



Photo provided
Pictured from left are, Chamber Board members Beth Adcock, Dept. of ECD Community Development Director Jody Sliger, County Mayor Tim Stribling, Chamber Director Suzanne Williams and Chamber Past President Kathy Hendrixson

DeKalb County honored with ThreeStar award

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DeKalb County officials were presented with the ThreeStar award recently, a reflection on how well the county fares in several key areas of growth.

The ThreeStar program is designed to focus on these areas, identified as critical to ensuring the success of Tennessee communities: Jobs & Economic Development, Fiscal Strength & Efficient Government, Public Safety, Education & Workforce Development, Health & Welfare.

These indicators are used to aid each county in evaluating these key

areas and documenting progress toward achieving community goals set by local community leaders and Joint Economic and Community Development Boards.

Since Chamber Director Suzanne Williams was unable to attend the Governor's Conference on Economic and Community Development to accept the ThreeStar Award on behalf of DeKalb County due to her recent accident, the State of Tennessee Department of ECD Community Development Director, Jody Sliger, made a personal visit to the DeKalb County Courthouse to make the presentation.

Free flu vaccines now available at health department

The DeKalb County Health Department is offering flu vaccines at no charge to patients. Influenza activity is widespread in Tennessee, so it's extremely important for anyone over six months of age to get a flu shot now.

The flu vaccine is especially important for infants, young children, pregnant women, adults over age 50 and for those with chronic medical conditions. The flu shot remains the best protection we have against influenza.

The DeKalb County Health Department clinic is currently offering flu vaccinations at no cost to patients until vaccine supplies are depleted. Patients may walk in to request a flu vaccine any time during regular clinic hours. Or appointments must be made to receive flu vaccine, and are now being scheduled at the clinic.

"Getting a flu vaccine is

the best way to protect yourself, family members and others from the flu and help keep our community healthy," said DeKalb County Health Director Michael Railling. "We urge everyone who has not received a flu shot yet, to get one now."

It's also important to help prevent the spread of flu and other winter viruses by practicing good health habits:

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer;
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; and
- Stay home if you are sick.

For more information about the flu and free flu vaccines, call the DeKalb County Health Department at 615-597-7599.

'Meet the Candidates' event set for Saturday

The Dekalb County Republican Party will be hosting a caucus, more formally known as a County Convention, on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2p.m. at the DeKalb County Courthouse, for the purpose of selecting the Republican candidates for the offices of county mayor, sheriff, trustee, county court clerk, circuit court clerk, register of deeds, and road superintendent of Dekalb County. Republican candidates will also be selected for all County Commission Districts.

A "Meet the Candidates" event will be held on Jan. 13, at 10 a.m. at the DeKalb County Courthouse. The purpose of this event is for all Republicans to mix and mingle with candidates who will be seeking the Republican nomination at the caucus on Feb. 11.

All Dekalb County Republicans are invited to attend the "Meet the Candidates" event and the Caucus.

To participate in the caucus, you must be a bona fide Republican and a registered voter of Dekalb County. The candidates selected at the caucus will represent the Republican Party in the Aug. 2, Dekalb County General Election.


For more information, please contact Republican party chair Mingy Bryant at 615-597-2600 or vice chair Clint Hall at 931-201-6962, or go to our Facebook Page at Dekalb County Republican Party.

Motlow EMS program taking applications

The Motlow State Community College Emergency Medical Service (EMS) program is looking for a few good women and men who want to become paramedics and emergency medical technicians. The college is currently accepting applications for the 2018-19 paramedic class; deadline for application to the program is March 1.

"We are excited to begin the process for the next class," said Drew Hooker, EMS director at Motlow. "We have successfully graduated the past three classes with the highest pass rates in the state. Our instructors are dedicated to producing the best quality paramedics possible to serve the citizens in our community."



For more information about Motlow's EMS Education program, contact Drew Hooker at 931-438-0028 or dhooker@mscc.edu or go to mscc.edu/nursing/ems.



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