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Remember Your Graduate

in the **SMITHVILLE REVIEW** Graduation Tabloid May 16, 2018

Say CON-"GRAD"-ULATIONS to your graduation in our keepsake, special publication

SOPHIA CARMEN parents: Billy & Ann Carmen Your special message

Each year the Smithville Review prints a special publication honoring the DeKalb County High School graduating senior class, where we include pages of "baby grads." Be sure to include your "baby grad" in this year's issue!

Just mail in, or bring by our office, a baby photo of your graduate, the completed form below, along with payment, and we will include your "baby grad" in our special publication.

> THIS SPECIAL PUBLICATION WILL BE IN THE WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018 ISSUE OF THE SMITHVILLE REVIEW Cost - \$10

Deadline: Friday, May 10, 2018 by 5 p.m.

Mail to: SMITHVILLE REVIEW, P.O. Box 247, Smithville, TN 37166 or bring by our office at 106 S. First Street, Smithville.

Congratulations - Baby Grad

Graduate's Names:

Parent's Names:

Message to graduate up to 15 words:

Your photo may picked up after May 16 or returned to you in your SASE

Earthquake drills no longer common in state schools

While DeKalb County's participation is optional given its distance away from the epicenter, a study has shown most Tennessee districts have shaken off requirements they conduct earthquake drills designed to prepare schools in the event of a quake centered in the New Madrid area just west of Tennessee.

The Comptroller's Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) has released a report. Twenty years ago, the General Assembly passed legislation requiring that certain school districts conduct at least two earthquake drills each school year. The impetus for the requirement was the threat posed by the New Madrid Fault Line which runs through portions of West Tennessee.

The New Madrid Fault



Line has a 7 to 10 percent chance of producing a major earthquake within any 50-year period.

Between December 1811 and February 1812, three earthquakes occurred along this fault line, which caused portions of the Mississippi River to run backwards and created Reelfoot Lake.

OREA's review of safety drill logs from schools in the 40 districts subject to earthquake drills found that 84 percent of schools had not conducted the required two drills in school year 2016-17. Of the 352 school logs reviewed, 89 schools (25 percent) had not conducted any earthquake drills and 207 schools (59 percent) had conducted one of the two required drills.

School districts that lie

entirely or partially within 100 miles of the New Madrid Fault Line are required by state law and State Board of Education rules to conduct at least two earthquake drills each school year. Earthquake drills are optional for other Tennessee districts such as DeKalb County. All schools in Tennessee are required to conduct seven fire drills each year and it least one armed intruder drill on conjunction with law enforcement. While considered a secondary tornado alley, Tennessee does not require its schools to conduct tornado drills although many do as an option.

The Comptroller's Office reviewed the list of districts identified by Tennessee the Department of Education as falling within the 100-mile fault zone and sought input from the University of Memphis Center for Earthquake Research and the United States Geological Survey on potential alternatives for identifying school districts that should be subject to earthquake drills. The report includes policy considerations and administrative recommendations.



Hello DeKalb County!! My name is Jimmy Sprague & I'm running for the office of DeKalb Road Supervisor, I would like to take this opportunity to ASK you for your vote in the May Primary & the August general election. I would consider it an honor to serve you as Road Supervisor of DeKalb County. We have good roads in DeKalb County, it is my desire to raise the standards of our road conditions in DeKalb County within the budget allotted for the Road Supervisor's office.



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I would like to thank everyone: family, friends, the Democratic party, my constituents, and of course my community for giving me the opportunity to be a voice for DeKalb County these last four years.

I am proud to be a DeKalb Countian born and raised. A daughter, sister, wife, mother and life-long educator in DeKalb County, I am and always will be vested in this community.

I love this county and all of it's potential for the future. I am eager in **MOVING** DeKalb County forward in the next four years.

I would appreciate your continued support as the 5th District County Commissioner of DeKalb County.

