

Logan County’s ‘Voice of the Bearcats’ earns HOF honor

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“POINT LADY COUGARS!” A phrase that could be heard distinctly in the volleyball season for the Logan County Lady Cougars each time they scored. The voice of none other than Will McKenzie, a graduate of Logan County and the play-by-play broadcaster for the Russellville High School boys’ and girls’ basketball teams for the WRUS

radio station, was recently inducted into the Brescia University Athletics Hall of Fame. Son of Terry McKenzie and Candy Hardiman, husband to Sarah and father to Timothy, Will McKenzie made a name for himself as a member of the Men’s Golf Team from 2011 to 2016 for the Brescia Bearcats, as well as an announcer, being the “Voice of the Bearcats” from 2012 to 2017.

Announcing for men’s and women’s basketball home games, McKenzie covered volleyball, soccer, baseball, and softball. McKenzie takes pride in his announcing work and being able to follow in his father’s footsteps and work within his home community. “I really enjoy being able to do play-by-play for basketball and PA for the Lady Cougars Volleyball. I knew when I got a job back in Russell-

ville that I wanted to get back involved with the hometown teams. I started doing PA when I was a student at Logan, doing some basketball games and as a senior announced all of the softball games. My dad also did play-by-play for WRUS years ago so it’s very special for me to follow him and do this for the same station. I’m thankful to Chris McGinnis for giving me the opportunity and it’s been a blast

the last three years.” During McKenzie’s successful golf career, he won multiple events, including being the Individual Medalist of the 2015 KIAC Conference Tournament, where he was named Player of the Year at the same time. With KIAC All-Conference team

honors in 2013 and 2016, McKenzie was also a key piece in the 2012 and 2016 Conference Title teams. McKenzie also made appearances in the NAIA National Tournaments in 2015 and 2016. Talking with McKenzie

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Amelia Larson, with family, signs with Campbellsville University to compete in track and field.



Aubrey Sears, with family, signs to play volleyball at the University of Houston.

Cougars send five more to the collegiate level

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Last week the Logan County High School athletics program celebrated five more student-athletes committing to compete at the collegiate level. The five athletes that signed were Aubrey Sears, Morgan Taylor, Takiyah Mason, Amelia Larson, and Jacob White. As friends, family, and coaches came to celebrate their achievement, the five athletes will look to create a legacy after their playing career is done at the high school level.

Starting with Sears, she signed her letter of intent to play volleyball at the University of Houston. She leaves Logan County holding multiple records, with the single-game kill record of 31 in a single match and the season and career kill records, finishing with 2089 career kills. Also holding the season and career records in blocks, finishing her high school career with 140. Sears was an important piece of the 4th Regional title team last year and their state tournament run.

For Taylor, she signed her letter of intent to cheer at Western Kentucky University. A dedicated cheerleader for many years, she has been a vital piece in the Logan County Cheer teams that competed and finished top-10 in the past two years at Nationals, in addition to cheering on the sidelines and courtside for the Cougars. Battling back from a broken collarbone over the summer, it was a testament to Taylor’s resilience and passion for the sport.

As for Mason, she will take her talents to play basketball for a legendary basketball player from Russellville, former Harlem Globetrotter, and current head coach of the Vol State Pioneers, Otis Key. Mason was a key piece for the Lady Cougars basketball program, playing 140 career games, totaling 794 points, with 9.2 points per game her senior year. A senior leader on the court and off the court for a youthful Lady Cougars team this past year.

Larson, who has



Above: Takiyah Mason, with family, signs to play basketball with the Vol State Pioneers.

Left: Morgan Taylor, with family, signs to cheer at Western Kentucky University.



Jacob White, with family, signs to play football with the Bellarmine University Knights.

been a key piece for the cross-country team and the track and field team, signed her letter of intent to compete at Campbellsville University. Alongside fellow senior Lilaina Veigel, Larson ranks top 20 in the state and has taken care of business in the 4x800-meter relay and the 4x400-meter relay this year.

Closing out the ceremony was Jacob White signing his letter of intent to play for the Bellarmine University Knights football program. White was a leader on the Cougars’ defense over the past three seasons, tallying 229 career tackles, with

88 last season, leading the team. White also finished with 20 tackles for a loss, three sacks and two forced fumbles.

As the ceremony concluded, these five athletes had achieved a feat that many athletes only dream of: joining multiple alumni from the athletic program to get the chance to play at the collegiate level. Leaving their legacies at Logan County to create new ones in their future athletic careers at the next level.

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LEGAL NOTICE

WARNING ORDER

ATTORNEY NOTICE

To: Unknown Heirs of Sydney Hyde

Case: City of Adairville, Kentucky vs. Unknown Heirs of Sydney Hyde et. al., Logan Circuit Court, Civil Action No. 25-CI-00130

Notice is hereby given that a lawsuit has been filed in the Logan Circuit Court by the City of Adairville, Kentucky, concerning the property located at 425 Cemetery Street, Adairville, Kentucky 42202.

The action seeks to address matters pertaining to the ownership and disposition of said property, which may affect the rights of the unknown heirs of Sydney Hyde, deceased.

As the heirs of Sydney Hyde are unknown or cannot be located, a Warning Order Attorney has been appointed to notify said heirs. You are hereby warned to appear and answer the complaint within 50 days from the date of appointment on April 8, 2025, or a judgment may be taken against you by default, potentially resulting in the loss of any interest in the property.

If you are an heir or have any information regarding same, please contact the Warning Order Attorney, John Corey Morgan, 214 S. College St. Franklin, KY 42134, Phone (270) 586-7777. You may also contact the Logan Circuit Court Clerk at 329 W. 4th St., Russellville, KY 42276, for further information regarding this matter.

Failure to respond may result in a court decision affecting your rights to the property at 425 Cemetery Street, Adairville, Kentucky.

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MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE OF THE LOGAN CIRCUIT COURT, the Master Commissioner will sell at public auction the real property in the following actions on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025, about the hour of 1:30 p.m., on the steps of the Logan County Court of Justice Building, Russellville, Kentucky, 42276.** Said property shall be sold to collect the amounts due in the court judgments.

A. The purchasers will be required to pay the full purchase price or a minimum of ten percent (10%) down the day of sale and post bond on the remainder with the balance due in thirty (30) days. Said bond will bear interest at the judgment rate per annum upon the unpaid balance from the date of sale until paid in full.

The Master Commissioner will retain a lien on the property sold to secure the sale price. **If the purchaser does not pay cash in full the day of the sale, he/she will be required to post bond and provide sufficient surety thereon at the sale. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the sale with questions regarding approved surety at (270) 717-1110.**

B. The property is sold subject to the following: a) State, county, city, and school taxes payable for the entire year of 2025 and all taxes due thereafter; b) easements, restrictions, and covenants of record; c) assessments for public improvements levied against the property; d) any facts which an inspection or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

C. The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any and all right, title, and interest of the parties to this action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon except such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendants.

D. It is further provided that when the property sold includes insurable improvements, the successful bidder at the sale, at bidder's own expense, shall carry fire and extended coverage insurance on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Master Commissioner of the Logan Circuit Court, or to the Plaintiff. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereof, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Master Commissioner of the Logan Circuit Court if she so desires, and the premium thereon, or proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser at purchaser's costs.

Sale No. 1: BG48, LLC v. Elizabeth Watts et al; pending in Logan Circuit Court Civil Action No. 24-CI-00296.
550 River View Drive, Adairville, KY 42202
Tax Map Number: 089-02-00-022-00
NOTE: SUCCESSFUL BIDDER TO PAY 2025 AD VALOREM TAXES
Submitted this 1st day of May, 2025.

/s/ Ami L. Brooks

AMI L. BROOKS, MASTER COMMISSIONER

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing was this 1st day of May, 2025, mailed by U.S. Mail, faxed, e-mailed, or hand delivered to the following:

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