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FLU SEASON

It's not too late to get a flu shot; cost is down to just \$7

It's not too late to get a flu shot, local health officials say. The Crittenden County Health Department is still administering flu immunizations. Crittenden and Livingston schools have closed recently due to outbreaks of flu and other illnesses. A flu shot is free for anyone with Medicare or Medicaid. Otherwise, the cost is just \$7. Walk-ins are accepted at the health department, but if you're in a hurry, it's best to phone ahead for an appointment. Call 965-5215. Anyone under 18 must have a doctor's order to get a flu shot.

Guess reappointed to Federal Reserve

Gordon B. Guess, 70, of Marion has been reappointed to a new three-year term on the Federal Reserve Bank to the Louisville branch board of directors. Guess is president and chief executive of The Peoples Bank in Marion.



Ferry is open

The Cave In Rock Ferry, which was closed most of last week because of high water on the Ohio River, is now back open and operating on a normal schedule.

Fohs Hall Ball tickets available

There's still room on the dance floor for the 6th annual Fohs Hall Ball. A catered meal begins at 6 p.m., followed by music by the The Temple Airs, a 20-piece orchestra from Evansville. Tickets are \$55 each, and reservations are required by calling 965-4055, 965-3191 or 965-4600.

Brewer going to area task force

Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Devin Brewer has been hired as a detective by the Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force. Brewer is a retired Kentucky State Trooper who has served as a sheriff's deputy since June 2006. Brewer will begin in February with the drug task force and will be assigned to Hopkins County.

Super Sunday

Sunday's Super Bowl kicks off at 5 p.m., on CBS, locally viewed on KFVS channel 12.

ROAD CONDITIONS: DIAL 511

50% Snow	M. CLOUDY
1-2" Possible	Flurries possible
38/25	30/11
THURSDAY	FRIDAY

Rain gauge
Last 7 days0.74"
Last 30 days6.43"
Year-to-date6.43" (+3.27")
UK Ag Weather Service, Observations at Paducah as of Tuesday

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Inspectors check county's preparedness

Report will be issued this week; city may qualify for \$10K in aid

A team of Kentucky Community Preparedness Program assessors are in Marion this week to scrutinize the community's preparedness level and offer recommendations to make the community safer.

Working closely with local law enforcement and community leaders, the team will conduct vulnerability assessments to identify the community's weaknesses. It will scrutinize the community's infrastructure, including schools, fire station, water plant, communications systems, manufacturing facilities, farm centers and government buildings.

The assessors will analyze facilities, structures and security policies and their relationship to each other, and will then offer recommendations for security improvements.

Marion Police Chief Kenneth Winn said that 16 local sites have been

selected for inspection. The sites were strategically chosen based on their importance to post-disaster communication and control, population density, chemical storage and/or their life-sustaining importance to the community. In other words, they are among the most important places in town.

For instance, city hall is the county's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the event of a disaster. That means it should be capable of continuing to operate and maintain command and control even under the most catastrophic circumstances.

"We will have local police officers working with the inspection teams and escorting them to the various sites," Winn said.

The police department is being reimbursed for its time and expenses in assisting the inspectors.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Homeland Security Inspection Assessment team will conduct a public hearing at 9 a.m., Friday at the Marion Ed-Tech Center to review its inspection of Marion and discuss possible remediation.

"This is one of the state's top public safety initiatives," said Gov. Ernie Fletcher. "We have assembled a team of experienced and knowledgeable assessors who are taking a critical look at Kentucky's communities to help them identify security weaknesses and to provide them with the information and resources they need to prevent crime and be prepared for any emergency."

Assistant Police Chief Ray O'Neal said Marion stands to receive up to \$10,000 in grant money once the assessment is complete. The grant funds would be made available to correct any errors or deficiencies in the local preparedness program.

A community that completes the entire assessment process and shows

that it has taken steps toward improving security will be certified as a Prepared Kentucky Community, O'Neal added.

"The Kentucky Community Preparedness Program has proved a tremendous success by improving the security of our state's small- and medium-sized communities and has become a vital investment in the safety of every Kentuckian," said Alecia Webb-Edgington, director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. "This office looks forward to continuing to build the partnerships that are working to ensure our communities, first responders and families are ready and prepared."

The Kentucky Community Preparedness Program is the Department of Criminal Justice Training's homeland security initiative that strengthens the security of Kentucky communities by locating and eliminating potential vulnerabilities. It focuses on hostile acts and crime in small- and medium-sized

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One dead in U.S. 60 accident

Fatality first in county during last 6 months

STAFF REPORT
Carson Dale Hackney, 53, of Midway Road was killed in a head-on collision about 6 p.m., Monday afternoon on U.S. 60 West between Midway and Salem.

Crittenden County Coroner Joe Myers pronounced Hackney dead at the scene (see obituary page 7A).

Hackney's body was taken to the Kentucky Medical Examiner's office at Madisonville for an autopsy.

The driver of the second vehicle, Joe Hunt of Marion, was taken to Crittenden Hospital, but was not seriously injured. He was treated and released. Hunt was wearing his seat belt and the air bag deployed in his vehicle. Hunt was driving a late model one-ton pickup he used for his construction business.

Hackney was ejected from his 1988 Ford flatbed utility truck on impact.

Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Devin Brewer is investigating the accident.

It's not clear what caused the accident, but Hunt told investigators that Hackney's vehicle was traveling on the wrong side of the road. Hunt also told deputies that Hackney's truck lights were not on. The only light Hunt saw as Hackney's vehicle was approaching, investigators said, was a parking light.



Deputies Devin Brewer and Greg Rushing investigate the scene of a fatal accident Monday night on U.S. 60 West. The driver of the truck at right was taken to the hospital with only minor injuries.



Reports say that Hunt was heading toward Marion in an eastward direction when he swerved to try and avoid the collision. The two trucks slammed head-on in the eastbound lane. They came to rest off opposite sides of the road.

Hunt was standing outside of his 1999 Ford truck when the ambulance arrived. He was taken to the hospital as a precautionary measure. His minor injuries were caused by the seat

belt across his chest and the air bag deployment.

It was the first fatal accident in Crittenden County this year and the first since June 2006.

Through Jan. 28, preliminary statistics indicate that 46 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2007. That is the same number as reported for the same time period in 2006. Of the 43 fatal accidents, 28 victims were not wearing seat belts.

Could be oldest in Livingston

Manus turns 104 in Salem home

BY JERRITT HOVEY
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Living for 104 years is an accomplishment of Old Testament proportions.

Considering that 77 years is the average lifespan of Americans, William "Bill" Manus has surpassed most normal expectations and he is well into his second century on earth.

He is most likely Livingston County's oldest resident.

Manus lives at Salem Springlake Health & Rehab with his wife, Christine. They met when Mrs. Manus was just 19-years-old and Mr. Manus was 42. They were married in 1945, and a year later, welcomed a baby boy whom they named Harold.

To be 104 years old, Manus is doing remarkably well. However, he is a little hard-of-hearing and has to rely on a walker to get around. He is able to feed himself and take care of himself without constant help of nurses. In other words, he could be a poster boy of good health for centenarians.

In more than a century, Manus has just about seen and done everything. At one point in his life, Manus and his wife moved out of state as a hired hand that helped



MANUS

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Could voting be made easier?

STAFF REPORT
Could voting opportunities be made more convenient?

That's the question Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford wants residents to answer so she can better advise the Kentucky Clerks Association on how to make it easier for people to vote.

Byford said that the clerk's association is conducting an informal survey to see if Kentucky residents would prefer to allow absentee style voting for everyone for up to two weeks prior to an election.

Currently, the clerk's office has a voting machine set up 14 days prior to elections, but only registered voters who will be out of town on the day of the election are allowed to cast early ballots.

The state wants to know if that option could be broadened, Byford said, to allow anyone to vote during that two-week period.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown likes the idea. He thinks it would be more convenient for citizens and it might end up saving the county some money.

An election costs county taxpayers about \$30,000. By centralizing voting opportunities, it could one day lower the number of precincts in Crittenden County. That alone could save hundreds, perhaps thousands, of dollars. Crittenden County currently maintains 12 voting precincts. Each must be qualified under the Help America Vote Act which requires more stringent facility guidelines than earlier election laws. Each polling place must

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VOTER SURVEY

Do you think Kentucky should change the voting law so that citizens may vote at a central location (such the courthouse) at any time during a two-week period?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

Send completed survey to Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford, 107 South Main Street, Suite 203, Marion, KY 42064.

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