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The Elks Lodge 1102 sports a mural depicting Jimi Hendrix, left, and Nashville bluesman Johnny Jones in a guitar duel that happened in the venue in 1963, when it was Club Baron. Jimi Hendrix served in the military at Fort Campbell in the 1960s. PHOTOS BY DENNY SIMMONS/THE TENNESSEAN

## Deadline has passed for May 5 primaries

### Here's who qualified to run for mayor, sheriff and court seats

**Kenya Anderson**  
Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle  
USA TODAY NETWORK - TENNESSEE

The candidate qualifying deadline has officially passed for the May 5 primary election.

Local Democrats and Republicans have called a county primary for May 5, the first of three elections scheduled this year.

In May, Democrats and Republicans will choose a candidate. The winner of their party will face each other in August.

This year, many seats in Montgomery County, including County Mayor,

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## SBC leaders say division is down

### Denomination has faced outcry over changes

**Liam Adams**  
Nashville Tennessean  
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Southern Baptist leaders portrayed the future of the nation's largest Protestant denomination as one less defined by factional rifts over abuse response, women pastors, and funding after years of debates that fueled administrative turmoil.

The Southern Baptist Convention's administrative arm, called the SBC Executive Committee, gathered Feb. 16-17 in Nashville, where the committee affirmed a significant funding change and the ouster of two churches.

The decisions touched on major debates within the Nashville-based denomination between different factions — a mainstream conservative group

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# The stage is set for historic designation

## Building that hosted music legends could go on registry

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Local historians will tell you that across the world, there are only two original stages left standing today that have been graced by rock music legend Jimi Hendrix — one's in London, and the other is at 2614 Jefferson St. in Nashville. • The building isn't what it was when Hendrix played there, most memorably as the setting of a 1963 guitar duel with Nashville bluesman Johnny Jones. But its current stewards are closer than ever to changing that. • In late January, the Tennessee State Review Board recommended the building for a spot on the National Register of Historic Places, and it now only needs a final stamp of approval from the National Parks Service to join that list.

That designation, coupled with efforts by Lawrence Hall, exalted leader of Pride of Tennessee Elks Lodge #1102, to launch a 501(c)(3) nonprofit called the Historic Club Baron Preservation Foundation, will be key to his goals for building the space "back to what it used to be."

"I envision having live entertainment on Saturday nights, in the same vein that they used to do back in the '50s and '60s," Hall said. "Live blues, live R&B, people doing cover songs or people doing original music. We want to do that right here in

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Lawrence Hall, exalted leader for Elks Lodge 1102, is seen here at the lodge, which he hopes will get a spot on the National Register of Historic Places and host live shows.

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