



# LEWIS COUNTY LIONS SCHOOL NEWS



## Annual Lewis County High School Awards Day

### Herald Report

The following awards were presented to Lewis County High School graduates.

**Samuel Allen:** Alice Lloyd Scholarship (\$12,500), Appalachian Leadership College Scholarship (\$55,840).

**Ayden Alloway:** Kentucky Welding Institute Scholarship (\$1,000)

**Hayleigh Alloway:** Trails for the Trades - Trace Creek (\$2,500).

**Alexandria Applegate:** Northern Kentucky University, Founders Scholarship (\$12,000).

**Olivia Arnold:** UK Saint Claire (\$10,000), University of Oklahoma (\$126,000), Mississippi University (\$64,000), University of Kentucky (\$20,000), Oklahoma State University (\$21,895), University of Cincinnati (\$21,511), University of Alabama (\$18,000), University of Nebraska Lincoln (\$19,000), Missouri State University (\$64,000), University of Louisville (\$20,000), Northern Kentucky University (\$3,000), Valparaiso University (\$31,000), Hendrix College (\$26,000), Marietta College (\$26,000), Truman State Uni-

versity (\$11,000), University of La Verne (\$25,000), Freed-Hardeman University (\$12,000), Purdue University - Fort Wayne (\$3,000), Pittsburgh State University (\$4,000), University of the Pacific (\$26,000), Southeast Missouri State University (\$5,000), University of Central Missouri (\$12,050), Tollesboro Lions Club (\$500).

**Garrett Ashcraft:** Made for More Scholarship (\$1,000) (\$34,000).

**Daylen Bivens:** Peoples Bank of KY (\$1,000), Lewis County Education Foundation Ron LeMaster Scholarship (\$500), Lois Walden Hayswood Foundation Scholarship (\$3,000), Morehead State University - Eagle Promise Scholarship (\$18,000).

**Katie Call:** Morehead State University - Future Achievers Award (\$10,000), MSU - Alumni Family Scholarship (\$4,000).

**Braxton Carrington:** Shawnee State University - Shawnee Empowerment Scholarship (\$16,000).

**Brianna Carver:** Peoples Bank of KY (\$1,000), Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship

(\$500).

**Jaucelynn Carver:** Northern Kentucky University, Excellence Award Scholarship (\$3,000).

**Lyndsay Carver:** Morehead State University, Eagle Assurance+ Scholarship (\$88,000).

**Isabella Casterline:** Marathon Petroleum Scholars Program (\$4,000).

**Ayden Cole:** Lois Walden Hayswood Foundation Scholarship (\$3,000), Morehead State University - Eagle Spirit Scholarship (\$30,000), Alumni Family Scholarship (\$1,000), Imogene Sullivan Howard Scholarship (\$1,000), Mary Logan Gilmer Scholarship (\$2,500).

**Braxton Egbert:** Morehead State University - Eagle Spirit Scholarship (\$30,000), Hagan Scholarship (\$60,000).

**Josie Ervin:** St. Mary Masonic Lodge (\$500), Berea College - No Tuition Commitment Scholarship (\$250,000).

**Camron Farris:** St. Mary Masonic Lodge (\$500), Keith Prater Scholarship (\$100), David Iery Scholarship (\$750).

**Timothy Drew Ginn:** Lewis County Farm Bureau Scholarship (\$1,000), Peoples Bank of KY (\$1,000).

**Dale (Easton) Johnson:** Sidney Bloomfield Carpentry Memorial Scholarship (\$500), Vanceburg Lions Club (\$500), Kentucky Welding Institute Scholarship (\$9,500).

**Shayla Jolly:** Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship (\$500).

**Makaylan Linebaugh:** Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship (\$500).

**Jerra Lucas:** Kentucky Christian University - Bagby Scholarship (\$16,518) and Campus Visit Scholarship (\$500), Lewis County Farm Bureau Scholarship (\$1,000), Vanceburg Lions Club (\$500), David Iery Scholarship (\$100), KCU - Campus Tour (\$500), KCU - Her Day (\$500), KCU - Covenant Church Scholarship (\$2,000), Lewis County Education Foundation Helen Smith Memorial Scholarship (\$4,000).

**Emma Lumpkins:** Shawnee State University, Blue & Gray Scholarship (\$2,000), Xavier University - Presidential Merit Scholarship

(\$33,000) and Dean's Award (\$2,500), Morehead State University - Future Achievers Award (\$13,500), Transylvania University - Morrison Scholarship (\$30,000) and Achievement Award (\$3,000), University of Louisville - Trustees Scholarship (\$30,000).

**Matthew Lung:** Morehead State University - Commonwealth Scholarship (\$32,000), MSU Enrollment Scholarship (\$1,000), Mary Logan Gilmer Scholarship (\$2,500).

**Piper Lykins:** Transylvania University - Morrison Scholarship (\$30,000).

**Naomi Miller:** Tollesboro Lions Club (\$500), Peoples Bank of KY (\$1,000), Lois Walden Hayswood Foundation Scholarship (\$3,000).

**Natalie Mitchell:** Lewis County Farm Bureau Ag Scholarship (\$500).

**Kiya Noble:** Morehead State University - Kentucky Scholar Award (\$28,000), David Iery Scholarship (\$100), Trace Creek Construction Scholarship (\$1,000), Lewis County Education Foundation Michael Holder Memorial Scholarship (\$500).

**Carley Phillips:** Morehead State University - Future Achievers Award (\$10,000) MSU Enrollment Scholarship (\$1,000).

**Keiara Polley:** Lewis County Farm Bureau Scholarship (\$1,000), Tollesboro Lions Club (\$500), Peoples Bank of KY (\$1,000).

**Peyton Riggs:** Peoples Bank of KY (\$1,000), Morehead State University - Kentucky Scholar Award (\$28,000) Cattleman's Scholarship In Memory of Philip Konopka (\$500).

**Kameron Ross:** Northern Kentucky University - Excellence Award Scholarship (\$102,666).

**Kaylee Grace Switzer:** Lewis County Farm Bureau Scholarship (\$1,000), David Iery Scholarship (\$100), People's Self-Help Housing (\$500), Vanceburg Lions

Club (\$500), David Iery Scholarship (\$750), Lois Walden Hayswood Foundation Scholarship (\$3,000), Morehead State University - Commonwealth Scholarship (\$32,000), Alumni Scholarship (\$1,000), Mary Logan Gilmer Scholarship (\$2,500), Herron Leadership Scholarship (\$1,000), Shawnee State University - Free Tuition Scholarship (\$4,746), Shawnee Achievement One (\$20,000), Transylvania University - President's Scholarship (\$128,000), Bellarmine University - Scarlet Scholarship (\$30,000), BETA Scholarship (\$500), Northern Kentucky University - Founders Scholarship (\$12,000).

**Keelee Tackett:** Lois Walden Hayswood Foundation Scholarship (\$3,000), WoodmenLife (\$1,000), Shepard Michigan VFW (\$3,000), Morehead State University - Eagle Assurance+ Scholarship (\$88,000).

**Bryson Taulbee:** Cattleman's Scholarship In Memory of Philip Konopka (\$500).

**Briley Thomas:** Hagan Scholarship (\$60,000), Lewis County Farm Bureau Scholarship (\$1,000), Eastern Kentucky University - One Eastern Award (\$5,000).

**Jenna Walters:** Morehead State University - Eagle Promise Scholarship (\$18,000) and Mary Logan Gilmer Scholarship (\$2,500), PrimaryPlus Carolyn Evans Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000), People's Self-Help Housing (\$500), Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship (\$500), Trails for the Trades - Trace Creek (\$2,500), MSU - Sidney Bloomfield Memorial Scholarship (\$500), Vanceburg Lions Club (\$500).

**Kindall Westwater:** Eastern Kentucky University (\$7,000), Lois Walden Hayswood Foundation Scholarship (\$3,000).

**Rikisha Yates:** Kentucky Christian University - Bagby Scholarship (\$24,530).

## LVC alumna turned instructor

### By Rachel Adkins

Several years after earning credentials from Maysville Community and Technical College, Michelle Legge recently stepped onto campus with a different perspective. As one of the newest Industrial Maintenance and Tech instructors, she is now helping create opportunities and experiences that once shaped her own journey.

Legge, a 2002 and 2003 alumna of MCTC, holds an associate in applied science in IET with an electrical specialty, an Electronics Technician I certificate, and a bachelor's degree from Morehead State University (MSU).

"I've come full circle. MCTC is where I grew the most and became the person that I am today. Robbie Graves helped me get my CoOp/Intern position at DP&L in 2002, and I



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### Michelle Legge.

worked with them until mid-2005." Legge remarked. "Now, I will teach in the building that I was once the student representative for the groundbreaking ceremony over 20 years ago."

After her time with MCTC as a student had concluded, Legge recalls always knowing deep down

that she would return to the college.

"Education has always been in my blood. When the opportunity arrived to obtain a position at MCTC, I was elated. Teaching was the plan for the last half of my life and the fact that I can do it at the place that most influenced who I am today was just the icing on the cake," she said.

Legge has served on the ATMAE Board of Accreditation for 3 years and has served on the MSU advisory board. She was also selected to serve on the USA Today All-USA Academic Team.

She reminisced about her time as a student with MCTC.

"I learned a lot about who I was and who I wanted to become during my time at MCTC. As a non-traditional student, I learned how valuable time

and knowledge can be. I learned how to manage being a single mother, working, and going to school," Legge said. "There were so many people at MCTC who supported and helped guide me. I want to be one of those people for my students."

Legge encouraged her fellow alumni who are considering a career in industrial maintenance and technical education.

"Be actively involved in your education—from what classes to take, to your grades. Take advantage of every opportunity. If you don't know if something is available, ask. I may not have all of the answers, but I will find out who does. Be proud of your accomplishments. Going to college is not easy, and I promise that you will get as much out of it as you put into it," she concluded.

## Setting the Tempo for Kentucky's Future Teachers

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Kentucky continues to face a teacher shortage, creating challenges for school districts across the state. The 2025 Kentucky Educator Shortage Survey noted more than 2,400 total vacancies across school districts in the Commonwealth, including 671 certified teacher vacancies. Also in the survey, 72% of districts reported an observed decrease of the number of qualified candidates applying for positions over the past two years.

As the need for qualified educators rises, Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) is helping close the gap by preparing the next generation of teachers, including those in music education. As EKU celebrates 120 Years of Excellence in Education in 2026, the university continues its longstanding legacy of preparing educators who serve communities across Kentucky and beyond.

"At EKU, we are committed to preparing future teachers to enter the state's workforce and meet the needs of our communities," said EKU President David McFaddin. "EKU has long held a reputation for excellence in teacher education, and this expands to our subject-specific teaching de-

grees, like music education. Our School of Music is highly renowned, representing EKU on a national stage."

The path to EKU for Harper Grizzle, music education major from Ashland, Kentucky, began years before she enrolled.

"I attended Foster Music Camp and met Dr. Waters, Dr. Campbell and Dr. Wolf," Grizzle said. EKU's Foster Music Camp is the second oldest music camp in the country, welcoming middle and high school students to practice their music skills each summer. "They made me feel so at home and capable of being a music education major. It was an easy choice for me," Grizzle continued.

EKU's School of Music offers a Bachelor of Music degree with concentrations available in music composition, music performance, music industry and music education. The music education option leads to initial licensure as a certified educator in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and students prepare to teach music in all genres, at all levels.

Across all music degree options at EKU, students gain performance and professional experiences that shape their future careers.

Music performance major Eva Cook was the first EKU student chosen to attend an American String Teachers Association (ASTA) Convention as a collegiate masterclass performer and was also the concertmaster of International 2025 Brevard Institute, an internationally recognized summer institute.

Cook, along with other EKU music students, performed as the collegiate string quartet at ASTA 2024. Other music students have been selected to perform at the Michigan State University Conducting Symposium and the University of Illinois Conducting Symposium and have gained hands-on exposure at venues such as the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company. Grizzle was among 41 students from EKU Choirs to perform at New York's Carnegie Hall in March.

Additionally, faculty members collaborate with graduate and undergraduate students to present mobile percussion clinics at regional schools, extending EKU's impact in music education beyond campus.

The local, national and international recognition of opportunities provided through EKU's School of Music helps students stand out as they enter the workforce.

After graduation, Grizzle

wants to make a lasting difference in the classroom with the experiences she has gained at EKU.

"I hope to be teaching high school choir and helping students develop both their musical skills and their confidence," Grizzle said. "I also plan to continue my education by pursuing a master's degree in music education so I can keep growing as a teacher and musician."

For Grizzle, music education is about more than performance.

"To me, success as a musician means continuing to grow while also making a positive impact on others through music," she said. "It's not just about performing well, but also about inspiring students and audiences to appreciate music in meaningful ways."

As Kentucky works to address its teacher shortage, students like Harper Grizzle represent the future of education in the Commonwealth. EKU's School of Music plays an important role in that effort. Through hands-on training, performance opportunities and mentorship from experienced faculty, students are equipped with the skills and confidence necessary to step into Kentucky classrooms.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Vanceburg Electric Plant Board will retain a qualified engineering firm to provide engineering services related to planning, design, construction administration, inspection, and other required services for the Vanceburg Well Project. Funding sources for this project may include, but are not limited to, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program, and other applicable state and federal funding opportunities.

The Electric Plant Board will accept Statements of Qualifications from engineering firms interested in providing services for this project until 4:30 p.m. ET / 3:30 p.m. CT on June 26, 2026. An RFQ packet containing project information and the criteria that will be used to select the engineering firm may be obtained at [www.btadd.com](http://www.btadd.com) or by contacting Kristie Dodge, Community Development Director, Buffalo Trace Area Development District, via email at [kdodge@btadd.com](mailto:kdodge@btadd.com).

Statements of Qualifications must be submitted to:

**Buffalo Trace Area Development District**  
Attn: Statement of Qualifications - Vanceburg Well Project  
P.O. Box 460  
Maysville, KY 41056

Statements of Qualifications will be ranked based on the written materials submitted, in accordance with the criteria outlined in the RFQ packet. The City of Vanceburg Electric Plant Board reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.

This solicitation for Statements of Qualifications is being conducted to fulfill state and federal funding agency procurement requirements. Respondents are advised that the following requirements may apply: (1) Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968; (2) Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; (4) Executive Order 11246; and (5) Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities. All of these requirements may be incorporated into any contract issued pursuant to this solicitation.

The City of Vanceburg Electric Plant Board is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages responses from all qualified firms.

**Gayle Massie, Chair**  
Vanceburg Electric Plant Board