

# Bracken County Cattlemen's Association Holds Summer Meeting

The Bracken County Cattlemen's Association held their summer meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at the Bracken County Extension Office. The evening's speaker



Dr. Grace Boyd, DVM

was Dr. Boyd, DVM. The meal was sponsored by Southern States of Cynthiana/Paris. During the meeting Brandon Ross, President of Bracken County Cattlemen's Association, presented a \$500 scholarship check to 2025 BCHS graduate Jessica Mains. Mary Ann Cummins, Woodmen Life Field Representative, donated two door prizes. With the assistance of young Kayleigh McClanahan, who helped draw for the door prizes, lucky attendees went home with special gifts.

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Shown left to right are Bracken County Cattlemen's Association President Brandon Ross and Jessica Mains.



Mary Ann Cummins and Kayleigh McClanahan are pictured with door prize winners Evelyn & Danny Cooper, Amy Pribble, David Cummins, Crystal Dunn, Jeff Williams, Heather & Darrin Blevins and John Meyer.

## Great Things from the Past Year & Plans for the Future in the Library

Submitted by Christian Shroll, Director, Bracken County Public Library

As society and technology change rapidly from year to year, descriptions such as "new," "valuable," and "significant" seem to be quickly replaced with the terms "oldm" "outdated," and "irrelevant." In such times, changing these labels are misapplied to people, places, and jobs which, while not new, have only become more relevant with time. After being asked multiple times about the current value of libraries recently, here is some information about the impact and worth of libraries, particularly those serving rural locations.

About 8,450 people live in Bracken County, and almost 4,500 have library cards to check out books, movies, games and more from the library. From July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, the library circulated 19,912 physical items from the library. This included 14,972 books, 4,466 videos, and 344 video games & devices. The library also provided access to digital resources from which 1,891 E-Books and 3,933 E-Audiobooks were circulated to patrons. The library spent \$50,000 to make these items available free to everyone, but \$377,000 is the lowest estimate of the cost had patrons purchased these items themselves. However, as impressive as the numbers are,

providing these items is the sole purpose of the library and nothing new or special, ...Right?

There are two major errors in the last statement. First, do not discount the significance of providing these resources, as this is the foundation of a growing, thriving society. Secondly, the impact only begins there as libraries are far more than books on shelves. Library programs and meeting spaces are what truly make the library a community hub. Bracken County Public Library offered 121 programs this year at the library plus 25 programs at other locations and hosted the Summer Lunch Program weekdays from late May to mid-August. Additionally, there were at least 145 meetings held for free in the community room, including the Chamber of Commerce, legal depositions, and other gatherings. The library also provides space for tutors to meet with students, caregivers to meet for supervised visits, and school students to have a safe place to hang out any time the doors are open.

Need further proof the library is more than books and quiet space? What about the library computers, internet, interactive spaces and more available at the library? The public computers and free Wi-Fi are well used for a wide range of purposes by all ages, including a couple aspiring authors writing

novels, many completing online-only applications/forms, and more. Then there is the updated Children's Wing with Lite Brite wall, big blue blocks, and other fun toys for all ages. Additionally, the Seed Library has provided about 200 patrons with an average of 10 seed packets per person for the past few years.

While this list could keep going, the Bracken County Public Library is valuable to and valued by the community. Each of these services are of-

fered to all of Bracken County with many, various stories of the positive impact on a person and/or family. The library not only remains relevant but is also vital to Bracken County.

As director for over 9 years, I want to thank the community for your continued support. To my staff and board members, I deeply appreciate you for assuring the library is growing and making a difference for all of Bracken County.

### Augusta Board of Education

Augusta Independent Board of Education met June 12 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.

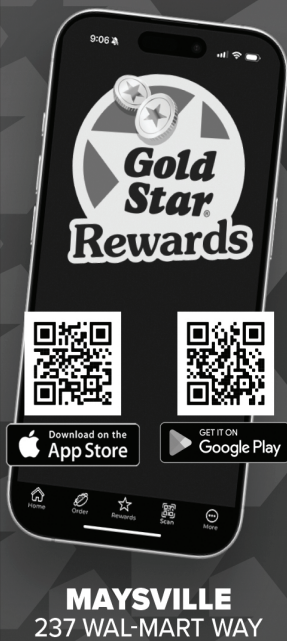
**Items Reviewed by the Board with No Action Taken were:** •Student/Alumni Recognition: Congratulations Academic Achievers!; •Health Science: Passed State Registered Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Exam: Katelyn Wilson & Mikinlee Waddell; •GEAR UP Student of the Year: Natalie Basford; •Augusta Independent School District WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION Presents: Dr. Aaron Linville, PhD, In recognition for his dedication to the preservation of the rich history and legacy of the school district for future generations; •Principal's Report; •Superintendent's Report; •Personnel; •Citizens; •Board Members.

**Items Approved by the Board were:** •Approved Agenda; •Approved Board Member Resignation: Mrs. Jodie Tackett; •Approved Superintendent's Summative Evaluation for 2024-2025; •Approved Monthly Budget Report; •Approved Insurance Package Renewal for 2025-2026; •Approved

Parent Square as District's Traceable Communication System; •Approved Second Reading of Amended Board Policy 07.41 Food/School Nutrition Services; •Approved First Reading of Amended Board Policy 08.2211 Academic Honors; •Approved First Reading of the 2025 Board Policy Updates; •Approved Monthly Facilities Report; •Approved Acceptance of SFCC Offer of Assistance Gap Funding for New Gymnasium (\$2,679,000); •Approved to Release Trace Creek Construction from Construction Management Agreement to Proceed in the General Contract Process; •Approve Minutes of the LPC Public Hearing; •Approved Business and Consent Items: Previous Meeting Minutes, 2025-2026 Pledge of Collateral, BG-5-18-358 and BG-5-22-135, Capital Funds Request, 2025-2026 Fidelity Bond of Treasurer, FY26 FRYSC Funding Contract, 2025-2026 New Horizons Academy/KEDC MOU, 2025-2026 Dual Credit Memorandum Agreement with MCTC, Surplus Items, Fundraisers, Bills, and Treasurer's Report; •Approved Adjournment.

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## Household/Hazardous Waste Collection Event

The Bracken County Conservation District and Solid Waste Management are partnering to help you properly dispose of unwanted items. Residents of Bracken County can drop off select items on **Saturday, August 16th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** behind the Bracken County Middle School. **All residents who plan to drop off items MUST complete a registration form PRIOR to attending the event and bring it with them to the event. Contact the Conservation District to find registration form locations.**



Call the Conservation District before August 16th with questions: **606-735-3256**

## Saturday, August 16, 2025

### Bracken County Middle School • 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

#### We Will ONLY Accept

- Only certain items will be collected and some restrictions apply. Please see following list.
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| • Aerosol Cans   | • Ammonia   | • Antifreeze (NO mixtures) |
| • Arts & Craft Supplies  | • Batteries (all types)                                       | • Bleaches                 |
| • Brake fluid  | • Cleaning chemicals  | • Creosote                 |
| • Drain Cleaners   | • Engine & radiator cleaners & flushes                        | • Insect spray             |
| • Corrosives/Flammables (fuel, kerosene, etc.)   |   |                            |
| • E-Scraps (computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, cell phones...ANYTHING with a power cord!) |   |                            |
| • Herbicides & Pesticides(2 gallon/ 2lbs. only)  |   | • Sealants                 |
| • Ink Cartridges/toner   | • Light Bulbs (all types)                                     | • Mercury                  |
| • Metal Polish   | • Moth Balls  |                            |
| • Muriatic acid  | • Oil (used motor, hydraulic, transmission, and brake fluids) |                            |
| • Paint (10 can limit)&thinner/cleaner   |   |                            |
| • Paper (documents to be shredded)   | • Propane Tanks (20 lbs. only)                                |                            |
| • Rodent killers   | • Rust preventatives  |                            |
| • Solvents   | • Televisions (limit of 2 per vehicle)                        |                            |
| • Wood preservatives & strippers   | • Pool chemicals  |                            |

We will **NOT** be accepting appliances, fertilizer, medications, or tires.



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