

# High School Volleyball Season Begins Games



Pictured are the Lady Bears Freshmen, Junior Varsity and Varsity volleyball team members.

photo courtesy of John Collins

The 2026-27 volleyball season began even before the first day of school. The Bracken County High School Lady Bears varsity and

junior varsity teams faced Williamstown High School teams across the home net on Thursday, August 13, followed by a varsity 3-1 win on Mon-

day, August 17 against Lewis County. The next home varsity game will be on Wednesday, September 2 with long-time rival Mason County.

The Augusta Independent School Lady Panthers varsity and junior varsity opened their season in the Panthers Den on Monday, Au-

gust 17 against Harrison County, with the varsity losing 1-3. They will compete with St. Patrick in their historic gym on Tuesday, August 25.

## Bracken XC to Hold Mattress Sale in Sept.

The Bracken County Cross Country team is holding a one day only mattress fundraiser from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, September 27. The public can see over 25 name brand models with full manufacturer warranties on display at the Bracken County High School, including Purple, Helix, Beautyrest, and more. They will also have adjustable bases, pillows, protectors and frames in all sizes, price ranges and delivery options.

If you need a new mattress, make plans to come to this sale. You can rest easy, knowing that every purchase benefits Bracken County High School cross country athletes.

## EKU Announces Recipients of Dean's List and President's Award for Spring 2026

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) has announced Cora Bradford and Carolyn Teegarden from Bracken County are the recipients of the Dean's List and President's Award for Spring 2026.

To achieve Dean's List honors, students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a minimum 3.75 GPA.

The President's Award was established to recognize outstanding academic achievement, earned by full-time undergraduate students who attain a 4.0 GPA for the semester. This award represents the highest undergraduate recognition of academic achievement for a semester at EKU.

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### Bracken Board of Education

August 10, 2026

Present: Board Members: Melissa Takata, Tracy Florer, Samantha Jones, and TJ Burton; Superintendent: Clayton King; Treasurer: Brit-tany Mullikin; Staff and guest: Jamey Johnson, Angela Jones, Brad Riley, and Chris Yelton.

The August 10, 2026 Bracken County Board of Education Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Melissa Takata.

**Items Approved by the Board were:** •Minutes of July 13, 2026 Board Meeting; •July 2026 Treasurer's Report; •July 2026 Monthly Financial Report; •Payment of all Bills and Claims; •Superintendent Travel; •Cyber Security Plan; •Open Records Distribution; •Certified Evaluation Plan; •4th Grade to The Emery in Cincinnati, OH for a play on 10/9/26;

•BC Health Department to use the HS Gym on 10/15/26 from 11 AM-2 PM for a career fair – confirm date availability with HS; •Scholastic 3D Archery to use the HS Gymnasium for an archery tournament – date TBD based on availability between December 2026-February 2027; •Dues; •Surplus football jersey; •Coaches Handbook; •Contract Days and update to 03.2232 and 03.1232 – 1st reading; •Visually Impaired Teacher MOA; •Gateway Headstart MOA; •Section 504 and ARCH Committee Members – trained on 8/3; •FY26 Unaudited Annual Financial Report; •Propose tax rate for 2026-2027; •2026-2027 Motor Vehicle Tax Rate; •2026-2027 Discipline Code; •DTC/CIO Position – 235 day contract and add salary scale for certified applicants; •MS Gifted & Talented Coordinator stipend.

**Items Reviewed by the Board with No Ac-**

**tion Taken were:** •Writing Program

**Personnel: The following individuals were hired pending meeting all board requirements:** Hired – Brandon Hinson (Certified Sub), Kathleen McConnell (Certified Sub), Emma Wade (HS Ag Teacher), Austin Ray (Certified Sub), Christina Tucker (Certified Sub), Tricia Edwards (Certified Sub), Chloe Jarrell (Certified Sub), Amy Hesler (TE SPED Aid), Renee Ray (TE SPED Aid), Sarah Penrod (TE SPED Aid); Resignation/Retirement/Separations – Stephanie Auchter (Retirement effective 8/31/26), Skie Hamilton (HS Instructional Aide); Other – N/A.

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.

### Augusta Board of Education

Augusta Independent Board of Education met July 9, 2026 at 6 p.m. Board Members Present: Laura Bach, Matthew McCane, Bob Snapp, and Mike Taylor. Board Member Absent: Chasity Saunders.

The Board Meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance & Mission Statement.

**Items Reviewed by the Board with No Action Taken were:** •Multipurpose Educational Gymnasium Facility Progress Update; •Principal's Report; •Superintendent's Report; •Personnel: Certified Hire: Teri Cox 5th Grade, Certified Resignation: Renee McClanahan CTE; •Citizens; •Board Members.

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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 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** at the Bracken County Extension Office. **All residents who plan to drop off items MUST complete this registration form PRIOR to attending the event and bring it with them 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

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.



Bracken County Conservation District

## BRACKEN COUNTY Household/Hazardous Waste Collection Event

### REGISTRATION FORM

**August 22, 2026 • 9am-1pm**  
at the Bracken County Extension Office

CITY YOU LIVE IN

COUNTY YOU LIVE IN

Please place a check in the box next to the type of waste you will be recycling (select all that apply)

- ☐ **Paper**  
(documents you would like shredded)
- ☐ **Paint**  
(all types, limited to 10 cans per vehicle)
- ☐ **Hazardous Materials**  
(flammables, combustibles, corrosives, fuel, kerosene, pesticides, aerosol cans, etc.)
- ☐ **Oil/Antifreeze**  
(all types, no mixtures)
- ☐ **Bulbs**  
(CFL, 4ft/8ft tubes)
- ☐ **Electronics**  
(TVs-limit of 2 per vehicle, computers, DVD players, etc.)
- ☐ **Propane Tanks**  
(20 lbs. only)
- ☐ **Toner/Ink**  
(color and black & white)
- ☐ **Batteries**  
(all types)

Bring completed form with you to the recycling event on August 22nd.