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## Review presents inaugural political forum

### Come meet your candidates

With early voting here, the Smithville Review will present its inaugural candidate forum April 12, open to all candidates and concerned citizens. The event is aimed at educating the voting public before going to the polls.

“It’s an excellent way to get your message across to the voters,” said forum moderator Duane Sherrill of the Review. “It’s an opportunity to connect with the electorate, something candidates shouldn’t miss and a perfect way for the public to

learn about the people who are asking for their vote.”

The forum will begin at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 12 at the DeKalb Community Complex and is free to the public. Campaigning is not only permitted but encouraged at the event, although it is asked no signs or banners be affixed to the walls

or doors inside the facility.

Sherrill, a veteran debate moderator and political correspondent who began working at the Review about a month ago, will compose the questions that will be asked to the candidates.

**CANDIDATE FORUM**

Thursday,  
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## Put it on my bill



Duane Sherrill photo

Ryan Grimes is careful not to get his fingers nibbled as he feeds a duck at Greenbrook Park Saturday.



MAYNARD



EVINS

## State senate honors DHS top students

Maynard, Evins cited in joint resolution

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DeKalb High School valedictorian Allison Maynard and salutatorian Marshal Evins are getting high praise from Capitol Hill. Their academic achievements at the top of their class have earned them a joint resolution of recognition from the state senate.

“WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom,” the resolution, introduced by State Senator Mark Pody begins.

The resolution is expected to be signed in the near future by the governor and officially conferred. It specifically cites both students for their accomplishments, including that of Maynard who, along with her high grade-point average, found time to be active in the Beta Club, Science, Literature and Spanish clubs and in the Future Business Leaders of America. She has also served as captain of the cheerleading team and played on the softball team.

Her display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success,” the resolution reads. She is the daughter of Stacey Smith and Alan Maynard.

Joining her in the honor is Evins who was also praised in the resolution for his academic success. He was also cited for his work in the Beta Club and in the Future Business Leaders of America. His athletic endeavors include basketball and golf which he played throughout high school.

“Mr. Evins’ dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this General Assembly,” the resolution reads. Evins is the son of Dub and Edie Beth Evins.

## Qualifying deadline nears

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With a day to go until the curtain falls on the qualifying deadline for multiple offices, Smithville and Liberty both know they will be having contested mayor races.

Deadline to qualify for municipal elections, school board races and state primaries is noon Thursday at the DeKalb County Election office at the courthouse. All petitions containing the required signatures must be filed by then in order for a candidate to get on the ballot.

In the city of Smithville, incumbent Mayor Jimmy Poss is already facing opposition from Alderman Josh Miller. A third potential candidate, Curtis Rust has qualifying papers but has

not turned them in. In addition to mayor, it is already confirmed there will be a contested aldermanic race as there are two at-large seats up for election with three candidates. The candidates thus far include aldermen Jason Murphy and Gayla Hendrix. Brandon Cox hopes to unseat one of the incumbents.

While Smithville has a contested ballot already, Alexandria will have trouble filling its city board as there is just one aldermanic candidate, Lloyd Dyer, qualified to run for one of five spots up for grabs this year. There are several papers out including those held by Eddie Shane Blair and Bridgette Rogers. Doyle Hendrix has papers out for Alexandria mayor.

Meanwhile, Dowelltown has no candidates stepping forward for its three aldermanic seats. Should no

one make deadline, there is a chance to run on a write-in.

“You are required to notify the election office if you want to have your write-in votes counted no later than 50 days before election,” said Election Administrator Dennis Stanley.

In Liberty, Darrell Johnson and Dwight Mathis will square out for the mayor’s seat while J.D. Bratten, Derek Johnson and William H. Reynolds have qualified to run for alderman. Jason Ray still has aldermanic papers out.

For school board, there is presently only one contested office that being the second district where incumbent Jerry Wayne Williamson is facing opposition from Alan Hayes. Thus far, incumbents Jim Beshearse, Kate Miller, Danny Parkerson and Shaun Tubbs face no opposition.

## Last call for Jamboree vendors

### Non-profit deadline April 9

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With the huge annual event just over three months away, the Smithville Fiddlers Jamboree & Crafts Festival Board of Volunteers wants to remind the community of the upcoming deadline for non-profit organizations to register their food booths for the July festival. The board allows all not-for-profits to have the first chance to reserve a prime spot around the square. Following the April 9 deadline, all for-profit vendors will be allowed to register for the remaining available spaces.

“We always make the local non-profits our first priority. In addition, we want to spread the word that many churches and organizations partner with an established commercial food vendor. These partnerships allow the charitable organization to make a profit, without having to gather volunteers, or bear the burden of setting up a booth. I encourage anyone who may be interested in this type of partnership/fund-raising to reach out to me prior to the April 9 deadline. It’s a wonderful way to raise money for your organization,” said Bill Shaw, director of food services for the Jamboree.

In addition, the Jamboree is

recruiting volunteers (20 and up) and junior volunteers (14-19 yrs.) to donate a few hours of their time during the two-day event on July 6-7.

“We were very excited to have 27 Junior Jamboree board members last year, along with a handful of dedicated adult volunteers,” said Emily Burklow, Junior Jamboree board president. “With the addition of a new eating area at the Jamboree, we need even more volunteers to step up to serve our community.”

For more information, or to volunteer: call the Jamboree office at 615-597-8500, or message its Facebook page @SmithvilleJamboree. To reserve a food booth, email: smithvillejamboree@gmail.com or call 615-597-8500.



The Smithville Fiddlers Jamboree & Crafts Festival never fails to draw a big crowd to court square. The deadline for non-profit organizations to be a part of the annual event is April 9.



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