

# Mike Taylor Honored at 10<sup>th</sup> Region Basketball Hall of Fame Ceremony

Former Augusta Panther Mike Taylor was among those selected for the 10<sup>th</sup> Region Boys Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame Class of 2026. The honorees were recognized at halftime of the 10<sup>th</sup> Region Championship on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at the Mason County Fieldhouse.

Taylor scored 1,155 career points and was a two-year varsity starter, leading the team in scoring in both seasons. He was named Most Outstanding Player for the Augusta Panthers during both his junior and senior



years and was voted All-District and All-Region in each of those seasons. He was also a member of the NKIAC Team as a junior and senior. During his senior season, he led the team in every statistical category except rebounds and was selected as an All-State Honorable Mention by the *Lexington Herald*.

Other Bracken County athletes named to the Veteran's Committee and recognized were Louis Power, Jay Cummins and Vernon Kalb of Brooksville and John Kennard of Augusta.

## Augusta Board of Education

Augusta Independent Board of Education met February 12, 2026 6:00 p.m. Board Members Present: Laura Bach, Matthew McCane, Chasity Saunders, Bob Snapp, and Mike Taylor.

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

**Student Recognition: State Assessment Distinguished & Proficient - (7th Graders)**

•Averi Brewer: Reading: Distinguished and Math: Proficient; •Liliana Clark: Reading: Distinguished and Math: Proficient; •Chloe Evans: Reading: Distinguished; •Mark Inloes: Reading: Proficient; •Malaya Kabler: Reading: Proficient; •Kenyon Peed: Reading: Proficient and Math: Proficient;

•Callen Rich: Reading: Distinguished and Math: Proficient; •Hannah Saunders: Reading: Proficient; •Brooklyn Sizemore: Reading: Proficient; •Jase Taylor: Reading: Proficient; •Josie Williams: Reading: Proficient; •Izabella Woodruff: Reading: Proficient; (8th Graders)

•Hailey Clark: Reading: Distinguished, Math: Proficient, and Science: Proficient; •Ben Gill: Reading: Proficient and Math: Proficient; •Gaven Herald: Math: Proficient and Science: Proficient; •Delaney Kelsch: Reading: Distinguished, Math: Proficient, and Science: Proficient;

ence: Proficient; •Nathan Combs: Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, and Science: Proficient; •Marques Phares: Reading: Proficient, Math: Distinguished, and Science: Proficient; •Robert Smith: Reading: Proficient, Math: Proficient, and Science: Proficient; •Abby Lathem: Reading: Proficient; •Cyrus Pick: Science: Proficient; •Bethany Smith: Reading: Distinguished and Math: Proficient; •Drew Sparks: Reading: Proficient; •Noah Zurface: Reading: Proficient and Math: Proficient.

**Items Reviewed by the Board with No Action Taken were:** •Multipurpose Educational Gymnasium Facility Progress Update; •Principal's Report; •Superintendent's Report; •Attendance; •Enrollment; •Citizens; •Board Members.

**Items Approved by the Board were:** •Approved Agenda; •Approved Monthly Budget Report; •Approved Monthly Facilities Report; •Approved Momentum Construction Pay Application; •Approved 2026-2027 School District Calendar; •Approved First Reading Board Policy 07.1 Meal Charges; •Approved Business and Consent Items: Previous Meeting Minutes, FMLA Request, FRYSC 2026-2028 Assurance Certification, Use of District Property, Fundraisers, Surplus Items, Bills, and Treasurer's Report; •Approved Adjournment.



Mr. Taylor is shown with the 2026 Hall of Fame and Veteran's Committee members.

photos submitted

## Bracken County Chamber of Commerce Taking Nominations for 2026 Community Impact Awards

The Bracken County Chamber of Commerce invites the community to nominate individuals and businesses for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Impact Awards. These awards recognize those that have displayed dedication and service to the community over the last year.

Nominations are for the following awards: Agriculturalist of the Year, Business of the Year, Stephanie Hamilton Citizen of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Public



Safety Professional of the Year, Public Service Professional of the Year, Rising Star of the Year, and Perry Poe Volunteer of the Year. Winners of last year's awards are ineligible to be nominated.

The top 5 individuals or businesses receiving the most nominations in each category will move on to the final round of voting April 15-30 and be recognized at the Awards Gala on June 12. Nominations will be accepted through March 30 by scanning the QR code shown here or by paper forms that are available at the City of Augusta and City of Brooksville offices. After citizens fill them out they can be mailed to the Bracken County Chamber of Commerce.



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## Batter Up! Register for Summer Baseball Season

Register for summer baseball teams in Germantown Park. Children 6 and under will play tee ball, 9 and under will play coach pitch baseball and youth pitch baseball is available for ages 13 and under, including children currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Games will be held on Fridays and Saturdays. The first game is scheduled for the last Friday

in May and the season will end by August 2.

Sign up dates at the Germantown Park are 2-4 pm on April 11, 18, and 25, and on Sunday, May 3. Team assignments will be announced the following week.

If you are unable to come to the sign up events, contact Jeremy Florence on Facebook Messenger or text him at 606-782-4603.



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**Application Period:**  
February 25<sup>th</sup> - March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
No applications will be accepted after March 20, 2026

**Application Availability:**  
Bracken County Conservation District  
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**For More Information:**  
Contact: Meghanne McClanahan  
@ 606.735.3256 or  
bconserver@windstream.net

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

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Hobbies: Basketball and Baseball

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