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Irvine man dies after being shot, Tuesday

Another young Estill Countian lost his life tragically last Tuesday, January 27 during an alleged account of domestic violence.

Kentucky State Police say that Millard Edward Dixon, 47, was fatally shot around 10:30 p.m. during an altercation with his elderly father.

Dixon was transported after the shooting to Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital where he died.

KSP says the shooting occurred at the father's residence at 115 Sugar Hollow Road in South Irvine.

State police did not release the father's name. They also say that no arrests or charges were made against Dixon's father at this time. However, an ongoing death investigation is being conducted by Trooper Zach Thompson.

Dixon's death occurred just four days after an Estill

woman was shot to death during domestic violence. The body of Ellen Charlene Townsend, 29, of Irvine, was found around 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 24 on Noland Creek Road. Noland Creek Road is off the Winchester Road, a few miles within the Clark County line.

Townsend had left home with an ex-boyfriend, Rick Conrad.

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Our local hospital is only 1 chosen from KY

Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital Chosen for Rural Health Consultation

Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital (MWMH) has been chosen to participate in the Small Rural Hospital Transitions (SRHT) Project – a project that supports small rural hospitals nationally by providing on-site consultation services, education and resources to assist bridging the gaps between the current health care system and the newly emerging health care delivery and payment system.

The project will focus on identifying and implementing financial and quality improvement best practices for the future. MWMH is the only hospital in Kentucky to receive the project and one of eight recipients selected nationally.

"This is an amazing opportunity for Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital," said Susan Starling, MWMH President & CEO. "The performance improvement processes will springboard the hospital into activities that add future value to Marcum and Wallace. The healthcare environment is changing fast and proposed legislation could potentially cause us to struggle to survive in the future. Critical access hos-

pitals across the nation are closing every day...and we are preparing ourselves as we transition to a new model of healthcare. We want to be here for this community."

According to a statement from SRHT, the hospital selection process was based on the overall ranking of applicants. The scoring and ranking of hospital applicants revealed a very competitive pool of candidates that included 27 hospital applications across 15 states for only eight consultation slots. MWMH was selected due to its strong financial performance and successes related to federally funded grants and projects.

Consultation services will be provided by nationally recognized healthcare consultant, Eric Shell of Stroudwater & Associates. Eric Shell has over 25 years of experience in healthcare financial management and consulting. At Stroudwater, he assists rural hospitals, health clinics, and physician group practices in improving financial and operational performance and developing strategic and operational plans.



The Estill County High School Academic Team recently competed in the District Tournament. The Engineers placed first in both Quick Recall and Future Problem Solving. There were also several individuals that placed in written assessment.

Math -- 2nd Place: Jay Winkler; **3rd Place:** Caleb Stickney and **4th Place:** Zac Puckett.

Science -- 1st Place: Caleb Stickney; **2nd Place:** Gage Dixon; and **3rd Place:** Katie Brewer

Social Studies -- 2nd Place: Jay Winkler.

Language Arts -- 1st Place: Christian Tipton; **2nd Place:** Gage Dixon.

Arts & Humanities -- 2nd Place: Jacob Holton and **4th Place:** Sarah Thacker.

English Composition -- 1st Place: Rachel Hughes and **4th Place:** Chyna Samples.

Overall, the ECHS Academic Team brought home the 53rd District Championship title to Estill County yet again. The Quick Recall and Written Assessment coach is Greg Horn, and the Future Problem Solving coach is Leslie Cornett.

While women are at church, thieves steal from them

While two women were attending Sunday evening worship services on January 25, they became victims of a burglary and theft.

Both incidents are being investigated by Deputy Randy Farthing.

Shirley Hicks of Majestic Drive, Irvine was in a church on Richmond Road when someone broke a rear window out of her 2006 Buick while it was parked in the church parking lot.

Hicks is the owner of Dollar Deals on the Richmond Road. Whoever broke into her vehicle took a pawn box of jewelry and her purse which had cash in it used in the business.

Patricia Arvin of Walnut Grove Road, Irvine, also went to church that Sunday evening. When she returned home, she discovered that someone had entered her home by breaking out a bedroom window.

Among the items reported missing were a knife collection, quarters, cash, and old silver coins in a display box.

Arvin's residence is off Richmond Road, not far from the church that Hicks attended. Because the locations are close and the crimes occurred about the same time, it is likely that the same person or persons committed both crimes.

Pawned jewelry was also stolen last fall

from another pawn shop on Richmond Road, but an arrest was made after about a month. Kentucky requires computerized record keeping of pawned items and metal items which can be scrapped and melted down.

Anyone with information on either of these crimes is asked to call the Estill County Sheriff's Office at 723-2323 during business hours or 723-2201 after hours.

IPD arrests woman at local clinic

Brenda Riddell, 52, of McKee Road, Irvine was arrested at Estill Medical Clinic on Friday, January 30 by Officer John Sturniolo. The officer charged Riddell with public intoxication and disorderly conduct, second degree.

The citation states that Riddell was located around 5:17 p.m. where she was yelling at staff and pounding on the pharmacy window because she was denied medications.

Obituaries
 Elbert Cox, 97
 Millard Dixon, 47
 Freda Gaylord, 76
 J.B. Meadors, 88
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individuals that also placed 3rd: Lee Mills and 5th: Garrett Abney. Language Arts: -- 1st: Dustin Warner; 4th: Andrea Norton. Arts & Humanities:-- 2nd: Hannah Parks and 5th: Meggie Wilson. English Composition:-- 1st: Morgan Elizabeth Tipton; 4th: Chyenne Selvey. Social Studies:--

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Overall, the ECMS Academic Team brought home the 73rd District Championship title to Estill County yet again. The team is coached by Leslie Cornett and LaVelle Tipton.