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A life-long passion leads to a new position for Powell-Skellie

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SHELBYVILLE --Growing up near the corner of 8th and Main, Cyndi Powell-Skellie has always had a love for theatre and the arts.

She was first introduced to Shelby County's theatre community through a play directed by Bob Shy. Auditioning for "The King and I," when

she was just 10, Powell-Skellie to fill." Cheryl Van Stockum remembers when plays were solely put on in the Shelby County High School auditorium.

The Shelby County Theatre will be opening for its 48th season, with Powell-Skellie as the new executive director.

"Our community has embraced theatre so much throughout the years," Powell-Skellie explains.

Her passion for theatre first started when her mom introduced her to the creative outlet in the community.

In fact, it is that creative community that encouraged Powell-Skellie to pursue more. Over time, Powell-Skellie has not only been able to learn under mentors but to collaborate with them as well. Miss Jane Martin, for example, was once Powell-Skellie's theatre teacher and one of her many inspirations. Years later, the two women are directing the





play "Puffs" in the spring. the people who create, people

> who have a positive energy and love what they're doing. The end product is always so unique and amazing. That's what I love about theatre," said Powell-Skellie.

Powell-Skellie is extremely excited about her new position, acknowledging that there are "big shoes

was the executive director prior to Powell-Skellie, leading the theatre program to what it is today. Influenced by Van Stockum's devotion to the arts, Powell-Skellie hopes to lead with the same passion.

"This is a pivotal time for theatre," Powell-Skellie beamed, "It's time to grow."

While the theatre does not have set expansion plans yet, they working hard to see what is feasible. Collaborating with outside analytic companies, a deep analysis is being done to determine the best course of action. Plans of expansion, building, and providing more entertainment are currently all being discussed. After years

of successful productions, the education experience. Com-"There is something about theatre is working on taking the next step forward-whatever that step may be.

> "There are great possibilities," said Powell-Skellie.

Powell-Skellie's main goal is accessibility. The current theater set-up has been very functional for the shows they've put on, but the space can be limiting for community members. Many shows reach full capacity leaving some residents without the the opportunity to watch. Another issue for some residents is that the upstairs theater is not wheelchair accessible. Powell-Skellie hopes to be able to provide more opportunities for both performers and theatre enthusiasts in the coming seasons.

"We want theatre to be for everyone," Powell-Skellie expressed, adding, "We need theatre in Shelby County."

As of July 1, Cyndi Powell-Skellie will be retiring from her job as the Public Relations Coordinator for Shelby County Public School to step into the position of executive director of the theatre. Through many roles at SCPS Powell-Skellie has gained 32 years of public bined with her theatre experience, Powell- Skellie is equipped to lead, guide, and support the performers in her new role.

Powell-Skellie and the rest of the devoted men and women in the theatre community will no doubt thrive with the evolution of the Shelby County program.

But for now, there is plenty to watch and participate in at the Shelby Theatre! Be sure to discover all that the corner of 8th and Main has to offer!

The Shelby County Theatre currently offers a variety of acting classes and opportunities, ranging from adult classes to youth-based acting camps. All information on how to get involved in these events can be found by going to the website shelbytheatre.org and clicking the "SCCT" tab. The next show in the 2025 SCCT season is "The Play That Goes Wrong," which will premiere May 9 through May 18. Tickets will be available on April 18 and can be purchased on the SCCT website.

Mike Hedges



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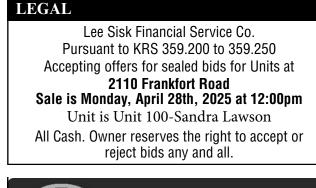
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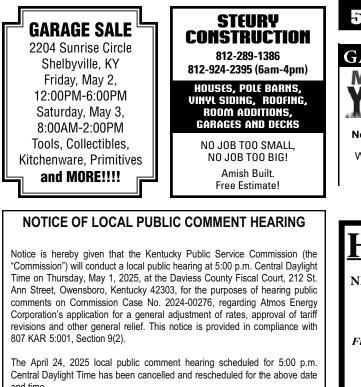
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Bids will be due no later than Friday. May 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Bids will be opened on Friday. May 2, 2025 at 9:10 a.m. Bids will be approved and awarded on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at regular court meeting.

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If there are any questions regarding this matter call the Shelby County Road Department.

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