

Sports

Logan County welcomes alum Bilyeu as the new head coach

BY WES ELROD
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The Logan County Middle School boys soccer program introduced a new head coach for this next season, with former coach Noah Bray stepping down. Going from one Cougars soccer alumnus to another, Thomas Bilyeu will take over at the helm and look to continue to build the program and bring the Cougars to new heights.

Coach Bilyeu brings plenty of experience as a former player with 57 games played in four years during his time at Logan County High School. “My soccer days go way back. I’m pretty sure I started playing around three years old and played all the way

up to college for a year. I was on the 2016 and 2019 district championship teams as well,” Bilyeu said about his long-time playing career.

When talking about the main goals for the Cougars, Bilyeu focused on growth and development of the program and the players. “Well, to start, I took the job so I could help with the growth of the soccer program. Being able to really help the kids learn, succeed and be ready for the next level if they wanted. My main goal, for the program in general, is to see it grow by getting more kids interested and collaborating with the high school in order to help them get better,” Bilyeu said.

Bilyeu has expressed

plenty of optimism for the upcoming season, “I’m actually really excited for the season. We’ve had some open fields and we honestly look pretty good. I’m not sure what the record was last year, but I’m almost certain we could go positive this year at least.” The Cougars fell short in a tightly contested district race last season and finished as the fourth seed in the district tournament.

Challenges are a big part of any coaching job, and when asked what would be one of the biggest challenges for Bilyeu, he was candid in his response, “Definitely getting the kids to listen. Kids will be kids, but I coached a 9-and-under soccer team last year, so I’ve got a pretty good

idea of what I’m getting into. I want the players to get to know me and the other coach, so maybe the actual coaching part becomes easier as time goes on.”

Bilyeu is grateful to have gotten the chance to work with the team as the new coach and lead the next generation of Cougars players as they look to have a successful season. “It honestly means a lot. I’m super blessed to even have this opportunity, so I’m going to try to do my best with it. I’m hoping the other coach and I can make a change and take a step in the right direction for these kids,” Bilyeu said.

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Kriete steps up to lead Russellville Middle School boys soccer team

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This upcoming fall will see some sweeping changes for the Russellville Middle School and Russellville High School boys soccer programs with coaches shifting around. Former high school coach Jeremy Rust now oversees the new wrestling program. The soccer vacancy for the high school was filled by the former middle school head coach, Cameron Kisselbaugh. With Kisselbaugh moving up to the high school, the middle school team will now be led by Kisselbaugh’s former assistant coach, Alexis Kriete.

Kriete spent last season as an assistant and now, as the head coach, keeps consistency in the program. Coach Kriete has taken some knowledge from Kisselbaugh in her time as an assistant. “I feel my coaching style is similar to Coach K’s, as I learned a lot from him last year and continue to learn from him as well. The players have been responding very well to my coaching style and are making progress in practice.” Having familiarity will be an advantage for Kriete this upcoming season.

When talking about what goals

Kriete has for this upcoming season, growth and improvement were the two biggest focal points: “I just want to see the program continue to grow and make sure the players are getting the knowledge to grow and develop their games. This season I just want the players to give their best, grow, and improve every game and practice. I know it’s possible because I saw it last year as an assistant and they have already made improvements since the start of our first practice,” Kriete expressed with excitement.

With any sport, the physical aspect is just as difficult as the mental, as Coach Kriete puts an emphasis on mental toughness as one of the most important things she is looking for in her players. “I want to see my players’ motivation to not give up even when it seems impossible. Things can change in a matter of seconds, especially on the soccer field. I want my team to know they can handle anything that happens in a game and to keep their heads up and keep going even when all seems lost,” Kriete said.

“Motivation is a powerful tool on and off the field and it is something they will need in life. For them to have that now, it will help them in their future as well. I am

not just coaching these boys but also helping them learn,” Kriete said when talking about her impact on her players on the field and off the field.

Challenges will arise for any coach, as Kriete expressed the biggest obstacles to overcome this year: “Our team is young, and we have a lot of new players that still have a lot to learn about soccer,” said Kriete. “I also believe that our players will be able to adapt quickly and learn so that we can make our challenges and weaknesses into our strengths and use them to our advantage.”

Despite a young roster, Coach Kriete has faith in the work her team is putting in. “The boys have been putting in the work at practice and will continue working hard and getting better each day. I am excited to see what this season holds for us and I know these boys will continue to work hard and improve and to have a love for soccer,” Kriete said. “That is all I can hope for this season and I am extremely proud to be their coach!” The Panthers middle school soccer program looks to thrive under the leadership of Coach Kriete, as she looks to navigate her first year as the head coach.

Adopt a wild horse or burro during BLM’s July Online Corral auction

BY N-D&L STAFF REPORTS

The Bureau of Land Management is offering the public the chance to adopt or purchase a wild horse or burro through an Online Corral auction, which will take place from July 14 to July 21, 2025. Winning bidders will be able to pick up their adopted or purchased animals at an adoption event on Sept. 11, 2025, held at the Christian County Expo Center in Hopkinsville.

The Online Corral is the BLM’s internet-based platform that allows prospective adopters and purchasers to browse photos, videos, and information about available wild horses and burros. Users can submit applications and

place bids safely from home. The animals offered through the Online Corral have been gathered from overpopulated herds on public lands in the western United States to promote healthy animals and rangelands. Most of these animals are untrained and unhandled.

“This unique event provides the people of Hopkinsville and the surrounding region with a convenient opportunity to give a wild horse or burro a good home,” said Annie Ebberts, off-range branch chief for the BLM’s Wild Horse and Burro Program. “Adopters will have a rewarding experience

with a wild horse or burro while also supporting the BLM’s mission to manage and protect these iconic animals and the public lands they inhabit.”


Interested participants are encouraged to apply now to receive pre-approval for bidding. During the auction event, approved users can browse available animals, place bids, and coordinate pick-up. Bidding starts at \$125.

To qualify, adopters must be at least 18 years old and meet certain facility requirements, which include a minimum of 400 square feet of corral space per animal, suitable shelter, and fencing heights appropriate to the type of animal.

Transport trailers must be covered, stock-type, and equipped with sturdy floors and swing gates. Detailed requirements can be found on the BLM’s website.

The BLM manages and protects wild horses and burros across 25.6 million acres of public lands in 10 western states. Since 1971, the BLM has placed more than 300,000 wild horses and burros into good homes, helping to ensure healthy animals and rangelands for future generations.

For more information about the BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program, visit BLM.gov/whb.




LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Case #25-P-00140

Notice to Creditors is hereby given that Administration has been granted by the Logan District Probate Court upon the Estate of MARY ANSTEDT whose last known address was NOT LISTED. The date of Administration is JUNE 13TH 2025. All persons having claims against this estate are hereby notified to present them properly verified, according to law, not later than six (6) months from the date of Administration to the ADMINISTRATRIX namely SOPHIE K. REDMAN whose address is 8475 SOUTHWEST 84TH LOOP OCALA, FL 34481 or to MARK D. COLLINS Attorney for the Estate whose address is PO BOX 882 ELKTON, KY 42220

MARY J. ORANGE
LOGAN DISTRICT CLERK
RUSSELLVILLE, KY 42276




LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Case #25-P-00143

Notice to Creditors is hereby given that Administration has been granted by the Logan District Probate Court upon the Estate of DANIEL WAYNE HINTON whose last known address was 1503 HIGHLAND LICK RD RUSSELLVILLE, KY 42276. The date of Administration is JUNE 13TH 2025. All persons having claims against this estate are hereby notified to present them properly verified, according to law, not later than six (6) months from the date of Administration to the EXECUTOR namely LARRY LANE HINTON whose address is 101 CHESTNUT STREET RUSSELLVILLE KY 42276 or to ALICIA C. JOHNSON Attorney for the Estate whose address is PO BOX 1654 RUSSELLVILLE, KY 42276

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LOGAN DISTRICT CLERK
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT
Case #21-P-00123

IN ACCORDANCE with the provisions of the KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTES, notice is hereby given that on the 18TH day of JUNE, 2025 a(n) PERIODIC SETTLEMENT has been filed in the Office of the CLERK OF THE LOGAN DISTRICT COURT in the matter of: ESTATE OF ALEXIS PAIGE COKER. IF NO EXCEPTIONS are filed, said SETTLEMENT will be confirmed and ordered Recorded on the 15TH day of AUGUST 2025 @ 8:35 AM

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 25-230-01 (An Amendment to Ordinance No. 24-230-07 **AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMPENSATION PLAN AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN ADOPTED ON JANUARY 11, 2005, UPDATING JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND/OR CLASSIFICATION PLANS FOR POSITIONS WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SOLID WASTE, DETENTION CENTER AND ARCHIVES, AS WELL AS THE COMPENSATION PLAN AND APPROVED POSITIONS LIST FOR EACH DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-20226 AND CREATE AN ARCHIVES MANAGER/GRANT WRITER POSITION AND SALARY SCHEDULE** was held on June 24, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. in the Fiscal Court Room of the Logan County Courthouse. A copy of the ordinance may be viewed at the County Judge's Office located at 200 W. 4th St. Russellville, KY 42276 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Phil Baker
Logan County Judge/Executive



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
REGISTERED PERMIT-BY-RULE

McKinney Landfill, LLC proposes to submit a registration for a registered permit-by-rule for a less-than-one acre construction / demolition debris landfill facility to the Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management, pursuant to 401 KAR 47:110. The registration shall become effective thirty (30) calendar days after the cabinet receives it unless the cabinet denies the registration within that time.

The proposed facility will be located at McKinney Landfill, 611 Charles Mack Lane, Russellville, KY 42276.

For questions regarding this proposed facility, contact Jerry McKinney, President, McKinney Landfill, LLC at (270) 725-1400. Questions concerning the registration process for registered permits-by-rule can be directed to the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection, Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Branch, 300 Sower Boulevard, Second Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601, (502) 564-6716.

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CLASSIFIED DEADLINE

MONDAY – 3 PM

Contact Customer Service at
270-726-8394, Option 1 or
classifieds@newsdemocratleader.com
Monday-Friday 7AM-3PM
Holidays advance deadlines 24 hours.

Temporary Position for Logan County

FSA is looking for temporary office assistance to help deliver “The American Relief Act of 2025,” which was signed into law on Dec. 21, 2024 and provided the U.S. Department of Agriculture with more than \$30 billion to deliver disaster recovery assistance for farmers and livestock producers. This position will help support the implementation of the Emergency Livestock Relief Program and the Supplemental Disaster Relief Program which will provide assistance to producers for necessary expenses due to losses due to weather related events in 2023 and 2024. Resumes can be submitted to the Logan County office at 253 D Hopkinsville Road, Russellville, KY 42276-1295 by email to Dawn.Ovesen@usda.gov through the close of business on Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

All applicants shall:

1. Be citizens of the United States
2. Be a High School Graduate or have a GED.
3. Have a Social Security Number.
4. Be at least 18 years of age or 17 years of age for a high school graduate.
5. Have typing and/or keyboard experience.
6. Submit a Resume including your SSN, your country of Citizenship, education, and work experience.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Candidates will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reason such as race, color, national origin, gender, religion or non-membership in any employee organization. This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.