

His experience as a visionary was mentioned Tuesday as Eddie Mannis kicked off his campaign to become Knoxville's next mayor. A large crowd attended the event where Mannis highlighted six things he hopes to do when he leads the city.

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cape and caught out the calendar date for handshakes and chats before and after he spoke.

Many of the officials and office seekers attend most political announcements and Tuesday's

education and social improvement, being people focused, and supporting strong and safe neighborhoods.

"Growing Knoxville Together" is the campaign's slogan and

He said that the police and fire departments should get the support they need and deserve and added, "I can't do this alone."

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Mary Hickman turns 92 with family and friends at Litton's

By Rose King

Mary Grubb Hickman celebrated her 92nd birthday at a surprise gathering on Saturday, January 26. Thinking she was going for an intimate birthday dinner with long-time friends, state Representative Dave Wright and wife, Pat, Mary brought her famous Hummingbird Cake to

share with her friends after their meal.

"Mary is so gracious and generous that you can hardly do anything for her without her trying to repay the kindness," Pat Wright told The Focus. "So when she told us that she was going to bring a cake for us to enjoy after dinner Dave told her that would be just fine."

When they arrived at her favorite restaurant, Litton's, the back room was filled with family, church and community friends all of whom enjoyed a slice of her cake after a great meal.

Mary Grubb Hickman shared fond memories

