



Campbellsville Independent Schools

Dressed in Fighting Tiger apparel, Campbellsville High School senior quarterback/linebacker Kace Eastridge signed last Friday to play football for Campbellsville University during a ceremony at CHS.

## Eastridge staying in town at CU

BY CKNJ SPORTS

Campbellsville High School senior quarterback/linebacker Kace Eastridge signed with the Campbellsville University football program during a ceremony at CHS.

A longtime leader for the Eagles, Eastridge was

honored as the Class 1A Player of the Year during the KHSAA State Football Finals at Kroger Field in Lexington in early-December 2025.

As a senior, Eastridge led Campbellsville to district and region championships. After capturing a region title, Campbellsville reached the semifinals of the KHSAA

Class 1A State Football Playoffs.

Eastridge paced Campbellsville in several categories, including passing, rushing and scoring. Through the air, Eastridge completed 132 passes for 1,888 yards and 14 touchdowns. On the ground, Eastridge rushed 128 times for 1,004 yards and 20

touchdowns. The Campbellsville signal-caller scored 122 points for the Eagles.

Eastridge was a two-way standout for the state semifinalist.

Defensively, Eastridge ranked fourth in tackles for CHS. Eastridge recorded 68 tackles and six tackles for losses in his senior campaign.

## New hunting, fishing licenses needed now

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

The 2026-2027 Kentucky license year for fishing, hunting, boating and more began March 1. Outdoor enthusiasts are able to purchase all the licenses, tags and permits they need to enjoy Kentucky's outdoors through the end of February 2027.

Licenses and permits are sold online through the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resource's License Sales portal and the My Profile app, both searchable on the department's website at fw.ky.gov. Licenses and permits also are sold at agent locations across the state. A list of license agent locations by county is available on the department's website.

The 2026-2027 license and permit fees will remain the same. License and permit fees for the 2025-2026 license year were increased slightly across

the board in January 2026 following a new, inflation-based pricing system measured on the Consumer Price Index, the national measure of inflation calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Federal Duck Stamp and application fees were exempt from CPI adjustments. In Kentucky, a license covers basic hunting or fishing for many species, whereas additional state permits are required when pursuing specific species, such as fishing for trout or hunting for migratory birds, deer, wild turkey or black bear. Sportsmen's-type licenses include multiple species permits as well as basic hunting and fishing privileges.

For newcomers to all the great outdoor opportunities that Kentucky has to offer, a reduced-cost sportsman's license is now available for resident first-time buyers.

Only individuals who have

not purchased an annual Kentucky hunting or fishing license – or a combination license that includes an annual license - since 1996 are eligible. The \$37 license includes a resident hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, trout permit, state migratory bird and waterfowl permit and statewide deer permit.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife provides a number of resources to assist avid outdoor enthusiasts and newcomers alike with information on waterbodies, public lands, fishing and hunting education and all the regulations to help anglers and hunters make the most of their time outdoors via its website and the hunting and fishing guides it produces annually. This includes the new Fishing and Boating Guide available online and in print.

Another great resource is

the Fish Boat KY app. Available free from the Apple App Store and Google Play, the app helps anglers find waterbodies, boat ramps and other water access from the palm of their hand. Users can also search by species of fish, store copies of their licenses and much more using the smartphone app.

The department receives its primary funding through revenue raised by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and permits as well as federal excise taxes generated by the sale of recreational firearms and ammunition, archery gear and fishing equipment.

For questions, the public may refer to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Licenses webpage or type "Licenses" into the search bar on the agency website fw.ky.gov or contact the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at 800-858-1549 or at info.center@ky.gov.

## Campbellsville girls earned spot in district final

BY CKNJ SPORTS

Advancing in the post-season, host Campbellsville beat Adair County 53-45 during the semifinals of the 20th District Girls' Basketball Tournament on Monday, Feb. 23.

Following the win, Campbellsville advanced to the 20th District Girls' Basketball Tournament title game.

Campbellsville shot 38.6 percent from the field. The Lady Eagles made three of 12 three-point field goal attempts. Campbellsville shot 64 percent from the free throw line.

Karsyn Smith scored a game-high 18 points for the Lady Eagles. Smith connected

on seven of 10 two-point field goal attempts.

Following Smith in Campbellsville's scoring column, Alexis Knifley netted 14 points.

Delivering a double-double, Symone Headspeth scored 10 points and claimed 10 rebounds for the Lady Eagles.

Also scoring for CHS were Amiiyah Nunez (five points),

Justice Lane (three points) and Destini Gholston (three points).

Adair County was held to 31.4 percent shooting from the field and hit only four of 20 three-point field goal attempts.

Reese Bardin with 16 points and Kinzlee Akin had 11 for Adair.

## Taylor girls record season-high 84 points

BY CKNJ SPORTS

Taylor County rolled past Marion County 84-48 during the semifinals of the 20th District Girls' Basketball Tournament at Campbellsville High School on Monday, Feb. 23.

The 84 points was a season-high for Taylor County, which featured seven different scorers.

The win allowed reigning champion

Taylor County to advance to the 20th District Girls' Basketball Tournament title game.

Taylor County shot 54.5 percent from the field, 34.8 percent (eight-of-23) from three-point range and 84.2 percent from the free throw line.

Kayley Benningfield scored a game-high 25 points for the Lady Cardinals.

Following Benningfield in Taylor County's scoring column, Kennedy

Deener scored 23 points and Greta Bradstreet also scored 13.

Also scoring for TCHS were Kallie Vaughn (nine points), Avery Raikes (seven points), Kynleigh Young (four points) and Jaylee Vernon (three points).

Avery Mattingly (12 points), Deona Shively (12 points) and Kyra Smith (11 points) each reached double figures in scoring for the Lady Knights, who were eliminated from postseason play.

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