

Honors Student Spotlight

Jenkins Independent Schools Honor Roll—First 2 quarters

FIRST QUARTER

HONOR ROLL (Q1)

Burdine Elementary

All A Honor Roll

3rd Grade

Brynlee Sturgill and Landon Walker.

4th Grade

Jimmie Bentley, Natalie Brock and Lydia Mullins.

5th Grade

Xaiden Sturgill.

A/B Honor Roll

3rd Grade

Jamal Bullock, Emilia Elswick, Daylan Hayes, Briana Tolen and Easton Yonts.

4th Grade

Lila Adams, Jaydence

France, Ivy Lang, Jacob Polly, Harper Ramey, Annistyn Richardson, Violet Tackett, Isaiah Tinnel, Karmyn Brown, Lana Depriest, Aubrey Fields, Theon Fleming, Brendan Gillam and Peighton Hammonds.

5th Grade

Ava Collins, Kennedi Johnson, Kairi Lucas, Pacyn Seals, Elijah Adams, Hudson Hall, Jameson Hayes, Carseen Watts and Jalyssa Wigington.

Jenkins Middle School

All A Honor Roll

6th Grade

Avery Graham, Ian Hall and Alissa Walker.

7th Grade

Emily Whitaker, Neila Fleming and Noah Vernon.

8th Grade

Malachi Adams, Allison Anderson, Addy Bailey, Darius Chipahua, Makaya Hall, Aerial Sturgill, Ella Sutherland and Chasity Meadows.

A/B Honor Roll

6th Grade

Heaven Riley, Draiden

Ritchie, Emma Thompson, Chasity Vernon, Jaylin Wigington and Payson Winskey.

7th Grade

Isabella Adams, Wesley Johnson, Carley Lucas, Hayden Anderson, Layken Branham, Zaiden Brock, Kellie Childers, Parker Hampton, Benton Owens and Bryce Sturgill.

8th Grade

McKinley Fugate, Carolyn Lee, Hunter Mullins, Drake Brock and Roman Stamper.

Jenkins High School

All A Honor Roll

Freshmen

Christopher Anderson, Carter Bevins III, Logan Brown, Eli Cornett, Marlie Kincer, Sawyer Cole Lucas, Kynlea Meade, Morgan Profitt, Landon Thacker, Samuel Whitaker, Jordyn Wyatt and Aubrie Young.

Sophomores

Evan Adams, Johanna Banks, Cassidy Bolling, Waylon Canter, Luke Caudill, Damon Church, Kimber Collins, Madison Duty, Gabrielle Eldridge, Josie Fields, Conner Hall, Alexis Hammonds, Bella Lucas, Toni Miller, Emilee Mullins, Aubrey Reynolds, Spencer Warlick, Jayden Wathen, Landan Webb, Zachary Whitaker and Sophia Wilder.

Juniors

Makenzie Adams, Kiley Bevins, Isabella Brock, Emily Chaffins, Anyia Chipahua, Joseph Collins, Tila Collins, Haley Cook, Ashley Fields, Carley Franklin, Lashawna Hall, Chloe Isaac, Gunner Stanley, Kaleigh Sturgill, Brandon Luke Wyatt and Hunter Wyatt.

Seniors

Nicholas Brown, Shaun Michael Collier, Cameron Eldridge, Isaiah Eldridge, Chloe Hall, William Henrik-

son, Jaxson McElroy, Chase McNeely, E. Kale Owens, R. Connor Rose, Keira Stanley and Camden Wathen.

A/B Honor Roll

Freshmen

Damian Chipahua, Jordan Hafemeister, Rebecca Jessey, Sandra Littleton, Charles McBee, Kimberly Navarro, Jessie Tackett, Ethan Webb and Hailey Young.

Sophomores

Layton Fleming, Chloe Owens, Khloe Sexton, Marley Sturgill and Haylee Thacker.

Juniors

Kolton Akers, Charles Amburgey, Kirstin Cantrell, Kenzie Fleming, Preston Griffin, Tyra Johnson, Abigail Lilly, Hannah Lowe, Brady Moore, Andrew Newsome and Anthony Wyatt.

Seniors

S. Malachi Adkins, Landin Amburgey, I. Harlow Bates, Gavin Hughes, John Jent, Spencer McNeely, Christopher Meade, Roger Niles, Andrew Ratliff, Keauna Shepherd, Leeann Taylor, Traistene White and Peyton Wilder.

SECOND QUARTER

HONOR ROLL (Q2)

Burdine Elementary

All A Honor Roll

3rd Grade

Landon Walker.

4th Grade

Lydia Mullins.

A/B Honor Roll

3rd Grade

Jamal Bullock, Daylan Hayes, Brynlee Sturgill and Briana Tolen.

4th Grade

Jimmie Bentley, Natalie Brock, Jaydence France, Brendan Gillam,

Sophomores

Johannah Banks, Luke Caudill, Damon Church, Kimber Collins, Josie

Ivy Lang and Annistyn Richardson.

5th Grade

Elijah Adams, Jameson Hayes, Kairi Lucas, Xaiden Sturgill and Carseen Watts.

Jenkins Middle School

All A Honor Roll

6th Grade

Avery Graham, Ian Hall, Alissa Walker, Chasity Vernon and Brody Wyatt.

7th Grade

Hayden Anderson, Layken Branham, Parker Hampton and Emily Whitaker.

8th Grade

Malachi Adams, Allison Anderson, Blakely Bailey, Darius Chipahua, Makaya Hall, Carolyn Lee, Chasity Meadows and Ella Sutherland.

A/B Honor Roll

6th Grade

Emily Thompson, Eden Treadway, Avery Wyatt, Jaylyn Wigington and Payson Winskey.

7th Grade

Isabella Adams, Kellie Childers, Gracee Cornett, Neila Fleming, Violet Jackson, Benton Owens, Bryce Sturgill, Noah Vernon and Kennedi Walker.

8th Grade

McKinley Fugate, Paul Hall, Addison Kincer and Aerial Sturgill.

Jenkins High School

All A Honor Roll

Freshmen

Christopher Anderson, Carter Bevins III, Sawyer Cole Lucas and Morgan Profitt.

Seniors

Cameron Eldridge, Chase McNeely, Elijah Owens, Rayden Rose and Camden Wathen.

Fields, Alexis Hammonds, Aubrey Reynolds, Zachary Whitaker and Sophia Wilder.

Juniors

Makenzie Adams, Charles Amburgey, Joseph Collins, Ashley Fields, Carly Franklin, Benjamin Reyes and Gunner Stanley.

Seniors

Morga Brown, Shaun Michael Collier, Chloe Hall, William Henrikson, Jaxson McElroy and Keira Stanley.

A/B Honor Roll

Freshmen

Damian Chipahua, Eli Cornett, Rebecca Jessey, Sandra Littleton, Kynlea Meade, Landon Thacker, Samuel Whitaker and Jordyn Wyatt.

Sophomores

Evan Adams, Cassidy Bolling, Waylon Canter, Luke Caudill, Damon Church, Kimber Collins, Madison Duty, Gabrielle Eldridge, Ava Jacobchik, Alexis Hammonds, Olivia Kelly, Bella Lucas, Toni Miller, Emilee Mullins, Cash Orendor, Conner Hall, Marley Sturgill, Khloe Sexton, Aubrey Reynolds, Spencer Warlick and Jayden Wathen.

Juniors

Kolton Akers, Kiley Bevins, Isabella Brock, Kirsten Cantrell, Emily Chaffins, Anyia Chipahua, Kenzie Fleming, Preston Griffin, Hailey Gross, Hannah Lowe, Abigail Lily, Anthony Wyatt, Brandon Wyatt and Hunter Wyatt.

Seniors

Cameron Eldridge, Chase McNeely, Elijah Owens, Rayden Rose and Camden Wathen.



Members of the Letcher County Central band are shown following their selection and performance in the KMEA District 9 All-District Band. Pictured are Addyson Bowling, Bellamie Fleming, Amaiya Hall, Autumn Farmer, Jordan Potter, Cole Stidham, Jesse Taylor, Ben Lewis, and Leanne Haynes.

Band students earn regional, state, and university honors

Several Letcher County Central High School band students are being recognized for outstanding musical achievement following successful auditions at the district, state, and collegiate levels.

Students earning placement in the District Nine Honors Band include Addyson Bowling (first chair), Bellamie Fleming, Amaiya Hall (first chair), Jordan Potter, Cole Stidham, Jesse Taylor, Ben Lewis (first chair), and Leanne Haynes (first chair). Selection for the honors band is based on competitive auditions held among student musicians from across the region.

Four of those students—Bowling, Lewis, Fleming, and Stidham—also advanced through the first round of au-

ditions for the Kentucky Music Educators Association All-State Band, placing them among the top young musicians in the state.

More recently, several Letcher County students were selected for the Morehead State University Honor Band. Ben Lewis earned first chair in the university's top honor band, while Addyson Bowling was named second chair in the same ensemble.

Lewis, a senior, plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in music education beginning next fall, continuing his academic and musical career at the collegiate level.

Rob and Tracee Scheeler direct the Letcher Central band.

Public defenders are paid little

(Continued from Page B3) cases could instead be handled by local private attorneys paid per case.

Preston also proposed creating "circuit advocates," public defenders assigned to serve multiple counties within a judicial circuit.

Rep. Stephanie Dietz, R-Edgewood, chair of a House budget subcommittee, said she plans to file legislation to

narrow the department's role in some of those cases, noting that public defenders are not equipped to handle all Casey's Law filings. Dietz said it remains unclear whether funding is available to raise salaries but acknowledged the cost of training attorneys who leave after only a short time.

—Source: *The Kentucky Lantern*

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF FLEMING-NEON, KENTUCKY

2nd STREET BRIDGE DEMOLITION AND REPLACEMENT

The City of Fleming-Neon has experienced damage due to a flooding event occurring in February 2025 (DR-4860-KY).

The City of Fleming-Neon, Kentucky, will receive sealed bids for the 2nd Street Bridge Demolition and Replacement of the Existing Bridge within the City of Fleming-Neon. Bids will be received by February 6, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at Neon City Hall, 1081 Hwy 317, Neon, KY 41840, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read.

CONTRACTOR ELIGIBILITY

Bidders must be Kentucky Bridge Certified.

Bidders must be registered and approved through KY.gov.

Proof of certification and registration is required with bid submission.

(953245) 2nd Street Bridge Damage

Hazard Mitigation Proposal – Scope of Work

To improve resiliency and reduce future flood damage at the 2nd Street crossing in Fleming-Neon, Kentucky, 41840, the Applicant proposes to replace the existing bridge structure with a precast concrete culvert.

Proposed Mitigation Scope of Work

1. Remove Existing Structure
2. The existing bridge will be removed to allow for installation of the new culvert system.

3. Install Precast Concrete Box Culvert

4. A precast concrete box culvert measuring approximately 20 feet wide by 22 feet long by 16 inches thick will be installed to improve hydraulic capacity and structural durability.

5. Construction Headwalls

6. Two (2) concrete headwalls will be installed at the inlet and outlet ends of the box culvert to provide structural support and prevent erosion.

7. Concrete and Reinforcement Installation

8. Concrete will be placed for structural components, and steel reinforcement will be installed to ensure the culvert meets design and load-bearing requirements.

9. Install Geotextile Fabric

10. Class 1A geotextile fabric will be placed over approximately 59 square yards to stabilize the subgrade and prevent soil migration.

11. Install Rip Rap Protection

12. Cyclopean stone rip rap will be placed around the culvert to protect against erosion and scour during high-water events.

13. Site Restoration

14. The disturbed area will be graded, compacted, and restored to pre-construction conditions to ensure safe access and proper drainage.