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Champions For Schools



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Greeneville City Schools Education Foundation's 2019 CORE Champion award recipients were honored with a banquet Monday at the General Morgan Inn. From left are Outstanding Patrons Mike and Gwen Roberts, Distinguished Service Honoree Carla Bewley, Distinguished Alumni Dawana Gudger-Richardson and Outstanding Young Alumni Dr. Justin Woolsey.

Foundation Honors Alumni, Community Leaders

BY EUGENIA ESTES
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Community service and professional accomplishments of the recipients of the seventh annual CORE Champion Awards were celebrated in a banquet Monday evening at the General Morgan Inn.

The awards are given annually by the Greeneville City Schools Education Foundation board of trustees to recognize individuals who have demonstrated dedication to human service by committing to a cause, optimizing resources, re-investing in the community and equipping others for success.

Jeff Taylor, chair of the Foundation's board, thanked



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A brass ensemble from Greeneville Middle School Band performs "Ava Maria" at the CORE Champions banquet. Also performing were GMS Honors Chorus members, with "Sisi ni Moja (We Are One)."

those in attendance for their support of education and for helping recognize this year's award winners.

Champions for 2019 recognized during the dinner included Distinguished Alumni Award honoree, Dawana Gudger-Richardson (Greeneville High School class of 1983); Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient Dr. Justin Woolsey (GHS, 1999); Distinguished Service Award honoree Carla Bewley (GHS, 1971), and Outstanding Patronage Award recipients Mike and Gwen Roberts.

DAWANA GUDGER-RICHARDSON

Gudger-Richardson is a classically trained singer who has performed as part of the national Broadway musical tour of "The Civil War" featuring BeBe Winans, John Schneider and Larry Gatlin and toured globally with The

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Scorching Heat, Severe Storms Likely Tuesday

BY O.J. EARLY
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A pair of dangerous weather events are likely to strike Greene County Tuesday, meteorologists warn.

"Very hot temperatures in the afternoon will eventually be followed by strong storms in the evening," according to the National Weather Service in Morristown. "Take precautions against both of these."

Tuesday's temperature high is projected as 94 degrees. But it's the heat index — what the temperature actually feels like when relative humidity combines with the air temperature — that has forecasters issuing precautions.

The heat index in swaths of western and southern Greene County could reach 101 Tuesday afternoon, the Morristown station forecasts. Greeneville, as well as Tusculum and Afton, could feel like 99.

Other parts of the region, including Knoxville and Chattanooga, could see the heat index hover between 105 and 110 degrees — nearly unheard-of figures in the shadow of the mountains of southern Appalachia.

Across the U.S., about 40 children die every year after they are left in locked vehicles, figures from the National Weather Service show. The Tennessee Department of Health and the weather service provide tips as the public endures the blistering weather:

- Never leave a child or pet in a parked vehicle for any length of time — inside a vehicle, temperatures quickly rise.
- Wear lightweight and light-colored clothing.
- Remain inside in air conditioning. If you don't have air-conditioning, consider visiting a place that has it during the hottest part of the day.
- Drink lots of fluids and avoid sugary or alcoholic beverages.
- Make sure outdoor animals have access to shade and fresh water.

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Funding, Recruiting Challenges For Volunteer Fire Departments

BY KEN LITTLE
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Getting funds for essential equipment and recruiting new members are just two of the challenges facing local volunteer fire departments.

Fire officials from Greene and surrounding counties had the opportunity to discuss their concerns Monday with U.S. Rep. Phil Roe, R-Johnson City, at a "Volunteer Firefighters Roundtable" hosted by the congressman at the Greene County Courthouse Annex. Roe listened and will take the comments of volunteer firefighters back to Wash-

ington to share with other lawmakers.

"It's worse than I thought," Roe said at the conclusion of the meeting, which included about 25 fire chiefs and other volunteer fire department officers from Greene, Cocke, Hancock, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington counties.

"Any assistance I can be with grants, let me know," Roe said.

He asked the volunteer firefighters about their greatest challenges.

GRANTS, FUNDING

Rural volunteer fire departments in Northeast

Tennessee sometimes must compete with much larger professional fire departments across the country to obtain federal grants to pay for fire trucks and other much-needed equipment.

It's not unusual for the newest trucks used by smaller local volunteer departments to be between 20 to 30 years old, often requiring expensive repairs, Roe was told.

The federal grants are awarded on the basis of a points system.

"Federal grant requests are confusing to me, how the point system works.

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SUN PHOTO BY KEN LITTLE

Rep. Phil Roe listens as Greene County Sheriff Wesley Holt, seated at left top of photo, makes a point during a "Volunteer Firefighter Roundtable" meeting hosted Monday by the congressman at the Greene County Annex building. Holt is also chief of the St. James Volunteer Fire Department and assistant chief of the Greene County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments. The roundtable meeting gave volunteer firefighters the opportunity to discuss challenges local fire departments face.



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LOWELL WAYNE BROWN
JOSEPH JORDAN 'Jordy' HANKINS
SHIRLEY ARNOTT MATHES

RICKY LEE TRANTHAM
JEANNIE HELTON WILLS

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OUTSIDE

Tonight — T-storms likely. Low around 69.
Wednesday — Chance for storms. High around 85.
Thursday — Mostly sunny. High around 85.
Friday — Sunny. High around 88.
Saturday — Sunny. High around 88.

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