

Bracken County Senior Awarded 4-H Scholarship



Shown left to right are Jessica Mains and Dr. Rachel Guidugli.

Dr. Rachel Guidugli and the KY 4-H Foundation presented 2025 BCHS senior Jessica Mains with the Bill and Darlene Noble Scholarship at the State 4-H Conference at the UK Gatton Student Center. Jessica and her parents, Mark and Amy Mains, appreciate their kindness and generosity.

Jessica credits Bracken 4-H Agent Molly Jordan, for pushing her to be her best. She encourages all families who want their kiddos to get involved in something, to have them join 4-H. Head, heart, hands, and health - that is what 4-H is all about. They will learn so much.

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Augusta Brick Engravement

Augusta Independent School is once again offering a special opportunity to purchase an engraved brick to be installed at the site of the school's new arched entry way. A personalized brick is a great gift idea and a unique way to leave a legacy, recognize a special event, dates, personal achievements, or honor someone's memory.

Each line can have up to 14 characters, and you can have up to 3 lines. A character includes all

letters, punctuation, and spaces. Bricks are \$50 each. Please make your check payable to Augusta Board of Education. The order deadline is June 30, 2025.

It can be mailed, along with a completed form, available at www.augusta.kyschools.us, to 307 Bracken Street, Augusta, KY 41002. The payment and form can also be dropped off at the Board of Education office, located at 307 Bracken Street in Augusta.

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MCTC Announces Dual Credit Credential Awards

Maysville Community and Technical College is pleased to announce the awarding of dual credit credentials for the fall 2024 and spring 2025 semesters. In the fall semester, students earned 174 certificates. In spring 2025, 14 degrees and 134 certificates were awarded. Certificates awarded include ARC cutter, basic carpenter, medical nurse aide, production line welder, residential site layout assistant, Kentucky child care provider, gas welder and welder helper. Degrees awarded include associate in science and associate in arts.

Students from Bracken County awarded

in the fall 2024 semester are Athena Marie Hudson, Kaleb Michael Gilbert, Larz Allen Blevins, Griffin Lucas Hiles, Bryce Michael Moore, Jorden Lee Duncan, Dallas Gregory Carl, Emily Nicole Graham and Kyler Reece Burton.

Bracken County students awarded in the spring 2025 semester are Abel Barnett Lewis, Mckinnley Leann Dietrich, Lillian Abigail Finn, Ashton Thomas Buchanan, Athena Marie Hudson, Kaleb Michael Gilbert, Larz Allen Blevins, Bryce Michael Moore, Jorden Lee Duncan, Dallas Gregory Carl, Emily Nicole Graham and Kyler Reece Burton.

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MCTC names Dean's and President's Honors Lists

Maysville Community and Technical College has released the Dean's List and the President's Honors List for full and part-time students for the spring 2025 semester.

The Bracken County Full-Time President's Honors List recipients include Victoria Elam, Jacob Usleaman, Courtney Pauline Dodson, January Dawn Honan, Logan Seth Williams, Gracey Hope Lonaker, Jorden Michaela Bishop, Ella Rose Burton, Chloe Made Jarrell, Jessica Rose Getker and Joyce A. Long. Pendleton County recipients are Alyssa Jane Herrington, Amy Daugherty and Lillian Pearl Jones. The Part-Time recipients include Amberly S. Napier, Ashley Marie Bryant, Tammy Hughes, Kailey M. Kirk, Jonathan Levi McConnell, Jacob Tan-

ner Horn, Bailey Jean Jones, Jayde Lynn Sebastian and Michelle Sizemore.

Full-Time Dean's List recipients include Jessica Ann Morris, Samantha Jane Wright, Conner Houston Snapp, Gracie Lynn Taylor, Marlee Grace England, Lillian Marie Culp, Mariah Paige Niemeier, Shayla Rose Konerman, Brayden Cole Girdler, Makenzie Grace Rudd, Ashley Nicole Stafford, Caleb Lowell Emery, Durinda R. Abercrombie and Nadia Rabadi. The Pendleton County recipient is Kaien Cortez Kruse. The Part-Time recipients include Tina Kiskaden, Elena Insko, Kennadi Morgan Kirk, Brandy Curtis, Madison Shae Wenz, Raylee Grace Saunders and Jewell Sebastian.

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Silvey Named to President's List

Gina Silvey of Brooksville has been named to Campbellsville University's academic honors President's List for the Spring 2025 semester. The academic honors list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or above for the semester.

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Decker Named to Georgetown Dean's List

Georgetown College is pleased to recognize Bracken County student Ethan Simmie Decker of Foster as one of the 286 students who earned a place on the Dean's List for the Spring 2025 term. To qualify, a student must have completed the spring semester with at least 12 credit hours and a minimum 3.7 GPA.

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Bracken Board of Education

June 5, 2025

Present: Board Members: Josh Jones, Angie Crawford, Melissa Takata, TJ Burton, and Tracy Florer; Superintendent: Clayton King; Treasurer: Brittany Mullikin; Staff and guest: Tracey Florer.

Mr. Josh Jones read the information provided in the Hearing announcement and then opened the floor for the public to speak. Only Mr. Tracey Florer, PVA, was in attendance and did not wish to speak.

The June 5, 2025 Bracken County Board of Education Special Called Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joshua Jones.

Items Approved by the Board at its June 5, 2025 Meeting were: Additional nickel equivalent tax rate to be used for collection fees, renovations of current facilities, and instruction.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



2025 Augusta Independent School Youth Basketball Camp Scheduled for July

The Augusta Athletic Department will host a youth basketball camp for boys and girls, ages 6-12. Any student from any school or district may attend. The camp will run July 21-23 from 9 am - noon.

The cost is \$50 per camper. For families with multiple children, the fee for each additional child from the same home will be \$35.

Campers will receive instruction from boys and girls varsity basket-

Recipe For Success: Dual Grad Sets Sights on Culinary Career

At just 18 years old, Katy Linville has already accomplished what many don't achieve until they are in their 20s: she graduated from both high school and college simultaneously. Linville achieved this milestone by enrolling as a dual credit student at Maysville Community and Technical College as a Harrison County High School (HCHS) student.

According to Linville, she first found herself interested in the dual credit program when talking about the possibility of finishing her general education courses before graduating from HCHS. Linville's mom, Katherine Linville, said that her daughter liked the idea of getting a fast-tracked college education and being able to choose courses that were tailored to her interests.

In her high school years, Linville balanced her primary courses, post-secondary courses, and several academic and extracurricular activities. Among those extracurricular activities are Beta Club, Phi Theta Kappa, peer tutoring, and culinary arts. Linville served as vice president in her sorority at HCHS. Linville has also been recognized as a Central Kentucky Youth



Salute participant, KH-SAA Academic All-State First Team in both of her sports, served as a counselor aide, and has been employed as a chef assistant at Ashford Acres Inn in Cynthiana since she was 15 years old.

Despite her demanding schedule, Linville has also maintained a 3.9 GPA and was in the top 15 percent of her graduating class at HCHS.

For her hard work and dedication, she was selected as the 2025 recipient of MCTC's President's Award of Excellence. Linville was one of four students chosen for this award, representing Licking Valley Campus. "It's truly an honor. Of all the kids that graduated from all of the MCTC campuses, to be one of the few selected, it's a little mind-blowing to me," she began. "I didn't expect it. From someone who's just a senior in high school and works hard, it's hard

for me to wrap my mind around that they truly felt that I was the one from our campus. I'm honored to have received it (the award)."

As someone who has a passion for cooking and baking, Linville anticipates attending Sullivan University to pursue a career in culinary arts. She speculated on what her plans are for after. "I've contemplated the idea of opening up my own something... For now, I want to go to school, I want to get my degree, and I want to see where that takes me," Linville said.

For other high school students who are considering going the route that she did, Linville shared some words of advice. "It never hurts to try. You think that college classes are this big, scary milestone, but really, they're not that bad," she began. "Your high school classes are truly leading you up to that (collegiate) level, so by the time they allow you to start taking them (college courses), you really are truly prepared for it." She continued, "It's just something you've got to take the leap and not be scared and just do it. I never thought I would be a college graduate before I graduated high school, but here I am."

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Augusta Board of Education

Augusta Independent Board of Education met May 8, 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: Health Science Pinning Ceremony Participants Passed State Registered Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Exam: Katelyn Wilson & Mikinlee Waddell; Governor's Scholar Program Alternate: Laci Tackett; GEAR UP Student of the Year: Natalie Basford; GEAR UP Champion of the Year: Tyler Sparks; Amazing Shake Winners: 1st Place: Kaghan Hinson, 2nd Place: Aryanna Davis, 3rd Place:

Cecilia Bauer, 4th Place: Sammy Young, and 5th Place: Kaine Moore; •Principal's Report; •Superintendent's Report •Personnel; •Citizens; •Board Members.

Items Approved by the Board were: •Approved Agenda; •Approved Monthly Budget Report; •Approved 2025-2026 Tentative Budget; •Approved 2025-2026 Salary Schedules; •Approved Revised BG-1 22-521; •Approved First Reading of Amended Board Policy 07.1 Food/School Nutrition Services; •Approved Monthly Facilities Report; •Approved Assistant Superintendent Job Description & Position; •Approved Business and Consent Items: Previous Meeting Minutes, 2024-2025 Amended Calendar, FY25 Audit Contract, 2025-2026 KEDC Cooperative Membership Agreement, 2025-2026 School Activity Fund Principal's Combining Budget,

2025-2026 Substitute Teachers, 2025-2026 District Participation in the Emergency Non-Certified School Personnel Program, 2025-2026 Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Intent to Participate, Surplus Items, Use of District Property, Fundraisers, Trip Request, Bills, and Treasurer's Report; •Approved Superintendent's New 4-Year Contract; •Approved Adjournment.

Augusta Independent Board of Education met June 9, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. Board Members Present: Laura Bach, Chasity Saunders, Bob Snapp, and Mike Taylor. Board Member Absent: Jodie Tackett.

The Board Meeting was called to order.

Items Approved by the Board were: •Approved Agenda; •Approved 2025 District Facilities Plan & Local Planning Committee Public Hearing; •Approved Adjournment.



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