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Urgent Care Center gets quick approval

the most disputed item before the planning commission Thursday, the approval of the Helen Ross McNabb Behavior Health Urgent Care Center, passed with little debate

Neighborhood homeowners left the meeting talking of appealing the decision to city council

John Zimmerman, who had spoken against the proposed facility before, told the planners a urgent hood. He called it a "72drug jail diversion and challenged the definition of "hospital" for the place. He also cited loss of property values, addition al traffic, and said it would cause an increase in emer-gency vehicles in the West-

Another neighborhood resident said the facility, also known as the Safety Center, was "shoved in our

ern Avenue area

Chair Rebecca Longmire

said the MPC had little property and MPC Director Gerald Green noted that the application "meets the the appointed planning commission members that MPC cannot regulate the use of or place con-ditions on the operation there. The planning staff did recommend rerouting

Jerry Vagnier, Director of Helen Ross McNabb, said the Western Avenue location has been the site

the entrance road.

safety of the community is paramount." He also noted that an officer of the sheriff's department would be there 24 hours a day.

The vote passed unanimously with the requirement that the access drive come from Ball Camp

The most opposed item at the Metropolitan Planning Commission meeting turned out to be the appli cation of USA Compound on Magnolia Avenue for an

ing, which sat vacant for many years, was originally two houses that were connected, used for busines

locations, and then vacat-A Pellissippi State stu-Phillips

son, received permission on a "Use on Review" for the site but only after some objections from the Parkridge neighborhood. Roof improvements there were done before a building permit was issued and permit was issued

The opposition had emanded that the façade of the building be removed but Stevenson's father told the commission that it could not be removed because one of the sides has no other exterior walls

Stevenson's attorney Arthur Seymour, Jr., said that the building has been stabilized and the owner wants to move ahead with

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Neighborhood **Council hears** about litter

By Mike Steely

Patience Melnick, Executive Director of Keep Knoxville Beautiful, spoke at Wednesday's Neighborhood Advisory Council and told the neighborhood lead ers that her organization was formed in 1978 by the city and county to clean up She described Keep Knoxville Beauti-

ful as an independent affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and said that the focus is litter, recycling, and beautification toward a greener and more beautiful city You are my prime leaders," she told

the meeting.

Melnick reminded everyone of the

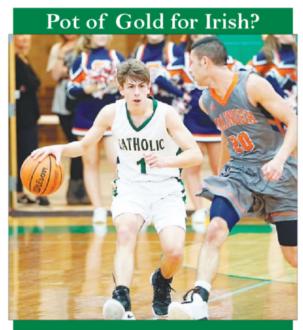
March 25th South Knoxville Cleanup to be held from 9 a.m. until noon. Volunteers will meet at Duff Park at 4060 Chapman Highway. Participants will pick up supplies at the kickoff event and then disperse into their own neigh borhoods to pick up litter. She said that South Knoxville has

been targeted by the organization and that, starting in July, East Knoxville will be the focus People not in groups will pick up lead-

ers in the street around Duff Field.

She also said that anyone can get litter pickup supplies from Keep Knoxville Beautiful, located in at Knoxville Botanical Gardens. Supplies include gloves, orange vests, pickers, signage

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Marquise Fifield (right) and the Grainger Grizzlies didn't have a defensive answer for Catholic point guard Luke Smith in last week's Class AA sectional round. Smith scored Catholic point guard Erick Smith in last weeks Class AA sectional round. Smith stored 35 points to lead the No. 1 ranked Irishmen to a 73–49 victory. "They just got on a run, and (as for) Luke Smith, listen, he's good," summed up Grainger Coach Derrick Combs after the game. Catholic, Bearden and Grace Christian will give Knox County three representatives in the TSSAA state tournament, which starts Wednesday in Murfreesoro. See boys and girls prep basketball coverage in Sports & Recreation Section C.

Insurance, Self-Serve Beer, and Greenway work on Council agenda

By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com

The Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday and the agenda calls for a final ote to require evidence of financial responsibility for anyone driving a vehicle out of the city impound lot. The council also looks at amending the city codes to permit the sale of all advertised surplus real property . to the change is to state that the property is sold regardless of the estimated value

The council will also discuss acquiring by con-demnation if necessary a home and property at 3740 Speedway Circle owned by Angela Fields The estimated cost is \$4,000 and the action is recommended by the Abandoned, Blighted and Vacant Properties Committee The Love Creek Green

way may get a \$104,100 agreement with Fulghum

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Crockett's early life presented in Strawberry Plains

Want to know more about David

Joe Swann, owner of one of Crockett's rifles and former president of the East Tennessee Historical Society, will speak about the frontier hero's life in Jefferson County today at 5 p.m.

Parrott-Wood Memorial Library at him becoming an American icon 3133 Old Andrew Johnson Park-way in Strawberry Plains. The author is a member of the Tennes-see Historical Commission and is working on a book, "The Early Life and Times of David Crockett in East Tennessee, 1786-1836." How Crockett's life in our area

played a pivotal part in the hero's life and how that developed into

is the subject. The autobiography deals extensively and in detail with the people and places in Jeffer-son County, which he departed in

The Parrott-Wood Memorial Library is located in "downtown" Strawberry Plains. You can get more information by calling (865)



East Tennessee's Da vid Crockett, legend-ary Congressional ary Congression member, frontiers Alamo, began his life in our area and spent his youth in Jefferson nty. His life there will be the subject of a speech at the Stra berry Plains Library today at 5 p.m.





