

Gov. Bill Lee speaks at GOP dinner

By Ron Lay

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee was the keynote speaker at the House County GOP dinner May 10 in West Knoxville Saturday night.

Lee, Tennessee's 60th governor, spoke briefly at the annual fundraiser at the Hyattsville Catering and Conference Center. This was his second speech in

Knoxville and he continued to vow to make good on his campaign promises to provide the volunteer force with great jobs, schools and neighborhoods.

Lee, who gave the State of the Year Tennessee address at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, Brian Treadwell in March, again remarked that he

is honored to be Tennessee's governor and how he considers himself blessed to work with the state's legislature.

"I had a perspective about how it was going to be to work with the legislature in Tennessee and now that I've gotten to work with them, I am extremely honored," Lee said to his many

supporters who attended last night's dinner. "They are truly citizen legislators who love Tennessee."

The governor promoted his Educational Savings Accounts, which allow to give students in failing schools the opportunity to transfer within the state.

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Republicans may not be elected in a final meeting May 14.

But several city council members, including Marshall Shaw, Lauren Hales, Andrew Roberts and Mark Gargner have made that date another work session and voting on the controversial reorganizing of city spring 30 days later. The council met in open session Thursday evening in what had been announced as the final Board of Education Council members Joan Williams and

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Final vote on next mayor's salary on council agenda

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The Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday evening and the main topic will probably be the proposed pay raise for whomever

WANDERING NO MORE

Theater Knoxville Downtown Finds Long-Term Location

By Bill Howard

After a long and wandering journey, one of Knoxville's most iconic theaters has a new home. For the first time in its history, the

upgrade from our previous place, this is exactly what we've needed for quite some time."

With that declaration, Knoxville Community Theater - formed in 1978 by interested volunteers, but didn't initially have a home.

Knoxville was again looking for a home.

"I was essentially homeless again," said Whelan.

Performances again took place in various venues, mostly in downtown. But in 2005, a birthday event birthed what would become