



Jeffery Simmons photos  
**Samuel Vandagriff signed Monday to continue his fishing career at Tennessee Tech. Present at the signing are, front row, from left, Barry and Shannon Vandagriff, Samuel Vandagriff and TTU team president Josh Bean. Back row, Matthew Vandagriff and WCHS coach J.W. Holt.**

# Reeling in a scholarship

Tennessee Tech couldn't resist the lure of Samuel Vandagriff's angling abilities.

The All-American for the Warren County High School angling team signed Monday to continue his fishing career in Cookeville. Teammates and family were on hand to see Vandagriff reel in his biggest catch of his career — a scholarship with the Eagles.

"It's been a privilege to have Samuel here for four years," said WCHS angling coach J.W. Holt. "He's helped put our program in the national spotlight. He's our first angler to sign."

"I'm proud of him and wish him the best."

Along with receiving a scholarship to Tech, Vandagriff was also awarded the Roberts Ayers scholarship. It was supposed to be part of Friday's school awards, but Vandagriff left Tuesday for Texas, where he'll take part in a four-day Bassmaster Texas Fest.

He was invited after earning All-American honors this year, something Vandagriff considers a career highlight.

"It's an honor to get to go to Texas and fish with elite professionals," said Vandagriff.

It was the culmination of years of work by Vandagriff, who has loved being on the lake as long as he can remember.

"I started fishing the day I could hold a pole," said Vandagriff.

He's been a force ever since, claiming ti-



**Michelle Ayers Dodson gives Samuel Vandagriff a hug after presenting the Pioneer senior a scholarship Monday.**

ties and victories all across the Southeast. Vandagriff and his brother Matthew will conclude this season in August, when they'll take part in the Bassmaster Nationals on Old Kentucky Lake.

Tennessee Tech offered the three things Vandagriff was looking for in a school — good academics, close proximity to home and, most importantly, a fishing team.

Vandagriff hopes to major in agriculture business in hopes of running a nursery. It's a back-up plan for his dream career: a professional angler.

## WCHS baseball

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Bunch quickly squashed any momentum, retiring back-to-back batters to end the sixth. Warren County went down in order in the seventh, ending a contest where only five Pioneers reached base.

When Warren County did hit it hard, it was usually in the direction of slick-fielding shortstop Pete Williams.

The Pioneers were threatening in the second inning, rallying on two outs. After an error, walk and passed ball put John Garrett and Will Cantrell in scoring position, Williams saved two runs on hot shot by Wesley Jennings.

Jennings shot a grounder through the middle, but Williams cut it off just before

it got to centerfield. Williams spun and fired to first, retiring the Pioneer senior by a step.

Williams added a diving catch on a liner by Cole Estes and a back-handed stop and back-foot throw to retire Brandon Hennessee in the fifth.

"Pete struggled at the plate, but beat them with his glove with three great plays," Bradley Central coach Travis Adams told the *Cleveland Daily Banner* following the game. "Pete was making the kind of plays you see on TV."

Hollingsworth nearly matched Bunch pitch for pitch, but two-out hitting helped Bradley Central. Briar Lee came through with two outs in the third, allowing Lee University commit Dylan Standifer to

stroll to the plate.

Standifer bombed the first pitch off the right-field fence, allowing Lee to score and Standifer to get to third. Hollingsworth bounced back to strike out Williams to end the inning, one of five punchouts for the senior.

Hollingsworth, the District 6AAA pitcher of the year, left the game after allowing Cox's run-scoring double in the fifth. Keele didn't allow a hit while striking out three in relief.

Keele, Helton and Ethan Smith had one hit each for the Pioneers.

Bradley Central will make the trip to Cookeville Wednesday to play for the region championship. The Cavaliers advanced with a 7-5 victory over Walker Valley on Monday.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### SECURITY FEDERAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Security Federal tennis tournament will be held June 7-9 at McMinnville Civic Center. Divisions are open for singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Junior divisions are also open, including U-12 and 10-U. The cost is \$15 per division.

Registration is open until June 1. Contact David Dunlap at 273-3635 for more information.

### WARREN COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the WCMS volleyball team will be held Friday, May 18 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at WCMS gym. Tryouts for the WCHS

volleyball team will be held Friday, May 25 from 1-2:30 p.m. at WCHS gym.

For more information, contact WCMS coach Kelly Clayborne at claybornek@warrenschool.com or WCHS coach Katie Rogers at katiarogers@warrenschoools.com.

### WCMS SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts will be held for the WCMS softball team May 21-22 from 5-8 p.m. Tryouts will take place on the WCHS softball field.

### WCMS BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Warren County Middle School baseball team will hold tryouts

Saturday, May 26. The tryout is open to players who will be in 7-8 grade next year. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and will be followed by a parent and player meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The tryout will be in two sessions, 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. All players will participate in both sessions.

### WCHS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the freshman boys basketball team will be held Friday, May 25 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the WCHS auxiliary gym. For more information, contact Chris Sullens at sullensc@warrenschoools.com or Stephen Glenn at glenns@warrenschoools.com.



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**Co-Broker Mike Williford, American Forest Management, Inc. 423-570-1070**

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