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Panthers turn a tough week into a proud night

By Steve Williams

Powell High's football team was in the news last week - and it wasn't good news.

Friday night the Panthers were in the spotlight - and they shined brightly.

The school received a letter from the TSSAA on Wednesday, Oct. 3, with notification that its football team would have to forfeit its six wins this season for using an ineligible player.

Three of those wins - now losses - were against Region 3-5A opponents and could end up costing the Panthers a berth in the post-season playoffs.

But Powell senior Duce Shreve said a possible playoff run wasn't the only thing on the Panthers' minds when they took the field at West Friday night.

"Basically coming into the game, we knew we were playing for something a lot bigger than

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A FOOTBALL FAMILY

There was not a big celebration after Powell's win at West Friday night. Head Coach Matt Lowe pulled his players in quickly and closed with a prayer. Lowe's youngest daughter, Linni, can be seen staying close to her dad. Please see game story on Powell's 36-21 win over West and other high school sports coverage in Sports & Recreation, Section C. Photo by Tracy Head.



David Crocker, founder of "Inasmuch," instructs volunteers at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church how to package the food being prepared for delivery to Second Harvest.

Vice Chair Susan Horn conducts school board meeting

By Anne Primm

Chairperson Terry Hill was traveling on Wednesday night leaving the vice chairperson, Susan Horn, to preside over Wednesday night's Knox County School Board meeting. Mike McMillan, 8th District representative, was also absent.

Horn began by making an announcement regarding the upcoming Tennessee State Board of Education (TSBA) meeting November 1-4, 2018 in Nashville, Tennessee. Some members of the Knox County School Board will be attending this meeting.

Next Horn asked for any changes to the agenda. When none were requested, 3rd District Representative Tony Norman moved to approve the agenda. The agenda was subsequently approved.

Superintendent Thomas reported that on Monday morning, October 1, 2018, he attended the introduction of the Knoxville Health Department's Healthy Habits Child Health Week at Sam E. Hill Elementary School. This was an assembly for both pre-schoolers and kindergartners. The discussion hinged around nutrition, physical exercise, hand washing and dental hygiene. Superintendent Thomas commented on the exemplary behavior of the students in the assembly. Thomas also congratulated Bryan Schultz, a science teacher at the L&M Stem Academy, for being chosen one

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Fountain City Episcopal church's labor of love for the hungry

By Mike Steely
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One recent Saturday morning more than 40 people went to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd for a special event. They were volunteering to help Operation Inasmuch, Inc., to assemble 20,000 pasta and tomato sauce packets for Second Harvest.

Rev. Dorrie Pratt welcomed the volunteers with a prayer and David Crocker, founder of Operation Inasmuch, spoke to the crowd and instructed them how to measure, package and seal the meals. Pratt's prayer included the message that "sending it out to those in need so they all know they

are loved and fed by you" she said, adding "in the name of Jesus."

"We work with churches, other organizations, companies and schools to package 300,000 to 400,000 meals each year," Crocker told The Focus. Each package being prepared by the volunteers can feed up to six people.

Assembly of the food packages began at 9 a.m. and volunteers continued to arrive to help throughout the morning. Casey Collins, a Good Shepherd member, organized the event. Ruth Anne Hanahan reached out to The Focus to attend the event.

John Daugherty, executive director of Inasmuch, said the food, packets, and

boxes are all supplied by Meals of Hope. He added that Inasmuch provided the scales to weight the food and the plastic bag sealer. The process begins with the volunteers using hand cleaner, putting on plastic gloves and hairnets, and assembling on both sides of each table.

After her prayer Rev. Pratt watched Crocker give the instructions to the volunteers and then she put on gloves and a hairnet and joined in the assembly process.

"We do international and domestic meals and have supplied food to 50 orphanages

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