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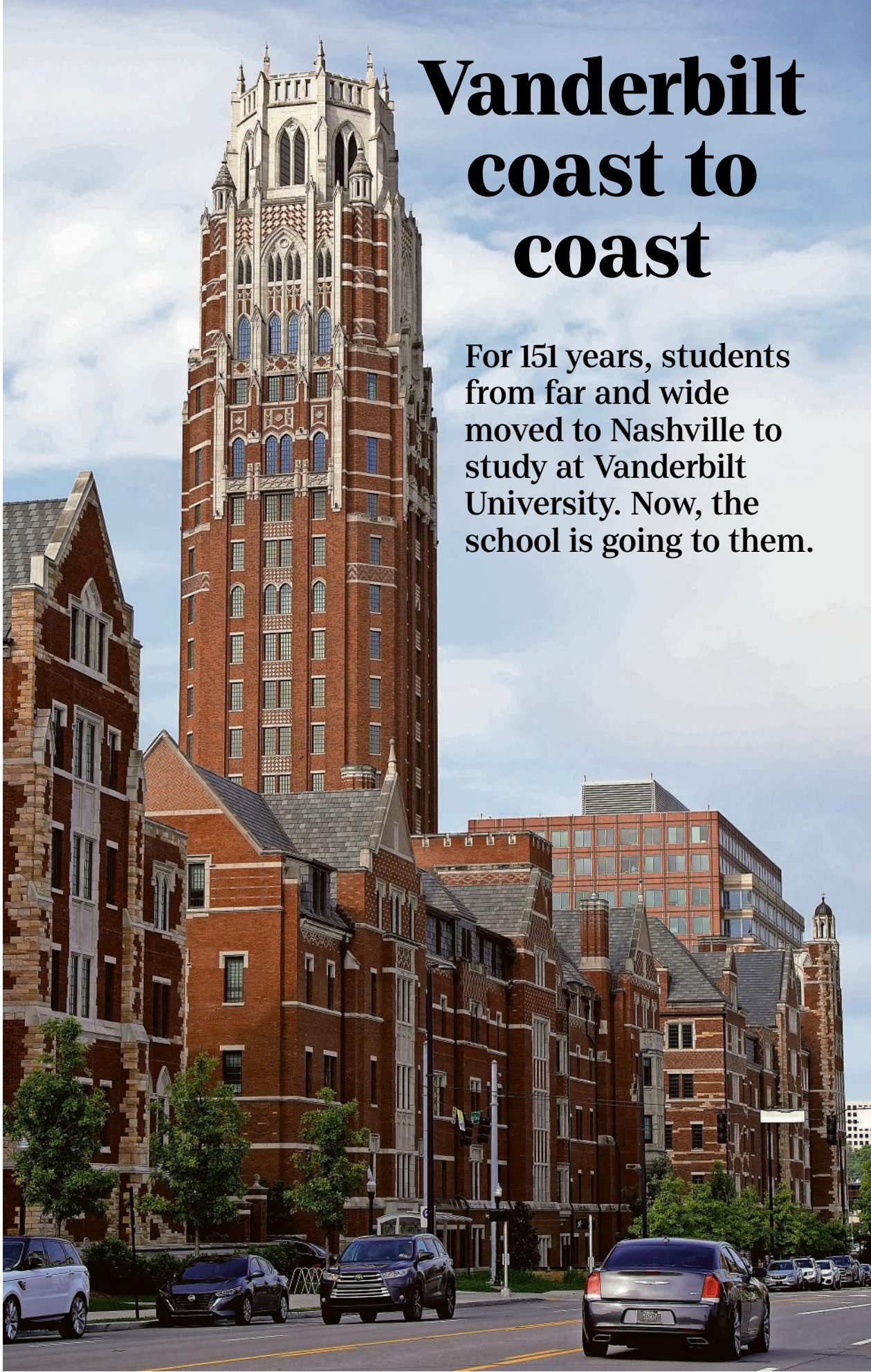
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Thorton shines in Blackman’s 29-10 win over Clarksville

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The West End Tower, also known as Zeppos Tower, is a 20-story, 305-foot Collegiate Gothic landmark on the campus of Vanderbilt University on July 8 in Nashville. MARK ZALESKI/THE TENNESSEAN

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Vanderbilt University’s billion-dollar nationwide expansion across four cities started small. • In the summer of 2024, a New York-based alum of the Nashville school heard rumblings that the 207-year-old General Theological Seminary campus taking up an entire block in the heart of the Chelsea neighborhood could soon go up for sale. One thought came to mind, “What if my alma mater moved in?” **See VANDERBILT, Page 3A**

Doughtie, 23, makes history

Wants to ‘get to work’ on Rutherford Commission

Kenya Anderson
Murfreesboro Daily News Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK – TENNESSEE

A first-time candidate who never held an elected office spent the past year knocking on about 1,500 doors. He was 22, a Democrat in a traditionally red county and looking to make history.

On Aug. 6, Brandon Doughtie’s work paid off when he defeated Republican opponent Brian Stoll by 192 votes to become the youngest current member of the Rutherford County Commission.

His District 13 seat had previously been held by a Republican, making the result a notable Democratic pickup in a county where Republicans still hold a firm grip. For Doughtie, the win also put a younger voice on a commission representing one of Tennessee’s fastest-growing counties, he said.

There’s still some shock over the whole affair, with Doughtie freely admitting that if someone had told him two years ago that he would soon be an elected public official, he wouldn’t have believed it.

But now, less than a month after his 23rd birthday, Doughtie says he’s ready to get to work.

A petition that sparked a campaign

Doughtie’s interest in public service got its start about two years ago when he started a petition to prohibit the sale of painted hermit crab shells.

In nature, crabs can live up to about 25 years, but painted shells are toxic, causing them to live a much

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The landmark year that made Presley the King

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