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in school and active with cheerleading, pageants and other activities, Humboldt was now her home.

"I'm a past president of the Junior Auxiliary and still a member today," Smith noted. "I am a Tennessee certified public administrator, certified correctional officer by Tennessee Corrections Institute, a member of the Tennessee Sheriff's Association, member of the National Jail Institute and a Gibson County Leadership graduate. I serve on the board of directors of Carey Counseling Center."

Now, Smith is general chairman of the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival along side president Betty Langley. Smith will serve as Strawberry Festival president next year. Prior to becoming general chairman, Smith has served on the Strawberry Festival Horse Show Committee for many years and also served on the Territorial Pageants Committee along with Janice Shelton and Georgann McFarland.

Smith began helping with the Horse Show soon after she moved to Humboldt in 1979. Sometime in the 1990s, Smith

began helping with the territorial pageants, working with daughter Terri, who was a Strawberry Festival hostess princess and now works with festival pageants.

The Smiths are members of The Church at Sugar Creek (formerly First Baptist Church). They have been family friends with the Gambles for many years. Smith chuckled at the age difference between she and Mr. Gibson County Tyler Gamble. Tyler and Terri are just a few years apart in age.

Knowing the Gambles for a number of years, she watched Tyler grow up before her eyes.

"I remember when he (Gamble) was born," Smith recalled. "I remember him growing up—very well-mannered. I have enjoyed watching a fine young man grow into the man he is today. He comes from a good family."

"What an honor it was to find this out (to be voted Ms. Gibson County)," Smith added. "I was surprised, shocked and very humbled. I am truly blessed by this honor and especially to follow the footsteps of the winners in the past."



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This is a far cry from his first jobs with McDonald's where he was pulling weeds in the Humboldt store's landscaping and sweeping the parking lot. From there he moved to other jobs from the kitchen to running cash registers.

"The biggest change is the technology," Gamble said from his early days as a youngster up to today as an owner. "Before, there was one way to order at the counter and the drive-thru. Now, there are kiosks and a mobile app. Training has switched from a paper book to online using a tablet."

Gamble said the menus have changed as well and seem to grow every year, "We've come a long way from burgers, fries and shakes."

"The favorite part of work is giving people the opportunity to better themselves and grown in their career, whether it's with us or somewhere else," Gamble added.

Sharing the spotlight with Gamble as Mr. Gibson County is his counterpart, Ms. Gibson County Sherry Jo Smith.

"I am shocked and humbled to have received this honor, but what makes it even more special is to get to share it with Sherry Jo," said Gamble. "I have grown up watching her selfless acts of volunteering and playing a vital role in all things Humboldt. She is a special lady and it is an honor to be mentioned in the same sentence as her."

Gamble and his wife, Emily, have been married almost 12 years now. They have two children, Emerson and Cooper. Emerson is seven years old and is in the first grade. Cooper is three and goes to day care. The Gambles attend Englewood Baptist Church in Medina.

With a wife and two young kids, Gamble said there's very little free time. When he does find some time, he enjoys playing golf and duck hunting.

"I don't get to do it very much," he chuckled. "Both kids play soccer. We're going to practice, dance recitals—there's something going on every evening."

"This is a huge honor," Gamble said of being voted Mr. Gibson County. "I love Humboldt, Gibson County and West Tennessee. It feels good to be loved back."