

North Bullitt welcomes Class of '26 Hall of Fame inductees

HEBRON ESTATES – It was a night where some of the recipients spoke for a few moments but others were short on words.

No matter, it was a magical night for the North Bullitt High School Athletic Hall of Fame as five new members were inducted as the Class of 2026.

Ricky Haven, Linda Pryor, Mike Reisser, Jana Johnson and Logan Wyatt were the newest inductees.

Haven had the unique opportunity to play for North Bullitt before the school actually existed. He would spend three years at Hebron Middle and then finish up his final three years at North Bullitt.

He was supposed to go to Bullitt Central but they built North Bullitt. His older brother played basketball for the Cougars.

Haven said it was a tough starting up a new program. Home games were either played at Hebron Middle or Bullitt Central.

But it was the junior season where the four-win team went into the district and defeated West Anderson and Taylorsville but lost to Anderson County in the final.

That still earned the Eagles a spot in the regional tournament, where they would lose to Scott County.

Pryor was one of those early athletes who excelled in basketball and track.

Scott Morrison called her a special person who could be very shy but still aggressive.

Pryor said her grandfather got her to play basketball, which gave her a lot of great memories from North Bullitt.

She said her teammates were like her family and they helped to make her a better person.

Reisser was one of those guys behind the scenes.

Bill Laird said his friend was always there to make improvements at the school. Anything that needed main-



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Newest inductees into the North Bullitt Athletic Hall of Fame.

tenance, Reisser was there. Calling himself a “doer”, Reisser was amazed at the facilities now available to athletes.

Like Laird, Reisser said he was proud to be part of the booster club.

“I just wanted to help the kids,” he said.

And he likes the path the school is taking with principal Kristi Lynch.

Johnson wasn't one of those kids who started playing basketball at a young age. She participated in gymnastics and looked at cheerleading. However, AAU coach Greg Collins, now the head coach for the Western Kentucky Lady Hilltoppers, convinced her to continue playing basketball.

Bill Robinette said Johnson blocked out better than any player he coached. And he said she was fundamentally sound and extremely coachable. In fact, he told her to shoot the ball more and in one game, she attempted 20 three-pointers.

She would go to WKU and returned to be a physical education teacher at North Bullitt.

Johnson said that most of her memories came from her time off the court with

teammates. But she always knew she wanted to come back and teach, which she did for 17 years.

And she coached cross country, golf and basketball.

When Wyatt would hit a baseball, coach Brian Wise said there was just a certain sound. It may have been the ball screeching out in pain.

Playing just three games in his freshman year due to an injury, Wyatt made up for it those final three years. He would set records for baseball and that drew the attention of coaches from his dream school – the University of Louisville.

He would make All-State for his junior and senior seasons. Making it twice to the state tournament, Wyatt would play for U of L and made two trips to the College World Series.

And the San Francisco Giants would make him a second round draft pick.

The Eagles were 91-30 during his three seasons.

Wyatt thanked his family and friends and coaches for selection to the hall of fame.

“It means a lot,” Wyatt said of the recognition.

Former Kentucky guard Aberdeen returns to Florida for another year

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Former Kentucky guard Denzel Aberdeen is headed back to Florida — possibly to play basketball again.

Aberdeen visited with the Gators on Friday and then announced he is planning to re-enroll at the university to finish his undergraduate degree.

“Thankful for the opportunity to finish my academic journey back home at the place where it started,” Aberdeen wrote in an Instagram post.

He also would like to finish his basketball career where it started. Aberdeen spent

three years at Florida and helped the Gators win the national championship in 2025. He transferred to Kentucky for what was supposed to be his final season and lost all three meetings against his former team.

Now, he's back and hoping to convince the NCAA that his freshman year in Gainesville should be considered a redshirt season. The 6-foot-5 Orlando native played just 12 games in 2022-23, scoring 19 points in 41 total minutes. He would need a waiver from the NCAA to land another year of eligibility.

If he does get it, he would end up wearing orange and blue again.

Aberdeen would slide into a roster spot — likely a starting role, too — that opened with the departure of Xiaivian Lee. He also would make Florida an immediate championship contender considering coach Todd Golden already retained most of last year's roster. The Gators also expect to get starting big men Alex Condon and Rueben Chinyelu back for their senior season. Still up in the air is the future of leading scorer and potential NBA lottery pick Thomas Haugh.

Aberdeen started 35 games for Kentucky this past season, averaging 13.5 points, 3.4

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are fewer seats, but the roof is higher, something that has been an issue with the main gym dating back before girls' volleyball started.

Scott is ready for the post-season and feels that the program can make another trip to the state tournament.

“I feel really confident honestly,” she said. “Not to be cocky, but we have a good group of athletes that play other sports. They have worked hard in practice. A lot of our core group of players are founding members of the program.”

“That core group of kids really established and helped us start the program,” Scott added. “They set a good example for our younger kids.”

While the sport is making good strides at North Bullitt, would it help the Eagles if the other two schools in Bullitt County added programs. That would make for some better rivalries and give the team two ‘highlight’ matches each spring?

“I think that is possible,” Scott said. “Boys volleyball is just growing so fast. If the

other two had teams it might boost our morale. It would develop big county rivalry games.”

How much better are the Eagles now than two years ago?

“Significantly better,” the coach said. “The guys have bought in. They just have the competitive drive. They want to be good. The girls have supported them as they go to each other's matches. It's great to see that.”

Scott is one of the few coaches in Bullitt County that works with both males and females in a competitive environment.

“The game is the same,” the coach pointed out. “But they do need love in different ways. Girls are good about being disciplined and being fundamental. The boys bring the athleticism and the drive.”

This North Bullitt team normally works out a 5-1 attack, but at times has shifted to a 6-2 look. The main setter is sophomore Brian Hammons, but when the team goes to a 6-2, his older brother, Hunter Hammons can also be a setter.

The outside attack for the Eagles is led by junior Daelen Childers and senior Hunter Hammons. Both of those members play all-around.

Brooks works as the libero.

The other three players in the main rotation are Duran, Butler and senior Samuel Felix.

“All three of those can play in the middle or move to an outside role,” Scott explained. “They can switch positions depending on what we need.”

Also getting playing time this spring is sophomore Austin Coy on the right side while junior Xander Cash is a defensive specialist along with seniors Esteban Irizarry and Hunter Hammons.

The other members of the varsity program are junior Mark Bickett, junior Christopher Elble, sophomore Cooper Goldsmith and freshman Mason Wilbert.

One aspect of the game that the team is working hard on this spring is to play at a fast pace.

“We want to control the pace of the game,” Scott pointed out. “The past few weeks they have been doing that. We want to play at a fast pace. That is something we have been working on. When we play slow we tend to struggle.”

“We also need to work on our serve and serve receiving,” the coach added. “You have to win over 50 percent of your serves just to win.”

Johnston selects softball for collegiate sport

MOUNT WASHINGTON – Closing out a wonderful career on the basketball court of Rupp Arena in the state tournament is a cool cap for a student.

But, Mollie Johnston is still seeking a state title in another sport.

A day after closing out her basketball career, Johnston was back on the softball field chasing that state crown with her Bullitt East Lady Charger teammates.

And it will be her love of softball that will lead Johnston to Polk State College next fall.

The daughter of Lindsay and David Johnston recently signed on the dotted line to play college softball. She is also cheered on by her older sister, Maddie.

“The team and coach were very welcoming and I love Florida,” Johnston said of the factors in selecting Polk State.

While basketball and flag football have sports in which



she has played, softball has been the passion since she was a child. Besides playing for the Lady Chargers, Johnston has also played travel ball with teams such as the Stunners, Sluggers and Fusion.

“I love the sport more than others and have a better time playing,” Johnston said of selecting softball. She said her

dad instilled a love of the sport in her.

She is looking forward to playing during her first year at college.

However, there is something still to be accomplished at the high school level. That would be leading the Lady Chargers to a return trip to the state tournament.

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The Fiscal Court of Bullitt County will consider the following Ordinances which may change the zoning of property located in the unincorporated area of Bullitt County, Kentucky.

The Fiscal Court of Bullitt County will consider the following Ordinances at its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, in the Bullitt Fiscal Court Meeting Chamber, Bullitt County Courthouse, 300 South Buckman Street, Shepherdsville, Kentucky, beginning at the hour of 9:30 a.m.

A complete copy of the proposed Ordinances may be reviewed at the Office of the Bullitt County Clerk, Nina Mooney Courthouse Annex, Shepherdsville, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

1. **BULLITT COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 26-06**
Planning Commission Docket No.: 2026Z-11
Applicant/Owner: James Jewell
An Ordinance proposing to change the Zoning from R-2 Residential and B-1 Highway Business to B-1 Highway Business. The property in question is located at 270 Armstrong Lane, parcel number 070-000-00-087I; 070-000-00-087J; 070-000-00-087K, in an unincorporated area of Bullitt County, and having a size of 3.6115 acres, more or less.
2. **BULLITT COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 26-07**
Planning Commission Docket No.: 2026Z-13
Applicant/Owner: Keith Capps
An Ordinance proposing to change the Zoning from Agricultural to R-1 Residential. The property in question is located at Cedar Creek Road, parcel number 053-000-00-040A, in an unincorporated area of Bullitt County, and having a size of 8.149 acres, more or less.
3. **BULLITT COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 26-08**
Planning Commission Docket No.: 2026Z-12
Applicant/Owner: Charles Gilbert
An Ordinance proposing to change the Zoning from Agricultural, B-1 Highway Business, and R-4 Residential to R-4 Residential. The property in question is located at 2420 and 3358 S. Bardstown Road, parcel number 083-000-00-0031 and 083-000-00-003B, in an unincorporated area of Bullitt County, and having a size of 17.758 acres, more or less.

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