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## Thomasville man charged with murder

BY ELIOT DUKE  
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A Thomasville man is charged with allegedly murdering his girlfriend and could face the death penalty if convicted.

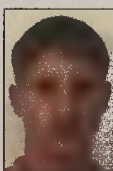
According to a Davidson County Sheriff's Office press release, Zachery Russell Bowman, 21, of 262 Wintbrook Road, was arrested Friday and charged with murdering Tosha Gail Powers,

30, 288 Gobel Road Lot 1, at a residence on Calvin Road. Powers' death initially was reported as a suicide by hanging but evidence from a crime scene investigation led police to allege the victim was murdered.

"We can't really say a whole lot at this point without compromising our investigation," Davidson County Sheriff David Grice said. "We were highly suspicious

and treated this as a potential homicide from the start. Right now, we're finishing up our investigation and working on collecting physical evidence."

Davidson County 911 received a call stating a female had committed suicide last Wednesday at around 12 p.m. at a mobile home on Calvin Road. Emergency



Bowman

personnel arrived and found Powers unresponsive. Attempts to resuscitate the victim were unsuccessful. Bowman used the mobile home for storage and the couple was there to retrieve

some items. Detectives and crime scene investigators conducted interviews and looked at evidence from the mobile

home to determine if foul play was involved, which is standard procedure for DCSO. Once autopsy results on Powers came back, detectives held a conference with the Davidson County District Attorney's Office and had a warrant drawn on Friday.

"There was a call into 911, I think from one of the neighbors, that this person had attempted suicide," said Grice.

"There was no power to the house, they just used it for storage. [Bowman] and the girl were over there moving some stuff that morning. They were boyfriend, girlfriend and had been for some time. Whenever we respond to a call involving a suicide, we conduct a crime scene investigation. It was during the course of this investigation we found

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### DCS Board approves plans for middle school

BY ERIN WILTGEN  
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LEXINGTON — Davidson County Board of Education approved plans for a new middle school and passed a resolution to send the plans out for bids Monday, pending approval by the Davidson County Board of Commissioners.

Davidson County Schools has been tentatively approved to receive \$10 million worth of leftover interest-free 2010 Qualified School Construction Bonds money. DCS already received \$3 million in the first round of QSCB applications, but since not all of the bond money was used up, the state allowed school systems to apply for more.

"County commissioners have given the approval to go ahead with

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### BANDITS STEAL THE SHOW

Phil Griffin presents Denton's Bobbie and Brian Troutman with this year's Chili Cook-Off Trophy. The Chili Bandits edged out Barefoot Chili Peppers from Calvary United Church of Christ at First Presbyterian Church Saturday afternoon. Hospice of Davidson County finished third with Thomasville Rotary Club claiming the People's Choice Award. The annual Chili Cook-off raises money for four area food banks.

### Kisses4Kate to help local boy

BY ELIOT DUKE  
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Kat Manzella and Kayte Oliver made a promise they intend to keep and step one took place Sunday.

Manzella and Oliver created the non-profit organization Kisses4Kate as a way to help the Thornton family move into a new home so they could all be together while 5-year-old Kate Thornton battled leukemia. In the days leading up to Kate's death on Sept. 5, the duo worked frantically, making all the necessary arrangements to ensure the Thorntons would be moved in and together under one roof. The Thornton's Thomasville home was ill-equipped for Kate's many medical needs and the family spent much of the last year apart.

But that was only the start of their journey. The two also pledged that Kisses4Kate would continue helping children who are battling deadly diseases in an effort to keep Kate's memory alive. With a few weeks of healing behind them, Manzella and Oliver have focused their attention on Christopher Lemmons, an 11-year-old boy from High Point who is diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma, a common type of bone cancer.

"Maybe that was the purpose of [Kate's] life is that we are now going to help other children like her," Manzella said. "I wasn't even aware of the severity of children who are suffering with these dis-

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### West's Broadway named Principal of the Year for 2010

BY ERIN WILTGEN  
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TYRO — Passion often stems from experience, and Tabitha Broadway's love for education developed no differently. Inspired by the many wonderful teachers in her life, Broadway graduated from high school not doubting for a second down what path her future would take her.

But one name in particular stands out against the other faces spanning back in time — Broadway's Denton High School English teacher, Ms. Juanita Smith.

"I wanted to be just like her," said Broadway, who did go on to teach English before entering administration. "I always had so many teachers who took such

an interest in me or were such positive influences on my life, and that's elementary all the way through some of my high school teachers. There was just no question in high school what I was going to do, and that was to get into education."

Currently the principal at West Davidson High School, Broadway not only succeeded in her dream to become an educator, she has excelled at it. Broadway was named Davidson County School's 2010 Principal of the Year.

"I was shocked, I'm still in shock," Broadway said. "I work with 32 other principals in the system who all, in my opinion, go above and beyond. To be recognized by them as doing my job well really, really means a lot."



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Tabitha Broadway, principal at West Davidson High School, received Davidson County Schools' 2010 Principal of the Year award.

Broadway embarked on her educational journey in 1995 as a language arts teacher at Tyro Middle School, where she remained for two years. The next several years she spent teaching English at East Davidson High School before transferring to

South Davidson High School in 2004 to become lead teacher.

In 2005, Broadway moved to West Davidson High School as assistant principal, and she became full principal in 2008.

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