If you see a little square island floating in the waters of the Lake at Fountain City you'll probably wonder what it is and how it got there. There's a story behind it.

A few weeks ago the Spring AP Environmental Science Class at Central High School had hoped to launch a floating habitat and found that additional buoys were needed. The habitat is an experiment to see if the nutrient intake by installed plants in the little habitat is would help to remove algal growth in the lake.

Last month the floating habitat was launched again to see if the idea works, according to Ruth Anne Hanahan the Adopt A Watershed Coordinator with the University of Tennessee.

"We'll keep the Floating Habitat in for at least a month on a trial period," she told The Focus.

Hanahan said the ducks have taken to the float and already laid eggs on it.

"The intent was not exactly to support the duck population but there is certainly no way we can

Barc Johnson and Riley Cadwell, Environmental Science students at Central High School, give a thumbs up for a successful launch of a Floating Habitat in the Fountain City Lake. (Photo courtesy of Ruth Anne Hanahan)

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if the plants do well. If not we'll

Class is led by Jill Strating and Col

By Ken Lay

Voters in Knoxville and Knox County voters had the chance to meet dozens of candidates running in the 2017 city and 2018 county elections Thursday night at the Knoxville Expo Center.

Five of the nine city council seats are open this year due to term limits.

Two of the four candidates seeking the First District seat were present Thursday as Rebecca Parr and Greg Knox appeared. Andrew Wilson was absent. Stephanie Welch had campaign personnel at the event but she missed it due to a prior commitment.

Knox said he was pleased that so many candidates for the city and county elections turned out to meet voters. But he was disappointed with apparent voter apathy at last week's meet and