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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 Winstead, Rob Speas, Bobby Clark, Sarah Bailey, Matt Buckner, Justin Pratt and Steve Williams.

Williams receives A.F. Bridges Award

By Ken Lay

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

Williams, who has been with the

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

to receive the award.

"After many years in the newspaper business, I'm not used to being on this side of the story," Williams said. "But I'm very honored and appreciative."

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, Janet Testerman, and Amelia Parker were triumphant.

The three new councilwomen will join current members Stephanie Welch, Seema Singh, Lauren Rider and Gwen McKenzie. Knoxville will, for the first time, have a female majority on council serving with a woman mayor.

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

Kincannon, a former school board member of 10 years, captured 13,291 votes, or 52% of the vote, over businessman and Honor Air founder Eddie Mannis. Some 25,360 people voted with Kincannon carrying the day. Mannis had led in absentee and early voting but Kincannon prevailed on Election Day, topping Mannis with about 1,500 votes.

Close races for council included Fugate defeating Charles F. Lomax, Jr., by only 80 votes, or 50.17% of the vote. Amelia Parker bested Amy Midis by 410 votes or 50.8% Tuesday. Midis pulled more absentee and early votes but, again, the Election Day turnout