

Augusta Independent Recognizes Sports Seniors



Pictured left to right are Track & Field Coach Tim Litteral, Kristen, Hayden and Jason Taylor, Patrick, Erin and Korbyn Kelsch, John Murphy, Rachel and Tony Ruf, Tera Fryman Potts, Trent and Todd Potts and Baseball Coach Craig Miller. photo courtesy of John Collins

Augusta Independent School recognized their student athletes on Thursday, May 14, 2026 before the game against the Bellevue Tigers at the Augusta Distillery Field at the St. Elizabeth Ball Park. Korbyn Kelsch participated in Track & Field, John Thomas Murphy was active in both Track & Field and Tennis, and Trent Potts and Hayden Taylor are members of the Augusta Panthers Baseball team.

AIS Student's Grandparent Essay Wins at KRTA Convention



Shown left to right are Allen Walker, Mia Rupe and her teacher, Meghan Miller.

Mia Rupe, a 5th grade student at Augusta Independent School, won the 2025-2026 Grandparent of the Year essay contest sponsored by Kentucky Retired Teachers Association (KRTA) and AARP Kentucky. She wrote about her incredible Pawpaw, Allen Walker. On Tuesday, April 21st, she was honored to go to Louisville where she met numerous leaders, was presented with her award, interviewed, and read her essay aloud to a congregation of more than 300 retired teachers at this year's KRTA convention. The grandparent essay contest is in its 25th year. In Kentucky, over 50,000 grandparents raise their grandchildren. This program honors grandparents' efforts. submitted

Augusta Board of Education

Augusta Independent Board of Education met April 9 at 6 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.

Staff & Student Recognition: KABC Court of Honor 2026 Recipient: Robin Kelsch; Mia Rupe on being the STATE winner of the 2026 AARP Grandparent of the Year Essay Contest!

State Assessment Distinguished & Proficient: (11th Grade) - Abbey Bradford: Math: Proficient; Claire Elliott: Reading: Proficient and Math: Proficient; Masen Kirk: Math: Proficient; Jasper Miller: Reading: Distinguished and Math: Distinguished; Turner Potts: Math: Proficient; Chris Ritchey: Reading: Proficient; Natalee Roberts: Math: Proficient; Andrew Russell: Math:

Proficient; Rudee Teegarden: Reading: Proficient and Math: Proficient; Kennede Tucker: Math: Proficient; Joe Zummo: Reading: Proficient and Math: Proficient. (12th Grade) - Aleah Appleman: On-Demand Writing: Proficient; Emma Carl: On-Demand Writing: Proficient; Nora Gill: Science: Proficient, Social Studies: Proficient, Editing: Proficient, On-Demand Writing: Proficient, and Writing: Proficient; John Murphy: Science: Proficient; Maddox Jett: Science: Distinguished and Social Studies: Proficient; Addison Jones: Science: Proficient, On-Demand Writing: Proficient, and Writing: Proficient; Korbyn Kelsch: On-Demand Writing: Proficient and Writing: Proficient; Jerra Ruf: On-Demand Writing: Proficient and Writing: Proficient; Timmy Russell: Science: Proficient, Social Studies: Distinguished, and On-Demand Writing: Proficient; Izzy Schweitzer: Science: Proficient, Social Studies: Distinguished, and On-Demand Writing:

Proficient; Maleah Torres: Science: Proficient; Makayla Woodruff: Science: Proficient and Social Studies: 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 Authorization to Operate Youth Employment Program; • Approved 2026 Summer Feeding Program; • Approved 2026-2027 Technology Plan; • Approved Momentum Construction Pay Application; • Approved BG22-521 Change Order Proposal; • Approved Monthly Facilities Report; • Approved Business and Consent Items: Previous Meeting Minutes, Fundraisers, Trip Request, Bills, and Treasurer's Report; • Approved Adjournment.

Give Your Mailbox a Spring Makeover During Mailbox Improvement Week

This "Mailbox Improvement Week," May 18-24, 2026, the United States Postal Service is reminding Americans everywhere to inspect, maintain, and make any needed upgrades to their mailboxes to help keep the mail flowing. Through regular, simple mailbox maintenance akin to Spring Cleaning, customers can help their carriers ensure mail, packages, and special deliveries arrive on time, safely, and securely. "Your mailbox is the gateway to connection, bringing everything from birthday wishes from loved ones to vital documents to your doorstep," said Postmaster General David Steiner. "A well-maintained mailbox isn't just about curb appeal; it's a partnership in efficiency and precision, helping our carriers continue to deliver for you - every day."

streamline postal operations but enhances the beauty and safety of entire neighborhoods. The yearly initiative calls attention to the wear and tear that occurs, often without customers' awareness. Some of the most common fixes homeowners may need to make include:

- Tighten Up: Check for and tighten any loose hinges on the door.
- A Fresh Coat: Brighten up a rusty or peeling mailbox with a fresh coat of paint.
- Stand Securely: Ensure your mailbox post is secure and upright.
- Be Seen: Make sure your house numbers are clear, visible, and easy to read.

vandalism, contact Postal Inspectors at 1-877-876-2455. submitted

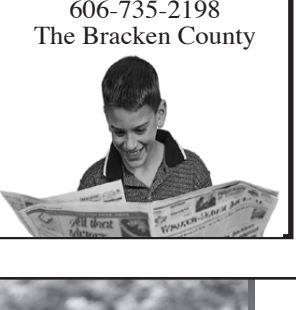


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1st Annual Gary Philpott Memorial Softball Tournament

The HMH Foundation will host the 1st Annual Gary Philpott Memorial Softball Tournament on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at River Road Park in Cynthiana. This community event will honor the life and legacy of Gary Philpott while raising funds to support cardiology programs at Harrison Memorial Hospital.

Gary Philpott was well known throughout the community for his love of softball and his dedication to local athletics. He spent many years involved in the sport, both as a player and mentor, and was respected for his sportsmanship, leadership, and commitment to bringing people together through the game. Gary was also a member

of the HMH Auxiliary, a volunteer organization that raises funds to support Harrison Memorial Hospital, further reflecting his commitment to the health and well-being of the community. His connection to both softball and HMH makes this tournament a meaningful tribute to his life and legacy. The tournament will feature multiple youth divisions and guarantees three games for participating teams. Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the Harrison Memorial Hospital Cardiology Program, supporting continued investment in cardiac services, technology, and patient care for the region.

Sponsorship Opportunities are available. The event will take place Saturday, May 30, 2026 at River Road Park, Cynthiana, Kentucky. For more information about team registration or sponsorship opportunities, contact Ashley Gaunce at 859-588-7017, Adam Wainscott at 859-953-1700, or Kacey Tucker at 859-235-3737. You may also visit the website at app.betterunite.com/hmhfoundation-garyphilpottmemorialsoftball-tournament. submitted



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