

A Look At

# "The Sunny Side" Of Everything

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**KATY DAVIS**  
KNOX COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## LAST WEEK

**MONDAY 5 AUGUST 2019**

Camp ANNIE LaLONDE says, "Thanks to those who volunteered at West Town Mall, Foothills Mall and County Mayor GLENN JACOBS School Mania!

**FRIDAY 9 AUGUST 2019**

Wreaths Across America (WAA)! Thanks to CHRIS ALBRECHT for bringing us some great news! Our Optimist Club has partnered with Wreaths Across America to encourage the public to honor Veterans buried in the three Veterans' cemeteries in Knox County with a fresh evergreen wreath. CHRIS is a Wreath Ambassador with Knoxwreaths.org the local group promoting community involvement.

Wreath are \$15 each (a portion of this donation comes back to us from WAA – a way to do good while doing well. Our job is to distribute information and to encourage others to take advantage of this Opportunity for Involvement. Wreath placement day is Saturday 14 December 2019 at Noon local at all three locations. Our own BRENDA STATON is coordinating the program at the East Tennessee State Veterans' Cemetery on Lyons View Pike (near Lakeshore Park). Watch for more information as this year's campaign ramps up.

Direct donors to KNOXWREATHS.ORG and have them scroll down to our listing (our logo is there) or they can make out a check payable to Wreaths Across America and give it to you or mail it to KNOXWREATHS, POB 50054, Knoxville, TN 37950.



## THIS WEEK

**FRIDAY 16 AUGUST 2019**

We welcome KATY DAVIS with the Knox County Sheriff's Office. KATY is a Knoxville native, with a BS and MS Degrees in Education from the University of Tennessee. She currently serves as Education Coordinator, Special Services Unit. KATY has worked at the Sheriff's Office for over 28 years in crime prevention and injury prevention. She serves on the local Safe Kids Coalition Board.

## NEXT WEEK

**WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 2019**

Social Chairman JOHN TEMPLE says the August Social will be held on Wednesday 21 August 2019 at The Tennessean Personal Luxury Hotel, 531 Henley Street, Knoxville, TN 37902 beginning at 5:30 pm. KELLY PRATT reminds you that you may expect free Valet parking, specialty drinks and menu items to accompany warm fellowship.

**FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2019**

Drawing for two season tickets to all the home games of the Tennessee Football Volunteers. Bring tickets stubs and money to the meeting.

BETH NELSON with Hoof and Harness joins us next week. Incorporated in 2011, Hoof and Harness began accepting students thru the Therapeutic Riding Academy of Knoxville, (TRAK). This facility relocated in 2014 and they then moved to their new facility, located in Strawberry Plains, Tennessee. Hoof and Harness provides, free, one-on-one, horse centered programming, driving lessons and therapeutic games and sensory processing activities. They use the methods established

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Christmas Dinner and Haslam Center Party  
for Boys & Girls Club..... Lisa Huber  
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Football Time in TN ..... Bradley Pruitt  
Fountain City Christmas Parade..... Bill Gentry  
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### DIME A DAY

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605. JOHN W. MONTGOMERY  
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710. CHRIS COX  
714. CINDY HAGAN

Contact ESSIE JOHNSON  
to make your donation for the  
2018-19 year

## SPONSOR A NEW OPTIMIST 2018-19

DAVID SCATES sponsored by MICHELE COX  
CHIP FLEEMAN sponsored by DAN MCGEHEE  
JOYCE TAYLOR sponsored by BUZZ BUSWELL  
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### SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 2019

Our next Opportunity for Involvement at the FISH Hospitality Pantry 122 West Scott Avenue, is Saturday 24 August 2019 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please sign up at the back table.



## PLAN AHEAD

### FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 2019

Knox County Sheriff TOM SPANGLER joins us for our last program of August! Please invite a friend to join you for lunch with Sheriff SPANGLER.

### SATURDAY 31 AUGUST 2019

It's Football Time in Tennessee!"

The University of Tennessee hosts Georgia State at NEYLAND Stadium at 3:30 pm.

### SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2019

A trip to Keeneland in Lexington, Kentucky will raise funds for our Optimist Club. Organizer DAN GREEN says it is a day trip to the races on Sunday 13 October 2019. For \$99 you receive admission to Keeneland, travel via luxurious Gentry coach, snacks, wine, beer and great fellowship. Bus leaves Land Oak offices in West Knoxville at 8:30am and returns to the same location 9:00-10:00pm the same day. Contact DAN GREEN (865) 567-2420 or dan(at)dangreenrealtor(dot)com



## CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

JONIDA ROBINSON 11th  
HARRY BRYAN 12th  
WAYNE MULKEY 14th  
VEE EAMES 14th  
DAVID SCATES 15th



### AUGUST ANNIVERSARY

JOE BROWN 13th  
JOHN BAILES 14th  
DON & CAROLYN BLIND 49 years on 15th

## DID YOU KNOW?

The most current issue of The Sunny Side is located on your club's 'award winning' website. Not only that, you can check out past issues as well! All of this is thanks to KATHRYN MCCULLOUGH, our webmaster. Go to [www.knoxooptimist.org](http://www.knoxooptimist.org) and click on "NEWSLETTERS" on the upper right margin.

## PICS

DAN McGEHEE recognized KYLE CARTER the 2019 JOHNNY MAUER Award recipient from Farragut High School. KYLE and his parents were not able to be with us earlier this year when the KIL student athletes were recognized. KYLE will be leaving next week for Wheaton College in Chicago, Illinois where football and academics will continue to be a major part of his life. We wish him continues success with both.



Our speaker last week was CHRIS ALBRECHT. He was introduced (kind of) by Chairman of the Day BUZZ BUSWELL. CHRIS COX presided over the meeting without much help from the two aforementioned individuals.

BRADLEY PRUITT says "It's (almost) Football Time in Tennessee!" Sell your tickets, turn in your money, get more tickets, repeat! Drawing is Friday 23 August during our Noon meeting.

In his capacity as our FISH Hospitality Pantry Chairman, BRADLEY reminds everyone that our next opportunity at FISH, 122 West Scott Avenue, is Saturday 24 August 2019 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please sign up at the back table.

FISH Hospitality Pantry DRIVING involves picking up donated food and transporting it to FISH. Contact BRADLEY to choose from:  
 1st Saturday of each month 08:00am-09:00am  
 Mondays 08:30-10:00am  
 Tuesdays 07:00-9:00am  
 Wednesdays 08:30-10:30am  
 Fridays 08:00-09:00am

DAVE HARTER announced that the HENRY NAFF Scholarship Fund has received a donation in memory of CONNIE HEWITT.

Congratulations to President CHRIS COX upon his election as Lt. Governor for Zone 13 of the GATEway District 2019-2020. His tour of duty begins as soon as he has completed his current mission as our President.

Please save "Box Tops for Education" and bring them to a Friday. CAROLYN BLIND has a collection container at the back table



## PURPOSES OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

- To develop optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed;
- To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs;
- To inspire respect for the law;
- To promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people;
- To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.



### Promise Yourself

- TO be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
  - TO talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
  - TO make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
  - TO look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
  - TO think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.
  - TO be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
  - TO forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
  - TO wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
  - TO give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
  - TO be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.
- Christian D. Larson

### Optimist Mission Statement

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

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