

McDonald's gets spiffy new makeover

For those of you waiting for McDonald's to morph into a restaurant where employees wear snazzy white, button-down shirts and bring your food to the table, wait no longer.

The future has arrived and our McDonald's is sporting a fabulous new look, complete with flowers on the tables. The dining room has been completely remodeled and there are five kiosks for your ordering convenience.

Customers no longer have to linger around the cash register for their order to be filled. They can order at a kiosk, sit down and relax, and their order is brought to the table.

"This changes the entire atmosphere," said general manager Tanya Crowe, who has worked at McDonald's since she was 16. "This is more personal. It's more fun. I don't really think of it as a sit-down restaurant, but it's much nicer to order and then sit down instead of standing around the counter and waiting for your food."

The wait staff is full of friendliness, even opening the door as I entered and left



the restaurant. They are eager to help customers with any questions they might have about the automated kiosks and they float around the dining room with a smile.

I asked Tanya about tipping since customers might now feel a sense of obligation since their order is being brought to the table. She said tipping is discouraged, but if a customer feels strongly about leaving gratuity they are requested instead to make a donation at the Ronald McDonald House box at the front counter. That's really nice.

The new format seems like a winning hit all the way around. The waitresses told me they really enjoy being out in the dining room instead of being stuck behind the counter. The customers said getting to sit



It's not just the restaurant which looks different. McDonald's employees are now donning button-down white shirts, complete with neck wear. Pictured, from left, are Dywanna Richardson, Katie Holt, Joanne O'Connell, Sara Bivins, Maria Renteria, and general manager Tanya Crowe.

down and wait for their food is a welcome change. And the ordering kiosks have helped to ease lines and make the fast-food experience even faster.

After seeing the non-stop flow of customers parade into the restaurant Friday morning, I'm convinced

McDonald's has to rival Walmart as the busiest businesses in McMinnville. It would be a fierce debate about what might be third — Kroger, Sonic, Gondola, Hardee's, Lowe's.

It's easy to see why McDonald's is wildly popular. It has the best milkshake on the planet, the best french fries, and the best coffee.

If you'd like to experience McDonald's like you've never seen it before, stop by our renovated store on Smithville Highway. You can order from your phone and have your meal delivered to your car, or do it the old-fashioned way and walk inside the restaurant.

McDonald's stock was up 11 cents Friday to close at \$161.73.

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Kenny Sweeton places his breakfast order Friday morning at one of the new kiosks available at our remodeled McDonald's on Smithville Highway. McDonald's employee Maria Renteria is available to provide assistance if needed.

the Good Samaritan Family Health Center in McMinnville. The clinic is located at 140 Vo Tech Drive, Suite 4, and patients are charged based on their ability to pay.

The facility opened March 5 and nurse practitioner

Lacey Jones says they have been seeing an average of eight to 12 patients a day.

"We have gotten patients with no access to healthcare access to specialty healthcare," said Lacey.

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Pictured at the ribbon cutting for the new Saint Thomas Good Samaritan Family Health Center are, from left, Dale Humphrey, Christy Martin, Myra Reffue, Hannah Martin, Lacey Jones, Jessica Higgins, and Thomas Beaven.

Banks see higher profits

NEW YORK (AP) — Three of America's biggest banks reported higher profits Friday, with a huge assist from the tax law passed late last year.

JPMorgan reported a record quarterly profit, while Citigroup and Wells Fargo topped analyst expectations.

Banks are expected to be major beneficiaries of the tax overhaul, which sharply lowered corporate tax rates. Comparing each of the effective tax rates from last year to this year, the three Wall Street banks that reported

earnings Friday appeared to have saved roughly \$1.6 billion altogether.

The first-quarter earnings season will give investors and the public their first good look into how President Trump's tax law is impacting Corporate America. Publicly traded banks are the first major industry to report their results each quarter.

Net income at JPMorgan Chase, the nation's largest bank by assets and deposits, rose 35 percent to \$8.71 billion. The result was primarily driven by two factors:

higher interest rates, which have allowed banks such as JPMorgan to charge more for customers to borrow, and the lower corporate tax rate.

However, JPMorgan had to set aside more money to cover bad loans in its consumer bank, where delinquencies have been steadily edging higher. JPMorgan shares fell 2.7 percent, while shares of Wells Fargo slipped 3.4 percent and Citigroup shares dropped 1.6 percent.



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