

BEST TEACHER

Melissa Scates/UCES

Melissa Sinclair Scates has been an employee of Union City Schools for 13 years. She began as an educational assistant when her family relocated to Union City from Martin.

Melissa was influenced to become a teacher at an early age by her mother Donna Sinclair, a retired teacher.

It was the relationship she witnessed her mom having with her students, her passion for seeing students succeed and her ability to make the classroom a fun-loving environment for learning that drew her to the conclusion she wanted to grow-up and be a teacher just like her mom!

After several years as an educational assistant, she realized her passion for teaching had only grown stronger and re-enrolled at the University of Tennessee at Martin to gain her teaching certificate.

Melissa graduated with a masters in elementary education from UTM in December 2010. She began her teaching career in January 2011, as a fourth-grade teacher. She now teaches third-grade math and science at Union City Elementary School.

Union City Schools awarded Melissa tenure in 2015. She is mar-



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ried to LTC Cory Scates. He serves in the National Guard Army as a battalion commander and is a full-time employee of UTM, as an athletic trainer for UTM's women's basketball and baseball teams.

She is the mother of Savannah Blackwell, who is a 2013 UCHS graduate; Jamison Blackwell, a 2016 UCHS graduate; and MollyBeth Blackwell, an upcoming senior at UCHS. She is the step-mother to Catherine Scates of Memphis. Melissa and her family are active members of Second Baptist Church, where she sings with the adult choir.

Melissa feels that teaching affords her the opportunity to make a difference in a child's life, whether it be by teaching them curriculum, life skills or simply sharing a hug.

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The staff has years of auto repair experience and is ready to serve, with no auto repair too large or too small for the team. Utilizing the latest technology, they are able to provide their customers with accurate quotes on labor and parts, and keep those tires running smooth with regular alignments.

They also provide routine vehicle maintenance, including oil changes, transmission flushes and check engine light warn-

Cheryl helps take care of the books and the back-office responsibilities.

Each person is an important cog to make sure our store is run efficiently and effectively, so Steve can concentrate on working at his bench. We wouldn't be where we are without our employees. We thank them all, past and especially present.

Even with all that we know our customers are our most valuable asset.

To celebrate we are inviting you to a special sale to thank you in a big way for being our loyal customers. Please join us for our first-ever Christmas in July Event through Saturday, where we will have half-off most everything in the store.

We're looking forward to seeing you and thanking you in person for once again gifting us the title of, "Best Jeweler in Town"

BEST WRECKER SERVICE

Buddy's Wrecker Service



BEST WRECKER SERVICE — Buddy's Wreck Service won Best Wrecker Service. The staff includes (from left) service writer Wayne Babb, who has six years' experience; service manager Matt Chappell, 21

years' experience in automotive services; office manager Bradi Collins, six years' experience; and service writer/office assistant Jessica Barnes, three years' experience.

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faction of hard work, and the desire to make sure each of our customers leaves in a better mood than when they arrived, hoping that they will take those values forward in their careers.

Our employees understand that our customers are who they really work for because without you, we wouldn't need them. Our current team is proving themselves to be some of our very best. Victoria and Kayla only joined us last year and are proving themselves to be very valuable.

Kayla is learning the ropes on the sales floor. Victoria is our Pandora ambassador and social media specialist.

No one cares for their customers like Leah. Samantha's passion is to take care of inventory and special orders.



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