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## Saint Thomas DeKalb gets new leadership

### Mullinax new chief administrative officer of hospital

**DUANE SHERRILL** News/Sports Smithville Review

Saint Thomas Health announced executive leadership changes at Saint Thomas DeKalb, Highlands and Stones River Hospitals, bringing a new chief executive officer who

was promoted from within

at the Smithville hospital.

The newly structured hospital leadership teams will be comprised of a chief administrative officer and director of nursing. Saint Thomas Health is part of Ascension, the nation's largest Catholic and nonprofit health sys-

In support of Saint

Thomas Health's mission and strategic direction, the leadership team continues to look for the best ways to provide affordable, safe, and quality accessible and care to all, with special attention



vulnerable.

"Our leadership structures will continue to develop to support the goals of our strategic direction, and these changes include elevating and promoting

Saint Thomas Health associates to help sustain our hospitals in the future." said Gordon Ferguson, president and CEO of Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital and president of Saint Thomas regional hospitals. "As we continue to make our care delivery operations more efficient, we have made the decision to form separate leadership teams for Saint Thomas DeKalb, Highlands and

Stones River Hospitals, allowing for a focus on growth, quality and operational excellence at each hospital."

At Saint Thomas DeKalb Hospital, Brad Mullinax will serve as the new chief administrative Previously, Mullinax has served as the director of clinical operations at Saint Thomas DeKalb Hospital.

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## City OKs sewer cameras

#### **DUANE SHERRILL**

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The city of Smithville is spending \$9,800 to make sure its citizens' poo gets to where it's supposed to go.

The board of mayor and aldermen unanimously voted to purchase a special sewer camera for use in the labyrinth of underground pipes that transports the city's sewage. The city used the camera for three weeks, checking to make sure it serves its purpose. Satisfied the camera is well worth the price, the aldermanic council opted to go ahead and purchase it at a cost of \$9,800.

The camera can snake around through underground pipes and passages, finding blockages, recording video images on a hard drive. The camera has a 200-foot

Given issues with old sewage pipes, Alderman Danny Washer said the camera is something the city has needed for quite a while.

That could have saved us a lot of money," Washer said of the camera's ability to locate damaged and clogged pipes in the sewage system.

# Time to dive in



Ryan Thompson gets style points as he strikes a pose in mid-air after jumping off the driving board at the Smithville Pool. The pool is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is \$2 and season passes are available.

## Fair books are here



Fairest of the Fair Tyra Graham displays the 2018 DeKalb County Fair books that are now available at the Smithville Review. This year's exhibition of the Grandpa Fair of the South will be held July 16-21 and will see a return of the demolition derby. Due to the timing of the fair, some entry deadlines for fair contests will be held earlier than normal.

## Hull hailed as hero

**DUANE SHERRILL** 

News/Sports Smithville Review Smithville, Tennessee

Citing an open window on a cold March evening as the difference between life and death for a teen-age whose car had plunged over a cliff, leaving her hanging upside down in the wreckage, local residence Bobby Hull was heralded as a hero Tuesday night as he was conferred the Citizen Hero Award during the meeting of the DeKalb County Commis-

"Bobby Hull is a true hero because God allowed him to make a decision to act on something that didn't seem normal," said DeKalb Fire Chief Donny Green in giving the award. "Without his action, it is most likely no one would have heard or seen Courtney's car until it was too late.'

The Courtney to whom the chief referred was 18-year-old Courtney Nichols whose was returning home on Cookeville Highway in the early evening hours of March 24.

"As she was navigating a curve on the wet road, her Jeep Cherokee hydroplaned and went out of control and overturned before it came to rest upside down at the bottom of a steep ravine," the chief revealed, noting her vehicle could not be seen from the highway.

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Chief Donny Green, right, confers the Citizen Hero award to Bobby Hull as Courtney Nichols is there to show her appreciation for quick actions that may have saved her life when her car crashed over a cliff earlier this year. Members of the county commission gave a standing ovation during the presentation.





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