

Augusta Superintendent Lisa McCane Announces Retirement

After 30 years of dedicated service in education, Ms. Lisa McCane recently announced her retirement, effective 12/31/25. Her journey began as a teacher in Lewis County, and then moved into administration in Mason County before coming to Augusta Independent School District in 2003.

“The past 22 years here have been more than a career; they’ve been a calling, filled with purpose, connection and pride,” McCane commented. “For eight years, I had the honor of serving as Principal, and for the last 14 years, I have had the privilege of being your Superintendent. Each role allowed me to build lasting relationships, support the growth of others, and provide our students with a high-quality education and opportunities for success.”

“Throughout these years, I have always believed that it’s the people, not the programs, who make the real difference for our students.



Our administrators, faculty, and staff here at Augusta have continually proven what it means to be dedicated to students’ success. It has been a privilege to work alongside such committed, hardworking professionals who consistently go above and beyond to support our students and create a positive learning environment. Your com-

mitment has played a vital role in the progress we’ve made as a district and I’m sincerely grateful for all that you do.”

In the upcoming months, McCane will assist the School Board as they hire a new superintendent and ensure a smooth transition with the new superintendent who will begin duties on 1/1/26. *submitted*

“Arrive Alive” Tour Encourages BCHS Students to Drive Safely



BCHS senior Zeke Golden attempts to drive while distracted by his cell-phone in the Arrive Alive Tour vehicle.

Bracken County High School students experienced the effects of driving while impaired by drugs or alcohol, or while distracted by their cellphones. A representative from UNITE, a tech company, came to BCHS on Monday, April 14 with the “Arrive Alive” Tour vehicle to help students make better driving decisions.

Students sat in the

drivers seat wearing VR goggles. A program that simulated either drunk, drugged or distracted driving along city streets or country roads played and the students attempted to drive safely. Their progress could be viewed by classmates on a screen next to the vehicle. At the end of the session, each student took a survey and was informed if law enforce-

ment would have ticketed them for driving too fast or too slowly.

Also present was a representative for Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), who had teams of four take the “Quick Click Challenge.” Each team was timed on how quickly they secured their seat belts as they switched seats in a van.

Local scholarship applications available from area families

Bracken County High School and Augusta High School seniors who are planning a career in the medical profession are encouraged to apply for the Mildred C. Moore Medical Scholarship. Applications may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope requesting an application to: The Mildred C. Moore Medical Scholarship, 314 Frankfort St., Brooksville, KY. 41004.

Applications for the

Nicholas Free Perfect Attendance Scholarship are also available to Bracken Co. High School seniors only with perfect attendance from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The application request may be mailed to the same above address. Deadline for application requests for either scholarship is Saturday, April 26. Completed applications must be submitted by Saturday, May 10.

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AIS Track & Field Goes to Holmes and Ripley Meets

Submitted by Timothy Litteral

On March 29, the Augusta track and field team competed at the Stan Steidel Invitational at Holmes High School.

Grayson Miller competed in the boys 3200M run. He led most of the race and withheld a late challenge to win in 10:36. In the boys 1600M run, John Hamm ran 5:26, placing 10th. James Woodruff ran 5:47, a personal best. In the boys 800M run, Hamm ran 2:20, a season best, while Woodruff ran 2:52.

In the boys 100M dash, Joel Hildebrand ran 14.73, a personal best.

Reagan Tackett broke her own school record in the discus, throwing 65 ft. – 4 in. In the shot put, she threw 23 ft. – 9.75 in. Tackett also set a new school record in the turbo jav, throwing 47 ft. – 2 in.

In the boys discus, Drew Sparks threw 43 feet.

The team returned to action on April 9 at the Ripley Invitational.

In the boys 100M dash, Joel Hildebrand ran 15.28, while in the girls, Korbyn Kelsch ran 17.18, a personal best. In the boys 200M dash, Hildebrand ran 32.17. John Hamm ran the 400M dash in 1:02.32, a personal record.

In the 1600M run, Grayson Miller ran 4:50, a season best, and was a medalist placing 3rd. In the 800M run, Miller ran 2:13.

In the girls shot put, Reagan Tackett threw 23 ft. – 1.5 in.

The track & field team will next compete at the Harrison County Invitational on Sturday, April 19.

Augusta Board of Education

Augusta Independent Board of Education Board Meeting Minutes March 13, 2025 at 6 p.m. Board Members Present: Laura Bach, Chasity Saunders, Bob Snapp, Jodie Tackett, and Mike Taylor.

The Board Meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Items Reviewed by the Board with No Action Taken were: •Student Recognition: Congratulations Amazing Shake Competition Top 25 Students: 1. Alaina Gilliam (5th); 2. JoBeth Schmidt (8th); 3. Jadah Farrell (8th); 4. Kaine Moore (6th); 5. Cecilia Bauer (8th); 5. Carlee Courts (8th); 7. Kahghan Hinson (8th); 8. Bryanna Hatcher (8th); 9. Sammie Young (8th); 10. Kadee Bach (8th); 11. Will Hildebrand (8th); 12. Aubrie Renfrow (8th); 12. Riley Saunders (8th); 14. Sophie Miller (5th); 14. KK McDowell (8th); 14. Tanner Potts (8th); 17. Griffin Miller (8th); 18. Delaney Kelsch (7th); 19. Brooklyn Sizemore (6th); 19. Noah Zurface (7th); 21. Ryleigh Tanner (5th); 22. Jolene Feagan (5th); 22. Kenyon Peed (6th); 22. Aryanna Davis (8th); 25. Hudson Tack-

ett (4th); 25. Quincy Fite (8th); •Principal’s Report; •Superintendent’s Report; •Personnel; •Citizens; •Board Members.

Items Approved by the Board were: •Approved Agenda; •Approved Monthly Budget Report; •Approve Authorization to Operate Youth Employment Program; •Approved Monthly Facilities Report; •Approved Business and Consent Items: Previous Meeting Minutes, Fundraisers, Surplus Items, Bills, and Treasurer’s Report; •Approved Ad-journment.



SCHOOL MENU

BRACKEN COUNTY BREAKFAST

Mon., Apr. 21 - Cinnamon buns, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

Tues., Apr. 22 - Banana bread, yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

Wed., Apr. 23 - Hot ham & cheese on bun, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

Thurs., Apr. 24 - Breakfast scrambler, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

Fri., Apr. 25 - Doughnuts, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Mon., Apr. 21 - Popcorn chicken or chef salad, broccoli, french fries, Scooby snacks, fruit, milk.

Tues., Apr. 22 - Pepperoni calzone or turkey & cheese sandwich, mixed green salad, carrots, fruit, milk.

Wed., Apr. 23 - Hamburger or hot dog on bun, nacho chips with salsa, fruit, milk.

Thurs., Apr. 24 - Italian meatball bake or corn dog, green beans, garlic toast, fruit, milk.

Fri., Apr. 25 - Cheese Quesadilla or turkey & cheese sandwich, corn, refried beans, Doritos, fruit, milk.

AUGUSTA SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

Mon., Apr. 21 - Breakfast pizza, fruit, OJ, milk.

Tues., Apr. 22 - Sausage biscuit, jelly, fruit, OJ, milk.

Wed., Apr. 23 - Biscuit, gravy or jelly, fruit, OJ, milk.

Thurs., Apr. 24 - Chocolate or powdered doughnuts, fruit, OJ, milk.

Fri., Apr. 25 - Doughnuts, fruit, OJ, milk.

LUNCH

Mon., Apr. 21 - Hamburger in gravy, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, roll, fruit, milk.

Tues., Apr. 22 - Beef nachos, tortilla chips, corn, fruit, milk.

Wed., Apr. 23 - Calzone, waffle fries, green beans, fruit, milk.

Thurs., Apr. 24 - Teriyaki chicken, fried rice, seasoned potatoes, fruit, milk.

Fri., Apr. 25 - Taco cup, salad, corn, animal crackers, fruit, milk.

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Senior Citizen Menu

Tues., Apr. 22 - Fish sandwich, oven browned potatoes, creamed peas, mixed fruit, milk.

Thurs., Apr. 24 - Sausage link/egg patty, hashbrown cubes, cottage cheese & pears, V8 vegetable juice, English muffin, milk.

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A Note of Thanks

The City of Augusta extends heartfelt gratitude to the Augusta Volunteer Fire Department, Brooksville Volunteer Fire Department, and Representative William Lawrence and his team for dedicating their Saturday to clean the streets and remove debris from the recent flood.

Additionally, the city appreciates US Bank, K's IGA, Bracken County Coroner Chris Cummins, and Magistrate Craig Miller for generously providing lunch to all the volunteers. Your contributions have truly blessed our community, showcasing the remarkable spirit and leadership of these outstanding organizations and individuals. Thank you all once again!

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