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Challenger

while also expanding opportunities that build critical thinking, problem-solving, and career readiness. Whether students choose college, trade school, or the workforce, our schools should equip them with the skills and confidence to take that next step. As Blount County continues to grow, we have an opportunity to align our schools with the needs of our local workforce and community.

Equally important is supporting and retaining great teachers. Strong schools start with strong educators. We must continue to invest in our teachers by providing the resources, support, and professional development they need to succeed. Recruiting and retaining high-quality teachers ensures consistency, stability, and better outcomes for our students, while also making Blount County a place where great educators want to build their careers. **WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU?** Voters should elect me because I bring a steady, thoughtful approach to leadership that focuses on results, not noise. I have real-world experience leading teams, making data-driven decisions, and working through complex challenges, along with a deep connection to this community through years of service, coaching, and local involvement.

I will listen to parents, students, teachers, and administrators, take a full view of the issues, and make decisions based on what is best for students and families. My focus is on keeping our schools centered on education, supporting great teachers, and preparing students for success beyond graduation. As Blount County continues to grow, we need leadership that is forward-thinking, responsible, and grounded in the needs of our community. I am ready to lead, bring people together, communicate clearly, and ensure every decision supports the long-term success of our schools and the families they serve. I'm ready to go to work for District 5 on day one.

Precincts:
Portions or all of these precincts vote in District 5:
Fairview
Maryville College
Maryville High
Maryville Jr High
Maryville Mun.
Pellissippi State
William Blount High

Incumbent:
Erica Moore (Notrunning)

On GOP ballot:
Chris Mann
Amber Young

Aug. 6: Winner faces

Tracie Traver (D)

Hats in the Ring

The Daily Times emailed all candidates qualified in a contested primary with an opportunity to complete a free profile form for Hats in the Ring. Responses to each question were character count limited to provide equal opportunity for space to each candidate. Direct questions to elections@thedailytimes.com

— Marcus Fitzsimmons
The Daily Times



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ONLINE: www.facebook.com/share/14WbAoB8w5P/?mibextid=wwXlfr

BRIEF BIO: I was born in this community and built by this community. From my first day of kindergarten to the day I walked across the graduation stage, I am a proud product of Blount County Schools. After attending Bungalow and Lanier, I graduated in the top 10% of my class at William Blount High School. For 25 years, I've remained deeply invested in our youth as the WBHS Head Dance Coach and a mentor to aspiring college majorettes.

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS OFFICE? Every student—whether heading to a four-year university or a high-skill trade—deserves a board member who plans for their success with the same diligence I give my own clients. Our schools are not just a line item; they are our community's most vital long-term investment.

WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE THAT WILL ASSIST YOU IN THE DUTIES OF THIS OFFICE? A School Board member holds a sacred responsibility to students, educators, and taxpayers alike. In my professional career in Estate Planning and Trust Management at First Horizon Bank, I serve as a fiduciary. This means I am legally and ethically bound to manage assets with the highest standard of accountability. Our school system is the largest "trust" in our county. I will bring that same financial discipline and professional oversight to our multimillion-dollar budget.

WHAT WOULD YOUR TOP TWO PRIORITIES BE?
Support Our Teachers: Positioning Blount County Schools as the premier destination for educators in East Tennessee.
Fiscal Accountability: Ensuring tax dollars directly benefit students and the classroom.
Modern, Secure Facilities: Advancing essential renovations and security upgrades while remaining a responsible steward of taxpayer funds.
Real-World Readiness: Expanding Career and Technical Education (CTE) and vocational pathways to prepare students for life after graduation.

I've been honored as a BCS Outstanding Alumni and a Top 40 Under 40 leader, but those awards are reflections of service, not status.

I'm running to ensure the system that gave me my start is equipped to give the next generation an even better one.

WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU? I have spent 25 years mentoring our youth and seeing firsthand the challenges our families face. I know our heart, and I know our history. My goal is to protect the future of our children and the integrity of your tax dollars. I will listen first and lead with transparency, guided by my faith and my word. I have the heart of a coach and the mind of a fiduciary. I am asking for your vote to make Blount County Schools more student-focused, financially solvent, and safe... Because every step counts.

Tanner Jones
COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 3
Seat A. Trusted conservative leadership that works for YOU!

PAID FOR THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT TANNER JONES, MARK D. BENNETT, TREASURER

VOTE

EARLY VOTING: April 15 to April 30
Pellissippi: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays
Everett: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays
Library: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, April 25

Providence: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, opens April 22
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 25

INFO: www.blounttn.gov/447/Election-Commission

Vote JERRY BURNS
FOR BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF

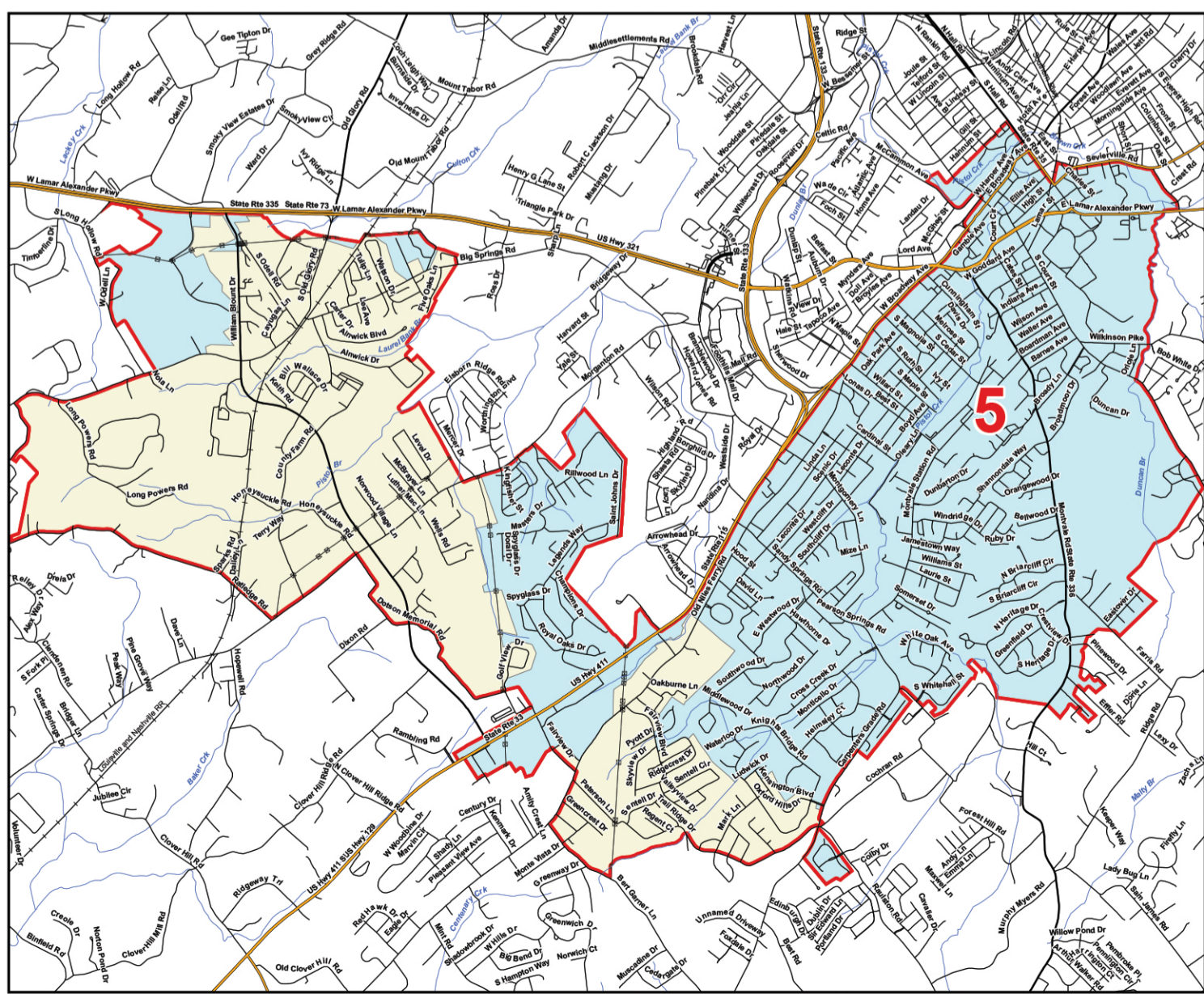
PUBLIC SAFETY OVER POLITICS

As Sheriff, I will:

- Strengthen public safety
- Recruit and retain top deputies
- Combat the drug and mental health crisis
- Protect our children

www.burns4sheriff.com

PAID POLITICAL AD FOR JERRY BURNS FOR BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF BY CANDIDATE



Blount County School Board District 5

- County Commission District
- Interstates
- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- Local Roads
- Railroads
- Powerline (Incomplete)
- Stream
- Lakes / Rivers
- City, Town
- County

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