

# Bracken Quilling Artist Teaches at Homemakers Skills Day



Pictured in front is Sheryda Shimmell from Morgan County. In back are Patti Insko from Robertson County, Debbie Heine and Mary Lou Hickey from Bracken County.

Ladies from several counties gathered in the Fleming County Extension Office on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 for Skills Day, sponsored by area Homemaker Clubs. They enjoyed learning various crafts and fellowshiped with each

other in the morning session. After a delicious soup, sandwich and dessert lunch, they returned to an afternoon session. Bracken County artist Debbie Heine presented a class on how to make paper quilling cards with a floral theme. Quilling

is an art form that uses strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs. At the end of the event, everyone returned to their homes with lovely creations and the knowledge of new crafts.

# Augusta's Spring Cleanup Scheduled for April 12



Garden Augusta! is holding its annual spring cleanup event in down-

town Augusta on Saturday, April 12. They will meet at the Caboose, located at the corner of Main Street and Riverside Drive, at 10 am.

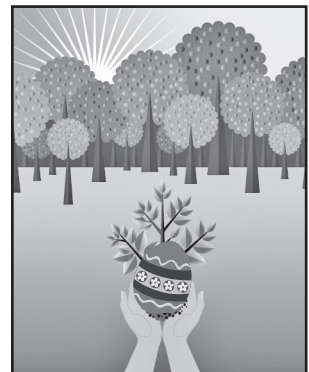
Bring your gloves, trowel, rake, and any garden tool you fancy. Come join them as they tidy up this beautiful historic river town for both residents and visitors.

Rain date will be April 19. *submitted*

# Bracken Soil Conservation Office to Hold Free Seedling Give-a-Way

The Bracken County Conservation District will be offering their yearly free Tree Seedling Give-a-Way. This year the tree species are Red Shumard Oak, Black Cherry and Pecan. The estimated date that the seedlings will arrive is April 22.

This offer is first come, first served. To be notified that the seedlings are available for



pick up, call 606-735-3256 or email [bcconservation@windstream.net](mailto:bcconservation@windstream.net).

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# FBLA Spotlight



Layne Mastin, a Sophomore and local chapter Reporter, is the son of Susan and Dale Mastin. His favorite part of FBLA is exploring different cities. Outside of FBLA, Layne is involved in basketball and is a member of the local Beta Club and FCA chapters.

Layne's future plans are to attend Northern Kentucky University and attain a business degree.

# Learn How Your Garden Can Help the Environment

Have you ever wondered what small efforts in your backyard can have big impacts on the environment? The Bracken County Soil Conservation District office is hosting an event at 6 pm on Thursday, April 10 at the Bracken County Extension office.

The meeting will assist local gardeners determine what projects would improve their property and improve the environment. They will discuss container gardening, pollinator plots, rain gardens, rain barrels, composting, and beehives.

To register, call 606-735-3562 or email [bcconservation@windstream.net](mailto:bcconservation@windstream.net).



# Bracken Fiscal Court

A special meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Wednesday, March 12, 2025, for the purpose of transacting any business properly presented by the established agenda. Presiding: Tina K. Teegarden, Judge Executive. Present: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Craig Miller, Sandy Ruf, Kevin Jarrells, Heather Brumley.

Let the record reflect that the Court Members received a copy of any Transfers and Vendor Claims and a copy of the Financial Statement.

Upon motion of John Scott, second by Debbie Mayfield, that the court approve the minutes of the February 26, 2025, meeting.

**Road Department Update** - Road Supervisor Stacey Florer gave an update. They have been cleaning culvert pipes, ditches, coal patching and hauling rock.

**Animal Shelter Expansion** - Tabled.

**County Website-Codification cost etc.** - Tabled.

**County Attorney-Office security** - Magistrate Miller gave an update. He helped County Attorney Moore go over what she wanted and get quotes. They are looking at card reader access and a push stripe inside for their access.

Sparks hardware from Northern Ky came and looked at the existing door. What Attorney Moore would like to see is a commercial grade door with the sliding glass, like what is at the sheriff's office, with key card access and such. Sparks hardware will have a subcontractor and all the materials. Materials are \$3,539.90 and the subcontractor for install, and labor is \$1,650.00. They do not provide the key cards or the access panel, so he reached out to TNT Cabling solutions. The quote for TNT is \$3,975.00. This would include the door access control system into the

office, one entry door, all cabling, one card swipe, one push button and electric striper. The total for the entire project would be \$9,164.90.

Motion to approve the project made by Sandy Ruf, second by Debbie Mayfield. Abstained: Craig Miller - some of the supplies are coming from Miller Lumber.

**Employee wage increase FY25-26 (2.9%)** - Every March the county employee wage increase must be approved to prepare that part of the budget. The departments, the salaries and wages were handed out. The CPI came in at 2.9%.

Magistrate Jarrells made a motion for the magistrates to not take the wage increase. Heather Brumley second it. Vote unanimous.

Solid waste Coordinator position was \$30,000 when hired in 2020. It is currently \$18.52/hour. County Attorney Moore also wanted to make the court aware that this position also helps enforce the

nuisance ordinance. If there is a complaint he goes out and takes pictures of the property and deals with all the people and occasionally must go to court.

Magistrate Miller made a motion to decrease the hourly rate for a new hire in this position to \$17.50. Debbie Mayfield second it.

Magistrate Jarrells asked if it could be looked into for combining this with the horse trails maintenance position. Judge Teegarden stated she did not think they would be able to be combined. Given the 40 hours a week, anything over that would have to be paid time and a half.

There is some good news with the horse trails though, there are some volunteers who are going to take care of cleaning of the trails etc. She will give an update once she has more information.

Magistrate Miller made a motion to approve the CPI increase for all the workers with the solid waste coordi-

nator being changed to \$17.50 an hour. Debbie Mayfield second it. Vote unanimous.

**Training Incentive David Kelsch \$3,976.59** - Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Sandy Ruf. Abstained: David Kelsch.

**Transfers/Vendor Claims** - Following were approved: General Fund Budget Transfer; Road Fund Budget Transfer; General Fund Vendor Claims; Road Fund Vendor Claims; Jail Fund Vendor Claims; Senior Citizens Fund Vendor Claims; Dispatch 911 Fund Vendor Claims; Federal Fund Vendor Claims.

**Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Jarrells, second by Danny Holleran. Vote unanimous.



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