

Sports

Panthers Defeat Camels

Submitted by Matt McCane

After falling in the All “A” quarterfinals, the Augusta Panthers had a whole week off from scheduled games. They got back to action with their second home game of 2026 against the Carroll County Panthers on Saturday, January 17. Augusta got off to a good start, leading by as many as seven early on thanks in part to Carroll County getting into foul trouble. Despite their issues, the visitors kept it close as Augusta led 18-17 after 1 quarter. Augusta stayed in front in the 2nd quarter with the exception of a few seconds about halfway through the quarter when Carroll County took their only lead, 23-

22. A Griffin Miller 3 gave Augusta the lead back at 25-23 and they extended that out to 34-27 by intermission. Augusta pushed the lead out a little more in the 3rd quarter, reaching double digits a couple of times and was up 48-39 going into the 4th. In the final period Augusta wore down the visitors, growing the lead even more and they rolled to the win, 74-56. Augusta improved to 4-9.

“We got off to a good start and were able to maintain a lead pretty much throughout this one,” said Coach Hinson, “It’s all about the district now. We got a busy week coming and we’ll try to keep improving.”

Scoring vs. Carroll County: Hesler 30, Dean 18, Reynolds 15, Miller 6, Carl 5.

Bracken High Teams Fall in 10th Region All “A” Basketball Tournament

The 10th Region All “A” Tournament ended for both the Bracken Lady Bears and the Polar Bears on Tuesday, January 13. The teams were pitted against the boys and girls of Bishop Brossart in the second round of the tournament.

The Lady ‘Stangs grabbed a number of baskets early, leading 38 to 22 at half time. Although the Lady Bears brought all their talent to the court, they fell 32 to 70. BCHS sophomore Kai-ley Sharp was chosen as All Region Team. The Polar Bears got

off to a slow start with the Mustangs, lagging 24 to 41 at half time. In the final quarters they inched forward in scoring, ending 57 to 65 at the final buzzer. BCHS senior Greg Benedict was selected as All Region Team.

The Bishop Brossart Lady ‘Stangs faced the Nicholas County Lady Jackets on Thursday, January 15 for the championship game, beating them 61 to 55. On the boys’ side, the Nicholas County Blue Jackets outscored the Mustangs 74 to 61, winning the tournament.

Bracken Board of Education

January 12, 2026
Present: Board Members: Josh Jones, Angie Crawford, Tracy Florer, TJ Burton, and Melissa Takata; Superintendent: Clayton King; Treasurer: Brittany Mullikin; Staff and guest: Brad Riley, Chris Yelton, Kevin Courtney, Amanda Gerhard, Jordan Ahrens, Amanda Ahrens, Dawson Kindle, Karlie Sudlow, Mindy Hamilton, Denise Keene, Tonya Sims, Gunner Claybern, Oliver Turpin, Mahdi Abdulrazak, Piper Scroggins, Dalton Woods, Noah Bins, and Kinlee Fuson-Boyd.

The January 12, 2026 Bracken County Board of Education Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joshua Jones.

Mr. King announced that January was Board Appreciation month and thanked the board for their continued service to the students and staff

of Bracken County. He also thanked Mrs. Angie Crawford for her 17 years of service.

Items Approved by the Board were: •Elected Board Chairman – Joshua Jones, Vice-Chairman – Melissa Takata, Treasurer – Brit-tany Mullikin, and Sec-retary – Clayton King; •Minutes of December 8, 2025 regular board meet-ing; •December 2025 Treasurer’s Report; •De-cember 2025 Monthly Financial Report; •Pay-ment of all Bills and Claims; •2026-2027 Draft Budget; •2nd Mon-day of the month at 6 PM at the Bracken County Board of Education of-fice as the regular board meeting date, time, and location for 2026; •Su-perintendent Travel; •MS G&T to join HS G&T to Cincinnati Museum on 1/14/26; •Billy Berry to use any available gym for 4th Grade Basketball; •Audit Report for FY25; •SFCC Offer of Assis-tance; •2 school-wide fundraisers submitted

by Taylor Elementary; •Project Maintenance po-sition and Project Man-ager position – both stip-end positions paid from the Interact Grant that will term on 12/31/26.

Items Reviewed by the Board with No Ac-tion Taken were: •Stu-dents of the Month – Gunner Claybern, Jeffrey Dodson, Oliver Turpin, Mahdi Abdulrazak, Piper Scroggins, Braylon Mc-Clanahan, Dalton Woods, Noah Bins, Kinlee Fu-son-Boyd, Sam Black, Makenzie Schwed, and Jordan Ahrens; •Related Art Student of the Month – Emery Adams, Noah Rodriguez, Rose Tee-garden, Brooklyn Cur-tis, and Lillyann Curtis; •FCCLA Presentation and Recognition of Mrs. Brandi Thayer for the NATFCS Pride award; •Attendance Report – Mr. Johnson; •SBDM Report – Mr. Yelton.

Personnel: The fol-lowing individuals were hired pending meet-ing all board require-ments: Hired – Laura

Reveal (HS Custodian), Dalawna Kearns (Certi-fied Sub), Chassica Sut-ton (JV Girls Basketball Coach – correction from Freshman Coach), Chas-ity Gray (Certified Sub), Desiree Haight (Certi-fied Sub), Taylor Lippert (Certified Sub); Sepa-rations/Resignations/Retirements – Michelle Murphy (Cook), Crystal Teegarden (Cook), An-drea Colemire (Retire-ment effective 2/1/26).

The Board opened the floor for public com-ment – Ms. Tonya Sims addressed the board re-garding the last land pur-chase and hunting on that property, 5G installation at school buildings, and the recent 6-7 celebra-tion.

The Board went into and out of execu-tive session to discuss Potential Litigation KRS 61.810(1)(c) with no ac-tion taken.

With no further busi-ness the meeting was ad-journed.

School Menu

BRACKEN COUNTY BREAKFAST

Mon., January 26 - Banana bread, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

Tues., January 27 - Chicken biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

Wed., January 28 - Cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

Thurs., January 29 - Breakfast tornados, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

Fri., January 30 - Doughnuts, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Mon., January 26 - BBQ pork riblet on bun,

potato wedges, cole slaw, fruit, milk.

Tues., January 27 - Hamburger on bun, carrot sticks with dip, Sun chips, fruit, milk.

Wed., January 28 - Chili or vegetable soup, peanut butter or pimento cheese sandwich, veg. sticks with dip, crackers, fruit, milk.

Thurs., January 29 - Ravioli or corn dog, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, milk.

Fri., January 30 - Cheesesteak hoagie on bun, french fries, chips & salsa, fruit, milk.

AUGUSTA SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

Mon., January 26 - French toast, sausage links, fruit, OJ, milk.

Tues., January 27 - Sausage, egg, cheese bagel, fruit, OJ, milk.

Wed., January 28 - Biscuit, gravy or jelly, fruit, OJ, milk.

Thurs., January 29 - Doughnut with chocolate icing, fruit, OJ, milk.

Fri., January 30 - Sausage biscuit, hashbrown, fruit, OJ, milk.

LUNCH

Mon., January 26 - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli & cheese, fruit, milk.

Tues., January 27 -

Quesadillas, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

Wed., January 28 - Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, milk.

Thurs., January 29 - Chicken alfredo, corn, salad, breadstick, fruit, milk.

Fri., January 30 - Mandarin orange chicken, Lo Mein noodles, lima beans, fruit, milk.

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any address changes!

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Bracken Co. Public Library Offers Free Seed Library

Submitted by Chris-tian Shroll, Director Bracken County Public Library

Four years ago, Bracken County Library began the annual seed li-brary to the community. All seeds the 1st year were donated overstock seeds from heirloom seed companies. After offering a both purchased and donated seeds for 2 years, this year, all seeds were purchased in bulk and sorted by staff into envelopes to create the seed library for all to en-joy.

Based on the find-ings of 4 separate col-lege studies, growing a garden can save the av-erage family at least \$70 per month from May to November depending on what is grown. The seed library focuses mostly on higher producing seed types, like squash, but



the seed library offers 30+ total types of herbs, leafy greens, vegetables, fruit, and flowers. This includes what Native Americans referred to as “the three sisters”; beans, corn, and squash.

The Seed Library of-fers beginning gardeners and/or those with other concerns a chance to try gardening before making a big investment of time and resources. Even if in small spaces like con-tainer gardens, the results may surprise you. One patron won 2nd place at the Germantown Fair for a carrot grown in a con-tainer garden using seed-

from the seed library last year.

For a list of seeds available, go to the Bracken County Public Library Facebook page. There is a post about the seed library containing names and images of all varieties of seeds. All of the seeds available are heirloom seeds and easi-er to grow varieties. Be-ginning gardeners, please note that the tomato and pepper seeds must be started indoors 6-8 weeks before average last frost date.

Please come take advantage of the seed li-brary today. The library looks forward to your visit.

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Academic Student of the Month



Ethan Fath

Grade: 9
Favorite Subject: Science
Parents: Jessie and Asia Fath
Hobbies: Art, Reading & Gaming

Ethan is a hard worker. He excels at everything he does in the classroom. He always participates and he is always willing to help others when they need it. It's been a joy to have Ethan in class.



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