



*Teachers of the Year (L-R) Heather Palmer, Mary Sue Pruitt and Karen Latta are pictured with Board of Education Vice Chair/District 9 Representative Amber Rountree*

## Knox County Schools Celebrates

## Northwest BPA Why is there more litter along county roads?

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What do jail inmates have to do with the increasing amount of litter on county roads?

The connection was explained earlier this month by Drew Thurman, Contract Compliance Manager with the County Engineering and Public Works Department. He said that until last year picking up trash for three days was part of a sentence for a driving while intoxicated conviction. Thurman spoke recently at the monthly meeting of the Northwest Business and Professional Association in Knoxville.

Thurman said people shouldn't blame the county for not picking up trash given the declining number of laborers available because a change in state law took away the