Little Free Library comes to Morrison City Park

BY LACY GARRISON Reporter for the Southern Standard (McMinnville, Tennessee)

There's a new Little Free Library coming to Morrison City Park.

What's a Little Free Library you ask? You've likely seen them, those brightly colored, overgrown birdhouses that are stuffed with free books.

These book exchanges number over 60,000 globally with the sole purpose of sharing books and creating a community of readers. What's more, there's no library card required.

This particular Little Free Library was built in memory of Ruby Davis Brewer, known affectionately as "Alvin" by her granddaughter, Anna Clayton. With Brewer's recent passing in February, Anna decided to honor her grandmother by opening Alvin's Little Free Library.

"Alvin was the biggest influence in my life," says Anna. "She loved reading and it is my hope this Little Library will make books more accessible to the community and encourage everyone to read more great books."

Alvin's Little Library is decorated in red, white and blue with a Tennessee Tristar. Anna said she's placing it near the pavilion by the playground so seating is readily available for anyone looking for a comfortable reading spot. Anna explained the Little Library's mission is to promote literacy by increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds.

The grand opening celebration for Alvin's Little Free Library is this Sunday, April 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. and everyone is invited. There will be a book exchange along with refreshments. Book donations will be gladly accepted at the celebration, but not necessary for attendance.

For other locations of Little Free Libraries in McMinnville, check out the following places: the Civic Center, Court Square and the Southern Standard. Additionally, several are located at elementary schools, including Centertown, Dibrell, Hickory Creek and Irving College.

Don't forget, these libraries belong to everyone. Please take, share and leave books for others.



Anna Clayton displays a photo of her grandmother, Ruby Davis Brewer, along with donated books for the new Free Little Library located in Morrison City Park. Alvin's Little Library is dedicated in Brewer's memory and the grand opening celebration is this Sunday, April 22 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Term limits rescinded for county boards

BY LISA HOBBS

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A county regulation that placed term limits on the Board of Equalization and three boards that serve Warren County Airport has been removed.

The full Warren County Commission met Monday and voted 21-1 to rescind term limits of consecutive appointments to the Board Equalization, the Zoning Airport Committee, the Airport

Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Warren County Memorial Airport Commission.

Commissioner Carolyn Miller voted against, while Commissioners Gary Prater and David Rhea were absent.

Term limits were established five years ago.

Property Accessor Beth Martin came before the county Policy and Personnel Committee and said it is difficult to find people for the Board of Equalization.

"It's not an easy thing to find people who can serve and who have knowledge about appraisal work to be on the county Board of Equalization," Martin. said

"The way the law states, we have to meet for days and

that's to start June 1, or the first Monday thereafter if June 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday. We have to



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with complaints about their property assessments are given an appointment somewhere in the 15-day peri-

"I hate for the board to have to come every single day if they don't have

good to keep them." to," said Martin. "I try and schedule appointments accordingly. However, if

someone says 'this is the only day I can come' we will put them down for that day. The board members have to be available those 15 days to come at any given point and time. That's part of why it's hard to find people. If I find somebody who can do that and we get them knowledgeable on how everything works, it's really

The original resolution that set term limits was passed in February 2013. As well as the boards and

committees listed above, it impacted the Industrial Development Board. Individuals could only serve two consecutive terms, but would be eligible to serve in the future.

Former commissioner Dwight O'Neal presented the measure to the full Warren County Commission as a way to get some "new blood" involved in the community. He pointed out some people have been serving on the same boards for decades.

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