

Food Paradise owner Kimberly Nunley prepares a burger, her best-selling item. The food trailer has been located exclusively on Belmont Drive, but Kimberly is going to begin trying other locations.

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LAST SHOWING FOR **OLD COWAN OLDHAM**

A demolition project that unfolded before our eyes in super slow motion has finally reached an end. The old Cowan Oldham Theater, most recently a retail center, has been toppled to the ground.

Property owner Bobby Kirby says now that the pesky building has been removed, the property can be promoted for its great location. Bobby told me on Thursday the site is a great place for a new national restaurant and could hopefully become a full-service bar / restaurant.



Satisfied customer Ginger Taylor picks up her order at Food Paradise on Friday. Orders can be called in at (931) 304-4463.

I'm not sure about the bar part, but a Cracker Barrel would be nice. Many folks may not know this tidbit of infor-

mation about me, but I once worked at the Cracker Barrel across from Opryland Hotel decades ago and the restaurant was never slow. It was busy from the time we opened the doors till the time we pushed people out at closing time.

NEW FOOD TRUCK ON A ROLL

You don't have to travel to an exotic island to find a great place to eat. Food Paradise has arrived in Warren County.

The new food trailer is owned and operated by Kimberly and Steve Nunley and has been open a couple weeks. Thus far its primary location has been Belmont Drive in front of the old DeZurik building, but Kimberly says she plans to explore new locations in the coming weeks.

"We're going to stay here a couple days a week, but we'd like to move around too," said Kimberly, who said she's working on getting spots at the mall and by Lowe's, but she said that has not been finalized.

Kimberly said she bought the food trailer with the idea of selling primarily hotdogs as she has 11 different types of hotdogs on her menu. But that hasn't been the top choice.

"Hamburgers have the information.

definitely been the best seller," said Kimberly.

The specials on Friday included \$2 tacos, \$4 Philly cheesesteaks, and spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic toast for \$6. All drinks are \$1. Kimberly said she bought the food trailer because she wanted to go into business for herself.

"I was working at Walmart in the deli and cooking food all the time," said Kimberly. "I thought if I can cook all this food for other people here, then I might as well do it on my own. Right now we're just working to get our name out there. We'll be at events like the Autumn Street Fair."

Kimberly said she bought the food trailer from a dealer in Sevierville and is well pleased with its operation. She admitted food trailers seem like the popular way to go in a day when people are going with that option far more than they are opening restaurants with dining rooms.

You can call in your order ahead of time at Food Paradise at (931) 304-4463. Kimberly says they have a Facebook page.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS

I hope today's column answered all your business questions. If not, feel free to call me at 473-2191 and I will try to find



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