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### Celebrate **Earth Day** Saturday at

**Earth Fest** 

held on Saturday, April 28 the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretun 2743 Wimpole Ave. This ear's theme is Make You Mark featuring the local "makers community" and, as always, it's a free, zero waste event for the whole

During the event, attendainable living while enjoyand attractions, an interactive education expedition, keynote apeakers, and a ties for kids of all ages.

EarthFest is excited to elebrate Earth Day at the same venue as last year, the Knoxville Botanical Gardens, which offers plenty of green space, views of the nountains and access to

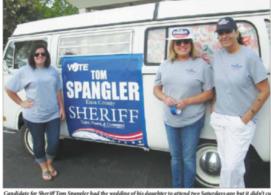
Onsite events and activi-Keynote Speakers

plastics, Bats, Energy, and · Exhibits hosted by

local environmentally-friendly businesses, organizations and non-profits nany with live demonstra-

activities, sponsors, park-ing info, scavenger hunt prizes and more visit www

# Cruisin' for Tom Spangler







Candidate for Sheriff Tom Spangler had the wedding of his daughter to attend two Saturdays ago but it didn't curb the enthusiaum of his support-ers. They created a "Cuise" down Kingston Pike from Northshore to Farragui showing their support for Spangler. Left Tiffancy Lawson, Shella Palmer and Tricia Roberts put the finishing touches on a VW Camper. Dor right Jim and Tanya Smith decorate their Cerepoparing for the "Cruise for Spangler" down Kingston Pike. Right center: The group is ready to go cruisin'. Bottom right: The VW Camper led the way during a re-sent "Cruise for Spangler" down Kingston Pike. Right center: The group is ready to go cruisin'. Bottom right: The VW Camper led the way during a re-sent "Cruise for Spangler" down Kingston Pike. Theoto by Mike Steep.

### **Old Supreme Court Hotel taking shape**

Developer Rick Dover and his sartner, Charles Carlyle of Boston Development, shared their tentative plans for the redevelopment of Knoxville's former State Supreme Court building with city council members Thursday after

Empty for years the com-lex takes up a block of downtown between Henley, CumberCenter. Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons work session about the project

Lyons detailed the building's history beginning in 2005 wh the state agreed to work with the city for the municipality to acquire the building. He said two previ-



oper Rick Dover chat during the preview plans for the former Tened on page 4 Supreme Court Building during a special City Council Thursday

## Twin Creek Road neighbors want the road open

### Plans to close Twin Creek Road in

South Knoxville may be changing fol-lowing the pleas by local residents. The narrow road cuts between Martin Mill Road and Governor John Sevier Highway but is the site of a massive The Knox County Commission

prompted by 9th District Commis-sioner Carson Dailey, has been talk ing about the dump and the road. Tonight the matter comes up again Dailey, in last week's work session, at first moved to close the road perma-

ently and then changed his motion o discuss it without a recommen Chapel Baptist Church, asked the commissioners to only close the road

long enough to clean up the hillside

dump. He said that if closed it would

"end of a dead end road" and in jec ardy of vandalism. He also pointed to emergency services, like ambulanc es, being able to quickly access the homes there "It's an old wagon road, on

the oldest in Knox County." Harris said, adding. "We just want the dump cleaned up

ers that the neighbors there were su prised when the matter came up and Creek Road.

"People in the area depend on the

want it back open," she said. Until the dump is cleaned up a

temporary barrier has been placed on the road just above the church. If closed the county would install an



Rev. Jerry Harris pleads with th Knox County Commissioners to clean up the Twin Creek Road but then open the road for local use.

Commissioner Evelyn Gill noted hat 19 residents have signed a petition to reopen the road after the

### Summit Hill bus stop, Fort Dickerson and mayor portraits

Towers may actually be getting something promised two years ago. The Knoxville City Council is being asked Tuesday to authorize \$213,828 in a contract with Design and Construction Services Inc. to build the Summit Hill Transit Stop Project.

The Towers residents had been accustomed trolley service every 15 minutes but that was hill below the apartment looks like the project is happening. It includes a new sidewalk as well as a

The council may also discuss a gift from Aslan Foundation to contrib ite matching funds of \$330,000 toward con struction of Augusta venue entrance to Fort

Dickerson Park. The his toric Civil War fort, just off Chanman Highway could

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Focus reporter Pete Gawd written a book about people ities and life in the small town o rechober, Florida, where he worke for the local newspaper. The author tells "the rest of the story" and gives his section on many memorable events be







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