

From athlete to coach's wife, mom—a busy life

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In most small towns in Kentucky, especially when it's time for Friday Night Lights, the high school football coach attracts a lot of attention. This is especially true when he has not grown up in the county. That's true for Green County High School Coach Colt Phelps.

What many people do not know, however, is that his wife is probably a better athlete than he is.

Taylor Phelps is Colt's wife and her stats back up the claim that she is the best athlete in the family.

She grew up in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, which by population is an even smaller town than Greensburg. Catlettsburg is in Boyd County and the big city in the county is Ashland.

“Living in Greensburg is similar to Catlettsburg,” Taylor said. “The biggest difference I've had to adjust to is the food options late at night after a ballgame.”

While she was in high school, Phelps broke the high school scoring record in basketball at Boyd County High School. She didn't hold that for long, however, because her younger sister, Savannah, broke the record again. Savannah is now a standout player at Middle Tennessee State University.

When she was a senior in high school, Taylor was selected as the Region 16 Player of the Year. She scored 1,897 points while at Boyd County High School. She was a member of the Kentucky All-Star Team that played Indiana in a long-standing rivalry between the two states. This team included Ivy Brown from



Taylor Phelps was a standout softball player at Boyd County High School before playing softball for Walters State Community College and then Morehead State University.

LaRue County.

Basketball was not her only sport, however. She excelled in softball also. During her Boyd County career, Taylor would rack up school career records for runs, home runs, RBIs, hits, doubles, stolen bases, and batting average. At one point, she even had 27 consecutive stolen bases without being thrown out.

Following graduation, Taylor played for two years at Walters State Community College in Morristown, TN. One of the highlights of her stay there was getting to play in the Junior College (JUCO) Softball World Series in Utah.

She then transferred to Morehead State University where she majored in criminal justice while continuing to play softball. During her senior year, she was the team's leading hitter with a .298 batting average.

In 2020, as a recognition of her softball career at Boyd County High School, Taylor was inducted into the

Kentucky Prep Softball Hall of Fame.

But after such great success as a high school and college athlete, Taylor's focus is now on different roles.

“I enjoy my role of being a wife and mom,” Taylor said.

She and Colt are parents to two children, their daughter Blake and their son, Judd.

They occupy a great deal of her time. She is also a full-time employee at the Social Security office in Campbellsville and she knows that making time for family may be difficult but is worth it.

“It's pretty chaotic, especially with babies,” she said. “We just have to make time. We try to eat supper together. Sometimes the kids and I go to the weight room to spend time with Colt. I do laundry or clean the weight room, in order to spend time with him. We just enjoy helping him in whatever we can do, but sometimes it's hard to find that time.”

She knew that Colt was going to be a coach



Photos submitted

Taylor Phelps, along with her husband, GCHS Football coach Colt Phelps, have great sports backgrounds. Their focus now includes their daughter, Blake, and their son, Judd.

even when they were dating.

“I was a junior in college,” Taylor said, “and he was already an assistant coach. And we had already started talking about a football program. He wanted to find a high school program that he could help build up and he asked me if I would move with him.”

After they were married, they continued looking at high school programs.

“We already had a connection with Ivan Curnutte and his family,” she said.

Curnutte was originally from Ashland and was the coach who pioneered the football program in Green County.

“Colt asked me if I would move to south-central Kentucky and I told him I would,” she said. “I had been to the Kentucky all-star camp at Lindsey Wilson, and I had driven through the area a few times on the way to Tennessee, so I was at least a little familiar with it, but the move just happened so fast. It's incredible to know how it happened.”

Her athletic background lends itself to helping Colt and the team in ways that are often unnoticed.

“I am his sounding board,” Taylor said. “I really don't know much about football, but I know enough that I can listen to him.”

She is also supportive in tangible ways. She said that she will help cook for the team once or twice a year.

Her homemade pies are sometimes the reward for a job well done on the field.

“If the team has played a really good game, I will bake pies for the whole team,” she said. “I usually make about 10 pies to feed them.”

While a game is going on, she can often be seen walking and pacing.

“I just can't sit still but I'm usually chasing one or two of the kids so that keeps me busy,” she said.

She said she is not superstitious when it comes to games. There is no pre-game ritual or anything like that.

“If we have a really big game, I just know that it's a big game and we gotta play it,” she said.

Taylor also does some behind the scenes work on things like the football program that is sold at the games.

After the season is over, she will help coordinate the awards banquet as part of her role of supporting the team.

“I want to support Colt,” Taylor said. “I want him to be successful.”

She enjoys her role of wife, mom and green and gold football.

PUBLIC NOTICE 2023 PROPOSED TAX RATE

PUBLIC HEARING

The Green County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing on September 27, 2023 at 3:30 P.M. Central time at the Courtroom of the Green County Courthouse for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate. The Green County Fiscal Court remains committed to keeping tax rates as low as feasible. Tax rates for 2023 will be lowered to 10.30 cents per one hundred dollars. The Green County Fiscal Court has had the same rate (10.4) on real estate since 2016 when the rate was lowered from 10.7.

The tax rate levied last year was 10.4 cents per one hundred dollars and produced revenues in the amount of \$503,454. This year's compensating rate is 10.0 cents per hundred dollars and will produce revenues in the amount of \$518,610. The Green County Fiscal Court proposes a tax rate of 10.3 cents per hundred dollars which will produce a total of \$534,168 in revenues.

Revenue expected from New Property is \$0; revenue expected from Personal Property is \$67,823; revenue expected from Motor Vehicle is \$125,927; and revenue expected from Watercraft is \$4,014. Revenue received in excess of last year's revenue will be used for the county's General Fund and the operations of Green County government. The Kentucky General Assembly requires that the Green County Fiscal Court publish this notice with the above information contained herein.

GREEN-TAYLOR WATER DISTRICT TAYLOR COUNTY, KENTUCKY

SANDY Y WATER STORAGE TANK REHABILITATION

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Sandy Y Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation will be received by the Green-Taylor Water District, at their Central Office, 250 Industrial Park Road, Greensburg, KY 42743 until 11:00 a.m., local time on September 28, 2023, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of the renovation of an existing 100,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank, including the removal and re-application of the interior and exterior coating systems along with various other repairs, safety improvements and piping modifications.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Monarch Engineering, Inc., 556 Carlton Drive, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky 40342, (502) 839-1310, James L. Mudd, P.E., lmudd@monarchengineering.net. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a deposit of \$300.00

• non-refundable, for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to “Monarch Engineering, Inc.”. Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Plans purchased by one party and bid by another party will not be accepted. Plans will be available for purchase until 4:00 p.m., (E.D.T.), September 25, 2023.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Any bid that is obviously unbalanced may be rejected. The Green-Taylor Water District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities. The award will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

Owner: GREEN-TAYLOR WATER DISTRICT
By: TERRY MARDIS
Title: CHAIRMAN
Date: SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Hunt

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The youth drawn will be the only person eligible to go on this hunt and will be accompanied by part of the wildlife and land management team from Glenview,

so they should be comfortable hunting without a parent or guardian along with them and have experience with operation of a firearm.

They will also need

transportation to and from the site of the hunt and will be responsible for any animals harvested during the hunt, including processing and taxidermy.



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