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Mayor Jacobs Talks About UT Football, TCAT, Festival of Lights, Read City, Warming Centers and Whether 'Die Hard' is a Christmas Movie

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— During his Weekly Update that will post around noon today, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs talks about attending the groundbreaking for the Tennessee College of Applied Technology's new building; speaking to the senior class at Carter High School; this year's Read City USA challenge; and more.

"A big shoutout to everyone who participated in this year's Read City USA challenge," Mayor Jacobs says. "Thanks to you, we completed over 162,000 literary missions, exceeding our goal by an astonishing 60 percent."

Mayor Jacobs also notes that on Monday, the county kicked off the 26th annual Holiday Festival of Lights at the Cove at Concord Park. You can stop by and enjoy the lights and other activities each night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. through New Year's Eve, except for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The event is free to the public, but we do ask that you bring nonperishable food items to donate to the Love Kitchen.

He also reminds folks that the warming centers at Vestal and Magnolia United Methodist churches have an immediate need for the following items: frozen casseroles, fresh fruit, juices, hats, gloves, socks, blankets, pillows, and toiletries. Donations for both churches can be dropped off at 2700 E. Magnolia Avenue from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today. You can also bring donations to KARM at 418 N. Broadway anytime. Please call 865-673-6540 for more information.

Additionally, the mayor mentions the UT football team's chance to secure a spot in the college football playoff.

And finally, he answers an age-old important question: Is "Die Hard" a Christmas movie?

Check out the video to find out what he thinks!