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## Livingston flu shots \$12 Friday

It's National Influenza Vaccination Week and Livingston Hospital is obliging with a flu immunization clinic this Friday. The clinic will be offered for \$12 from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., in the conference room at the hospital in Salem.

The vaccine is recommended for people age 50 and older, those with chronic illnesses, pregnant women, health care workers and caregivers, as well as children from six months to five years old.

This year, there's a record supply of flu vaccine available, about 132 million doses. The flu kills about 36,000 Americans a year.

Besides getting vaccines, people can lower the risk of infection by washing hands often and avoiding sick people.



## U.S. 641 meeting set for Tuesday

A public information meeting on construction of a new U.S. 641 from Marion to Eddyville will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Fredonia Lions Club Building on Shelby Road in Fredonia. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet meeting will discuss plans for the second leg of the new superhighway, which includes a Fredonia to Eddyville corridor.



## Letters to Santa coming Dec. 20

The annual Christmas tradition of children's letters to Santa Claus appearing in The Crittenden Press returns again this year. On Dec. 20, The Press will publish the musings of Crittenden County Elementary School students to St. Nick. The letters will appear as written by the children.

## Local meetings

### UPCOMING

• Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet 1 p.m., Nov. 30 at the Extension Office located in the courthouse.

## Rain gauge

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

7 days 30 days 2007  
**1<sup>55</sup> 2<sup>11</sup> 36<sup>03</sup>**  
below average: **8.02"**

## Forecast

Reported by the National Weather Service.

Sunny  
45/28Partly cloudy  
47/29

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# Still searching for Santa Claus

## 40 Crittenden children in need of sponsors for Christmas toys

STAFF REPORT

This is the time of year that churches, families and community organizations reach out to the less fortunate through Community Christmas in Crittenden County.

More caring individuals are needed if more than three dozen more children are going to have a merry Christmas.

With three weeks remaining before gifts are distributed to qualifying Crittenden County families, the wish lists of 35 to 40 of the original 164 children remain on

the Angel Tree at Pamida. In all, 88 families signed up for the charitable event, down from just over 100 last year.

Co-coordinator Mona Manley is concerned that the children still lacking sponsorship are members of larger families, and she doesn't want their siblings to be sponsored and not themselves.

"There is a risk that they won't all get sponsored but their brothers and sisters will," Manley said. For that reason, she and the other

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PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

**Alicia McDowell (left) and Mona Manley, co-coordinators of the Angel Tree portion of Community Christmas, take a phone call Tuesday to sign up three more children for Christmas gifts.**

## Staying active | Living longer



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

**You probably won't find 98-year-old Lois Edwards watching much MTV to keep up with trends like 27 percent of centenarians recently polled, but faithful reading of her Bible like last Friday in her home has kept her life balanced.**

# Being in tune key to longevity

STAFF &amp; SMP WIRE REPORT

The secret to successful aging is simple – stay in tune with new trends. So say some of our nation's oldest Americans who were polled in a new study.

The second annual "Evercare 100 @ 100 Survey" polled 100 Americans turning 100 and older this year about their practices and habits and found that, contrary to some conventional stereotypes, centenarians are staying in touch with the times.

Like the rest of Americans, they are following current trends like reality television, video games and iPods, worrying about health and diet, and keeping up on news and current events.

A couple of Marion's 90-something residents, who remain on the go, say a long and healthy life is pretty simple. It includes moderation, exercise and religion.

According to these and other

vocal seniors, healthy lifestyles should include better diets and no cigarettes, but Starbucks and fast food are acceptable – albeit in moderation. Also playing a big role in the lives of these centenarians is their trust in faith and spirituality.

Lois Edwards is 98. She lives alone in downtown Marion and stays busy by attending church and participating in activities at the Senior Citizens Center.

"I always liked playing Rook," said Edwards. "It works your brain and that makes you feel better."

Reading newspapers, her Bible and other religious study books has

## Life expectancy on rise in U.S.

YEAR BORN	FEMALE EXPECTANCY	MALE EXPECTANCY
2007	80.97	75.15
2006	80.82	74.02
2005	80.67	74.89
2004	80.36	74.63
2003	80.05	74.37
2002	80.20	74.50
2001	80.05	74.37
2000	79.90	74.25

SOURCE: CIA World Fact Book

also helped keep Edwards' mind sharp; however, her aging eyes are making that more difficult.

"My eyes are my worst problem," said the retired cafeteria worker from Mattoon School. "I try to do my devotional readings before breakfast because it seems like I see better in the mornings."

By understanding the lifestyles of our mature population, Americans can better plan for the future.

"As Americans strive for healthier, longer lives, the 'Evercare 100 @ 100 Survey' provides us with a prescription for longevity from those

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# Police handing out drug test kits

STAFF REPORT

Parents who want a discreet, safe way to test their children for drug use can now get free testing kits from the Marion Police Department or the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department.

The two local law enforcement agencies have about two dozen kits that are being made available through cooperation with the Pennyriple Area Narcotics Task Force based in Hopkinsville.



*"This is strictly something we're providing so that parents can know what their children are doing."*

– **Chief Ray O'Neal**

on drug-testing kits being handed out

Each test kit requires a urine sample and provides an immediate result. Instructions that come with the kit point out that false positives are possible and encourage parents to take a second test either by scheduling an appointment with their family physician or by obtaining a more detailed test kit from the Marion Police Department.

Police Chief Ray O'Neal said the test kits are free and police are asking no

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# November accidents more than double rate

STAFF REPORT

Traffic accidents have been more frequent during November, and the past few days have been especially busy for emergency personnel.

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department had investigated 15 accidents this month as of Tuesday. That's

more than double the normal number of wrecks that occur in the county each month.

Of those accidents this month, seven have involved injuries, said Sheriff Wayne Agent.

Wet roads and driver inattention have been the most common factors in the accident causes. On Sunday, wet roads were largely to blame for two wrecks on U.S. 641 south of Marion.

A Fredonia couple was injured when their vehicle ran off the road near the Crittenden-Caldwell line and hit a driveway culvert.

Minos Cox, 85, and his wife, Launa,

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# With snow in forecast, road crews ready plows

By **DARYL K. TABOR**  
MANAGING EDITOR

Jack Frost has already been nipping at our noses, but Old Man Winter could soon be making his first appearance of the season if extended weather forecasts hold true. Whether or not those predicted snow showers arrive next week, local road crews will be ready.

"I hope it doesn't get here, but if it does, we're ready," said B.R. Kirk, head of Crittenden County's Road Department.

State crews are armed to the hilt with salt.

"We've got all we can hold," said Heath Martin, superintendent of Crittenden County's state road department.

Three hundred tons of it, to be exact. And, the Crittenden County Road and City of

Marion Street departments are also prepped with their own store of salt and sand. In fact, city crews on Wednesday were readying their lone plow for snow duty.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet crews in all 120 counties are prepared for the worst of winter's onslaught. Though no significant winter weather event has occurred in the state

this season, road crews across the District 1 area were already out Tuesday placing salt brine on bridges. This precautionary measure helps prevent frosting of the roadway over the next day or two, said Keith Todd, public information officer for the Reidland office.

"Bridges are subject to freezing more quickly than other roadway surfaces," said Todd, who lives in Marion.

Martin said no bridges in Crittenden County were pre-treated, but if a Wednesday snow remains on the radar early next week, expect to find Martin's crew placing the last of their snow-battling equipment on their trucks and hitting the road.

"We're holding off until closer to snow," he said.

Plows and salt spreaders are the weapons of choice against snow and ice, but Martin said a chemical treatment placed on roads ahead of wintry weather can provide an extra hour or two before the precipitation begins to stick.

"If we know for sure, we'll put some of the salt brine pre-treatment down," he said.

The county's crew has about 180 miles of state roads for which they are responsible. Martin can run two crews a day, if necessary, as many as 16 hours a day to keep roads clear. As many as five trucks a

shift can spread and scrape across the county.

County road crews under Kirk have more than 370 miles to cover with three plows and two graders. They, too, utilize chemical treatment but with no storage, they have to fill up in Marshall County each time a snow is predicted.

All three crews – city, county and state – have priority lists for clearing roads. But overseeing twice the road miles of the city and state departments combined, Kirk said he will alter protocol to ensure rural lanes are clear for those with medical conditions who may require regular attention.

**Martin**



# Tolu at heart of Arab-Israeli conflict... sort of

This week leaders from the Middle East are meeting in Annapolis, Md., near Washington to discuss further a roadmap for peace among Arabs and Israelis. Namely, the dispute is over some territories in and around present-day Israel which the Arabs believe they own and want to establish a Palestinian state on.

While most of us have heard the terms Gaza Strip, West Bank, PLO and Arab-Israeli Peace Process, the vast majority of Americans have only narrow understanding of the whole situation despite it being a major story almost nightly on the television news.

An expert on Middle Eastern affairs, I am not. However, with this week's peace talks going on in America, I figured it would be timely to discuss – in simple terms – what all of this fuss is about. In doing so, I will use some familiar terms and landmarks to draw a figurative comparison to the Arab-Israeli situation.

Let's say for instance that Jerusalem is Tolu, the West Bank is Hurricane Island, the Gaza Strip is Sawmill Hollow and Golon Heights is



Carrsville and its tall hillside overlooking the Ohio River. Okay, snicker if you will, but using this imagery might make the whole thing easier to comprehend.

Tolu and the surrounding area from Carrsville to Hurricane Church, if you will, were once ruled by the British.

When the British Empire pulled out, some of the ancient tribes of the area decided they would retake Tolu for their own. Those were the Israelis who during a war in the late 1940s won back the land that their religion claims to be an inalienable right from God (see Abraham, Genesis and the Old Testament). Now, when the Israelis repatriated their ancient lands they ticked off their age-old rivals the Palestinians (see Philistines,

Goliath and the Old Testament).

Instead of wiping out the residents of the whole area as the Old Testament says God demanded in Biblical times, the modern Tribes of Israel decided to try to live side by side among their enemies – granted their enemies were subservient to the leaders of new Israel, I mean Tolu.

After it was apparent that the outlying areas were becoming staging grounds for their enemies, the Israelis took by force in the late 1960s all of the area surrounding Tolu, including Hurricane Island and Sawmill Hollow. Slowly since then they've started moving outward, establishing Israeli communities at E-town Landing, Sheridan and even Carrsville where a strategic hillside overlooks the valley where the capital city Tolu is located. The new Tolu leaders couldn't have the upset native river people dropping bombs down from Carrsville Heights, now could they?

Understand, too, that the old Tolu School, the Tolu Post Office and former Tolu Grocery Store buildings are sacred locations among

ancestral tribes, including the Israelis, the Palestinians and other Arabs living in the region (see Wailing Wall, Temple Mount and Dome of the Rock). In fact, those sacred sites are among the most beloved by all of the ethnic groups living in and around Tolu. Each group wants to own, occupy and control its ancestral sites.

However, the new rulers of Tolu say the Arabs are too dangerous to let roam the streets. They are considered low-life terrorists and an almost sub-human class of people. Because of that, the Israelis are building walls like in China around their cities and communities out in Sawmill Hollow and on Hurricane Island. If any of the non-Israeli people want fruit, meat or vegetables grown in the fertile Sawmill Hollow lands, they have to buy it from the Israelis who only allow a certain amount to be sold to the Palestinians. Likewise, if the Arabs living around Hurricane Island want gasoline from the island refineries, they have to stand in line and can only have a small amount to put in their cars.

The Palestinians are ticked

off about their treatment. Some want to kill or eliminate all of the Israelis from Tolu and surrounding areas. Other Palestinians, or Arabs, say they can tolerate the Israelis, but want Sawmill Hollow, Hurricane Island and part of Tolu proper for their own state. Some are willing to concede a great deal of land to Israel, including part of the town of Tolu and most of the area from Hurricane Creek to McKinley Island and from Buck Creek below Carrsville all the way out to Sheridan.

If the Palestinians would quit throwing rocks at Israelis in Tolu and bombing buses near Sawmill Hollow, the Israelis, also known as Jews, say they are willing to talk about giving up some of the lands that the Arabs want.

The biggest problem is that there is no one in Tolu who can speak totally on behalf of all of the people. Both sides of the conflict have weak leaders who are feeble in the eyes of a number of their more radical followers. Israel really wants to keep all of Tolu and is reluctant to consider giving up a single acre of it. Israel also wants to keep some of its settlements near Sawmill

Hallow and a fraction of Hurricane Island.

Folks in southern Illinois, across the Jordan, I mean the Ohio, would like for the two sides to find an equitable solution to the strife and to quit fighting all of the time. Folks as far away as Smithland, Marion, Paducah and even Frankfort are urging the two factions to find a peaceful solution to their quarreling over land.

For me, the only solution I can see is greater international influence on the process. Tolu should be made an independent city-state such as the Vatican. It could be ruled by an international board so that everyone with a stake in the ancestral city could enjoy its historic and religious values. As for Sawmill Hollow, Carrsville and Hurricane Island, give up totally. Go back to the 1960 border that was established by the Israelis. Then, if the Palestinians can't get along with the Israelis, let the rules of engagement from the Old Testament be the guide.

*(Editor's note: Chris Evans is the editor and publisher of The Crittenden Press. His column appears periodically.)*

## State&RegionalBriefs

News from the region and state from AP and staff reports

### Fiscal courts set Monday meetings

Crittenden Fiscal Court will have a special meeting at 9 a.m., Monday, at the courthouse. On the agenda, according Daphenia Downs, county finance officer, will be the purchase of mattresses, sheets and a phone system for the new jail.

At the same time Monday, Livingston Fiscal Court will meet at the courthouse in Smithland. On the agenda there is the opening of bids for surplus equipment put up for sale by the county.

### Fort Campbell troop 184th killed in Iraq

A Fort Campbell soldier from northwestern Ohio has died nearly two weeks after being injured in Iraq. He was the 184th soldier based at Fort Campbell to die in the war.

The Army said Staff Sgt. Jonathan L. Martin, 33, of Bellevue, died last Thursday in

Regensburg, Germany, of wounds he suffered Nov. 9 in Jisr Naft when his vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb. He was serving his third tour in Iraq.

Martin was a cavalry scout assigned to A Troop, 1st Squadron, 32nd Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, the military said. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca, and children, Allura, Trenton and Alaina, of Fort Campbell; and his parents, Laura and Donald Martin of Bellevue, Fort Campbell said.

### Manley selected as FRYSC Best Partner

Mona Manley is the best, at least according to her peers with Kentucky's Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSC).

Manley has received the state's lone Individual Best Partner for Bridges Over Barriers Award, an honor awarded to only one person in Kentucky for their work with FRYSC.

"That's why this was so special to me," the Pennyrite Allied Community Services aging coordinator for Crittenden County, said Tuesday, with the plaque she received lying on the table next to her.

Manley, was nominated by Kathryn Turner, Heart to Heart FRYSC director in Marion. State awards were given to for-profit and non-profit organizations as well. Turner nominated Manley for her work with children's food programs, teaching musical keyboard, serving as chair of the FRYSC Advisory Council, serving as coordinator of Community Christmas the last four years of her 13-year involvement with the program and many other volunteer services.

"I truly believe that Mona is more than a person with resources, but a friend and mentor that is always there when you need her," Turner said in her nomination letter to the Bridges Over Barriers selection committee. "Her concern for our children and families is far beyond the word

'partner.' She is truly an 'angel' that is always look out for those less fortunate."

### Colleges inviting back ex-students

Kentucky colleges will team together to offer incentives aimed at luring back former students who were well along the path toward obtaining a degree before leaving school.

It's part of the strategy by the state Council on Postsecondary Education to double the number of college graduates in Kentucky by 2020.

The outreach effort brings together eight public universities along with the Kentucky Community and Technology College System and the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities.

The program, called "Project Graduate," will offer incentives and services to try to bring back former students with 90 or more credit hours to complete their degrees.

## County special during holidays

My thanks and my hat off to those people that work so hard to put up our heart touching national flags that fly bravely over our streets on our national holidays and those that work and support the beautiful work of art on our Courthouse lawn that is a glorious reminder of Jesus and His wonderful advent to this wicked world 2000 years ago.

Why Jesus? Because He is the Light of The World and all the light coming through all the different colored bulbs is a glorious reminder that Jesus came to save all the different people of the world.

This Thanksgiving and Christmas season causes me to give extra thanks that I not only was born and live in the



greatest nation on earth, but am so thankful I was born and live in Crittenden County.

We have some great and good people here and therefore there still is a strong sense of decency and family love and ties that cause people to stand for Christ and His morals, which without, all communities become a 'dog-eat-dog' hell on earth.

May we all be more thankful this year than ever, that we have not had more terrorist attacks on our shores, the war in Iraq is turning around, many countries are meeting in our great nation this week trying to help bring peace between Israel and Palestine, and more than all of that, that Jesus loved us enough to come to live as a man, die as a criminal for our sins, was buried and then, thank God, arose and ascended for our justification.

How sad that the God who made and owns us and sent His Son to do all of this, has to watch as most of the world follows the path of folly and ignorance and thumbs their noses at Him, and many just do not fully understand what

it really means to sell out to Him and His way, while they speed on down the short slope of life, wasting their precious lives and heading pell-mell to their own tragic peril.

May all praying people who read this continue to pray for a great earth shaking spiritual awakening and revival in Crittenden County, America and around the world.

That would be the greatest birthday present that could be given to Jesus and the greatest Christmas present that could be given to the world.

Love to all.  
*(Editor's note: Lucy Tedrick is pastor at Marion Church of God. Her column appears weekly in The Press.)*

### ANGEL

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Community Christmas coordinator Alicia McDowell put notes on the Angel Tree at Pamida Monday, noting that these children's siblings have already been sponsored.

"Hopefully there are people who will still go to Pamida, like churches or groups, and get names off of the tree," Manley said.

As of Monday, \$3,400 in monetary donations has been collected from donors who choose to give cash as opposed to buying gifts for families. That money is divided equally among families in the final hours before distribution Dec. 14 and given to families in the form of food and gift vouchers at participating Marion businesses. Local businesses who accept the vouchers are Family Dollar, Pamida, Conrad's,

Food Giant, and new this year, Marion Feed Mill.

Manley said families who were very generously sponsored may not receive gift and food vouchers, with that money instead divided among those who may not have been sponsored.

Marion United Methodist Church is among those which support Community Christmas. The church holds a Baby Shower for Jesus each year, collecting baby

items – bottles, clothes, diapers, etc. – for infants involved in Community Christmas.

To coordinate a similar project or to get more information on sponsoring a child, call Manley at 965-5229 or take an angel from the Angel Tree at Pamida.

Gifts should be taken to the Carson Davidson National Guard Army Dec. 13. Families will pick up gifts Dec. 14.

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# Crittenden unemployment drops to 5 percent

FROM AP AND STAFF REPORTS

Fewer people are signing up for unemployment benefits in Crittenden County and in the United States, an encouraging sign that companies are not resorting to large-scale layoffs as the country copes with continuing problems in the housing and credit markets.

The U.S. Labor Department reported last Wednesday that new applications filed for unemployment insurance dropped by a seasonally-adjusted 11,000 to 330,000 for the week ending Nov. 17. A year ago, new claims for unemployment insurance stood at 322,000.

During October – the latest month for which jobless figures are available from the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training (OET), an

agency of the Education Cabinet – unemployment fell to 5 percent in Crittenden County, down from 5.9 percent the month before and up slightly from 4.9 percent a year ago. There were only 202 jobless workers in the county last month, as compared to 237 in September.

Meantime, the state and regional jobless rates fell as well. Statewide, unemployment fell from 5.6 percent to 5.1 percent from September to October. In the nine-county Pennyrlie Area Development

## '07 Crittenden unemployment

	COUNTY	STATE
October .....	5.0.....	5.1
September.....	5.9.....	5.6
August.....	5.8.....	5.3
July.....	6.1.....	5.7
June.....	6.2.....	5.7
May.....	6.1.....	5.3
April.....	5.6.....	5.1
March.....	6.2.....	5.8
February.....	7.5.....	6.6
January.....	7.1.....	6.3

in October. The state of the nation's employment climate is a crucial factor in determining whether the economy will, in fact, weather the stresses

District that includes Crittenden and Livingston counties, unemployment fell from 6.6 percent to 6.1 percent.

While new filings were down across the nation, the number of people continuing to collect unemployment benefits rose by 7,000 to 2.57 million for the week ending Nov. 10. A year ago, continuing claims stood at 2.43

million.

The state of the nation's employment climate is a crucial factor in determining whether the economy will, in fact, weather the stresses

from the housing slump and credit crunch.

So far, decent job creation and wage growth have helped to offset some of the negative forces hitting some people, problems ranging from weaker home values to hard-to-get credit. That is certainly the case in Kentucky.

"...Real estate and rental businesses lost 100 jobs in October 2007," said Justine Detzel, OET chief labor market analyst. "This employment decrease is reflective of weakness in the housing market and the credit crunch. Both of these factors act to reduce mortgage and home-equity loan applications."

Even though the labor market has so far been holding up fairly well to stresses in the economy, job loss-

es have been painfully felt in construction, manufacturing, mortgage banking and other businesses more closely linked to the troubled housing and credit sectors.

U.S. retailers, however, seem to be fairing well with a robust start to the holiday shopping season, according to results announced by a national research group that tracks sales at retail outlets across the country.

According to ShopperTrak RCT Corp., which tracks sales at more than 50,000 retail outlets, total sales rose 8.3 percent to about \$10.3 billion on Friday, the day after the Thanksgiving holiday, compared with \$9.5 billion on the same day a year ago. ShopperTrak had expected an increase of no more than 4 per-

## LIFE

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who have aged successfully, and finds that tuning in to trends and current events, leading healthy lifestyles and holding faith and spirituality in high regard are key themes," said Dr. John Mach, CEO of Evercare, one of the nation's largest care coordination programs for people who have chronic or advanced illness, are older or have disabilities.

The anecdotal survey is meant to provide a cultural snapshot of the lives and lifestyles of Americans who achieve and surpass the 100-year-old milestone while remaining active and independent. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are nearly 80,000 centenarians in the United States, and that number is projected to increase seven-fold, to 580,000, by 2040.

In Kentucky, according to 2006 Census estimates, there are 66,540 people over the ages of 85, with 198 living in Crittenden County.

Ethel Tucker was in her late 80s when she authored her first book, "From Pilot Knob to Main Street." She's

now working on a second manuscript as she turns 90 this week.

"I had planned to finish my second book before my 90th birthday," Tucker said. "But I read somewhere that if you



Tucker

live to be 90, your chances are very good of living to be 100. So I figure I still have plenty of time to finish it."

Tucker says physical and mental stimulation are keys to a long, healthy life. She rides a stationary bike daily and volunteers for various community and church projects.

"Everything should be taken in moderation," she explains. "You can live, eat and be merry, all in moderation."

Edwards and Tucker both stress the need to continue active lives in order to be happy and healthy in later years.

Here are some key findings and advice, culled from the wisdom of older Americans who were polled in the new survey:

■ Keep up with trends and

current events. Nearly a third of those polled have watched a reality TV show and 27 percent have watched MTV or music videos. Nearly a quarter of centenarians have purchased a music CD, and one in seven has played a video game. Some centenarians have even tried the latest technology. Six percent said they have been on the Internet and four percent said they have listened to music on an iPod.

■ Consume a better diet and work toward a healthy heart, no "butts" about it. A full 82 percent said that their dietary habits have improved or stayed the same as compared with 50 years ago. Just 23 percent said they have ever smoked cigarettes, and on average, those who quit did so 41 years ago.

■ Fast food is okay in moderation. The oldest Americans have also tried specialty coffee and enjoy fast food. Seventy-two percent report having eaten at a fast food restaurant and 11 percent have ordered coffee at Starbucks.

■ Answer to a higher power. Centenarians trust their spiritual leaders, with many attributing their longevity to faith and spiritual care more than to good genes or medical care.

## WRECKS

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82, were both transported to Crittenden Hospital with multiple injuries. Launa suffered a broken leg and arm. That accident happened shortly after noon.

A little more than an hour later, a two-vehicle accident near Crayne sent two people to the hospital, including a three-year-old boy.

According to sheriff's reports, Christopher Fleming, 22, of Sturgis was southbound on U.S. 641 in a Camaro when the vehicle hydroplaned and veered into the northbound lane where it was struck by an SUV driven by Lisa Hunt of Marion.

Hunt and a passenger in the Fleming vehicle, Chris Fleming, 3, were both taken to Crittenden Hospital. Anna Bryant, 10, a passenger in the Hunt vehicle, was not injured.

Emergency personnel at the scene said the boy suffered only a cut on his head, which seemed relatively minor considering the passenger door of the Camaro was pushed into the seating area.

There were three more wrecks Monday but none resulted in serious injury. One



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

A two-vehicle accident Sunday afternoon on U.S. 641 about four miles south of Marion sent two to the hospital, including a three-year-old boy who was a passenger in the white Camaro.

was in the edge of Union County near Sullivan.

Sheriff Agent said there were seven wrecks in October and on the average about half a dozen in this county each month are investigated by his office.

### Sheriff looks into cow killing

Sheriff Agent is investigating the shooting of a Charolais cow on Cave Springs Church Road last weekend.

The sheriff isn't sure if deer hunters mistook the cow for a deer or whether someone deliberately targeted the cow.

He thinks it was shot with a high-powered rifle. The bullet will be removed from the carcass and ballistics tests will be done to determine what type of gun fired the fatal shot.

The 1,200-pound animal was found in a field on Sunday morning. It wasn't clear whether the cow was shot after dark on Saturday or early Sunday.

Anyone with information can contact the sheriff's department at 965-3400 or call the Crittenden County TipLine at 965-3000 and remain anonymous.



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

Free, no-questions-asked drug-testing kits like the one held above by Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal are now available to parents both at the police department and sheriff's office.

## TEST

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questions. Residents requesting a kit do not have to provide any information regarding who will be taking the test or whether the test results were positive or negative.

The test kit give-away is in no means an opportunity to open a criminal investigation against any individual, the police chief said.

"We just hope that providing these two dozen kits free to the community will help someone who needs it. If we can reach one person who needs help, then it's all worth it," O'Neal said.

The test kits are manufactured by Redwood Toxicology

Laboratory of Santa Rosa, Calif. Similar kits sell for upwards of \$20 at any pharmacy. The kits will provide screening for several different types of drugs including marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, opiates or other narcotics.

"This is strictly something we're providing so that parents can know what their children are doing," the chief added. "If anyone is interested in a kit, contact me or Sheriff Wayne Agent and we will personally explain how to administer the test and what you can do to follow-up on a positive test."

Kits are available from the sheriff or police department between 8 a.m., and 3 p.m., weekdays.

## I-69 meetings remain

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet plans to share the findings of an Interstate 69 planning study for sections of the Ned Breathitt Pennyrlie and the Wendell H. Ford Western Kentucky parkways during a series of five public meetings over the next few weeks. The first was Monday in Princeton.

The study provides a more detailed scope of work needed to allow the parkways to be upgraded to interstate standards between Henderson and Eddyville.

According to the Cabinet,

the study found many of the needed improvements can be phased in as I-69 brings increased traffic to the region.

Four remaining meetings are scheduled at the following locations:

■ Sebree, today (Thursday) at City Hall.

■ Madisonville, Monday at the Parkway Mall

■ Henderson, Dec. 6 at North Middle School

■ Eddyville, Dec 13 at the Lyon County Public Library

All of the meetings run from 5 to 7 p.m., with a short presentation at 5:30 p.m.

### Thank You

Helen, I can't tell you how much I enjoyed seeing you and your family. Everyone I met in Marion seemed to go out of their way to show me kindness and friendship. Marion is a lovely town and it's easy to understand why you wanted to go back there to live. It's easy to see why you enjoy being a Red Hatter. What a great active group of ladies.

Please thank everyone involved with the theatre for me. Fohs Hall is a very impressive building and Marion has a right to be proud of such a notable landmark. On Monday, I'm off to another show.

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## The Press Community Calendar

### Today

■ Crittenden County Pubic Library Board of Trustees will meet 5 p.m., today (Thursday) at the library. The next regular meeting of the library board will be Jan. 24.

■ Chair volleyball will be played at the Senior Citizens Center in Marion beginning at 10:30 a.m., today (Thursday). The center is located at 210 N. Walker St. For more, call 965-5229.

■ Crittenden County Elementary School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., today (Thursday) in the school library.

■ Representatives from Madisonville Community College will be at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion from 11 a.m., to 2 p.m., today (Thursday) to discuss college admissions, financial aide and scholarship information. If interested in applying for financial aide for the spring semester, bring a copy of your 2006 income tax form and your W2 form.

### Monday

■ Salem Garden Club will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday at the Christian Life Center in Salem. The Garden Club is a new organization which shares the love of gardening. Two local Master Gardeners will instruct the group on better gardening practices. The club will also take tours across western Kentucky and work on civic improvements around Salem. Members are from both Livingston and Crittenden counties.

### Tuesday

■ Bigham Lodge No. 256 F&AM will hold stated communication at 7:30 p.m., next Tuesday All master masons invited.

### Wednesday

■ Local Chapter 1373 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will hold its annual Christmas party at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday at the Marion Cafe. All active and retired federal employees and their guests are invited to attend all meetings. For more, contact Tom Diaz at 965-2621.

■ The Goalie Club will meet at 5 p.m., Wednesday in the high school library.

### Next Thursday

■ The CCMS Site-Based Council will meet at 5:30 p.m., next Thursday in the Middle School Library.

■ Paducah Area Amputees in Action, a support group for new and experienced amputees, will meet for its Christmas party at 6 p.m. next Thursday at Holman House Restaurant. All amputees and family members are welcome. For more information contact Terri Ross at 488-3020 or tross@brtc.net.

### Upcoming

■ "Parchment of Leaves" by noted Kentucky author Silas House is the book for discussion with the Crittenden County Public

Library's Book Discussion Group, set to meet at 6 p.m. on Dec. 17. The group is open to anyone interested in reading this book. There are 15 large-print copies of the book available for pick-up at the library. A lively discussion of the book and holiday snacks will be provided by the library. This activity is free and open to the public.

■ Terry L. Ford Insurance Agency and Thrifty Pharmacy will host a general information session on Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 7 at Thrifty Home Medical Office, 116 Wallace St., Providence. A licensed agent will be available to answer questions about enrolling in a Prescription Drug Plan. For more, call 965-2239 or 667-2049.

■ The final writing workshop for 2007 at Crittenden County Public Library will be Dec. 18, under the direction of author Bob Yehling. This free, open-to-the-public Christmas Stories session begins at 6:30 p.m.

### Ongoing

■ The Senior Citizens Center in Marion, located at 210 N. Walker St., is open for lunch weekdays at 11:30 a.m. The meals are \$2 for anyone over 60 and \$4 for others. For more, call 965-5229.

(Editor's note: Community Calendar items may be submitted to [pressnews@the-press.com](mailto:pressnews@the-press.com). They should be submitted by 5 p.m., Monday for publication in that week's issue.)

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## The Press Christmas Calendar

### Saturday

■ The Dycusburg Community Fund Committee is coordinating a Christmas Bazaar, from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., Saturday, next door to Lic's in Eddyville, to raise money for a Veterans Memorial Monument and flag poles for town. There will be handmade crafts, baked goods, Christmas candy, candles, white elephant sales, information tables, door prizes each hour and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting. Call 988-2068 for more.

■ The Salem Christmas Home Tour arrives Saturday, with tours of five participating homes taking place between 2 and 5 p.m. The Salem Garden Club is sponsoring the event with proceeds going toward civic improvements around the Salem area. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the first home on the tour, 714 E. Main St., across from Livingston hospital. Advance tickets are only \$8 or \$15 for a pair. They may be purchased at the Extension office in Smithland; Professional Touch in Marion; or in Salem at Harris Gas. Co., Fay's Furniture or The Pumpkin Shell.

■ American Cancer Society Christmas Greetings to appear in the Dec. 20 issue of The Crittenden Press are being taken through Saturday. Greetings can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one. A donation is requested. For further information, contact ACS Mid-South Division at 444-0384.

■ Tickets for "A Community Christmas: Quarteto Gelato" at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts are now on sale for \$18 for the main floor and \$13 for balcony seats. The 7:30 p.m., Saturday show features Madisonville Community College singers and Quarteto Gelato. Call 821-ARTS for tickets.

### Monday

■ The entry deadline for the Christmas parade in Marion is 4 p.m., Monday. The parade is slated for 3 p.m., Dec. 8.

### Next Thursday

■ The Woman's Club of Marion will have its Annual Christmas Dinner for members and guests from 6:30 p.m., next Thursday at the Woman's Club Building. Shelia Costner will present a mini-concert and Jackie Cook will entertain with a selection for Christmas. Reservations for the dinner should be made by Monday through the telephone committee: Helen Lewis, Rebecca McConnell, Margaret Johnson or Ola Rhea Crider.

### Upcoming

■ Woodmen of the World Christmas party will be at 6 p.m., Dec. 11 at the W.O.W. office on South Main. Meal and drinks will be furnished and you should



RSVP by Tuesday if you plan to attend by calling 965-3333. Bring a covered dish or dessert.

■ Tours of Christmas sights and sounds around Marion are scheduled to begin next week, with hay rides on a 16-foot trailer starting at 6 p.m., two or three nights a week. To find out the ride schedule, contact Ron Padgett at 704-1958. Padgett said he is still waiting for more homes to be decorated before setting a firm schedule.

■ Crittenden County Lions Club's Lunch With Santa will be Dec. 8 at Marion Baptist Church's Family Life Center.

■ The Marion Christmas parade will be at 3 p.m., Dec. 8, this year's theme is "What Christmas Means to Me."

■ Marion United Methodist Church will present on Dec. 9 a piano/organ mini-concert of Christmas selections by Becky Johnson and Mary Helen Hodges. The mini-concert will be from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m., followed

at 6 p.m., by a children and youth Christmas program.

■ On Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Princeton Tourist Center will host Cookies for a Cause. The price of the cookies will be \$5 per pound. Proceeds will benefit the Caldwell County Free Clinic Inc., that serves clients in Caldwell, Lyon and Crittenden counties and Dawson Springs.

■ The fifth annual Salem Lighted Christmas Parade will be at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 8. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Salem City Hall at 988-2600.

■ Cash Express will be collecting toys, coats and canned food until Dec. 13 for Community Christmas. It is located at 103 Morningside Dr. Call 965-9965 for more information.

■ Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation, in conjunction with Fohs Hall Inc., presents the Christmas program, "Sing a Joyous Song - A Christmas Celebration." The performance will be held at 3 p.m., Dec. 9, at Fohs Hall in Marion. The program will include soloists, violinist, piano solos and narration which is moving and familiar to all of us. A reception will follow. For more, call Susan Alexander at 965-5983.

■ The Golden Pond Planetarium at LBL will offer the holiday favorite "Tis the Season" and a holiday show, "A Story of Christmas" through Dec. 21. After this holiday program, the planetarium will be closed through the end of February. Additional LBL information is available by calling 1-800-LBL-7077 or visiting [www.LBL.org](http://www.LBL.org).

(Editor's note: Share your holiday event with our readers now through Christmas in The Crittenden Press. If your church, not-for-profit group or community organization is planning something special for the community this season, we want to know. We will run your announcement for two weeks at no charge as space allows. Simply call or e-mail your event details to us at [pressnews@the-press.com](mailto:pressnews@the-press.com).)

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### CRITTENDEN COUNTY HOMES

**WALK TO TOWN...**from this immaculate brick home featuring 2 bedroom, 2 bath, foyer, formal living room, separate dining room, family room, eat-in kitchen with appliances. This attractive home has attached double car garage and 34' x 36' shop building with loft situated on large deep lot.

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**COUNTRY LIVING...** 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home situated on approx. 2 acres in Crittenden County. Also features stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, 24' x 30' garage with concrete floor and work benches. Plenty of room to have a garden or let the kids run. Call today for more info.

**STARTING OUT OR SLOWING DOWN...**this is right for you. Nice 2 bedroom mobile home w/deck, porch and portable 10' x 16' storage building. Must be moved. Reduced \$15,500.

**SOLD AFFORDABLE AND CONVENIENT...** location to center of Marion. This home would be a nice starter home or an addition to your rental investments. Features: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Call for appointment. Price Reduced, \$23,900.

**FIXER UPPER...**investors take a look at this 3 bedroom, 1 bath house located in Marion. Priced at \$14,500.

**533 E. DEPOT ST...**commercial building. Was being used as a doctor's office. Features large multi purpose room, offices, 2 baths, and a lot of parking space. Also has apartment with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Many possibilities. PRICE REDUCED.

**GOLFER'S FANTASY...**Enter down the private drive to this landscaped estate that joins Marion's County Club Golf Course. This magnificent two story home includes 4 to 6 bedrooms, open grand staircase, 2 master suites, 4 bathrooms, kitchen w/appliances, 2 laundries, study, great room with gas log fireplace, recreation room plus bonus kitchen, enclosed glass solarium & private deck overlooking the beautiful greens. In addition this lovely home has a large walk-out heated basement, an attached oversized double car garage plus many additional amenities. Fulfill your dreams by calling for an appointment today. **Owner says sell. Reduced to \$292,500.**

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