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It's showtime!

Jamboree begins Friday

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It's showtime in Smithville as the Jamboree returns to town this Friday and Saturday with thousands expected to flock to the internationally acclaimed festival.

"We're getting all geared up for the 47th annual Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree and Crafts Festival coming up Friday, July 6 and Saturday, July 7, starting at 9 a.m. each day," said Chamber of Commerce Director Suzanne Williams of the eagerly anticipated annual event.

"There's going to be thousands of people here for this wonderful music competition that is national and state recognized," Shan Williams, also of the Chamber, noted, adding there will be over 200 craft vendors. "New for 2018 we will have repurposed items as well."

Suzanne Williams added that at the core of the event is bluegrass and old-time Appalachian-style music. "Smithville, Tennessee, downtown, is the place to be," she said.

Making things a little more comfortable for attendees this year will be a 40 by 60 dining tent sponsored by St. Thomas DeKalb Hospital. The tent will be manned by 27 junior Jamboree volunteers who will be bussing the tables.

"This is going to be a fantastic addition to the jamboree," Shan Williams said. "If you've ever been here before you know that usually you're sitting in a chair with a funnel cake in your lap. We are so happy to add this addition."

Suzanne Williams pointed out that one of the most prevalent questions she gets around Jamboree time is where can visitors park?



File photo

Downtown Smithville will be bursting at the seams Friday and Saturday as the Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree gets into swing beginning at 9 a.m. and going until deep in the evenings. Since parking will be at a premium, it's suggested visitors either pay to park near downtown or enjoy free parking along the roads near downtown, provided they are not posted with no parking signs.

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A day of smiles

Free food, great deals highlight Customer Appreciation Day

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Rain didn't dampen the enthusiasm for Customer Appreciation Day at the Smithville Review this past week as nearly 200 people poured into the office for hot dogs and great deals on subscriptions.

Subscriptions were offered for the unheard of price of \$30 per year during the one day event, drawing over 50 subscribers to extend their paper delivery or start a new subscription. While stopping off for their subscriptions and to meet with the Review staff, customers enjoyed grilled hot dogs, baked beans, chips, cookies and drinks. Others were even luckier as they won door prizes.

Jack Tubb never dreamed he would be selected as the lucky winner of the grand prize awarded by the *Smithville Review* as part of its Customer Appreciation Day Wednesday. He was in for a surprise.

"I was sitting on the couch, watching the evening news when I got the call," Jack said of learning he had been drawn out of the hat and had won a brand new kayak. "I never dreamed I'd win it. I thought I'd just enter for fun and see what happened."



Duane Sherrill photo

Shelby Heatherly, granddaughter of Gina Denman, enjoys a hot dog during her visit to the Smithville Review office for Customer Appreciation Day.

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Sisters' fight over mother's ashes turns physical

Katlyn Walz charged with assault, burglary

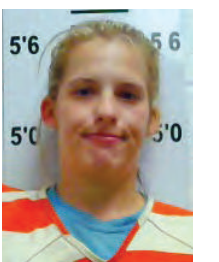
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A woman has been charged with domestic assault and felony burglary after she allegedly came to her sister's home, took their mother's ashes and beat her up.

The suspect, Katlyn M. Walz, 22, was arrested for the incident that happened at her sister's residence on Redmon Road.

According to Sheriff Patrick Ray, deputies were dispatched to the residence to investigate a domestic dispute. When they arrived they discovered Walz's sister suffering injuries to her face, neck and legs. She told officers she had been assaulted by her sister during a quarrel over their mother's ashes. A witness at the residence confirmed her story of what happened.

"She kicked in the door and took an urn with their mother's ashes in it," the sheriff explained, noting the confrontation spilled outside the residence. "She (Walz) grabbed her sister by the hair and started punching."



KATLYN WALZ

Making their cases

Candidates tell voters their qualifications at *Review* forum

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Connecting with the voters, several candidates in the upcoming elections took part in the Smithville Review's candidate forum held this past week at the county complex.

The forum, which was the second sponsored by the Review this election season, was moderated by General Manager Angie Meadows and was

a free event which featured those seeking local offices as well as those running in primaries for state and federal seats.

The forum included the entire field for some races.

In the race for sheriff, hopeful Michael Agee appeared alongside incumbent Sheriff Patrick Ray, both answering the question about what they can do to reduce recidivism.

"I think we need to get these guys out and

give them a work ethic," Agee said, noting in Cannon County the inmates make a garden that provides half the food for the entire jail. "We need to do something besides caging them up all the time."

Agee pointed out that he has 15 years in law enforcement and began working with the rescue squad when he was just 18.

"It gets in your blood," Agee said of public service.

Agee added that as the DeKalb gets bigger, its present problems will also get bigger.

"Drugs are a big issue in DeKalb County," Agee said, noting he has worked a lot of drugs in his career and was also a K-9 handler. "As the population rises, the drug problem will rise."

Sheriff Ray pointed to his 29 years of law enforcement experience, 12 of which he has spent as DeKalb sheriff.

"Honest, integrity and professionalism," Ray said are his words to live by when it comes to serving the public.




MICHAEL AGEE



PATRICK RAY

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