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Pompeii Italian Restaurant opened inside the former DePalma's location at 401 E. Broad St. in downtown Athens April 3. PHOTOS BY ANDREW SHEARER/ATHENS BANNER-HERALD

Pompeii advances Italian cuisine game downtown

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The pizza ovens at DePalma's downtown Athens location barely had time to cool down before Pompeii Italian Restaurant opened in the historic space, and it's entirely reasonable that folks who hadn't dropped by for a slice and a salad during March might not fully realize that anything has changed.

In many ways, the appearance of a brief halt in operations could be seen as intentional, and that's not a bad thing.

Look for the familiar DePalma's sign at 401 E. Broad St. and you'll find yourself at Pompeii, open Wednesday through Monday for lunch and dinner. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday and Monday.

When I dropped by last week, all that



A 14-inch Vesuvio pizza with red sauce, spicy soppressata, calabrian chili, chili crisp, and mozzarella from Pompeii Italian Restaurant in Athens on April 8.

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Smart apparel goes further

Could soon monitor your health and charge your phone

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You're probably used to the sight of smartwatches on people's wrists. But what about smart clothes?

Researchers at the University of Georgia are exploring how the clothes people wear can potentially track and protect their health.

Smart textiles are fabrics that can monitor the body's vitals and movement in real time. They're flexible and lightweight, making them more comfortable to wear while moving.

The present publication focuses on MXenes, a class of two-dimensional, microscopic materials made from metals that can be coated or printed onto fabrics. The researchers conducted a comprehensive analysis of hundreds of published studies to examine the different properties of MXenes and how they could be used in smart textiles.

"MXenes have some advanced properties," said Joyjit Ghosh, corresponding author of the study and a doctoral student in UGA's College of Family and Consumer Sciences. Not only can they detect body temperature, blood pressure and heart rate, he said, but they are also antimicrobial, making them ideal for hospital settings.

Smart textiles can be valuable in health care

A major focus of the review was the potential for using smart textiles in health care. With smart fabrics, wearers can track their health. Doctors and other health professionals could monitor a patient's vitals and get alerts if the fabric detected irregular heart rate, blood pressure, or temperature.

These fabrics could also react to changes in the body, helping to regulate body temperature. Being able to fend off bacteria could be a great asset in hospital settings as well, the

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Ciné renovates bar to match growing role as event space

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For nearly two decades, Ciné has been a downtown mainstay for independent film lovers. Over the years, it has also evolved into something bigger: a venue for concerts, festivals, talks and special events that routinely fill the lobby long before and after the screen lights up. That growth is driving a significant renovation of the theater's bar and concessions area.

Construction began Monday, March 30, and is expected to be completed by the end of June. Ciné will remain open throughout the project by operating with a temporary bar across the back wall of the lobby.

"This renovation is really about aligning the space with how Ciné actually functions now," said executive director Pam Kohn. "We are no longer just a movie theater. We are an event space, a concert venue and a community

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A temporary bar and concession stand is in operation at Ciné in downtown Athens on April 2. The nonprofit theater and event space expects their upgraded bar area to be completed before the end of June.

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