

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

June 3, 2014

Congrats, class of 2015

Congratulations to all the 2015 THS graduates. I appreciate the volunteers and sponsors who made Project Graduation possible. It is good Tullahoma supports a safe and fun environment for graduates. This was a great class and we are looking for continued good things from the graduates as they enter the next phase of their lives. To the balance of the nearly 3,000 students and all the teachers in the Tullahoma City Schools, I hope you have a wonderful summer. Thanks, Lighttube, for broadcasting the graduation ceremony.

Chamber Mixer a success

The Tullahoma/Manchester Chamber of Commerce mixer Thursday at Sherrill Pest Control was a big success. Sherrill's is located about half way between Tullahoma and Manchester. It is good and productive for businesspeople from the two cities to meet and discuss ways to help each community grow and prosper. I think we all realize there are times the two cities compete and other times we cooperate for the betterment of both.

EMS earns recognition

Friday was a big day for East Middle School students, faculty and parents. In a packed gym it was announced the school was the number one middle school in middle Tennessee for excellence in improving student achievement. This is measured by the Tennessee Value Added Assessment System. East was competing with 1,300 elementary and middle schools across the state. This amazing performance is the result of teacher skill, student effort, parent support, and effective leadership. After the announcement I stayed to hear student name after student name called for excellence in academics, arts, volunteerism and attendance. It was a great way to start the day. Thank you for inviting me.

Police Academy news

Congratulations to the 11 graduates of the 2nd Annual Citizen's Police Academy. A special thank you to Chief Blackwell for his initiative to offer the 10 week course and his team for conducting the classes. I firmly believe informed citizens make better citizens. The graduation ceremony was held Tuesday evening and I was very pleased to attend. During my remarks I asked the graduates if they benefitted and learned from the 20 hour class. Without hesitation they all concurred. I believe they also have a new appreciation for the work of police officers and investigators.

School honors volunteers

I don't really consider myself a volunteer at Bel-Aire Elementary School, but the staff there was nice enough to include me in their annual Volunteer Appreciation event Wednesday at the school. So many

people give so much to the school! The volunteers are a great help and do things such as mentoring students and helping organize classrooms. Thanks, volunteers, for all you do.

WMS hosts talent show

I didn't get to see all the acts at the West Middle School Talent Show Thursday, but the ones I did see were very impressive. It takes a lot of nerve for a middle school student to stand up in front of their peers in the packed gym and sing a song or play a musical instrument. But the students sang or played their hearts out. They were fearless. It was especially nice to see the rest of the student body be so appreciative of their fellow students' talents. There are many reasons I'm glad to be Mayor and not a judge, as picking the winner would have been a tough job.

Busy Saturday

Saturday is shaping up to be a busy day. There is a 5K run at 8 am at Frazier-McEwen Park benefitting Blue Monarch, a home for abused women. There is also a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's to support the Animal Shelter. Zaxby's is hosting an all-day fundraiser to support the Good Samaritan program. In the evening the senior citizens are hosting a dinner/entertainment fundraiser in support of the senior citizens center. Pick out something of interest to you and get involved.

Thought of the week: The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.-----MARK TWAIN

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