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Wreaths Across America seeking sponsors

ogram that traces its beginning to 1992 hen the Worcester Wreath Co. found itself with an excess of Christmas wreaths Worcester shipped the excess wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery asking that they be placed on the headstones in an

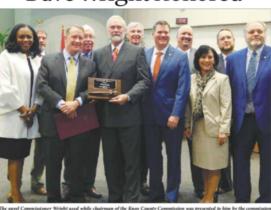
today, veteran cemeteries across the country observe the 3rd Saturday of December as National Wreaths Across this year. At noon on this day, wreaths an headstones in the Knox County area's

just decorating for Christmas: REMEM-Knowille's National Cemetery on Tyso St., next to the Old Gray Cemetery has

Cemetery on Lyon's View Pike has approximately 5,000 graves. The East Tennesse

about 2,500 graves, a number that is cor stantly increasing, as it is the currently active cemetery. Last year, only about 1/3 were bedecked with a Christmas wreath effort, there is no state or federal funding Continued on page 2

Dave Wright Honored



er Wright used while chairman of the Knox County Commission was presented to him by the appointed to the commission in 2008 and served ten years representing the 8th District. bers. Wright was appointed to the com

Dave Wright, elected as state House District 19's representative, resigned from the Knox County Commission after ame to mind as he spoke to the comrission last week "I still want to say it this way. "My fellow

Wright said as he began to address the

adding, "and I am leaving Knox County But in the middle of all this in the

sion, the senior citizens worked on and built the Senior Citizens Center, con enience centers built, updated traffic lights," he listed. "There have been hun dreds of things that have worked out in

Eighth District like churches, civic groups nd regular old groups of people like the Republican Clubs that allowed the rep-District.

He recognized the efforts of various people in building Carter Elementary and Gibbs Middle Schools including Phil Ballard, Mike McMillan, Richard Armstrong, Jack Huddleston and Steve

"It's not been just me, it's taken all the

Pension suit faces chancellor hearing Wednesday

nd Pension Board met Monday lovember 19, and adopted a policy for retirees allowing up to 43 days of unused vacation time to be and permitted within their

In the midst of a court suit gainst the board and several ecent retiring uniformed officers the board moved on as if the entire voted to amend their policy to

Uniformed officers will appar ently continue to receive, upon full retirement, 75% of their pay, year, and the "cash out" payment of their unused vacation days tacked onto their monthly retire

ich had been adding



Knox County Retirement and Pension from Attorney John Owings. Smith replaces Commissioner John Schoonmaker, who resigned from the board.

Senior housing project gets city funding

o create 53 affordable housing units for low-income senior citizens. Tues-day's council meeting saw a series of actions toward that project beginning with the closure of a series of alleys.

Those authorizations to close the leys led to the transfer of the prope located at Clifton Road, Sanderson Road and Chillicothe to Knoxville's Housing Development Corporation at no charge

The three-steps ended with the city council authorizing the award of \$1.2 nillion in Affordable Rental Dev ment Funds to the Housing Devel opment Corporation at the request of the Development Corporation.

The senior dwelling project will cos almost \$6 million with additional fund ing coming from state and federal sources. Senior residents who quali fy as low-income recipients would pay 30% of their gross income and some would qualify for rent youchers. Planned for the area south of Wes

rn Avenue and east of I-640 in West er" according to Knoxville's Commu tor Ben Bentley. He added that thouing list for affordable housing.

The council also authorized spend ng \$500,000 for an art project for the ittle park at Summit Hill Road and South Gay Street. Requested by the office of redevelopment, the huge sculpture was selected from various submissions.

Liza Zenni, executive director of the council that THEVERYMANY, LLC will create a gathering place and is designed to 'draw people in.' She sa the art sculpture will have places to will transform the little are that has een called the "Country Music Park." Councilman George Wallace asked

if city engineers would approve of the structural integrity of the large sculpture and Chief Operating Officer Davi Brace said, "We're prepared to do that." We'll make sure it is

fe," Brace said.

Zenni called the small park one of Knov. an Gwen McKenzie said the design is Continued on page 2

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