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Super Tuesday winners. Republicans celebrate victory at Tuesday night's election party at the Crowne Plaza. Winners included Kyle Hixson, Eric Lutten, John R. Whitehead, Terry Hill, David Buuck, Kyle Ward and Carson Dailey.

Knox County Republicans celebrate Super Tuesday victories

By Ken Lay

Buuck came one step closer to replacing the term-limited Bud Armstrong as Knox County Law Director as he defeated Cathy Quist Shanks in the Republican Primary on Super Tuesday.

Now, Buuck faces a challenge from Jackson Fenner. Fenner, an Independent, recently entered the race but Buuck is confident that he can prevail in the August general election.

"I'll have to face an independent who has thrown his hat into the race," said Buuck, who got 60% of the primary vote against Quist Shanks. "But I'm not really worried about it."

"I'll obviously have to respond to his campaign, but usually

when you win the Republican primary in Knox County, you usually win the general election."

Upon accepting the party's nomination, Buuck said that he would be "the people's lawyer," and added, "I look forward to representing the people of Knox County."

He has also vowed to carry on the work started by Armstrong, under whom he served in the Knox County Law Director's Office.

In other races, John R. Whitehead was re-elected to serve as Knox County's Property Assessor. He soundly defeated Tina Marshall, picking up more than 73% of the vote.

He'll run unopposed in August, but said that he was

glad that his election process has finally come to an end.

"I'm excited," said Whitehead, who will serve a fourth term as property assessor. "I'm glad we can all get back to living our lives again. I'm glad that we can all sleep at night again."

"And I'm glad that I won't have to work another pool."

On Knox County Commission, Carson Dailey, Terry Hill, Richie Beeler and Grant Rosenberg all ran unopposed Tuesday night.

Dailey (District 9), Hill (District 6) and Beeler (District 8), who did not attend Tuesday night's election party at the Crowne Plaza, will all be unopposed again in August.

Rosenberg will face Democrat Courtney Durnett this

summer to replace the seat being vacated by the term-limited Michele Carringer.

In District 5, John Schoonmaker, the incumbent, edged Clayton Wood in the primary. Schoonmaker will face Democrat Kimberly Peterson in August.

In the District 4 race, Kyle Ward beat Scott Broyles in the primary and he'll face Todd Frommeyer in the general election.

Kyle Hixson will be the next Division II Criminal Court Judge as he defeated Wesley Stone in the primary.

Eric Lutten defeated Rhonda Lee in the primary and will face Sheriff Guindl, an independent, in August for the Public Defender's office.

Two Veteran Memorials to be Dedicated at Fulton High School

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"It all started with John Schiatter, a Fulton High School alumni. He's done all the research and we started to solicit funds," explained Ronnie Collins, a fellow former Fulton student and Vietnam-era veteran.

Fulton lost seven former students during the Vietnam War. Vietnam veterans who returned after the war came home with little fanfare. The alumni of the school has decided to honor those killed, those who served there, and all veterans who attended classes there.

Collins said funds were raised, over \$8,000, and two monuments will be unveiled there on Saturday, March 28, beginning at 10 a.m. The ceremony will be hosted by Collins and the Fulton High School Alumni Association.

"The monuments are black granite, like the Vietnam Wall, and will have the names of those who lost their lives in the war," Collins said. Another monument will honor all the veterans who served.

A ceremony is planned and the monuments will be on the Broadway side of the school.

This Thursday, at 5:55 p.m., WBIR Channel 10 will interview four Fulton veterans, two of them who served in Vietnam.



Ronnie Collins, a Fulton High School 1968 graduate, will host the dedication of two veteran memorials at the school later this month.

Housing on City Council Agenda

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The Knoxville City Council may award \$1.4 million to develop a 49-unit complex for affordable housing for low income residents. The resolution calls for authorizing Mayor Indya Kincannon to sign an agreement with Burlington Commons GP LLC using Affordable Rental Development Funds, to build the complex at 4530 Holston Drive.

The council may also approve selling one property at 4104 Porter Avenue to Debra Haynes for \$19,000 as part of the Homemaker Program.

Historic houses and buildings may benefit from a resolution calling for \$642,752 in Historic Preservation Awards. The program supports property improvements to eligible historic

properties within the city.

The completion of the Fort Kid Renovation Project may get some attention with a memorandum of understanding between the city, Public Building Authority, Knoxville Museum of Art and Thomas Boyd.

The mayor may be authorized to apply for \$332,727 in funds from the state Office of Criminal Justice Programs for salaries and benefits for the Victim Service Coordinator and three Victim Associates for traveling, training, services and supplies. The award, if approved, requires an \$83,181 match from the city.

The council may also authorize Mayor Kincannon to apply for some federal funds to help expand and improve security at schools. She may also get approval to apply for federal funding

BOE Work Session Receives Teacher Advisory Input

By Amy Box Feltholter

Six of the nine board members convened as the March 4 meeting began with a brief moment of silence and speaking the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Members then approved the agenda before opening the floor to Superintendent Bob Thomas to give his report. He began with announcements before introducing two members of the Teacher Advisory Council.

Thomas reminded attendees of a Disparities in Educational Outcomes meeting which was scheduled at Fulton High School on March 5. To watch this conversation and hear a presentation followed by

sessions focusing on discipline, school culture, and other topics, visit the Knox County Schools Twitter page. His next announcement was regarding KCS hosting a budget meeting for the public. The community will receive an update on the 2020-2021 school budget with a time for questions and answers on Thursday, March 12, at Gresham Middle School at 5:30 p.m. Although the KCS Recruitment Fair took place already on March 7, Thomas highlighted a \$7,000 incentive for new special education teachers and a \$5,000 bonus for speech language therapists, otologists, school sociologists, and vision specialists. His final notice

was KCS Spring Break scheduled for March 16-20.

Presentations by two members of the TAC, who have each served on the council for two years, was the focus of the work session. They described to the board the progress made after the TAC has met five times this school year. Laurie Smith, kindergarten teacher at Cedar Bluff Elementary School, and Lynn Shuryan, who works at Horwood Elementary School as a behavioral specialist, both explained parts of the report. The council has 21 members and is designed to give a voice to educators and to aid the administration in making the best decisions for Knox County

Schools.

"The TAC is very valuable in providing us, the staff, me, insight into issues that are going on in the classroom and concerns that our teachers have, and it's been very productive to have and because of this, it helps form our budget process too," said Thomas. Shuryan explained the report was divided into a general discussion, an elementary school, middle school, and high school concerns discussions, and overall general discussion and concerns. Listed first were items that addressed what KCS does well, such as a 4% teacher raise, the autonomy within different schools, communication

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