know it today, Tolu.

Feb. 22, 1882

The river is falling slowly. Business seems to be more lively this week than for the past few weeks.

J.W. Guess & Co., is progressing rapidly in the erection of its steam grist and saw mill.

T.A. Hammond is doing a big business rafting logs.

S.F. Crider is done shelling and has corn for sale.

J.E. Bozeman's school was out last week and Edgar is now keeping store for R. Coffield.

Mr. Tom Wallace has sent his racing mare "Bell Robertson" to Louisville to breed to "Commerce" distinguished son of noble Bonnie Scotland.

Since the abating of the mighty Ohio River the citizens of the Island can move back to their now muddy homes.

A certain young man went from this place to town last week and came back buck-eyed. Town whisky does not agree with a country jake. I think it is time for the brethren to pray.

Dock Stone has furnished us a name for the mills at this place. The precious name is Tolu. Some things are appropriate and some are not. We accept the name.

March 26, 1891

Something About the Town and It's Trades People.

Tolu, Kentucky is located on a site, which was destined by nature for the location of a beautiful city.

The topography of the town plot consists of gentle undulations, sloping gradually back from the Ohio River, without any bluff or abrupt ascent, and presents hundreds of beautiful building lots, and on which we hope will soon stand lovely homes and residences.

Brenda UNDERDOWN
Area History & Genealogy



Forgotten Passages

It is 75 miles from Evansville, Ind., and 60 miles from Paducah, Ky., and is easily reached from the east, west and north by way of the Ohio River and from the south over the N. N. & M. V. R. R. to Marion, Ky., then by land via the great Crittenden Springs Summer Resort to Tolu.

Tolu is situated in the midst of the best farming lands in western Kentucky. Corn and wheat grow in great abundance upon the fertile soil for miles back from the bottom land.

Halfway between Marion and Tolu are mines, which have deposits that are so rich, we hope will be the cause of a railroad being built in the near future. (The citizens were so confident that the railroad would be coming through Tolu that on the Plat of Tolu, that was recorded in Deed Book 1, page 349, dated May 29, 1893, in the clerk's office at the Crittenden County Courthouse, the railroad path was drawn out on the map. (It was named Rail Road Ave., and would have gone where Church Street is today.)

When you reach Tolu, coming up Main Street you will find an elegant two-story schoolhouse, which is an honor to the town.

On the street just mentioned you will find nice residences beautifully located.

Farther on down you will find the new dry goods firm Minner & Clark who are nice clever men, and always ready to show you their goods and



An advertisement for Dr. Carty's hotel printed in The Crittenden Press in 1891. Below is a photo of the hotel.

ask you to call again.

In the same house is the Tolu Hotel kept by Dr. Carty with his tables bountifully supplied with good food.

On down the street farther we come to the new hardware store kept by Crider & Company in one of the best houses in the county. It is a large frame structure, with a solid glass front and brick pavement in front, which is a benefit to one and all. At the rear of this is a warehouse 26x60 foot filled with all the latest improved machinery, plows, etc.

In the new store you will find the post office with T.A. McAmis as postmaster, and always ready to wait on you for your mail.

Down the street a little farther you will find Crawford & Nichols, which deals in hardware, dry goods and groceries.

Just across the street you will find Beard & Belt, in the grocery trade, telling you all the while their goods are very cheap.

T.M. Moore, the druggist, is very polite and ready to mix your medicines either to cure you or to make you ready for the undertaker.

Next we find Clement & Croft with their big stock of dry goods and groceries and always ready for their customers.

We also have a grist and saw mill that completes the



Rare Bird

This is a rare bird's eye view photograph of Tolu taken in the early 1900s. This photo was shared by Joe Morris of Browns School Road of Marion and his son, Jay Morris of Princeton, Ky. Joe grew up in Tolu with his mother, Lillian Morris. This view looks Southwest down Orchard Street from the intersection of First Street. The large two-story house was the home of Miss Roberta Croft. In later years, it was torn down and a smaller home for Miss Roberta was built in the empty lot that you can see in the picture. Note the sidewalk. At first glance it looks to be paved. Closer inspection reveals that it was of wood ties under a boardwalk, with stepping stones as its foundation. You can also see the structure of the old Miley Memorial Presbyterian Church.

business part of town.

We welcome all who come to our town, and especially those who want to engage in business.

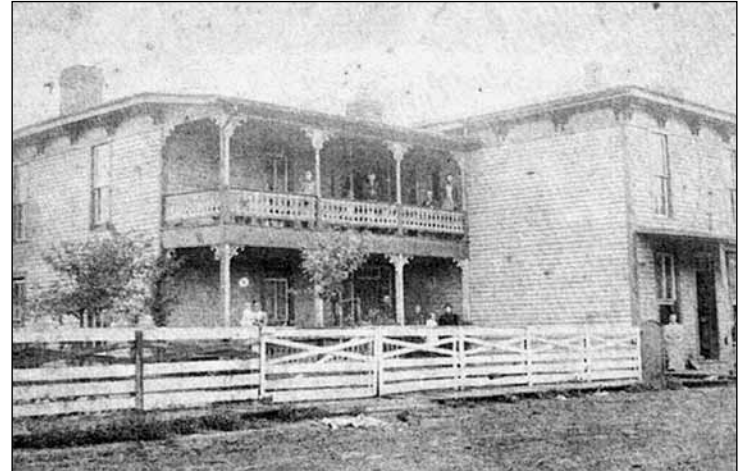
In the near future we expect to have a large rolling mill to supply the country's demand for flour.

Some timber men were here last week buying hickory timber. It won't be long until they will want the apple trees and rose bushes.

P.B. Croft's new house on the hill is of the grand style and is a very pretty edifice.

The Barnett's Lake Fishing Club will entertain itself and friends from April 23 to 26 at its usual headquarters in this county. This is its second season and a gay time is anticipated.

One hundred pretty invi-



This is a good picture of the Dr. Carty Hotel in Tolu during the late 1800s.

tations have been sent out, and there will be no death of guests. The officers of the club are P.C. Barnett, presi-

dent; Walter Clement, secretary, J.C. Wolfe, treasurer.

Come on over and join us, for it's a good place to live.

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CALL THIS HOME - A 16x80 mobile home, 2 br, 2 baths, kitchen w/appliances and is open to liv. rm. Paved drive, beautifully landscaped lot with 3 storage bldgs, each has electric. Lots of extras. \$62,500.00. ph
LOOKING FOR PEACE AND QUIET? - Sheridan is where you'll find this 1 br home w/laundry, living rm, dining area, kitchen & 1 bath. Deck, front porch, 24x30 metal garage on 3+/- acres. \$59,500.00. nd
WHAT A DEAL! - This 3 br, 2 bath home features a living rm & an open kitchen & dining area. A detached two car garage. Beautifully landscaped. Large lot. Only 4 years old. Reduced to \$84,000.00. mo
SURROUNDED BY NATURE - 3 br 2 bath manufactured home located in the country on 4 1/2 acres +/-, 2 car det. garage with a small out bldg. Lots of wildlife with the woods right at the back door. \$89,900.00. jb
A GREAT LOCATION-RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL - 3 br, 2 bath home, formal dining rm or conference rm, large front foyer or could be waiting rm, tv or 2nd waiting rm, full basement w/ br or office, walk-out door in basement, central H/A. Property within walking distance of banks, restaurants & court house, parking behind home. 326 N. Main. Price Reduced. db
WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN BUY - 3 br, 2 ba home. Also has a mobile home, several bldgs. 1 bldg w/celler. House is 3 years old, situated on 2 1/2 +/- acres. Nice country setting, Burna. Reduced to \$82,000.00. mo
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READY TO MOVE IN - Come look at this brick ranch shaded by mature trees. It's a 3 br, 1 ba home with living room, kitchen, complete with appliances and dining area. A 1 car attached garage, window air, a large storage building located on a 1+/- acre corner lot. \$75,000.00. rb
SALEM, KY - 3 br, 2 bath brick home. Living rm w. gas log fireplace, kitchen dining combo & has a 1/2 basement, a carport, 3 car garage & lots of shade trees. Owner wants offer. \$72,500.00. lb
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VERY NICE BUILDING LOT - In Penn Estates, Lot size 150x200, close to town. \$13,300.00. jg
NEW - 1+/- Acre lot on Lewis Road, has septic system, county water, paved road frontage. **SOLD**
30 ACRES - 30+/- acres, good road frontage. **SOLD**
NEW - DRIFTWOOD ESTATES - Building lot, lake view at Barkley Lake, Eddyville. \$30,000.00. gd
BUILDING LOT - Owner wants offer. ck
NEW - .85 ACRE LOT - A nice lot, located on Hwy. 141 in Union County. Water and electric available. \$3,500.00. jw
NICE CORNER LOT - This nice 1+/- acre lot is located on the corner of Chapel Hill Rd and Oak Hill Dr. It adjoins the golf course property, has city water & sewer and is nicely shaded with lots of mature trees. \$27,500.00. jn
3 BEAUTIFUL LOTS - On Hillside Rd. off of Christopher Rd. in Fredonia, KY. Lots of big oak & hickory trees on these lots. Priced to sell at \$12,500.00.
2 LOTS - In Greenwood Heights, partially wooded, on Circle Dr., \$8,500 each. dh
BUILDING LOT - with underground city electric, phone and county water. \$5,300.00. kd
BUILDING LOT - Grandview Estates \$8,500. jn
6 BEAUTIFUL BUILDING LOTS - County water. \$8,700 to \$12,500. jn

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