

# Trying to swallow evidence doesn't work out for Pedigo

**DUANE SHERRILL**  
Editor Smithville Review  
Smithville, Tennessee

A drunk driver who tried to swallow the evidence has been hit with numerous charges.

The man, Dustin Allen Pedigo, 28, is charged with tampering with evidence, DUI and three counts of simple possession.

His charges come after police responded to a hit and run call and found Pedigo in a vehicle fitting the description of the vehicle involved. Police noticed a yellow pill on his lap when he was pulled over.

“He proceeded to throw more pills into his mouth in an attempt to hide them,”

the police report reads. “A deputy assisting the officer then told him to spit them out but he refused.”

The officers pulled Pedigo out of the vehicle in an attempt to get to the evidence before he swallowed. The suspect resisted and was placed on the ground and put into handcuffs.

Pedigo subsequently did poorly on field sobriety tests and appeared to be under the influence. A search of his vehicle netted several more pills. The search also led to a citation for his passenger, Niki Ann Mabeus, 18, for simple possession.

“She did produce several syringes from her bra that is believed to have been used to shoot up Dilaudid,” the report reads.

# Chronic church burglar sentenced to two years

**DUANE SHERRILL**  
Editor Smithville Review  
Smithville, Tennessee

A burglar with a habit of breaking into churches has been sentenced to two years in jail for his most recent intrusion into a house of worship.

The man, Isaiah Sutherland, 21, entered a guilty plea before Judge Gary McKenzie recently to the charge of burglary. He was sentenced to two years in prison and was warned to stay away from

the victimized church, West Main Baptist Church in Alexandria.

Sutherland broke into the Alexandria Church this past June. Lawmen say the only item he stole was a soda but he caused damage when he forced his way into the church.

Alexandria police arrested him the day after the burglary, noting he had broken into the same church back in 2015, his method of operation making him the prime suspect in the most recent break-in.

## November Birthdays

Open to children 12 yrs. & under

On **November 7** the Smithville Review will help you celebrate your child's birthday!

---

### COST \$7.<sup>00</sup>

Put this landmark event in print! Include your child's or grandchild's photo in the monthly birthday!

Here's All You Need To Do:

**MAIL:** NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS, c/o Smithville Review, P.O. Box 247, Smithville, TN 37166

**or**

**EMAIL:** [angie@smithvillereview.com](mailto:angie@smithvillereview.com)

**or**

**BRING TO:** Smithville Review, 106 S.First Street, Smithville

Yes! I would like to include my child in the "November" Birthdays

NAME \_\_\_\_\_


BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE IS November 2, 2018 BY 5:00 PM**

You may pick up your photo after November 7 or send a SASE



**Stewie Clinton**  
11-2-17

son of:  
Joe & Roxi Clinton  
Smithville

# Cantrell selected as national semi-finalist

**DUANE SHERRILL**  
Editor Smithville Review  
Smithville, Tennessee

A DeKalb County High School senior has been selected as a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

“We are very, very proud to announce that one of our seniors, Madison Elizabeth Cantrell, daughter of Todd and Jenny Cantrell, has qualified as a semi-finalist in this program,” said Lori Myrick, School Counselor at DCHS. “More than

a million juniors nationwide took the PSAT last year which is the initial qualifying test for the program. Out of that pool of 1.6 million students only 16,000 or one percent qualified as semifinalists.

There are only 7,500 Merit Scholarships available, worth more than \$1 million. The scholarships will be offered next spring. The winners will be announced April through July.

“This is my 17th year here at DCHS and this is only the second student we have had during that time to qualify as a semifinalist,” Myrick noted.

# DeKalb West named 'Reward School'

**BILL CONGER**  
Smithville Review  
Smithville, Tennessee

The Tennessee Department of Education has named DeKalb West School a “Reward School”

for 2018.

“DeKalb West School excelled in our TNREADY or TCAP achievement this past year,” Principal Sabrina Farler told the student body during an assembly September 27.

“Our third through eighth-grade students performed in the top 20th percent. That is what earned us a reward status, which is the top distinction a school can earn. I am so proud of you,” she said.

“We have a wonderful student body and a wonderful faculty and staff that work together each day. I would like to say thank you teachers for helping every student excel,” Principal Farler added.

The icing on the cake to celebrate the achievement literally was icing and the cupcake. The school bought 480 cupcakes to give to students, faculty and staff after the ceremony concluded.

Overall, the DeKalb County Schools District received an “Advancing” status, which is the second best designation. “Exemplary” is the best while schools that fall below “Advancing” are named “Satisfactory.”

According to the TDOE, reward schools are “those that are improving overall student academic achievement and student growth for all students and for student groups.” DeKalb West was one of 318 schools to earn Reward status in 2018 for achievement only.

“In this first year with our new system, it is incredibly encouraging to see more than 300 of our schools are earning Reward status for how they are supporting our students’ academic achievement and growth,” Commissioner Candace McQueen said.

## SMITHVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

### 150th Anniversary ❖ Homecoming ❖ Gospel Meeting

## 1868 - 2018

~ Sunday, October 7, 2018 ~

9:00 a.m. ~ Jim Dearman ~ A Look Back - Grateful For the Past

9:35 a.m. ~ Wayne Lankford ~ A Look Around - Engaged With the Present

10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Aubrey Johnson ~ A Look Ahead: Hopeful For the Future

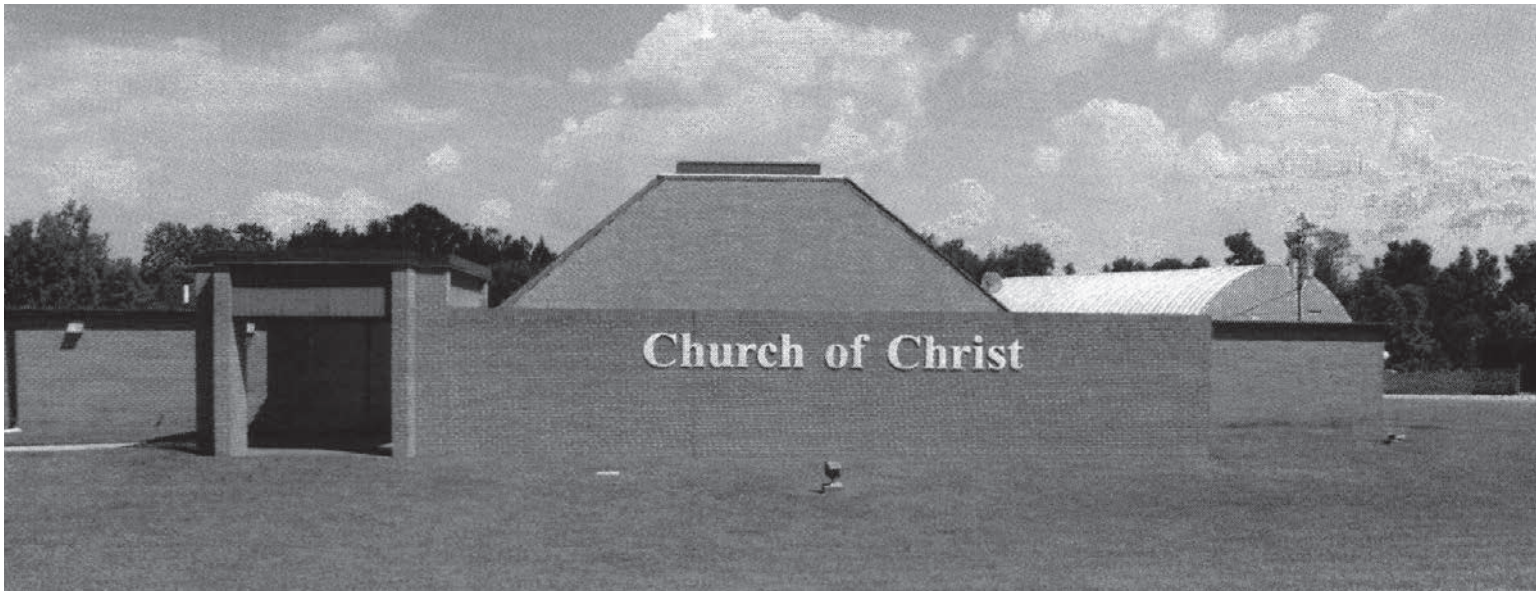
Fellowship Lunch in the Annex - Everyone Invited

1:00 p.m. ~ Dan Gulley / Neil Dudney ~ A Look at Where We Are & Reviewing the Move from the Downtown Location to the Present Building

Monday, October 8 @ 7:00 p.m. ~ Aubrey Johnson - A Look Inside

Tuesday, October 9 @ 7:00 p.m. ~ Wayne Lankford - Looking for Others

Wednesday, October 10 @ 7:00 pm.m ~ Jim Dearman - Looking for Christ



Celebrating 150 years of worship and service,  
welcoming the future with faith, hope and love.

520 Dry Creek Road, Smithville, Tennessee

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JAY AUSTIN MELTON**

Jordan and Sabrina Melton would like to announce the birth of their son, Jay Austin Melton. Jay was born on Sept. 5, 2018, he was 5 pounds, and 11 ounces and 18 inches long. Grandparents are Stan and Mary Elizabeth Melton, Charlie and Rita Robinson, and Mark and Mary Elizabeth Hale.

**PEYTON RAE SHEPHERD**

Peyton Rae Shepherd was born Sept. 28, the daughter of Ashley and Jason Shepherd of Cookeville Highway in DeKalb County. She weighed six pounds, 13 ounces and was 18 and three quarter inches. She is the granddaughter of Tony and Lori Culwell of Smithville and Donald Shepherd of Smithville.