

# Letters to the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*

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## **John Bailes & wife are caring people**

If John Bailes is the same kind of county commissioner as he is a friend and neighbor, then the citizens of District 8 will be well served.

I met John and his wife through community service work.

When I had surgery, which left me homebound, John and his family showed up on my doorstep with food and movies. That became the first of many times that John and his wife helped me and my children.

I've witnessed countless times when John has reached out to others personally and professionally.

John and his wife care for her mother who lives with them. They are the primary caregivers of a cousin who is disabled. They are partners in raising their son and managing their household.

As an educator, John has used his understanding of young people to work with at-risk youth as a CASA volunteer and to teach Sunday school.

Using his technology and business background, John has helped friends with their small businesses.

Now is the time for John Bailes to serve the people of Hamilton County.

Vote Aug. 3 for John Bailes for District 8 county commissioner.

**CANDY CORNELIUSSEN**

## **18 years is enough for Curtis Adams**

Eighteen years is enough! District 8 voters should not give Commissioner Adams four more years.

Mr. Adams shouldn't have an opportunity to repeat his "guerrilla-style" campaign waged over the last few years against Dr. Jesse Register and the school board once again, now against Dr. Jim Scales and a new school board.

Recall Mr. Adams' positions in finding a successor to Register: 1) promote a local candidate; 2) opposed to a search committee to find a proven top administrator from an urban system like our own; 3) visibly upset by Dr. Register being retained as a consultant for a year at \$150,000. 4) upset by the \$175,000 Scales will receive as superintendent.

An articulate, energetic and well-educated candidate is opposing Mr. Adams for the District 8 seat.

John Bailes, a family man, has won glowing endorsement by Hamilton County Education Association, Chattanooga Times, local Police Benevolent Association, and Hamilton County Labor Council.

Bailes has plans for neighborhood improvement, better job opportunities, and new business ventures in the district.

I urge the good people in district 8 who have supported Mr. Adams to vote for John Bailes on Aug. 3. I don't believe you will be disappointed.

**WILLIAM N. KIRCHNER**

## **Bailes has character for commission post**

The citizens of District 8 need to examine the two candidates for county commissioner. There's a big difference.

One individual is reserved and thoughtful, the other outgoing, and impulsive.

Character comes from inner values, lifelong habits and self-control.

Thoughtfulness shows the habit of examining situations and self-control, while impulsivity shows a lack of self-control. Attacking the school system to get back at the superintendent was impulsive.

Last January 31, East Ridge High had a program called Reality Check for ninth graders.

John Bailes volunteered to assist the students and stayed, interacting with students, teachers and other volunteers. Curtis Adams greeted the adults and left without getting involved.

Who showed character and who had personality?

Personality is important in life, and many people think an outgoing personality also means good character. It doesn't.

Think about outgoing personalities: used car, insurance, and other sales persons; PR spinners, politicians, and con artists.

Do they show the kind of character we want in a county commissioner.

**ROGER A. MEYER**

## **Replace stale Adams with modern Bailes**

Women should pay close attention to the race for County Commission between John Bailes and Curtis Adams.

Adams claims that there are no female county commissioners because women need to be home making dinner for husbands who will apparently become unhappy, resentful, and complaining without that hot meal.

Bailes understands that today's families don't always fit this traditional mode.

In many families, both spouses work just to make ends meet. Yet, women manage to participate in church, school activities and good works.

Many women whose children are grown are free and eager to take more active roles in the community.

Women who are trying to make a difference and help shape the future deserves better than to be told to go home and make dinner.

Those women and families who prefer to maintain traditional roles should also examine Adams' actions or lack of action in East Ridge.

Where is he on the adult bookstore on Ringgold Road? This sex shop with a huge sign is located not far from a school. Where is the outcry from Adams?

It's time for Bailes' fresh and energetic leadership.

**GAIL LINDSEY**