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Local winners of the A.F. Bridges awards are honored at a ceremony last week at Hardin Valley Academy. Winners included Dr. Mike Wheatland, Rob Speas, Bobby Clark, Sarah Bailey, Matt Buckner, Justin Pratt and Steve Williams.

Williams receives A.F. Bridges Award

By Kim Lay

The awards just keep coming for Knoxville Focus sportswriter Steve

in 2018, received the A.F. Bridges Award for his contributions to high school sports during his career that

to receive the award.

After many years in the newspaper business, I'm not used to being on

Tuesday's city election saw Indya Kincannon become Knoxville'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, Israel Testerman, and Amelia Parker were triumphant.

The three new councilmembers will join current members Stephanie Welch, Seema Singh, Lauren Fisher and Jean-Marcie. Incorporated, for the first time, have a female majority on council serving with a women mayor.

Charles Thomas defeated Charles Al-Jarrah in the District Five race to replace Councilman Mark Campen with 62% of the vote. He will join Councilman Andrew Roberts as the only two men on the new council.

Kincannon, a former school board member of 10 years, captured 13,299 votes, or 62% of the vote, over businessman and Honor Air founder Rodie Morris. Some 26,360 people voted with Kincannon carrying the day. Morris had led in absentee and early voting but Kincannon prevailed on Election Day, tipping Morris with about 1,500 votes.

Close races for council included Fugate defeating Charles F. Lomas, Jr., by only 80 votes, or 50.17% of the vote. Amelia Parker bested Amy Miller by 410