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## Lady Panthers Celebrate Silver in Ludlow Classic



Shown left to right in front are Elyssa Jackson, Alaina Gilliam, Carlee Courts, Kadee Bach, Sophie Miller, Kyleigh Kirk, and Abbey Bradford. In back are Asst. Coach Jenna Feagan, Melayna Workman, Averi Brewer, Claire Elliott, Kahghan Hinson, Aryanna Davis, Sammie Young, Natalee Roberts, Adalen Gilliam, Jolene Feagan, Gemma Litzinger, Head Coach Paige McCord, and Asst. Coach Bethany Wolfe.

The Augusta Lady Panthers Volleyball team were thrilled to win the silver bracket championship at the Ludlow Classic Tournament on Saturday, August 22, 2026 under Coach Paige McCord. The team faced Villa Madonna in a morning round, beating them 2 to 1. In the afternoon the Augusta girls played against Dayton High School, winning that game 2 to 1.

This Thursday, August 27 the Lady Panthers host the Mason County Lady Royals at 7:30 pm in the Panthers Den.

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## Heritage & History Activities Scheduled on Labor Day Weekend in Augusta

Come celebrate the Labor Day weekend with old-fashioned fun at the Heritage & History event in Augusta.

The entertainment begins on Saturday, September 5. Gather in Appelman Park to hear the Adkins Gospel Group from 11-12:30 pm, Pat & Brandi from 1-3 pm, and the Old Path Cloggers from 3:30-4:30 pm. The Augusta Rotary Club will be present, serving their famous Rotary burgers.



Frog Commissioner Steve Russell will officiate the Frog Derby.

Visitors can view customized and vintage vehicles displayed by the Buffalo Trace Motor Club along Main Street from noon to 5 pm. Children 10 years old and up will have the opportunity to try pioneer tasks such as cross cut sawing and throwing tomahawks from noon to 5 pm.

At 4 pm on Sun-

day, September 6 the ever-popular Frog Derby, sponsored by Metcalfe-Hennessey Funeral Home will be held. Children are encouraged to get a frog, give him a unique name, and hop on down to the corner of Main Street and Second Street. The annual contest pits groups of the amphibians to see which frog can hop from

an inner circle and cross an outer circle first. Winners from each round will move up until the final champion is declared and prizes awarded. To pre-register a frog, call 606-756-2270.

Everyone is invited to celebrate our heritage, honor our history and enjoy our beautiful community.



Shown is Appelman Park, the location of several Heritage & History event activities.

## Steve Dean Retirement Reception on August 29

A retirement reception is planned for Steve Dean, owner of Dean's Pharmacy in Brooksville inside the pharmacy this Saturday, August 29 from noon to 2 pm. He and his staff invite loyal customers and the public to share memories and wish him well on the next chapter of his life.

Mr. Dean graduated from the Medical University in Charleston, SC in 1972. He worked at Begley's Drug Store in Maysville before he bought the shop from Mr. and Mrs. Burnham Day. Mr. Dean has served the Brooksville community's needs since January 1, 1976.

The pharmacy doors will close on August 31. Customers should contact them at 606-735-2322 so prescriptions



and confidential files can be transferred to another pharmacy.

### Early Holiday Deadline

Because of the Labor Day holiday, the deadline for the September 10 issue is Friday, September 4 at 10 am. The office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026.

## Students Return to School in Bracken County

The sun shone brightly of Monday, August 24 as the morning buses picked up children



Shown is AIS Assistant Principal Bach with Tyler Ruff and Arthur Taylor.

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along country routes, parents chauffeured their children to Augusta Independent School and Bracken County School District schools, which were bustling with activity. From preschool to high school, students and school staff looked forward to a new year of fun and learning.

At Taylor Elementary School, this was also an important first day for Interim Principal Mike Hunter. He previously served as Assistant Principal and Principal of Bracken County High School from 2010-14 and has returned to guide a new generation of students.

Mr. Hunter is stepping into the shoes of former principal Brad Riley, who has been named the new District Technology Coordinator for Bracken County Schools.



Pictured are Kindergardeners James Purdon and Harper Hall with Taylor Elementary's Interim Principal Mike Hunter.