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## Mitchell gets high marks from school board

#### **BY HOPE DAVIS** STAFF WRITER

LAWRENCEBURG — Everyone likes to get a nice report card.

And Anderson County Public Schools superintendent Sheila Mitchell is not different than anyone else.

After an executive session, the school board returned with good marks on Mitchell's annual report card.

Board Chairman Jason Col-

score available with the categories they scored her on.

The Superintendent's Evaluation was approved unanimously by the board.

Mitchell was scored in seven categories including, strategic leadership, instructional leadership, cultural leadership, human resources, managerial leadership, collaborative leadership, lins reported Mitchell received and influential leadership. Cat-

adding that they felt the super- members ranging from exemintendent deserved the highest plary, accomplished, developing, and growth required.

> Mitchell received all five votes for exemplary in all but two categories, instructional leadership where one board member marked accomplished and cultural leadership where one board member marked accomplished for an overall score of 3.9 out of 4.

Collins shared additional

an overall score of exemplary, egories are scored by board formance that were not a part of the classroom-building not the evaluation.

"Superintendent Sheila Mitchell's unwavering dedication, strategic vision, and ability to build strong partnerships have positioned Anderson County Schools as a leader in educational excellence, ranking in the top readiness programs, and 19% statewide," said Collins.

"Ms. Mitchell's commitment to both athletics and the arts ensures every student has the opportunity to flourish, whethnotes regarding Mitchell's per- er on the field, the stage, or in

just academic success, but resilience, teamwork, and creativity that will serve them for a lifetime," he added.

Collins finished by stating, "Expanding dual credit opportunities, enhancing workforce strengthening leadership at every school remain top priorities as we continue to build upon the strong foundation of Anderson County Schools."

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Pictured is the cast of the 2025 ACHS Spring Musical, "The Wizard of Oz."

### CHS Act Cats recently perform the classic 'The Wizard of Oz'



Bart Powell (left) with Judge-Executive Orbrey Gritton in his last fiscal court meeting as the county's EMS Director. Powell gets to gavel the special meeting to a close Friday.

Anderson County **EMS** director **Powell retires** after 20 years

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LAWRENCEBURG — A classic was recently performed for the audiences at Anderson County High School.

The Anderson County High School Act Cats recently finished their run on a classic. The Wizard of Oz, as their Spring musical.

This production featured a large cast including a live orchestra, all the intricate characters, and those behind the scenes. ACHS had done this musical once before many years ago and it was decided to be brought back to life following the recent "Wicked" movie

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Pictured left to right are cast members, Hugh Murphey as Scarecrow, Owen Barger as Tinman, Maddie Gootee as Dorothy, Riley Curtsinger as Lion, Holland Zopff as Glinda.

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LAWRENCEBURG — For the past 20 years, Bart Powell has overseen the agency that provides medical service to the community.

But the director of Anderson County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), officially announced his retirement from full-time public service during a special-called fiscal court meeting on March 21.

Powell has dedicated 20 years to the role, having first been appointed as the Anderson County EMS Director in 2007.

Prior to this, he retired from the Lexington Fire Department after serving 22 and half years, retired as Battalion Chief in charge of "Special Operations". Powell served as both Anderson County Emergency Management director and EMS director for the past several years.

Judge-Executive Orbrey Gritton began the special called meeting by reading a statement submitted by an anonymous author that stated:

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