

April Students of the Month Honored



Pictured left to right are Brennan Conley, Anthony Winkle, Amelia Dixon, Hailey Shaw and Taylor Burton.

The Bracken County School District Board of Education recognized April students of the month and art students of the month during their monthly meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026.

Taylor Elementary Students of the Month are Amelia Dixon and Roger Piguet. Art Student of the Month is Priscilla Baucom. BCMS Students of the Month are Hailey Shaw and Anthony Winkle. BCMS Art Student of the Month is Makenna King. BCHS students of the Month are Brennan Conley and Taylor Burton. BCHS Art Student of the Month is Cedric Cooper.

The Bracken County School District Board of Education congratulates these outstanding students.

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School Menu

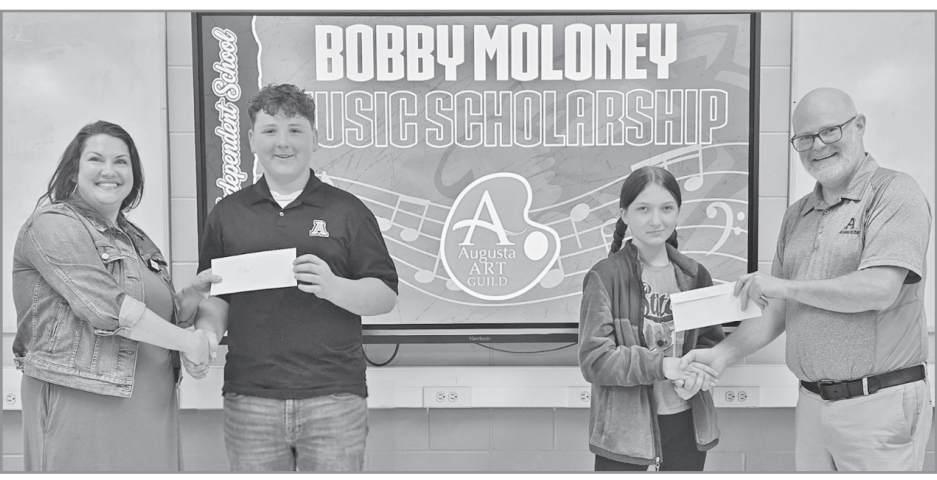
BRACKEN COUNTY BREAKFAST
 Mon., May 4 - Chocolate crescents, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
 Tues., May 5 - Cinni minis, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
 Wed., May 6 - Sausage links, hashbrown, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
 Thurs., May 7 - Chicken biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
 Fri., May 8 - Doughnuts, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH
 Mon., May 4 - Chicken patty on bun, potato wedges, fruit, milk.
 Tues., May 5 - Taco bites, corn, mixed green salad, Doritos, fruit, milk.
 Wed., May 6 - Cheeseburger on bun, carrot sticks, pickle, Sun chips, fruit, milk.
 Thurs., May 7 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, bread stick, fruit, milk.
 Fri., May 8 - Fish on bun, peas, macaroni & cheese, fruit, milk.

AUGUSTA SCHOOLS BREAKFAST
 Mon., May 4 - Doughnut with chocolate icing, fruit, OJ, milk.
 Tues., May 5 - Sausage biscuit, hashbrown, fruit, OJ, milk.
 Wed., May 6 - Bacon & egg biscuit, fruit, OJ, milk.
 Thurs., May 7 - Breakfast pizza, fruit, OJ, milk.
 Fri., May 8 - Pancake wrap/syrup, fruit, OJ, milk.

LUNCH
 Mon., May 4 - Chicken alfredo, corn, salad, breadstick, fruit, milk.
 Tues., May 5 - Mandarin orange chicken, Lo Mein noodles, lima beans, fruit, milk.
 Wed., May 6 - Coney or hot dog, tater tots, tomatoes & cucumbers, fruit, milk.
 Thurs., May 7 - Chicken wings, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit, milk.
 Fri., May 8 - Ham or turkey sandwich, chips, tomatoes & cucumbers, emoji cookies, fruit, milk.

Augusta Art Guild Awards Bobby Moloney Music Scholarships



Pictured left to right are Assistant Principal Alison Bach, Aden Ries, Hannah Saunders, and AIS Music Teacher Scott Brawner.

The Augusta Art Guild is proud to announce that this year's Bobby Moloney Music Scholarship winners are Aden Ries and Hannah Saunders, both of Augusta Independent Schools.

This annual scholarship requires eligible Bracken County students

to submit an application and audition to demonstrate their musical proficiency. Additionally, the scholarship must be used to further their musical studies in some way. Past winners have used the scholarship to attend band camps, pay for music lessons or

scores, or upgrade their instruments. This year's winners each received a check from the Augusta Art Guild for \$500. For more information about AAG's programs and other scholarship opportunities, please visit AugustaArtGuild.com.

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Bracken County Board of Education

April 13, 2026
 Present: Board Members: Josh Jones, Melissa Takata, TJ Burton, Tracy Florer, and Samantha Jones; Superintendent: Clayton King; Treasurer: Brittany Mullikin; Staff and guest: Brad Riley, Chris Yelton, Kevin Courtney, Andy Bisotti, Ernie Meyer, Sharon Meyer, Amanda Shaw, Sara Blaine, Anthony Blaine, Ren Takata, Tyler Takata, Reiko Takata, Emily Bond, Sarah Bond, Kaitlyn Bond, Mallory Brewer, Ephriam Brewer, Taylor Burton, Dianne Burton, Anthony Winkle Jr, Sandra Frederick, Lana Gatto, Ashley Gallagher, Mandie Hamilton, Jennifer Sutton, Kirt Hamilton, Corbin Combess, Deanna Combess, Mason Goebel, Kelsey Moore, Sanae Takata, Amelia Dixon, Hailey Shaw, and Brennan Conley.

The April 13, 2026 Bracken County Board of Education Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joshua Jones.

Items Approved by the Board were: •Minutes of March 9, 2026 regular board meeting and March 24, 2026 special called board meeting; •March 2026 Treasurer's Report; •March 2026 Monthly Financial Report; •Payment of all Bills and Claims; •Superintendent Travel; •Appoint Mr. TJ Burton for scholarship selection; •4th and 5th Grade Gifted & Talented and HS Good Attendance to Cincinnati Zoo on 5/14/26, MS/HS Perfect Attendance to Kings Island on 5/15/26, MS 8th Grade to Kings Island on 5/18/26, Class of 2026 to Scene 75 on 5/18/26 and Kings Island on 5/19/26; •Counseling and Diagnostic Contract; •Jobs for American's Graduates Grant MOU; •Gary Scott & Associates as architect for track repair at BCHS; •CEP intent to participate.

Items Reviewed by

the Board with No Action Taken were: •Students of the Month – Priscilla Baucom, Roger Piguet, Hailey Shaw, Anthony Winkle, Brennan Conley, and Taylor Burton; •Related Art Student of the Month – Amelia Dixon, Makenna King, and Cedric Cooper; •Archery Recognition; •Attendance Report; •SBDM Report – Mr. Yelton.

Personnel: The following individuals were hired pending meeting all board requirements: **Hired** – Jeremy Ahrens (Varsity Football Coach), Sarah Moford (HS Grant Project Manager), Bill Riley (HS Grant Maintenance Support); **Separations/Resignations/Retirements** – Durinda Abercrombie (MS Custodian) and Darrin Sutton (Varsity Baseball Coach).

The Board opened the floor for public comment – Mrs. Deanna Combess had some questions regarding the baseball investigation from the spring break trip. Mr. King advised that she needed to speak with the school administration as it was a school level investigation. She expressed concern regarding faculty behavior during the investigation. Mr. King also advised her to start with the school regarding her concerns.

The Board went into and out of executive session to discuss Potential Litigation KRS 61.810(1)(c) with no action taken.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Nominations Wanted for Annual Inflata-Race

It's back...and it's bigger, louder, and more ridiculous than ever! The Inflata-Race is rolling into Year 3, and Bracken County Community Schools District Director Samantha Wilson is calling on YOU to help her find this year's fearless (and slightly hilarious) racers! Who's brave enough to squeeze into an inflatable animal costume and race for ultimate bragging rights?!

The race date is Friday, May 15th at 2:15 pm at the legendary "Grassy Knoll" between Taylor Elementary and Bracken County Middle School. The students from Taylor Elementary and Bracken County Middle School will be lining the grassy knoll, cheering, laughing, and hyping up every step (and stumble!) along the way. Trust us... this is one event you do NOT want to miss!

You can nominate anyone who is ready to bring the fun; teachers, administrators, bus Drivers, school staff, community partners, public service members, government officials or your local legends!

To nominate someone, visit the Bracken County Community Schools' Facebook post, where there is a link to the nomination form, or send an email to Samantha.Wilson@brackenkyschools.us. The top nominees will be contacted and invited to race!

Augusta High School Prom Slated for Saturday, May 2



The Augusta Independent High School Prom will be held in the Augusta Independent Gymnasium on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 8 pm to Midnight. Students who are participating in the "walk-in" should arrive between 7 and 7:45. Cars that are dropping off students should enter at the Bracken Street entrance and will exit onto 2nd Street.

There will be no public viewing prior to the prom, but the public is invited to the crowning ceremony. This year's crowning will take place at 11 pm.

Tickets will be on sale until the day before the prom. The prices for the tickets are as follows: Couple - \$25; Single - \$15. Augusta Independent School senior class members will be admitted free of charge as a gift from the Junior Class. If they bring a date who is not an Augusta senior, they will be required to pay the \$15 single ticket cost.

Prom candid photos will be taken throughout the night by a Lifetouch photographer. These can be purchased online after the event.

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Augusta Independent to Hold Preschool Registration

Augusta Independent Schools is setting preschool screening appointments. Families with children 3 or 4 years old before August 1, 2026 are encouraged to discover if they are eligible for preschool at Augusta Independent.

The screening is the first step in getting a child into preschool and takes 30 to 45 minutes. The screener focuses on large/fine motor skills, concepts, and speech/language skills. During the screening, parents must fill out a questionnaire on their child, so at least one parent/guardian must be present during the screening.

Screening dates are scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th and Wednesday, May 20th. Please contact Augusta Independent School at 606-756-2105 to schedule an appointment.

S.A.M.E. Excavation
 Land Clearing
 Yard Grading
 Trenching
 Dirt Moving
 Septic System Installation
 Basement/Pond Digging
STEVEN BISHOP
859-322-0573

GREENHOUSE IN GERTRUDE NOW OPEN
 (Take 875 North to stop sign, turn left, greenhouse located 1/10 mile on the left on Augusta-Berlin Road.)
 Monday thru Friday:
 9AM - Noon; 1PM - 5:30PM
 Saturday: 9AM - 3PM;
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