

## 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner Louie Alford

Louie Alford was born and raised in Bradley County. He graduated from Arnold Elementary and then Bradley Central High School in 1960 where he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. He attended Middle Tennessee State University on a football scholarship and graduated with a master's degree in education in 1965.

Mr. Alford was employed as a teacher/coach at Bradley High or Cleveland High from 1965-1981. He was the head coach at BCHS when the football team went 13-0 and won the Tennessee AAA Football Championship in 1976. In 1981, Mr. Alford went to Memphis State University to coach with the late Rex Dockery. In 1985, he was named Associate Athletic Director at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, Louisiana. He also served as golf coach at USL where he and his teams won many conference and national awards. Because of family illnesses in the local area, Mr. Alford returned to Cleveland in 1991 to once again coach football at BCHS for four years. After serving 38 years in the educational field, he retired in 2003 as assistant principal at BCHS.

Mr. Alford was elected to the Bradley County Commission in 2006 and is currently serving as Chairman of the Commission. He is on the Economic Development Board and represents our county at the Southeast Tennessee Regional Planning Organization. He is also on the Keep America Beautiful Board of Directors, the Tri-State Exhibition Center Board of Directors, and the Fire Board. He has also served as chairman of the Emergency Services Board, a member of the Building and Land Committee, and the Education Committee.

He has been the chairman of the Foothills Country Fair Board since the fair began in 2004. He is a member of the North Lee Ruritan Club since 1992 and the Cherokee Too Ruritan Club. He has served as club officer several times. He was District Ruritan of the Year in 2003, inducted into the District Ruritan Hall of Fame in 2004, and The Cleveland's Old Timers Club Hall of Fame in Football in 2004.

He and his wife, Nancy, are members of a local Methodist Church. They are both extremely proud of their three children and their spouses, and their eight grandchildren.