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THS Cheer Announces New Hires

TUPELO, Miss. — A new era of the Tupelo High School cheer team is underway with the announcement Friday of Hailey Hagemann as the head coach and Neiko Howell as the assistant.

Both spent last year in the same role at the Middle School, and now they will coach at both places.

"It is with both honor and awe that I accept the opportunity offered to step into the role of serving our district and community as head coach of the Tupelo cheerleading squads," said Hagemann, a native of Saltillo who attended Ole Miss. "Our vision for both programs is clear: 'With each passing year, our program is not only performing, it is competitively performing to our best ability, showcasing our dedication to constant refinement and building a firm foundation for athletes to come.' I am joyfully anticipating all to come and beyond thankful for everyone who has taken part in this process."

Hagemann has been at TMS for two years teaching 8th-grade advanced math.

Howell, a native of Starkville and graduate of Mississippi State, has also been teaching for two years at the middle school — 7th-grade U.S. History.

"I am beyond humbled and grateful to be able to step into this new role as assistant coach," he said. "With Coach Hagemann and I continuing the firm foundation we've built this past season, the sky's the limit for what these programs can and will succeed."

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