

Knox County Juvenile Court Judge Tim Irwin visits with Robbie Franklin at Friday's chili cook-off to benefit foster children in the area. Franklin was one of Irwin's football coaches at UT as well as a retired auctioneer. He officiated the live auction at last week's event.

Tim Irwin hosts auction and cook-off fundraiser

By Ken Lay

It was a day for chili and fun. But it was also a day to raise money to help the foster children of the Knoxville area.

Knox County Juvenile Court Judge Tim Irwin hosted the 2019 Juvenile Court Assistance Board Basket Auction and Chili Cook-off Friday at the Knox County Juvenile Courts Building.

Irwin started the fundraiser, which included a silent auction, a live auction and a chili cook-off, 14 years ago.

The fundraiser is designed to help underprivileged youth, foster children and foster families.

"We do this for those who Angel Tree doesn't help because of their age," said Irwin, a former Central Bobcat, Tennessee Volunteer and National Football League player who once taught social studies at Northwest Middle School. "This is a special day and a fun day for us."

"We're going to raise some money, we're going to eat some chili and, most of all we're going to help some children."



Juvenile Court bailiff Ron McCartney samples some chili from a cook-off to benefit the Knox County Juvenile Court Assistance Board. McCartney was one of the judges for the

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to hospital just off Hixson Broadway, talks on the proposed museum are going forward once more.

A public meeting is planned now for Thursday at 5:30 in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building where Jim Clayton and BarberMcMurry Architects

details of the concept plans.

Tentatively called "The Knoxville Science Museum" the gift from the Clayton Foundation also includes a \$50 million endowment to support the proposed center's operations.

LMU to get the former St. Mary's tower building

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One of the final steps toward Knoxville taking possession of the former Tennova Hospital, formerly known as St. Mary's, takes place Tuesday evening. City Council will be asking the mayor to sign an agreement that will lead to Lincoln Memorial

Community Development Corporation for redevelopment and then transfer to LMU. The university plans to use the building for a future nursing school, business school and a criminal justice school. With that completed the city will be officially acquiring the abandoned hospital with plans for a \$35 million renovation.