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The Tiger Pride homecoming parade was nearly a mile in length, spanning from downtown to Smithville Elementary.

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Hundreds lined the streets Friday afternoon for the Tiger Pride homecoming parade, the parade spanning nearly a mile long from front to back, filled with floats and decorated vehicles.

The senior class got bragging rights for best float as its Tigers Tank the Wildcats entry got the top grade from the judges. The float depicted an aquarium complete with a bubble machine and Tiger mascot. The sophomore float took second and the basketball team third in the overall float competition.

The parade got underway just past 1 p.m., leaving from the high school and traveling down Broad to the delight of hundreds who had been patiently waiting for an hour along the road side. The parade, led by Sheriff Patrick Ray made its noisy turn onto Congress where it proceeded to Smithville Elementary, entertaining the students there. It then wrapped itself around, the front passing the rear as it headed back up Congress to Northside. It then returned, making the turn onto downtown, the scores of entries navigating the jammed streets of historic downtown Smithville.

The DeKalb County Band struck up "Eye of the Tiger" to get the pep rally underway in front of the courthouse, playing several more numbers before giving way to the cheerleading squad which entertained the hundreds who ringed the courthouse.

Homecoming week festivities came ahead of the DeKalb County Tigers' game against Livingston Academy.



The seniors were bubbling with excitement after winning the float contest for the homecoming parade.



Addison and Thomas Burrage were among the children who lined the parade route Friday afternoon for the homecoming parade.



Homecoming Queen Lydia Brown is crowned by DeKalb County Tigers Grayson Redmon, left, and Andrew Fuson during ceremonies leading up to the homecoming game Friday night.



The DeKalb County football team greets the crowd gathered alongside the street at the homecoming parade.

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