

# Community Chorus gets new director

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The Estill County Community Chorus has a new conductor this year. She is new to both Estill County and the community chorus.

Christine, or Chris, Fondaw and her family moved to Estill County about a year and a half ago. Her husband, an engineer, was hired to run safety lessons at Blue Grass Army Depot.

This meant a move from Texas to Kentucky. They looked around the Richmond area before moving, and decided Estill County was where they wanted to live and farm.

She thought it would be cooler and rainier than Texas. "I'm wanting to grow a berry farm," she said.

Robin Reed, a member of the community chorus, met Fondaw at the farmers' market where he sets up weekly. Since moving to Estill County, Fondaw also sets up at the farmers' market where she sells country eggs.

The community chorus was looking for a conductor. After Reed got acquainted with Fondaw at the market, he asked her to become the conductor.

He stated it is strictly a volunteer position.

Fondaw grew up in Washington state but went to college in Utah. She received a degree in design (applied arts) with an emphasis in photography.

She has eight children from her first marriage, and her husband has three. They now have only three children at home. One daughter just graduated from Marine basic training.

Another daughter plays for the award-winning, marching band at Estill County High School. When band competition is over, she will be singing with the community chorus.

Fondaw started taking voice lessons when she was 17 years old. She was the conductor of two church choirs in the past.

More members are being sought for the community chorus, which meets at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at Irvine United Methodist Church on Main Street. (There are no auditions.)

Male chorus members will really be appreciated.

Fondaw also invites students to join the chorus.

The chorus presents two concerts annually, including a Christmas concert the day after the Irvine-Ravenna Kiwanis parade. The other concert is held in the spring, and the chorus members take the summer off.



Christine Fondaw

# Many waive indictments on Rocket Docket

Many people waived indictments on September 19 in Estill Circuit Court. They appeared before Judge Michael Dean on the Rocket Docket and were sentenced.

Glyndon Isaacs, 57, of Sawmill Road, Irvine waived an indictment for fleeing or evading police, first degree (motor vehicle) and second degree (on foot), and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, second violation.

These events occurred on July 26. He pled guilty and was sentenced.

Sheila Ray, 48, of Clay City, waived indictments in two separate but related cases.

She pled guilty and was sentenced for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

She also admitted to trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. The waiver says she had methamphetamine in her possession on Sept. 6 with the intent to sell.

Wade Smith, 52, of Winchester Road, Irvine, waived an indictment for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, fleeing or evading police, first degree (on foot), resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct.

He allegedly had methamphetamine in his possession when he was arrested Sept. 6.

After he pled guilty. He was sentenced and a probation order was entered.

Kayla Brinegar, 27, of Kirkland Avenue, Irvine waived an indictment for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

She allegedly had meth in her possession on Sept. 3.

Judge Michael Dean sentenced her to diversion.

An indictment was waived for Craig A. Mullins, 21, of Jackson on charges of public intoxication and two counts of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin and meth).

Mullins was charged with those crimes on Sept. 8.

He was sentenced and an order of probation entered.

Charles Stephen Sparks, 29, of Richmond, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (meth), and tampering with physical evidence on August 30.

He was given a probated sentence.

Wanda Watson, 48, of Dry Branch Road, Irvine pled guilty to tampering with physical evidence on August 16.

Adrian Young, 21, of Racetrack Road, Irvine pled guilty to tampering with physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (meth) on July 20.

She was sentenced to diversion.

Heather Jones, 42, of Rose Ridge Road, Irvine pled guilty to theft by unlawful taking or disposition of \$500 or more but less than \$10,000.

The waiver states that she stole two gold rings and a Lenova laptop from Tammy Young's residence on August 3. She was given a diverted sentence.

Eddie Creech, 53, of Kirkland Ave., Irvine waived an indictment for possession of a controlled substance, third degree and first offense, tampering with physical evidence, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The waiver states he tried to conceal a loaded syringe on July 28.

Creech was sentenced and a probation order entered.

Corey Austin Isaacs, 25, of Cow Creek Road, Ravenna, waived an indictment on charges of first degree criminal mischief and public intoxication.

Isaacs allegedly damaged a victim's property on July 27. A probation order was entered for Isaacs after he was sentenced.

An indictment was waived for Paul Anthony Descoteaux, 52, of Edgewater Drive, Irvine on a charge of cultivating marijuana (five plants or more).

The waiver states that Descoteaux was growing a plot of marijuana on July 6.

He was given a two year diverted sentence.

Earl Peters, 64, of Dry Branch Road, Irvine, waived an indictment for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense and tampering with physical evidence.

The waiver states that he had meth in his possession and threw a tube with drugs into his vehicle on June 19.

A deferred prosecution order was entered for Peters.

Jacob Michael Fox failed to appear on a charge of criminal possession of a forged instrument. A bench warrant was issued.

Rosemary Wolfenbarger, 67, of Ridge Road, Irvine, waived an indictment to op-

erating a motor vehicle under the influence on July 11, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, first degree (oxycodone and valium). She will be sentenced on November 5 for the first charge.

Deferred prosecution orders were entered on two charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance.

Zackery Watts, 34, of Wood Point Drive, Irvine waived an indictment to operating a motor vehicle under the influence and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin) on August 5.

He was sentenced to \$200 fine, 30 days license suspension, DUI service fee, and court costs. He was sentenced to two years for possession of heroin which was probated for two years. A charge of drug paraphernalia was dismissed.

Charges against Aaron Martin Noland were bound over to the Estill Grand Jury because he did not accept the plea agreement. He has been charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) and contempt of court.

In a separate case, Noland was charged with promoting contraband, second degree. It was also bound over to the grand jury.

Darrin Clay Spark, 41, of Wallace Drive, Irvine waived an indictment on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (hydrocodone), failure to owner to maintain required insurance, and carrying a concealed deadly weapon on August 14.

A charge of failure to or improper signal was dismissed against Sparks. He was given a three year probated sentence on the possession charge. No insurance carries a \$500 fine.

He was sentenced to 12 months for the concealed weapon. The sentence was diverted and runs concurrently with the three year one.

Charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana against James Sparks were dismissed.

James Sparks, 28, of Walnut Grove, Irvine waived an indictment for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (meth) and tampering with physical evidence on August 16. A diversion order was entered.

Michael J. Hatton rejected a plea agreement. His case was bound over to the grand jury.

He is charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, possession of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia.

Marie Belle Stepp was charged with theft by unlawful taking or shoplifting \$500 or more, but under \$10,000. A status hearing was scheduled for her on Oct. 25 because she has a new case pending.

On Sept. 16, all charges against Michelle Lynn Ginter were dismissed. These included second degree burglary, failure to wear seat belts, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

Brian Brewer pled guilty to trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin), no/expired registration plates, failure of non-owner operator to maintain insurance, leaving scene of accident, menacing, possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), and carrying a concealed weapon.

Brewer was sentenced on Sept. 16.

## Citations Issued This Week

On Sept. 25, Deputy James Marshall served a bench warrant from Estill District Court on **Marcus Kidd**. Judge William Leach set Kidd's bond at \$198 cash, because Kidd had allegedly failed to pay.

A warrant from Estill District Court for a traffic offense was served on **Eddie Young** of Irvine was served by Deputy Chris Coffey on Sept. 27.

Court Security Officer Glenn Carroll served a bench warrant on **Ronald Penman**, 28, of Berea on Sept. 27. Estill District Judge William Leach issued the warrant because Penman allegedly had not paid fines and or court costs after being found guilty of speeding 15 mph over limit and failure of non-owner to maintain insurance. Charges of failure to register transfer of vehicle and driving on a DUI suspended license were merged.

Deputy Marshall cited **Christian Spencer** of Mt. Crest, Irvine with license plate not legible, failure to produce insurance card, license to be in possession, and failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance on Sept. 24.

# Cole Retired Monday

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He said there were a lot of cases in Montgomery County because of the lead-based paint in historic homes.

Cole said sometimes the elevated levels went back to a family member working in a factory with batteries or a junk yard.

Cole has also promoted radon testing in homes. Some homes have undergone radon mitigation because of high radon levels.

As the environmentalist, he has been very involved when TENORM was brought illegally to the landfill.

He has served as an advisor to Estill County Concerned Citizens. After retirement, Cole plans to remain a member of that group.

At one time, Cole said the health department stayed busy hitting all the illegal dumps.

He adds roadside litter is one area where he thinks the county has slid back. Non-profit groups can now earn money for their organization by picking up roadside litter. The group must register at the county judge's office.

There is also a fine for anyone who is caught littering the roadside.

Cole stated that he thought the time was right to retire because of uncertainty in the Kentucky Pension System and uncertainty of the public health departments.

# KSP arrests Reynolds

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She allegedly confirmed that she took the items and contents into the residence.

Reynolds was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, greater than or equal to two grams of methamphetamine, tampering with physical evidence, and possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

The first and third charges are Class C felonies. If convicted, Reynolds could be sentenced to five to ten years on each charge. Tampering with physical evidence is a Class D felony, punishable by one to five years in prison.

During the second search of the residence, KSP reported they confiscated US currency in a black glove,

# Two are hurt in Bypass wreck

A driver and his passenger were injured Saturday during a single vehicle wreck on Joseph Proctor Bypass. The collision was investigated by Deputy Chris Coffey.

The report states that Ryan Freeman of Burgess Lane, Irvine was traveling on the Bypass towards the Winchester Road in a 1996 Toyota pickup.

It adds that as Freeman came across the bridge, the

vehicle crossed over into the other lane and went off the road. It struck a guard rail before flipping into the opposing lane.

Freeman and his passenger were both transported to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital.

The truck received very severe damages. Coffey cited Freeman for driving under the influence

that Stanley was unable to stop. His pickup truck, a 2000 Dodge Dakota went through the intersection and struck a high way sign before striking an earthen embankment and a wooden fence.

Stanley was transported to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital.

His vehicle sustained severe damages.

He added the health department serves a very important role to people who cannot travel to other counties.

He has also been offered jobs with the state and with the private sector.

Cole is a past president of the Kentucky Health Education Association. He continues to serve on the organization's board of directors.

He and his wife, Kelly, a rheumatologist, live in Lexington where she continues to practice. They have two daughters. The older one is a nurse. The other is a college student with a double major in neuroscience and photography.

Cole attended Ravenna Grade School and graduated from Estill County High School.

He was a member and former music director of First Baptist Church in Irvine. He taught Sunday School and was youth director there.

He teaches a Sunday School class for senior adults at the church he now attends in Lexington. Their ages range from 71 to 90 years old.

When he retires, Cole plans to visit with some of his class members who have become shut-ins and cannot get out. A few have even gone to assisted living.

"This is my hometown," he states. "I own a farm here in this county."

Reynolds' bail was set at \$5,000 cash. She was lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail at Beattyville.

Court records add that she was arrested on a new offense while she had a case pending.

# Man injured in Sept. 25 wreck

A Nicholasville man was injured Sept. 25 during a wreck at the intersection of Highway 1209 and McKee Road (Highway 89).

The collision report states that Gary W. Stanley of Nicholasville was traveling on Highway 1209. He did not see the stop sign at the intersection.

The investigating deputy, James Marshall, said

# Nazarene youth assist in Estill

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She added that Aldersgate Camp was very generous and allowed them to shower at the camp. Meals were provided to the large group by members of the Ravenna Nazarene Church.

During the weekend the group raised \$1,200 for Appalachian Reachout. The

money raised will provide spiritual, physical, and economic needs for those in need.

Brad Salyers, youth pastor at Catlettsburg Southside, said that everyone they met in Estill County was kind and grateful, and he wished they could've done more for the community.