



# District Court News

**Hon. Paul E. Craft  
Hon. Benjamin L. Harrison  
County Attorney  
April 15, 2025**

Jimmy Bailey Jr. Other Hearing. Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. Enhanceable. Motion by CW to dismiss. Sustained. Dismissed.

Daniel S. Cooper. Other Hearing. BW served for FTA 4-8-25, money due \$273. Serve out. \$50.

Roger D. Dyer Jr. Other Hearing. (1) Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. Enhanceable. (2) Disorderly conduct, 2nd degree. Appoint PD. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). 4-22, 10:00.

Roger D. Dyer Jr. Arraignment. (1) Disorderly conduct, 1st degree. (2) Resisting arrest. (3) Convicted felon in possession of a handgun. (4) Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. Enhanceable. Appoint PD. PNG. PH 4-22, 10:00.

Samuel B. Esham. Arraignment. (1) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (>=2 GMS methamphetamine) METH-BLK. (2) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (<10 D.U. drug unspecified, 1 and 2). (3) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. PNG. PH 4-22.

Christopher K. Harrison-Docks. Arraignment. Distribute sexually explicit images no consent for profit, 1st offense. Reset 4-22.

Wallace Houchens. Arraignment. (1) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (>=2 GMS methamphetamine) METH-BLK. (2) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (<10 D.U. drug unspecified, sched. 1 and 2). (3) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Appoint PD. PNG. PH 4-22.

David Wayen Justice. Arraignment. Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol .08 (189A.010(1A) 2nd (aggravating circumstances). FTA eligible. No drugs/alcohol. PT drug test. No op. motor vehicle.

Brian Lee Persley. Arraignment. (1) Speeding 15mph over limit. FTA eligible. (2) Operate motor vehicle under influence substance (189A. 010(1C) 1st. FTA eligible. (3) Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense, drug unspecified. (4) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Appoint PD. PNG. PH 4-22, 10:00.

Jessica Bare. Arraignment. (1) No/expired registration plates. (2) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (3) Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (4) Failure to produce insurance card. (5) No operators/moped license. FTA eligible. 5-13.

Jesse Ray Broughton. Arraignment. (1) Inadequate silencer (muffler). CADP. 180 days. (2) Failure of owner to maintain required

insurance/ security, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. CADP. (3) No/expired registration plates. SP, dismiss. Samuel Wyatt Craft. Diversion Completion. Dismissed/ Diverted.

Dorothy Frye. Arraignment. Assault, 4th degree, child abuse. Enhanceable. Appoint PD. PNG. 5-13.

James G. Hill. Arraignment. (1) Speeding 16mph over limit. FTA eligible. Pled Guilty (PG). \$15. (2) One headlight. Merge. (3) Driving motor vehicle using hand held mobile telephone. FTA eligible. PG. \$50.

Rachel Hurley. Diversion Completion. Reset.

Dianna Parker. Diversion Completion. Redocketed.

Tanner A. Robinson. Arraignment. (1) One headlight. (2) Operating on suspended/ revoked operators license. FTA eligible. (3) Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (4) No/expired registration plates. Reset 4-22.

Loany Arellanes Torres. Diversion Completion. Dismissed/Diverted.

Stephanie Arlene Buff. Pretrial Conference. (1) Careless driving. FTA eligible. \$100. (2) Operating on suspended/ revoked operators license. FTA eligible. \$150. (3) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. Merge. (4) Improper registration plates. Merge. (5) Failure to produce insurance card. \$50. (6) No/expired registration plates. Merge.

Cynthia Burdine. Preliminary Hearing. (1) Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) METHBLK. (2) Possession of marijuana. (3) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Def waives PH.

Gerald Butler. Preliminary Hearing. (1) Fleeing/evading police, 1st degree. FTA eligible. (2) No/expired registration plates. (3) No operators/moped license. FTA eligible. (4) Failure to or improper signal. FTA eligible. (5) Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (6) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. Def waives time. Reset 4-22, 10:00.

Danial H. Carrington. Motion Hour. Motion to void pretrial diversion. Withdrawn.

Cydney Cook. Pretrial Conference. (1) Facilitation assault, 2nd degree. (2A) Facilitation unlawful imprisonment, 1st degree. Motion to dismiss based upon indictment. Sustained without prejudice.

Taylor Duncan. Pretrial Conference. Unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 1st offense. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. SB90. 12 months. 4-14-26, 10:00.

Grace Fields. Preliminary Hearing. Criminal mischief, residential rental property, 1st degree. Def waives time. 4-22.

Jodiha B. Gifford. Pretrial Conference. Failure of

owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. FTA. SC. NF.

Dennis Jamison. Pretrial Conference. Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, minor injury. Enhanceable. PG. 12 months, serve 15, credit time served. Balance c/d 2 years, violate no law, no contact.

Dennis Jamison. Preliminary Hearing. Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine). METHBLK. Def waives PH. 5-2.

Burl E. Lawson. Pretrial Conference. Summons. (1) Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, no visible injury. Enhanceable. (2) Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. SB90. 12 months. 4-14-26.

Tina Monteith. Pretrial Conference. Harassing Communications. 2 years diverted. No contact, no Facebook/social media posts regarding child in circuit court, violate no law.

Chelsy Lawson. Pretrial Conference. Harassing Communications. 2 years diverted. No contact, no Facebook/social media posts regarding child in circuit court, violate no law.

Steven Reis. Preliminary Hearing. Criminal mischief, residential rental property, 1st degree. Def waives time. 4-22.

Micah Chane Smith. Pretrial Conference. (1) Speeding 25mph over limit. FTA eligible. (2) Possession of

marijuana. (3) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. 5-13, 10:00.

Kearstin Ray Sparks. Pretrial Conference. Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. Enhanceable. SB90. 7-23.

Christopher Greg Sumrall. Pretrial Conference. Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. Reset.

Marvin Teegarden Jr. Pretrial Conference. (1) Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. PG. \$100 fine. (2) Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. PG. 12 months, serve 14 days and 90 day inpatient rehab program. No contact. 7-15.

Nathan Zornes. Pretrial Conference. (1) Inadequate silencer (muffler). Merge.

(2) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. \$150 fine. (3) No operators/moped license. \$150 fine. (4) Improper lane usage/vehicles keep to right except to pass. FTA eligible. Merge. (5) Rear license not illuminated. Merge.

Brittany R. Remy. Pretrial Conference. Unlawful transaction with minor, 3rd degree. FTA. BW.

All information contained in the "Court News" is directly taken from the dockets of the Lewis County Circuit and District Court.

## Legislative Update

State Representative Patrick Flannery



### A time of renewal, faith, and unity

As we celebrate Easter, we are reminded of the ultimate sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ, a profound act of grace and renewal. This season is a time for reflection, a moment to embrace hope of the future, and a beckoning to uphold our responsibilities to living out the values that strengthen our families and communities.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." – Isaiah 43:19

Easter brings us together, reminding us that despite the challenges we face, new beginnings are present and evident. It is a time to look beyond the struggles of the past and focus on the opportunities that are found ahead of us. Whether in our personal lives, communities, or the work we do to help shape Kentucky's future this season encourages us to renew our faith, recommit to our purpose, and make steps to a brighter tomorrow.

Here in Kentucky, we are committed to moving forward in a shared vision of a better future—one grounded in the principles of faith, personal responsibility, and respect for our communities. We believe in the strength of the family, the

importance of individual liberty, and the need to preserve the values that have long made our state so great. These principles have guided generations of Kentuckians, and it falls on our shoulders to maintain their importance in our progression forward.

Yet, as we work towards that future, we must also recognize the importance of unity. In the spirit of making a new way, it is critical to remember that while we may not always agree, the strength of our communities, state, and nation comes from our ability to find common ground. We are stronger when we bridge the divide and work together, consider with open minds, and approach disagreements as opportunities to develop understanding rather as viewing them as barriers.

The challenges we face today – whether economic, social, or cultural – require cooperation and a willingness to work towards solutions.

### Notice of Filing Periodic Settlement

Pursuant to KRS 395.625, notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of April 2025, a periodic settlement was filed by Robin D. Halverson, Executrix of the Estate of Christine Clark Arnold, deceased.

A hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on May 20, 2025. Exceptions to said periodic settlement must be filed before said hearing.

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that serve all Kentuckians. Our greatest challenges can only be met when we come together, as neighbors and fellow citizens, to serve the common societal good. Division may be easy, but it is through unity and great compromises that we will discover the strength to preserve our values, support our families, and build a version of Kentucky that future generations will be proud of in the days to come.

This Easter season, let us remember that faith and unity are the guiding principles towards a future that we all can be proud of. Whether we are discussing the future of Kentucky as a whole or the direction of our own personal pursuits, we must always keep in

### Notice of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Dennis Ray Thomas, whose address was 792 H. Voiers Lane, Tollesboro, KY 41189, and Westley Willis Thomas, whose address is PO Box 42, Tollesboro, KY 41189, was appointed Administrator on April 15, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Westley Willis Thomas, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Westley Willis Thomas.

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mind the values that have shaped us. Values that uphold faith, freedom, and responsibility for one's actions. Jesus's resurrection teaches us the power of redemption, the importance of service, and the necessity of standing firm in our faith while extending his love to others. These lessons are just as important in our daily lives as they are in the work we do for our families, communities, and our Commonwealth.

This year, as we rejoice in the promise of Easter, may it fix our gaze forward with hope, further our dedication to service, and inspire us to continuing working for a Kentucky that reflects the best of who we are. Let us be grateful for the opportunities before us and embrace the journey that has brought us here. Happy

Easter, and may God bless you and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-

7181. You can also contact me via email at Patrick.Flannery@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.



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### --- PUBLIC NOTICE ---

Notice is hereby given that Peggy Clark, 554 Front St., Vanceburg, KY 41179 has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to replace roofing at current address.

Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov.

Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

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### MONEY FOR FARM IMPROVEMENTS



**Eligible Investment Areas:**  
Agricultural Diversification Ag Tech  
Ag Tech & Leadership Development  
Large Animal - Small Animal  
Farm Infrastructure  
Fencing & On-Farm Water  
Forage & Grain Improvement  
Innovative Ag. Systems  
On-Farm Energy  
Poultry & Other Fowl  
Value Added & Marketing

Administered by  
**LEWIS COUNTY  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

38 W KY 8 Suite D  
Vanceburg, KY 41179  
606-796-3831 ext. 3

### COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications are available for Lewis County's CAIP to assist farmers in making important farm investments.

**Application Period:**  
April 28th - May 19th

No applications will be accepted before April 28, 2025 or after May 19, 2025, 4:30 p.m.

**Informational Meeting –  
May 5th at 6:00 p.m.**  
Lewis County Extension Office

**Application Availability:**  
LEWIS CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Monday – Friday (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

**For More Information:**  
Contact **ANGIE PATTON**  
at 606-796-3831 ext. 3 or  
email [angela.patton@ky.nacdn.net](mailto:angela.patton@ky.nacdn.net)

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

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### Lewis County Schools Advertisement for Tollesboro Elementary School Parking Lot Resurfacing & Striping

On behalf of the Lewis County School District Board of Education, Blacktop/Paving and Striping Representatives are invited to submit a proposal for the **Tollesboro Elementary School Parking Lot Resurfacing & Striping** project. Proposal information can be found under district news on the district's website homepage at [www.lewis.kyschools.us](http://www.lewis.kyschools.us). Interested parties shall deliver a proposal no later than 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 16, 2025. (Eastern Time)

Michael Melton, Superintendent  
Lewis County School District  
251 Lions Lane  
Vanceburg, KY 41179  
Phone: (606) 796-2811

Proposals received after the above noted date and time will not be accepted. A company will be selected to undertake the work at the discretion of the local board.

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