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## Sundance closing Saturday

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Saturday will mark the end of an era downtown as Sundance Restaurant closes its doors.

Karen Carpenter has been in business at Sundance for 34 years, beginning near where the Complex is presently located before moving to her current location in the shadow of the courthouse. Karen said she came to Smithville literally from the sea more than three decades ago.

Her husband was a merchant marine captain. "We came to Smithville and there wasn't any gainful employment," she grinned. "There weren't any ships coming in."

"I opened the business for us both to work in it and bring him home," she said, noting she had been a chef on the ship her husband captained so she had a food service background. "He was the captain and I was the admiral."

Health food was her first love. "As it evolved it turned out to be a restaurant with a little bit of health food," she noted.

"I love the people," she said. "I'm going to miss my customers, I'm going to miss my employees because they are like my family. The customers are like my family. I've been here 34 years. I've seen generations grow up in this place."

As for her reason for closing, Karen said it's that time. "I'm tired," she said. "After 34 years I need to retire."

Karen said there are a few who have showed interest in maybe re-opening the restaurant so there is hope Sundance or another restaurant may again open its doors downtown.

"It was a bitter sweet decision to make because I love what I do but my body is screaming at me and telling me it's time to cut back and rest for a while," Karen said. "I'm not leaving Smithville. I love Smithville but I am going to travel and kick back."

The last day for Sundance is Sept. 29.



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# DCHS royalty



Lydia Brown was voted Homecoming Queen at DeKalb County High School. Joining her on her court are, left, Abby Lawson, Haidyn Hale, Madison Judkins, Zoe Maynard and Katherine Malone.

Duane Sherrill photo

## Lydia Brown named homecoming queen

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Lydia Brown has been named DeKalb County Homecoming Queen, voted the honor by the student body as homecoming week has arrived.

Brown, a senior at DeKalb High, is the daughter of Stephen and Amanda Brown and has been active in school both academically and in sports. She is a member of FBLA, the Climate Crew, BETA and the Spanish Club. She is a cheerleader and runs with the cross country team and plays on the softball and basketball teams. She was an NCA All-American her freshman year and was a District 8AA honorable mention and All District her junior year. She was also voted outstanding Junior Girl that year and is a member of Salem Baptist Church youth group.

Joining her on her court is senior attendant Madison Judkins. She is the daughter of Tammy and Jeremy Judkins and is a member of First United Methodist Church and attends Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She has served as a manager on the football team for four years and is a member of Senior BETA, HOSA, FFA, the Literature Club, Science Club, Spanish Club and the Climate Crew.

Hannah Maynard is also a homecoming attendant for the senior class. She has been a cheerleader for four years for both football and basketball cheer and is captain of the squad. She won best jumps and best stunts in her cheer capacity and is an Honors Student. She has performed 72 hours of public service and went on a mission trip to Ensenada, Mexico. She is also a four-year All-American nominee.

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## Tallent charged with threatening pizza man

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Felony assault charges have been leveled against a local man who threatened the pizza man with a knife.

The suspect, Marty Tallent, 52, is charged with aggravated assault, a crime

that carries three to six years in prison if convicted.

According to Smithville Police reports, an employee of Pizza Hut went to a residence on West Broad Street to deliver a pizza. When the deliveryman knocked on the front door, Tallent reportedly came to the door with a knife.

"He ordered the employee to leave the

pizza and leave the residence," the report reads.

The pizza man did what he was told. "He put down the pizza for fear that Tallent would cut him," the report revealed, noting the deliveryman retreated to his vehicle and called police. Officer responded to the scene and arrested Tallent on the felony charge.

# Battling drug addiction

## Substance abuse changes mental state

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Most of us have come into contact with someone who has a drug addiction. They look like normal people on the outside, but their mental state is entirely different. That's what people who attended the health fair and town hall meeting learned Friday night. The meeting covered drug addiction and the abuse of opioids.

Research indicates that brain changes that occur over time with drug use challenge an addicted person's self-control and interfere with their ability to resist intense urges to take drugs. "Many people who struggle with abuse took opioids as a pain release and now their body requires the drug," said Lisa Cripps, DeKalb Prevention Coalition Coordinator.

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Thomas Gabriel, grandson of Johnny Cash, spoke of his battle with addiction during his performance at the health fair and town hall meeting last weekend.



Matt Butler stopped in Smithville for his behind the walls tour to promote recovery Wednesday. Along with his open-air concert at Evins Park he was going to perform and speak to inmates at DeKalb County Jail.

## Butler shares story of recovery at jail

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Focusing on recovery and beating addiction, Matt Butler made a stop in DeKalb County doing not only an open-air concert in downtown Smithville but also one inside the walls of DeKalb County Jail.

Butler is a folk artist with roots in rock 'n roll. He is also a storyteller who is taking his Foundation Tour around the country, making a stop in Smithville this past week for National Recovery Month.

He first performed at the Joe L. Evins Park Amphitheater downtown before visiting the DeKalb County Jail to share his recovery story face to face with the inmates and to perform for them.

Butler found recovery over four years ago. His de-

but solo album, "Reckless Son," came out in 2016 and chronicles his experience during and leading up to early sobriety. Since that time, Butler has been asked to be a testimonial speaker and performer at numerous events.

He enjoys sharing his passion for both recovery and his musical arts. Butler recently began his own non-profit organization, the Just One Foundation, with the idea of bringing music with a message to those most in need, and his Foundation Tour is the inaugural venture.

Norene Puckett of the DeKalb County Recovery Court said their offices were there in support as was the Sober Living Officers of DeKalb County. First Baptist Church women's ministries provided breakfast for the event.



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