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Judge Irwin Needs Stuffed Animals

is an imposing man with the demeanor of the grandfa ther he has become. Irwin. began a program years ago, asking the public for donations of stuffed animals. Those same stuffed animals are parceled out to children whose lives have entangled them in the man of legalities oftentimes resolved at the juvenile court. Judge Irwin is clearly nicesed as he attests to the program's effectiveness.

"It has worked far better

Irwin stated animals are dren who are frighten while at the

lie Susano.

Sessions and Juvenile Courts, has witnessed just members about the stuffed how the program sponsored by Judge Irwin has grin. worked "One can see



a scary place children especiallv." Susano

"That nid small stuffed makes more of a differ Clerk of the Circuit, Civil ence than you might think

Asking random staff animals usually brings a The juvenile court staff talks about the boxes.

the building have come from the gen-Knox County and East Ten-"Seeing those small chil-

those stuffed animals and those tiny hands clutching them to their bodies. it just melts your heart," says Juvenile Court Director Mary Lindsey. "It really does have a calming effect on those kids and most of them aren't here for a happy reason."

fundamentally," Judge Tim Irwin explained, "the is doing all it can to bring about justice, as well as do what we can for fractured families, but most of all, it is about doing everything we can to help the most vulnerable amongst us the children. We want to make them as comfortable as possible and the donations from people of stuffed animals really has helped thousands and thousands of youngsters."

Those interested in help ing children by making a gift of a stuffed animal can drop off donations at

Division Street. Dona tions can also be dropped off at Prestige Cleaners. owned by Eddie Mannis Known for his charitable work, Mannis has agreed to accept stuffed animals. which will be turned over to the juvenile court.

For those folks who wish to help financially, you can do so by sending a check to the Compassion Coalition at 31.8, N Gay Street, Suite 207, Knoxville, TN, 37917 or 865-251-1591

EYES ON THE GOLD!



awards presentation Friday night at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville. Central defeated Summit High 30-7 for its second straight Class 5A state championship in the BlueCross Bowl. Please see game story and other photos in Sports and Recreation, Section C, Page 1.

Mike McMillan to support Bible Time Release

Mike McMillan, the Knox County Board of Education member for the Fighth District, announced he would be voting for the Bible time release pilot program. The program is one hour each month and requires the child's parent's permission. The pilot program has been started at Sterchi Elementary School. Some seventy students are currently enrolled in the program out of three hundred.

Affurry of intense opposition to the program has been generated, largely by teachers. McMillan has been communicating with people inside his district, including businesspecple, PTA moms and church leaders "A community includes everyone, McMillan said. "I have tried to talk to as many people as possible and think my colleague Susan Horn was right when she discussed parental I think parents should have as

many practical choices as possible and I much prefer parents making responsible decisions for their child or children than the state."

McMillan said he thought the program ought to be given a chance and will vote for it when the board of education meets on Wednesday, Decem

Commission to discuss TVA Tower agreement

Although the Knax County School Board hasn't given its approval yet the Knox County Commission's work session agenda for Monday has a resolution approv ing a contract with TVA for easements to the TVA East plex and the Fritts Parking but that probably will not see a vote until their regular meeting the following Monday on December 16

The agreement is for a term easement for the tower and parking lot and a nemanent easement for Summer Place. The board of education plans a discussion on the proposed move from the Andrew Johnson ernmental memorandums of understanding between the board, the county com-mission and the county mayor call for agreement of

The County Board of Education agrees to relocate Central Office from ing to TVA East Tower, Know

all the bodies

ing cost of floors P-6. Additionally, Knox County Gov ernment will pay buildout costs associated with the TVA East Tower, and cover moving expenses." agreement reads.

Six million dollars is the sale price of the AJ Building and the agreement says that the board of education will incur no cost associated with being at the East Tower

dum of understanding was made on December 3 The work session resolu-

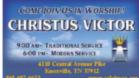
tion authorizes the county to enter into a contract with Tennessee Valley Author-ity granting Knox County a measurement to the tower and Fritts Lot and perma nent easements to the TVA

Summer Place." The following resolution mediately below the TV

sale of the Andrew Johnson building to BNA Associates for \$6 million.

Commissioner Charles Busier has placed a motion prior to the commission's agreement to move the school board to the TVA asking the Knox County Mayor to look at our-Mall for the "relocation of







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Denue Built in 1886, Shannondale

Presbyterian Church offers a traditional wedding setting and a center aisle. Contact Wedding Coordinator, Weber at 865-456-6923 ntor, Sarah