

education expedition, keynote speakers, and a youth area with free activities for kids of all ages.

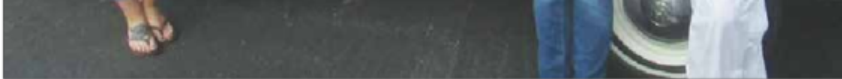
EarthFest is excited to celebrate Earth Day at the same venue as last year, the Knoxville Botanical Gardens, which offers plenty of green space, views of the mountains and access to public transportation.

Onsite events and activities include:

- Keynote Speakers whose topics include Microplastics, Bats, Energy, and Plants

- Exhibits hosted by local environmentally-friendly businesses, organizations and non-profits, many with live demonstrations

For a detailed list of activities, sponsors, parking info, scavenger hunt prizes and more visit www.knox-earthfest.org.



Candidate for Sheriff Tom Spangler had the wedding of his daughter to attend two Saturdays ago but it didn't curb the enthusiasm of his supporters. They created a "Cruise" down Kingston Pike from Northshore to Farragut showing their support for Spangler. Left: Tiffaney Lawson, Sheila Palmer and Tricia Roberts put the finishing touches on a VW Camper. Top right: Jim and Tanya Smith decorate their Corvette preparing 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 recent "Cruise for Spangler" down Kingston Pike. Photos by Mike Steely.

Old Supreme Court Hotel taking shape

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Developer Rick Dover and his partner, 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 afternoon.

Empty for years the complex takes up a block of downtown between Henley, Cumberland, Locust and Church Streets,

opposite the Knoxville Convention Center. Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons spoke to the council's special work session about the project last Thursday.

Lyons detailed the building's history beginning in 2005 when the state agreed to work with the city for the municipality to acquire the building. He said two previous proposals fell through for development before the city finally acquired it in 2015. Last year



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Councilman Finbarr Saunders, Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons and Developer Rick Dover chat during the preview plans for the former Tennessee Supreme Court Building during a special City Council Thursday.

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