Members of Amherst Elementary School's Special Olympics track and field team took second place in the banner competition last week at Hardin Valley Academy. Photo Submitted.

HVA senior Moro learns by organizing Special Olympics Track Meet

By Ken Lay

Noah Moro and members of the Hardin Valley Academy student-mentor program saw the fruits of their labor on Monday, April 15.

Moro oversaw the running of the 2019 Special Olympics track meet on a cool but sunny day at HVA.

It was a project that began to take shape back in the dog days of August, shortly after Moro began his senior year and his final year of high school football.

The event lasted two days and began in the

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Sparks flew as Knox County Commissioners Larsen Jay and Evelyn Gill faced off in the Knox County Commission work session last week, with Jay leveling misconduct charges against Gill and Gill calling the allegations by Jay "unacceptable."

Jay, who co-chairs the Joint Education Committee along with board of education member Evetty Satterfield, said Gill should be ousted from her seat on that committee because of her history as a Knox County Special Education teacher. He cited a civil suit against her involving charges she abused an autistic student.

At times the confrontation grew heated and, during the argument, Jay said that if his charges were untrue, "Then, by God, vote it down."

Gill called on Knox County Law Director Bud Armstrong who, for several instances during the discussion, told the commission that charges against Gill were unsubstantiated. Armstrong reminded the commission that Gill was investigated and not found guilty by the state, her teacher's license was reinstated and she had been offered her job back with the school system.

Jay cited Gill's name in a civil lawsuit against her which the law department settled out of court for a reported $93,000. Armstrong rebutted by reminding the commission that the lawsuit also included the superintendent of schools and the principal at the school. He said it might cost more to defend the case than the settlement and he didn't want to harm the autistic child by putting it on the stand to testify.