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Cold, rainy weather did not stop the Joan Hunt Richardson Memorial Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. The event is held annually at the Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna. This little girl was running to pick up eggs.

Former Spanish teacher faces two new charges

A former Spanish teacher at Estill County High School is now facing two new charges as an investigation by Kentucky State Police continues into child abuse.

Detective Austin Brashear was dispatched to the high school on April 3 to investigate an underage student communicating with Torstein Torsteinson on Facebook Messenger for the purpose of sex. Torsteinson is also known as Thor.

The detective determined that in September, Thor unsuccessfully contacted a juvenile female for sex. He adds that Thor made contact with the juvenile by having a relationship with Sherry Murphy, a Span-

ish teacher at the high school.

The citation states that Murphy, 39, knew of the communication but did not report it.

It adds that Murphy knew of at least three other female students who had been contacted by Thor but also did not report it.

During the investigation, the detective states that Murphy deleted conversations between herself and Thor in an attempt to conceal information from state police.

During the investigation, Murphy resigned as a teacher. Murphy was charged and arrested.

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Stocker replaces Starling as president of local hospital

Trena Stocker has been selected as the new president of Mercy Health – Marcum and Wallace Hospital effective April 28. Stocker has served as the hospital's chief nursing executive for the past five years.

"I am honored to have been selected as president of Marcum and Wallace Hospital and look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the region and our patients," Stocker said. "I appreciate the faith the board of directors, the leadership team and our employees are placing in me to continue

the legacy of Marcum and Wallace and to build upon the efforts of outgoing president Susan Starling. I thank Susan for her friendship and support of me and all she has achieved during her amazing career with this organization."

Stocker replaces Starling, who is retiring after nearly 28 years with Mercy Health – Marcum and Wallace Hospital.

Stocker brings to her new role nearly 20 years of healthcare leadership and clinical experience.

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Trena Stocker

Irvine is hosting 29th Mt. Mushroom Festival

The 29th Mountain Mushroom Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday in downtown Irvine. "Rather Be Shroomin!" is the theme for this year's festival.

Francine Bonny is again the chairperson for this year's festival.

Some city streets will be closed because of the festival.

Opening event of the festival is the 2K Walk/Run,

which starts on Broadway at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

The walkers and runners in the 3K event will take off at 9:00 a.m. Awards will be presented at 10 a.m.

Early goers to the festival can enjoy a pancake breakfast at the Mason Lodge on Broadway from 7-11 a.m.

Twin City Kruzers will be having a car show on Mack Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. That's when the Grand 'Ol Parade begins. It will come down Court Street and go up Broadway.

The Mushroom Market will be located at the intersection of Broadway and Court Street. Morels may be available to buy, if you can afford them.

At the Mushroom Market, there will be mushroom cooking and other demonstrations. Souvenirs, including t-shirts, will be on sale at the market.

The Grandstand will be located at the intersection of Main Street and Broadway. Entertainment begins Saturday with clogging at 10:30 a.m. and the SOL Band closes it from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. In the hours between, many talented artists are lined up.

Gospel lovers will enjoy the Lear Family starting at noon at the Grandstand on Sunday, followed by bluegrass gospel music by Matthew Watson and his family.

The Appalachian Troubadors and Richard McHargue Cloggers will close out the festival entertainment.

No animals, bikes, skateboards, or scooters are allowed in the festival area. The festival area is accessible to those who are handicapped.

The Hillbilly Flywheelers are going to be at the Estill County Fairgrounds Thursday through Sunday. They will have antique engines on display.

The Agate, Rock, Gem, and Mineral Show will be open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Central Office of Estill County Board of Education.

For more information, you may visit the festival website at mountainmushroomfestival.org or call (606) 723-1233.



After the Joan Richardson Memorial egg hunt was over, Logan Richardson hid his eggs and then "found" them. He is the great nephew of Joan Richardson, a former Ravenna Councilmember.

Irvine Council wants to collect on delinquent property tax bills

by CATHY DAWES
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Members of the Irvine council discussed potentially having delinquent tax payers' names printed in the newspaper if not paid in full.

Mayor James Gross said that upon reviewing the list of names of people who had failed to pay their taxes, he felt like this would be a viable solution to a problem that had been going on for many years.

Gross stated that some of the tax bills went back as far as ten years, and some of the names on the list were

people that he couldn't understand as to why they had not been paid.

Councilman Ernest Farmer said that a few of the names on the list that he saw were people who had passed away and asked that the list be divided into two different ones.

Gross said even if they had passed away then the estate had to be probated, and someone was responsible for those taxes.

He added that three letters are usually sent out reminding residents of the city to pay their taxes, and he thought after the second

letter was sent out then the city should publish the delinquent tax payer's name in the newspaper like the county does each year.

Funds were transferred from two line items within the budget to cover bills for City Attorney Rodney Davis and for utility bills.

City clerk Robin Powell informed the council that the attorney's bill usually comes once a month but she had not received one since January. Powell said she had also not received a bill from dispatch for their quarterly payment.

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