



Country Girl Doing Big Things At TPSD

TUPELO, Miss. — Misty McRae has been a part of the Tupelo Public School District for 20 years, starting as a teacher. A self-described combination of a country girl and tomboy, she now finds herself at Central Office as the Coordinator of Instructional Technology.

Growing up in Houston, Mississippi, she preferred to hunt, fish or go mud riding rather than participate in any pageant her mother wanted her to.

She originally signed to played softball for Northeast Mississippi Community College, with aspirations of becoming an accountant. However, she changed her mind and transferred to Ole Miss to pursue a bachelor's in communicative disorders and a master's in speech pathology. Misty later decided to return to Oxford to do elementary education and receive another master's degree, this time in curriculum and instruction.

In a perfect November evening, McRae, along with her husband Sam, son, Jase, and dogs Baxter and Chewy, would be at the foothills of the Smoky Mountains watching colorful leaves fall alongside The Little River in Townsend, Tennessee.

In her most embarrassing moment, she was teaching English at TMS and had just noticed the current football coach and her husband-to-be. After having a longer conversation than normal with him, her face burned red as his players clapped and cheered them talking.

And if she could drive anything, she would bring back her speedy 1994 Mazda RX-7 from college.

This week's Administrative Focus and winner of a Buffalo Wild Wings gift card is Misty McRae.

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