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Ken Tippet  
KHSAA  
Lexington KY

Dear Ken,

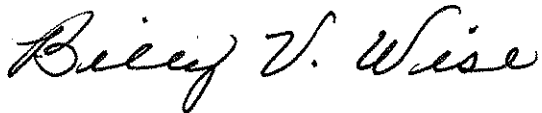
It is a real and genuine pleasure for me to nominate Eli Logan as a candidate for the Dawahare/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Eli Logan established officiating in the Appalachian region of Kentucky for the sport of football, and he founded the Kentucky River Football Official's Association. During this time, Eli performed all duties as a football assigning secretary and also a football referee. He was dedicated and highly proficient in this sport. He was constantly alert and aggressive and ready to assist his fellow officials whenever possible..

His tenure as a football official was commendable and his moral character was beyond reproach. He was a credit to himself, football, and the KHSAA.

Eli Logan is a highly qualified and deserving candidate for membership in the Dawahare/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billy V. Wise". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Billy V. Wise

To: Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame  
Attn: Nominations Committee  
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From: Carl R. Logan (oldest son of deceased nominee Eli Logan)  
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Dear Dawahares/KHSAA Nominations Committee,

I would deeply appreciate consideration by the Committee for my deceased father (Eli Logan) to be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame...I have included some notes about him along with the nomination form and a letter of recommendation by former Commissioner Billy Wise...I have also enclosed a copy of the newspaper article that was saved from the fall of 1970 where the Hazard Herald reported the organization of the Kentucky River Football Officials Association for which I understand that Mr. Wise hand-picked my father to oversee this group of Officials.

Thanks for your time  
and all the GREAT things done for High School sports in our beloved state,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CARL R. LOGAN". The letters are cursive and somewhat slanted to the right.

Carl R. Logan

# Notes of interest on Eli Logan (1934-2001)

Official notes in bold red type

chronological order

(1934) Eli was born Nov 17 in Jeff, KY a few miles southeast of Hazard KY on Route 15 east towards Whitesburg...his birth certificate states that he had no middle name and was the youngest of (6) children his parents were Brint Logan & Dallie Combs both buried in Jeff KY.

Eli attended Vicco Elementary School a few miles south of Jeff, KY and then attended Hazard High School for 3½ yrs before joining the armed services.

(1951) Eli joined the US Air Force and was soon stationed in White Horse, Alaska for over 2 yrs and then was stationed in Illinois for the remaining 1½ years of service time...he was an air plane mechanic and flew many fighter planes preparing them for military needs.

(1955) Eli came back to Jeff, KY where he soon received a diploma from Dilce Combs High School...later married in December to the former Mary Carolyn Luttrell of Hazard KY...they had 3 children all boys (Carl Richard 1958, Thomas Wayne 1959 & Gregory Allan 1972) all 3 children played High School sports in KY.

(1956) Eli began work as a draftsman and field engineer for the H. A. Spalding Company in Hazard...also built his own home in front of Dilce Combs High School as the Combs/Logan Family owned quite a bit of land around the school...Eli began studying toward engineering excellence...received (3) educational degrees for Highway Engineering, Civil Engineering and Chemical Engineering while employed by this Engineering Firm.

**(1962) Eli began officiating High School athletics in the Appalachian region and was the Head Referee for the only 3-man football crew stationed out of Hazard KY (members included Eli Logan, Arnett Strong & Robert "Bobby" Fallon)**

(1964) Eli took a position with the State Highway Dept and was in charge of multiple counties...he played instrumental parts in the engineering design, construction and maintenance of the Mountain Pkwy and later the Daniel Boone Pkwy...our house accidentally burned down during this yr and we eventually moved into the Hazard city limits as Eli bought some land in town and he built another home.

**(1965) Eli began training new football officials in the region while working directly under KHSAA Assistant Commissioner Billy Wise from Lexington KY.**

(1967) Eli began working directly with the county and city's Little League and Babe Ruth organizations...he was selected President of both organizations and he was able to persuade the local Jaycees group to sponsor the building of a new park to host these leagues...he was active with both these leagues expansion which also included teams from Perry, Leslie, Knott and Letcher counties...he worked very hard with people that were willing to go the extra yard with my father until 1974 and then he worked with the local American Legion to form a summer baseball program for (16-18) year olds.

(1969) Eli was selected by newly named Commissioner Billy Wise to organize the brand new Kentucky River Football Officials Association located in Hazard KY...the group members approved Eli as President and he held that position for the next (7) years...the Association handled a large area of southeastern KY including multiple counties and Eli was consistently recruiting new officials each year and eventually built up to 5 full crews.

(1970) In early fall the Hazard Herald announced the organization of the Association and an article appeared with a picture of Eli Logan dressed in his KHSAA officials uniform...\*note (a copy is included in the enclosed materials)

(1974) Eli went into business for himself running a coal laboratory, core drilling, engineering and construction company named EKENCO Inc.

(1976) Eli decided to retired as an official as he had (2) sons playing football for the former M. C. Napier High School and wanted to watch the games as a spectator...a few years later he was asked to rejoin the association but declined as his business was growing and just had no extra time...Eli Logan was a perfectionist and if he was going to get back into officiating he would have wanted all the local officials to be good and that mean't spending extra time training and working with all these younger officials.

**\*Eli Logan proudly worked 15 years as a dedicated KHSAA Official**

(1981) Eli sold his business and moved to Lexington KY for a short time...he bought a 386 acre farm near Taylorsville Lake in Spencer County and also ran a small store near Mt. Washington KY on the Spencer-Bullitt County line.

(2001) Eli Logan passed away Nov 21 of another heart attack 3 days before a large Thanksgiving reunion was planned at his farm in Taylorsville KY

**Some other notes of Interest:**

submitted by Carl Richard Logan (oldest son)

My father lived a very active life and had hundreds of friends and relatives attend his funeral services in Taylorsville KY and at the grave site in Jeff KY...he would always talk about KY sports...I remember when he had a massive heart attack in early June of 2001...the doctors in the IC Unit of a Shelbyville KY hospital told me he would not make

it...he lay unconscious for days and had a respirator and feeding tube down his throat...but he lived and 5 days after the attack he was able to finally speak and the first words he said to me was "who won the state baseball tourney?"...my father had attended many in-state ball games during his lifetime mostly football, baseball and basketball...he encouraged me to become an official and help the kids of KY...I did officiate for a while but had to retire for health reasons.

One more story I would like to share dates way back in the 1960's...I was just a little boy and there were numerous times that I went to the ball games with my father and his officiating crew...I saw many rowdy fans at dark poorly lit parks for years...I saw people throw rocks, empty liquor bottles and occasionally some idiot would fire off a weapon...when we would leave, our vehicle might be egged, painted or covered with trash...my father showed professional behavior and he was always well respected with the school administrators and coaches...my father would have the crews meet on late Friday afternoon at Jerry's Restaurant in downtown Hazard and they would car pool to their assignments...my father's crew always took the toughest venue...the crews would meet afterwards at the Restaurant for coffee, soft drinks and/or late dinner...they would discuss what happened at each game...some of the guys would spent most of their game check eating and drinking until after midnight...It was clearly obvious that those gentlemen were interested in bettering the High School football scene in eastern KY...I remember my mother would say to him "what are you doin' keepin' that boy out this late"...my father would simply answer "teaching him about life" and my mother would say something off the wall...my father taught many people around him about kindness, honesty, humor, team work and for some reason friendliness seemed to be his best asset which was clearly obvious by the amount of friends that showed up at his funeral...they came from everywhere and it seemed like all of them had a GREAT story to tell me about Eli Logan...we buried him in the family cemetery at Jeff, KY approximately the length of a football field behind the building that use to be Dilce Combs High School...The Combs/Logan Family would love to add to his stone and becoming a member of the DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME would be a really nice addition to his monument.

Thanks again for your consideration

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# Local Officials Form Ky. River Football Officials Association

Because of the growing interest in professional, college, and high school football,

we who are interested in this beautiful sport, as a player, coach, official, or spectator,

keeps trying to make it a more enjoyable and interesting game. Each person can contribute his share by supporting his home team. These young men work hard out on the grid iron and they work even harder when there is a crowd to boost them on.

We, as officials try to contribute our share in this sport by continuous study of the game rules and regulations. In April of this year, a group of local officials formed the Ky. River football officials association which include Eli Logan as President, Astor Sizemore as vice-president, Arnett Strong as secretary and treasurer, and Kenny Fitzpatrick, Roger Cecil and Charles Kirk as Directors.

Our objective in this organization is to provide our area with qualified high school football officials. Through our efforts we hope to be able to furnish good qualified officials for every high school in Eastern Kentucky. Our organization is working very close with the Ky. High School Athletic Association to obtain our goals. We hold periodic situations and rule changes. We have a group of very good men, who are working very hard to make our game of football a game everyone, young and old will love as much as we.



ELI LOGAN - PRESIDENT OF KY. RIVER FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

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