

4-H Club Holds Fishing Day



Shown holding the bluegill he just caught is Kaleb Dunn with Molly Jordan. In back are Landry Bowling and Kenna Jordan.

It was a perfect day for fishing on Wednesday, June 17. The Bracken County 4-H Club invited area children to try their luck with bait and a fishing pole at the Bracken County Horse Trails Park's Big Bass Lake. The youngsters used both worms and artificial bait to catch and release fish from the lake's bank. Bracken County

4-H Agent Molly Jordan taught them casting techniques and how to reel the fish in. Fishing isn't the only activity available at the Bracken County Horse Trails Park, located on Gillespie Lane off the AA Highway. There are miles of trails over the hills and through wooded areas you can hike at no cost. Season and day

bridle path tags for horse riders are available for a fee. Motorized vehicles are not allowed. The Hennessey Trail Walking Path winds around Big Bass Lake, offering a view of the lake and ducks that swim there. Near the parking lot is a picnic shelter, so pack a lunch and experience the nature and wildlife of Bracken County.

Bracken Board of Education

Bracken County Board of Education met June 15, 2026 (postponed regular meeting from 6/8/26). Present: Board Members: Josh Jones, Melissa Takata, TJ Burton, Tracy Florer, and Samantha Jones; Superintendent: Clayton King; Treasurer: Brittany Mullikin; Staff and guest: N/A.

The June 15, 2026 Bracken County Board of Education Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joshua Jones.

Items Approved by the Board were: •Minutes of May 11, 2026 regular board meeting; •May 2026 Treasurer's Report; •May 2026 Monthly Financial Report; •Payment of all Bills and Claims; •Superintendent Travel; •Payroll Timesheet Schedule; •HS Boys Basketball to Ripley, OH 6/17/26; •Mason County and Bracken County 4H for buses to transport children to 4H Camp in Carlisle 6/29 and 7/3; •UMC to use the bus garage parking lot this summer for vans that transport meals to students; •1st Reading of KSBA Policy and Procedure update; •MCTC

Dual Credit MOU; •SLP Contract with Ms. Manners for 2026-2027 school year; •List of Traceable Communication systems; •2026-2027 salary schedules; •2026-2027 Insurance renewal - liability, fleet, property, cyber, student, and workers compensation; •Fees for 2026-2027 school year; •Surplus Bus #18 and #9 to accept bids online and old textbooks from HS to dispose of as needed; •Money Market account transaction; •JAG KY Specialist position at HS.

Items Reviewed by the Board with No Action Taken were: •N/A.

Personnel: The following individuals were hired pending meeting all board requirements: Hired - Rebekah Tackett (Certified Sub), Whitney Lippert (Classified Sub), Sheila Clos (Certified Sub), Angela Jones (Director of Special Education), Brad Riley (Freshman Softball Coach, completed 25/26 season), Ethan Ferguson (Band Teacher), Beth Nolder (HS English), Jessica Bussell (HS MSD Teacher), Samantha Wilson (Kindergarten Teacher), Kristi Clark (Kindergar-

ten Teacher), Aleece Skogsbergh (Certified Sub), Grace Creech (Classified Sub), Tammy Hamilton (Sub Bus Driver), Darren Wright (Sub Bus Driver), John Hinson (Sub Bus Driver), Fares Taamenah (Sub Bus Driver); **Resignation/Retirements/Separations** - Hayden Faris (HS Social Studies), Caitlyn Carter (Non-renewed 26/27 school year), Madison Rice (Non-Renewed), Misty Ginandt (Non-Renewed), Gerry Gallichio (Non-renewed), Kamon Smith (Preschool Teacher), Chris Yelton (MS Baseball), Chassica Sutton (HS Basketball), Wesley Wentworth (MS Teacher and MS basketball coach); **Other** - 1 extended disability approved through FY26, Lila Brindley (transfer from Curriculum Specialist to Virtual Teacher & New Teacher Orientation).

The Board opened the floor for public comment - no comment.

The Board went into and out of executive session to discuss Potential Litigation KRS 61.810(1)(c).

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

EMS Students at MCTC Earn 100% Pass Rate



Maysville Community and Technical College's Paramedic/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program recently received a 100% pass rate on the National Registry Paramedic Exam, setting a bar for future EMS students in the area. Donald Fryman, paramedic/EMS program coordinator and instructor, remarked on the performance of his

former students. "This accomplishment reflects the dedication of our students, the commitment of our faculty, and the strong support of the communities these new paramedics will soon serve," he said. "Though small in number, this cohort demonstrated exceptional capability, perseverance, and professionalism." This graduating cohort of the paramedic/

EMS program is the first since the program was restructured. Fryman noted the influence of the program. "Our restructured 15-month paramedic program, along with the option to earn an associate in applied science degree, continues to show meaningful impact. Of the five graduates, two have also completed their associate degree. This further strengthens their academic and professional foundation," he said.

He continued, "We congratulate each graduate on this outstanding achievement and look forward to the contributions they will make in the field of emergency medical services."

For more information on the paramedic program, go to maysville.kctcs.edu. *submitted*

Hedges-Barnett Scholar Announced

Jordan Ahrens, a 2026 graduate of Bracken County High School, has been selected as the latest recipient of the Hedges-Barnett Scholarship. Jordan is the daughter of Jeremy and Amanda Ahrens of Walton Pike, Dover. She was active in the SMILE Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and participated in varsity softball, volleyball, and basketball. She will continue her studies at Maysville Community & Technical College in their nursing program.

This year's award is \$2,000. The scholarship competition is open to members of the senior class at Bracken County High School, as well as



current recipients who are reapplying.

The program was founded by the late Kenneth Hedges, a former resident of Bracken County and a graduate of Bracken County High School. It was developed with the assistance of Dr. David Barnett, a past superintendent of the Bracken County School

System. The program recognizes the accomplishments of individuals who exhibit the determination needed to succeed in the post-secondary education environment, and is administered by Hayswood Foundation in Maysville. Information about the scholarship can be obtained by visiting the Foundation's website, hayswood.org. *submitted*

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Household/Hazardous Waste Collection Event

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 22nd from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** at the Bracken County Extension Office.

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. Registration forms will be at area businesses starting mid-July. Forms will also be printed in *The Bracken County News* two weeks prior to the event.

Call the Conservation District before August 22nd with questions: 606-735-3256

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Bracken County Extension Office • 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

We Will ONLY Accept

- Aerosol Cans
- Arts & Craft Supplies
- Brake fluid
- Drain Cleaners
- Corrosives/Flammables (fuel, kerosene, etc.)
- E-Scraps (computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, cell phones...ANYTHING with a power cord!)
- Herbicides & Pesticides(2 gallon/ 2lbs. only)
- Ink Cartridges/toner
- Metal Polish
- Muriatic acid
- Paint (10 can limit) & thinner/cleaner
- Paper (documents to be shredded)
- Rodent killers
- Solvents
- Wood preservatives & strippers

- Ammonia
- Batteries (all types)
- Cleaning chemicals
- Engine & radiator cleaners & flushes
- Light Bulbs (all types)
- Moth Balls
- Oil (used motor, hydraulic, transmission, and brake fluids)
- Propane Tanks (20 lbs. only)
- Rust preventatives
- Televisions (limit of 2 per vehicle)
- Pool chemicals

- Antifreeze (NO mixtures)
- Bleaches
- Creosote
- Insect spray
- Sealants
- Mercury

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

Bracken County Conservation District