

## SMITHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPENS DOORS

The Smithville Historical Society will host an open house on Saturday, June 11, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. The event will be held along with the town's Smithville Day celebration.

Founded in 1976 after the nation's Bicentennial celebration, the society is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year. The organization's headquarters, once a Shell gas station, is at 5231 State Highway 41 in Smithville Flats, near the intersection with County Road 2. Through the generosity of the late Mildred Auwarter and her family, the building was deeded to the society in 2009. While it retains the character of its original purpose—a gas station—it has been refurbished to serve the needs of the historical society.

The public is invited join this year's Smithville Day celebration and to visit the Smithville Historical Society's headquarters. On display will be new photographic exhibits of the Flood of 1935, the Universalist Church—Grange—Community Center, Smithville's rural schools, and vintage bird's eye views of Smithville Flats.

