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McMillan Proven Right

Career Magnet Academy Enrollment Doubles

By Focus Staff

Mike McMillan, East Knox County's member kind outside the structure. of the board of educa- It was Mike McMillan who tion, led the fight to keep the Career Magnet Acad- to close the CMA before mently resisted efforts by his program for vocational to close the doors of the CMA, accusing the school system of "never having properly nurtured or pro- his campaign. Eventually, moted the Career Magnet all of McMillan's colleagues

even erected a sign of any argued it would be foolish expanding and improving vocational education in Tennessee a priority during

the school system had not Magnet Academy open, except for Board Chair Terry Hill. Later, the Lee administration expressed an interest in schools with a dual component meanemy open. McMillan vehe- Governor Bill Lee outlined ingthose schools that offer School. high school and college the school administration education. Lee had made courses. Mike McMillan, the Career Magnet Acadjoined by State Representative Dave Wright, immediately contacted Governor Magnet Academy was, to

Academy." McMillan noted voted to keep the Career their knowledge, the only school in East Tennessee with a dual component. McMillan invited the governor to visit the CMA and was on hand when Lee toured South-Doyle High

When questioned about

emy, McMillan grinned and said, "Apparently all the conversation about it Lee to point out the Career the outpouring of letters

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Knox County Board of Education member Mike McMillan greets Governor Bill Lee during the governor's visit to South-Doyle High School last month.

Commission may rename Norwood Library to honor Lynn Redmon

By Mike Steely

The Knox County Commission meets in a work session next Monday and olution honoring Redmon. one of the items that may be discussed is renam-Redmon passed away last year and was the leader of the Norwood neighborhood

and a well-liked political consultant.

Commissioner Randy Smith is sponsoring the res-

Items to be discussed are picked by the chairman ing the Norwood Library and commissioners and in honor of Lynn Redmon. most will be passed on to the commission's regular meeting on March 25

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Gov. Lee makes good on campaign promise, reaches out to Knox supporters

By Ken Lay

In an effort to make good on a campaign promise. Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee gave the State East Tennessee Address Tuesday night at the University of Tennessee's Clarence

Lee, who was elected in November, pledged to be more inclusive of East and West Tennessee while on the campaign trail and his Knoxville appearance came one night after he made his first State of the State Address to the Volunteer State's lawmakers on Monday, March 4.

The speech covered very little new ground and was basically a rehash of his words the previous night. There, his remarks took more than an hour.

Tuesday's speech



Governor Bill Lee visited Knoxville last week.

was much more concise because he knew that many of his supporters are also Tennessee basketball fans and had tickets to that night's final home game of the 2018-19 season.

"Last night's speech was long," Lee, a UT graduate, said in his opening remarks Tuesday. "I know some of you have a basketball game to go to so I'll wrap this up quickly so you can

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Morning Pointe Knoxville resident Vincenta Cooper and CEO Greg A. Vital cut the ribbon at the Grand Opening at West Knox County's newest assisted living facility. Joining them at Thursday's ceremony are city and county officials and staff members at Morning Pointe.

Morning Pointe celebrates grand opening of new Knoxville facility

Knoxville's newest assisted living opening late last week.

Morning Pointe Knoxville had a nner, open house and ribboncutting Thursday night. It's located are a patriotic community." at 9649 Westland Drive, adjacent Valley Community,

Morning Pointe also has east Tennessee locations in Powell, Lenoir safe and secure environment. City, Clinton, Athens, Greeneville, Collegedale, Hixon, East Hamiltions in Middle Tennessee and in five states.

live full lives

to live," said Aaron Webb, chief said. "My dad was a nursing home

Healthcare Properties, LLC. "This part of his life in a Morning Pointe is our fifth campus in East Tennes- Community and when I came to community celebrated its grand see and this is a place where you visit, he would tell me things that I come to live and live vibrantly.

The Morning Pointe communities to Shoreline Church in the Hardin offer a variety of care services for campus is decorated with patriotic seniors with Alzheimer's disease and other memory care needs in a

Morning Pointe Knoxville has a partnership with Shoreline Church ton and Chattanooga. The assist- and the company believes that its ed living community also has loca-residents flourish when they remain active in the community.

For President Co-founder and The new location strives to keep CEO Greg A. Vital, senior care is the its residents vibrant and help them family business and a labor of love.

"I am proud to say that I am "This is not a place you come to not ashamed of my country and I get old, it's a place that you come am not ashamed of my God," he

operating officer of Independent administrator and he spent the last can do to run it better. He was bed-"It's safe and secure. We are a ridden, so I don't know how he knew oristian-based.community and we what was going on in the halls. He had plenty of spies in that facility."

The Morning Pointe Knoxville murals and Vital is on the board of directors of the East Tennessee Historical Society.

"Other than caring for seniors, history is my passion," Vital said. "I urge you to look at our murals here and then go down to our museum downtown.

He also announced a future addition to the new assisted living facility, The Lantern at Morning Pointe Alzheimer's Center of Excellence, It will be a freestanding building located on the same property.

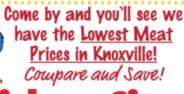
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