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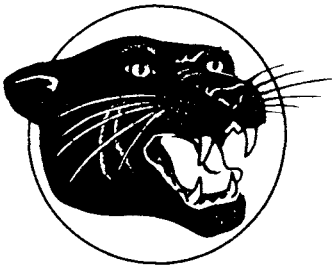
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CHARLESTON, IL--Chris Aldridge of Taylorville has signed a scholarship to play basketball at Eastern Illinois University this fall, according to head coach Barbara 'Bobbie' Hilke.

"Chris is a versatile player. At 5-10 she can play both a guard or forward spot. Her ballhandling and ability to drive the basket are her assets. She can grab the rim."

Aldridge averaged 24.5 points and 11.8 rebounds for coach Kathy Flannigan this past season as Taylorville went 20-6 winning the sectional.

"We felt Chris is the best high school athlete in this area," Hilke added.

She was named large school 'Player of the Year' by the Decatur Herald & Review. During three seasons at Taylorville she scored 1,333 points.

"I like the size of the campus and the area," Aldridge said. "I visited Bradley and looked at Illinois Central College before deciding on Eastern. Tony Parascandola (Junior of Taylorville) showed me around the campus."

Aldridge is in the top 15% of her graduating class with a 3.6 grade point average. She intends on majoring in Physical Education.

She is the third to sign with Eastern. Susan Hynd of Ottawa, a 6-2 center, signed in late March and Melanie Hatfield of Lawrenceburg, IN, a 5-6 guard, signed in late April.

Aldridge is the daughter of Louis and Diane Aldridge of Taylorville.