

# Sports

## Beeler, Padgett selected to 47th District All-Season Team

LIBERTY — Junior forward Carson Beeler and sophomore guard Hunter Padgett represented Casey County on the 47th District Boys' Basketball All-Season Team. Both Beeler and Padgett produced for Casey County throughout the 2024-25 boys' high school basketball season. Beeler led Casey County in scoring, averaging a team-high 6.8 points per game for the Rebels. The junior forward scored 191 points in 28 games. Contributing inside for Casey County, Beeler averaged 2.5 rebounds per game. Padgett averaged 4.5 points and 2.8 rebounds per game for the Rebels. The junior forward ranked fourth in rebounding and fifth in scoring for 47th District member Casey County. The Rebels suffered a season-ending loss to Pulaski County in the semifinals of the 47th District Boys' Basketball Tournament. After its appearance in the 47th District Boys' Basketball Tournament, Casey County exited the 2024-25 season 3-25.

## Black inducted into 12th Region Girls' Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame

**BY CASEY COUNTY NEWS**  
LIBERTY — Casey County High School Athletic Director Victor Black has been inducted into 12th Region Girls' Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Black is a member of the 12th Region Girls' Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame Class of 2025. A longtime leader, Black has spent 13 years as Casey County High School Athletic Director. Black has earned numerous honors, including the following: 2010 12th Region Athletic Director of the Year, 2010 Finalist for State Athletic Director of the Year, 2014 NIAAA/KHSADA National Award of Merit winner. He been a KAAA Board Member for 10 years and spent five years on the conference committee. Black was the Region 12 Athletic Association President and Vice-President, holding each position for two different terms. He was a KHSAA Advisory Board Member for bass fishing. During his career, Black has overseen numerous tournaments and the additions of new sports at Casey County High School. Contributing on the sidelines at Casey County High School, Black has been a volleyball head coach and an assistant coach for the sports of baseball and football. Black is a 1986 Casey County High School graduate. As a student-athlete, Black was a four-year baseball player for the Rebels.

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## E-sports team notches first win

LIBERTY — The upstart Casey County E-sports team notched its first on Wednesday, March 5. The determined Rebels outlasted Owen County 3-2 in Smash Brothers. Danny Herren sealed the win for the Rebels. Herren battled back from behind to win his game. Casey County 2, Campbellsville 0: Claiming its second straight win, Casey County blanked Campbellsville 2-0 in Mario Kart on Thursday, March 6. Layla Blevins, Danny Herren, Colton Atwood and Jenna Wagner each contributed to Casey County's shutout win over Campbellsville. Casey County 3, Muhlenberg County 0: Running its streak to three wins, Casey County shut out Muhlenberg County 3-0 in Rocket League on Thursday, March 6. Allen Bowles, Caleb Wesley and Braxton Wethington each contributed to Casey County's shutout win over Muhlenberg County.

## 2025-26 Kentucky fishing, hunting licenses available

**BY CASEY COUNTY NEWS**  
FRANKFORT — Licenses and permits are available to fish, hunt and trap in Kentucky. With some of the finest outdoor opportunities available anywhere, Kentucky's fields, woods and waterways provide adventure for avid outdoors enthusiasts and newcomers alike. The 2025-26 license year started on Saturday, March 1, and runs through Feb. 28 of next year. License and permit fees for Kentucky residents are unchanged from the 2024-25 license year and most non-resident fees remain the same. In Kentucky, a license covers basic hunting or fishing for many species, whereas additional state permits are required when pursuing specific other species, such as fishing for trout or hunting for migratory birds, deer, wild turkey or black bear. Sportsmen's-type licenses include multiple permits as well as basic hunting and fishing privileges. For the 2025-2026 license year, prices for four non-resident options reflect a moderate fee increase, including:  
Annual Hunting License (nonresident) — \$160  
Spring Turkey Permit (non-resident) — \$110  
Fall Turkey Permit (non-resident) — \$110  
Deer Permit (non-resident) — \$235. Introduced last year, the resident Senior Lifetime Sportsman's License remains priced at \$180. It includes hunting and fishing licenses plus permits for trout, deer, spring and fall turkey, migratory game birds and waterfowl. It is available to Kentucky residents aged 65 and older, who can purchase it once and then simply carry an electronic copy or reprint each year to display the current license year. Seniors in Kentucky still have the option to purchase an annual Senior Sportsman's License that provides the same licenses and permits for the license year for just \$12. Resident anglers have the option to purchase an annual Fishing License for \$23 or a 3-year Fishing License for added convenience and value at just \$55. Licenses and permits are sold online through Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website License Sales portal, searchable off the homepage at fw.ky.gov. Licenses and permits also are sold at agent locations across the state. A list of license agents by county is available on the department's website. The department receives its primary funding through revenue raised by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, as well as federal excise taxes generated by the sale of recreational firearms and ammunition, archery gear and fishing equipment. Springtime provides many opportunities to take someone new into the field. Youth turkey weekend is April 5-6, while the main turkey season opens a week later, on April 12. The Youth Sportsman's License, available to residents ages 12-15, is a great value at \$30 and covers turkey hunting and deer hunting. The warmer weather also provides for fantastic fishing across the state. Learn about those opportunities in the Fishing and Boating Guide. The 2025-2026 guide is available on the agency website. Another great resource is the Fish Boat KY app. Available free from iTunes 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. To learn all the basics on hunting and fishing, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website (fw.ky.gov) has many resources for individuals new to the sports. For in-person classes, search Hook and Cook or Field to Fork on the site. Classes are offered across the state to provide learning opportunities for all ages.

## Casey County boys' volleyball team competes in first-ever match

**BY CASEY COUNTY NEWS**  
SOMERSET — Casey County visited Pulaski County for its first-ever boys' volleyball match on Thursday, March 6. Host Pulaski County prevailed in the inaugural match, defeating Casey County 3-1. Casey County started strong, winning the opening game 25-23. But Pulaski County answered, winning three straight games 25-23, 26-24, 25-22 to claim the victory. Kamren Luttrell (2 kills, 1 block, 5 digs, 2 service aces), Sam Gossage (1 kill, 1 block, 6 digs, 2 service aces), Luke Barnes (5 digs, 4 service aces), Bryer Vest (2 kills, 2 blocks, 7 digs, 2 service aces), Austin Lee (1 block, 1 dig, 1 service ace), Nolan Goode (8 kills, 3 blocks) and Ethan Hatter (10 kills, 3 blocks, 1 service ace) each contributed for Casey County during the match. Casey County entered the second week of the 2025 boys' high school volleyball season set to host Southwestern for its home opener on Tuesday, March 11.



By Campbellsville University Athletics  
Campbellsville University standout Lauren Lee, a Casey County High School graduate from Liberty, has been named the Mid-South Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Year. She was also named to the All-Academic team.

## Lee named MSC Women's Basketball Player of the Year, All-Academic


**BY CASEY COUNTY NEWS**  
CAMPBELLVILLE — Campbellsville University standout Lauren Lee has been named the Mid-South Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Year. She was also given All-Academic honors. Lee started in all 25 games for Campbellsville University during the 2024-25 regular season, scoring 20 or more points in nine contests and netting a season-high 30 points twice. In addition, Lee, a graduate student, also leads the Mid-South Conference in steals. Along with the player of the year honor, Lee was selected as a First-Team All-Mid-South Conference honoree. Lee is a Casey County High School graduate. A native of Liberty, Lee has excelled for Campbellsville throughout her college career. Lee started all 33 games for Campbellsville in the 2023-24 women's college basketball season, averaging 12 points, 4.8 assists and 3.5 rebounds per match-up. The Casey County product shot 51.5% from the field and 39% from three-point range in the 2023-24 women's college basketball season. Lee led Campbellsville in free throws made (139), minutes (880), assists (157) and steals (58) in the previous women's college basketball campaign.


**REBEL** OF THE WEEK


**SALUTING**

**Jayden Brown**

9th Grade Dance







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