

## Stocker named president of M&WM Hospital

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Prior to joining Mercy Health, Stocker served as a nurse clinician at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Lexington and previously was the chief nursing/operating officer at Select Medical Corporation, where she oversaw strategic planning, facility operations, human resources, financial, marketing and clinical management of the company's 41-bed long term acute care hospital in Lexington.

A Navy veteran, Stocker will soon complete a master's program in business administration after previously earning master's degrees in both nursing and healthcare administration. She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala.

The search for Mercy Health – Marcum and Wallace Hospital's new leader was led by Mercy Health – Kentucky Region CEO Michael Yungmann and Mercy Health's executive talent team, with assistance from the Mercy Health – Marcum and Wallace Hospital Board of Directors and its medical staff.

"I'm confident we've selected a strong leader to guide Marcum and Wallace into the future," said Yungmann. "Trena's track record speaks to her love of this community and I expect she will continue to add notable achievements as Marcum and Wallace's new leader. I am confident Marcum and Wallace Hospital will continue to make a difference in the communities we serve. Trena is the right person to continue the development of our eastern Kentucky care network that is improving health in these communities."

For more information concerning Mercy Health – Marcum and Wallace Hospital visit [mercy.com](http://mercy.com).

## Former teacher faces additional charges

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Due to a fractured back, she was given a \$10,000 unsecured bond and placed on home incarceration. She will be arraigned in Estill District Court this Wednesday on charges of unlawful transaction with a minor, first degree, tampering with physical evidence, and failure to report child or dependent neglect/abuse, first degree.

Detective Brashear said that while conducting further interviews at Estill High on April 18, it was determined that Murphy had physically struck a female juvenile in the mouth. It adds the assault happened in January at Murphy's residence on Joseph Proctor Bypass, Irvine.

The citation states the allegations were investigated by Estill County Social Services. It adds the juvenile was forced by Murphy to lie to social services and high school officials to cover up the assault.

Murphy was charged with intimidating a witness in the legal process and fourth degree assault (child abuse).

She will appear in court at 1 p.m. on May 3 on these charges.

Torsteinson gave the same address as Murphy. He remains incarcerated in Three Forks Regional Jail in Beattyville.

Authorities state that he is a native of Honduras who is in the United States on a work visa.

## Arrest made in theft of Gator from barn

An All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) was reported stolen on April 16 in the Cob Hill area.

Sheriff Chris Flynn quickly made an arrest that night.

He was dispatched to the vicinity of 1835 Beattyville Road to investigate a stolen John Deer Gator.

The Gator had been stolen out of a hay barn. Flynn found the Gator about a mile from there on Hwy. 52 just past Cob Hill.

It had an extension cord on the front which was used for pulling the Gator down the road. The ignition wires had been cut.

Sheriff Flynn said he no-

ticed clear broken pieces of plastic in the back of the Gator.

Then he received a call about a suspicious vehicle in the Cob Hill area. He located a vehicle matching the description.

Flynn said that Wallace Stanley Cress, 45, was found with the vehicle, a 2019 black Chevy Malibu.

According to the sheriff, the left rear tailgate of the vehicle was broken out. He said that clear plastic pieces found in the Gator matched the broken tailgate.

Cress was charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition over \$500 but under \$10,000.

## Irvine Council wants taxes to be paid up

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A privilege license was granted to Elizabeth Wilson to open a store on Main Street that will sell household items. The store will be called "In the House" and will be located in the building that was used by Michael Dean.

Powell said that insurance premiums for city employees had went up this year but not as much as she had anticipated they would. She said if the council agreed to stay with the same company it would be an increase of \$22

per employee. She added that the council had until June to approve the insurance policy so they would have plenty of time to review the documents.

Fire Chief Tony Murphy said that Irvine Fire Department had been busy washing the streets in preparation for the upcoming Mushroom Festival and they would have the completed in the next day or so. The festival will be held this weekend on Saturday and Sunday and thousands of people are expected to attend.

# Estill Springs student, principal make presentations; board purchases land

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After Mountain Movers were recognized during the board meeting on Thursday night, the audience was treated to a song and a presentation by second graders from Estill Springs Elementary. (Mt. Movers' photos are on Page 2.)

The presentation coincided with a brief description of a grant that was received by four teachers in the school to further instruction in History and technology which they said was much needed. A slideshow was played for the audience showing the history of Kentucky that students had made.

Principal Jessica Mullins showed before and after pictures of the renovations that have been taking place

at Estill Springs. She said that upon completion of the construction they will have an open house and the public will be invited to attend to see all the improvements that have taken place throughout the school.

She said not only has the school been under renovations but they have also been growing leaders throughout the school. Three teachers have received their national board certifications and two more are working on theirs. She said that one person is also working to be certified as a principal and will have that completed in the near future.

The land has been purchased surrounding the Estill County High School and they are in the process of having a boundary sur-

vey completed according to Superintendent Jeff Saylor. He recommended that the board hire Steve Adams of Winchester to perform an appraisal of the property for \$1,900.

Saylor also provided the board with a list of prospective construction projects for the future which did not include the technology center or the bus garage since those have already been approved by the KDE.

Saylor said that there was approximately \$18 million dollars in district needs and that the nickel tax would be fully equalized in the year 2020 which would provide an additional \$5 million dollars in funds for the proposed construction projects.

The board approved to rehire White and Associates

as the auditor. White and Associates had been the auditor for many years but Mr. Saylor said due to the length of time they had been employed by the board, they had felt like it was time for a change. He said White and Associates had done an excellent job for the school district and he had no problem with the board hiring them again to perform the yearly audits.

Several consent items were approved by the board including four out of state trips. Mr. Saylor said that the Future Problem Solving Team would take their trip to National competition in the summer and the board would fund at least seventy percent of that trip, and the booster club will provide money for transportation and from the competition.



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