

Williams honored by Careacter Star

By Ken Lay

Knoxville Focus sports-writer Steve Williams has a long career and on Friday night, he was honored by Careacter Star, an organization founded in East Tennessee to recognize student athletes for academics, community service and character.

Williams, who has been with The Focus since 2008, was named Careacter Star Sports-writer of the Year and acknowledged for his work and dedication on the field before Gibbs High's 24-17 victory over the host Red Devils Friday night.

The Careacter Star Ad-
vantes of the Week in Knox
County and Seymour are
published weekly in the
Knoxville Focus during the
school year.

The organization was
founded nearly two
decades ago by Coach
Dave Moore, a former
Knoxville Focus sports-writer.



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Seconds before the presentation of the East Tennessee Careacter Star Sports Writer of the Year award, Knoxville Focus sports-writer Steve Williams has a surprise for Dave Moore (left), who originated the Careacter Star Athlete award 15 years ago. Like athletes sometimes reveal what school they are going to sign, Williams wanted Moore to know he

for office. If you choose
not to vote for a candi-
date you may write in a
name in each race.

For instance, in the
Governor's race Bill Lee
and Karl Dean top the
list and the below them
are 28 other candidates.

The same is true for
the U. S. Senate candi-
dates which start with
Marsha Blackburn and
Phil Bradley and then
list six other people
seeking that office.

The U. S. House
race to replace retiring
Congressman Jimmy
Duncan lists Tim Bur-
dett and Renee Hoppe
plus four independents.

Voters will decide
between two partisan
candidates in the state
races with these excep-
tions. For the state
Senate, Randy McEl-
roy faces Stuart Starr in
the 5th District and, in
the 7th District, Richard
Briggs and Jamie Ball-
inger are the only names
on the ballot.

Several state repre-
sentative seats are on
the ballot for this gen-
eral election.