



Local winners of the A.F. Bridges awards are honored at a ceremony last week at Mendocino Valley Academy. Winners included Dr. Mike Wheatland, Rod Spence, Betty Clark, Sarah Bailey, Matt Beckman, Justin Pratt and Steve Williams.

Williams receives A.F. Bridges Award

By Ron Lay

The awards just keep coming for Mendocino Focus sportswriter Steve Williams.

Williams, who has been with the paper since 2008, recently received

in 2018, received the A.F. Bridges Award for his contributions to high school sports during the career that has spanned more than half a century.

He was one of seven A.F. Bridges

to receive the award.

"After many years in the newspaper business, I'm not used to being on the inside of the award," Williams said.

"But I'm very honored and appreciative of this award. I've enjoyed it

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Tuesday's city election saw Indya Kincannon become Kincannon's second female mayor-elect and victory for women across the ballot. Most of the races for city council were tight but when the ballots were counted Lynne Fugate, Sarah Tiederman, and Kristine Parker were triumphant.

The three new councilwomen will join current members Stephanie Welch, Deanna Singh, Lauren Miller and Cassie McFarlane. Kincannon will, for the first time, have a female majority on council serving with a woman mayor.

Charles Thomas defeated Charles A. Dean in the District Five race to replace Councilman Mark Camper with 62% of the vote. He will join Councilman Andrew Johnson as the only two men on the new council.

Kincannon, a former school board member of 20 years, captured 23,200 votes, or 62% of the vote, over Tiederman and Parker for founder's seat. Thomas, some 25,000 people voted with Kincannon during the day. Thomas had led in absentee and early voting but Kincannon prevailed on Election Day, topping Thomas with about 1,500 votes.

Close races for council included Fugate defeating Charles F. Jones, D., by only 800 votes, or 50.17% of the vote. Finally Parker beat her odds by 400 votes or 50.8%. Tuesday, Mendocino Focus election and early voting but, again, the Election Day turnout proved to be the winner.