

# Estill Circuit Court News

**January 22, 2021**

Tommy Robert Witt, motion submitted to amend final judgment pursuant to CR60.02, CR60.03 and the 8th and 14th amendments to the US Constitution.

Marsha E. Cook, submitted response for Commonwealth's response on expungement.

Linda L. Hamm, waived formal arraignment on superseding indictment on charge of theft by unlawful taking -- all others, \$10,000 or more.

Kathy Carter, waived formal arraignment on superseding indictment on charge of theft by unlawful taking -- all others, \$10,000 or more.

Zachary Lee Thomas, court costs waived, \$250 still owed in fines.

Fred Rogers, motions for furlough and reduced bond, denied.

Maria Estes-Swinford, court takes judicial notice of new felony, deferred prosecution is revoked.

Michael Craig Stamper, jury trial set for Nov. 15, final pre-trial conference on Oct. 22, two counts of first degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (meth).

Billy Dunn, indictment read on charges of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess, not guilty plea.

James Covey, arraigned on indictment charging him with second degree assault, not-guilty plea.

Brandon Richardson, arraigned on indictment, not-guilty plea, jury trial set for November 8, pre-trial conference on Oct. 22.

Fred Rogers, arraigned on two indictments, not-guilty pleas.

Jacob Darbyshire, indictment read, not-guilty plea.

**January 21, 2021**

April D. Walden, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (meth), tampering with physical evidence, and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess and was sentenced.

Walter Scott Estes, pled guilty to vehicle head lamp/tail lamp color violation, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (meth), and possession of marijuana. Judgment and order of probation entered.

**February 2, 2021**

Christopher Epperson Jr., jury trial set for April

26 with final pre-trial conference on April 6 on charges of trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree and first offense; fourth degree assault; harassing communications; first degree wanton endangerment; second degree disorderly conduct; resisting arrest; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess; illegal possession of legend drug; and first degree unlawful imprisonment.

Jeremiah L. Johnson, dismissed/diverted.

James Anthony Miller, jury trial set for May 10 and final pre-trial conference on April 23, two counts of first degree wanton endangerment of a police officer and fleeing or evading police, first degree (motor vehicle).

Calvin Arvin, sentenced to 12 months with credit for time served. Balance probated. Probation order entered.

Monty Steelman, jury trial of February 8 set aside. Jury trial set for June 1. Final pre-trial conference May 4, receiving stolen property under \$10,000.

Hillary Combs, probation amended to require rehab as scheduled by probation officer.

James Alan Montgomery, diversion revoked, sentenced to two years and two years to run concurrently.

Nathaniel M. Edmonson, diversion revoked, sentencing March 2.

Timothy Powell, diversion revoked, sentenced to five years with credit for time served.

Jessica Dawn Marcum, pled guilty, sentencing on March 2, no brake light, operating on suspended/revoked license, drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess, possession of a controlled substance, first degree, second offense, and illegal possession of a legend drug.

James Roberts III, jury trial of February 15 set aside. Jury trial rescheduled for June 28, and final pre-trial conference on June 8. Trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (heroin), tampering with physical evidence, and persistent felony offender, first degree.

Dan Smith, defendant stipulated to absconding, credit for time served. Diversion extended for one year due to absconding.

Jessica Marcum, pled guilty, sentencing March 2, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine, possession of a controlled

substance, third degree, tampering with physical evidence, and public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol).

Trenton Ray Hall, sanctioned to time served, diversion to continue.

Bradley Still, indictment read, pled not guilty.

Kayla Brinegar, probation denied, diversion revoked, sentencing order to be entered.

Danny Smith, \$10,000 unsecured bond.

Lucas Decker, pled guilty and sentenced. public intoxication controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, and first degree possession of a controlled substance, (heroin), first offense.

Jacob Harrison, indictment read, pled not-guilty. Third degree assault-prisoner transport officer (two counts).

Joseph Tyler Noland, diversion to be amended to require drug court, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) and first degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense (heroin).

Thomas Bullen, indictment read, not guilty plea, receiving stolen property \$10,000 or more (x2), possession of burglary tools, first degree possession of a controlled substance (x2), operating on suspended/revoked operators license, persistent felony offender, first degree.

Christopher Riddell, indictment read, not-guilty plea, criminal trespass first degree and wanton endangerment, first degree.

Darrell Estes, indictment read, not-guilty plea, Judge Dean to recuse. Special judge to be appointed. first degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense (x2), and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Colby Cross, indictment read, not-guilty plea, first degree robbery, status hearing 4/23.

Brenda Taulbee, indictment read, plea of not-guilty, possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (meth), drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess, and first degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified).

William Caudill, Attorney waived formal arraignment, not-guilty plea. \$10,000 bond. Operating a motor vehicle under the influence, and 15 counts of first degree wanton endangerment.

# Marcum & Wallace plans Ladies' Healthy Heart Couch Conversation

Mercy Health - Marcum and Wallace Hospital will sponsor a virtual educational event titled, "Ladies' Healthy Heart Couch Conversation" on Thursday, February 18th at 12 p.m. via Zoom with Dr. Paula Hollingsworth, Cardiologist, Baptist Health Lexington.

According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the number one killer of women; that's approximately one woman every minute. Ninety percent of women have one or

more risk factors for developing heart disease.

"It's important for women to be educated about heart disease," said Dr. Paula Hollingsworth. "The symptoms of a heart attack and heart disease can be different in women versus men and are often misunderstood. It's also important to know how your numbers impact heart health."

Please call 606-726-8185 to register for this free event and receive your Zoom invitation/

virtual event information. All attendees will be entered in a gift basket drawing.



Paula Hollingsworth

## Leadership Kentucky Is Now Accepting Nominations/Applications for Class of '21

Leadership Kentucky is now accepting nominations and applications for the Leadership Kentucky Class of 2021.

Leadership Kentucky connects a selected group of leaders, with a variety of career accomplishments and volunteer activities, to gain insight on the complex issues facing the state. In a series of seven monthly, three-day sessions held at various locations throughout the state, participants will meet with Kentucky leaders and explore the state's resources and opportunities.

The Class of 2021 will have its orientation session in June at the historic Boone Tavern in Berea and will be

traveling to Louisville in July, Hopkinsville in August, Somerset in September, Paducah in October, Ashland and Morehead in November, and Frankfort and Lexington in December. Each session will cover a topic ranging from business and economic development, arts and tourism, natural resources and the environment, education and healthcare, agriculture, and government.

If you or someone you know is interested in being a member of the Leadership Kentucky Class of 2021, the participant must first be nominated by a friend, colleague, or yourself. The nomination form is available online at leadershipky.org.

Potential applicants will receive full application instructions via e-mail once nominated. All Leadership Kentucky Class of 2021 applications will be due mid-March.

Created in 1984, the Leadership Kentucky Foundation offers four unique programs: Leadership Kentucky, Elevate Kentucky (for young professionals), BRIGHT Kentucky (for Eastern Kentuckians) and New Executives to Kentucky (for senior level executives who have lived in the state for less than two years). For more information, please visit leadershipky.org or email lky@leadershipky.org.

## Ladies' Healthy Heart Couch Conversation

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12 - 1 p.m.

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## Jackson County woman publishes novel

A Jackson County, Kentucky Author has published a novel that tells of a Woman who lives through World War II in the Appalachia region and shows off her strength of character.

The Black Gum Well, a new book by Carolyn Pennington, has been released by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

This compelling story of the protagonist, Clementine, chronicles her adult life pre WWII and

during WWII in Appalachia within the constraints of her time and place. Her story transcends her time and place and perhaps reveals the universal strength and endurance of women.

### About the Author

Carolyn Pennington is a retired teacher that enjoys her life on her family farm shared with her husband and Golden Retriever, JoCee. Mrs. Pennington has an avid interest in humanities

and language arts. She has produced plays, lead book clubs and teaches others to dance. She finds life now to be filled with writing, reading, traveling, square dancing and gardening.

The Black Gum Well is a 170-page paperback with a retail price of \$15.00. The ISBN is 978-1-6461-0213-6. It was published by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.