

Dance club hits Kirksville

BY BRIANNA KISER
for the Index

A new dance club in downtown Kirksville will open its doors later this month.

Geno's '70s Club will have a dance club atmosphere and will not be focused on the bar scene, unlike many other Kirksville venues frequented by night life lovers, said Randy Treasure, the club's owner.

"They really don't have any places to go out and dance in this town," Treasure said. "This is going to be a place for people to come out and just have a lot of fun."

Treasure said that he has incorporated a lot of special effects in order to make sure club-goers enjoy themselves.

"We're going to have the typical '70s dance club feel out here with the lighted dance floor, black lighting and lasers," Treasure said. "There won't be any pool tables or anything like that. Basically, it's all about the dancing."

Treasure's friend and associate Steve Lloyd designed the architecture of the dance floor and the bar and installed the special effects lighting.

The dance floor Lloyd designed is made up of a checkerboard of colored lights that will pulsate to the different beats of the music. There are laser lights that beam lime green shapes onto the walls, and the carpet glows when the black lights are turned on.

Treasure also will implement other fun elements into his club.

"We're going to have a big picture screen up on the wall and have

someone taking pictures of everyone dancing and partying and having a good time," Treasure said. "Then those pictures are going to be playing up on the screen all night."

In terms of patronage, Treasure said he is hoping to attract Truman students.

"It's hard to say who's going to be interested, and we'd like for everyone to come check the place out, but we're really hoping for the students to claim this spot," Treasure said.

Senior Robyn Skinner said she looks forward to having a dance club in town.

"We have a lot of bars and stuff, and people dance there occasionally, but sometimes I just want to go out and dance," Skinner said. "We really need a place that's strictly a club."

Treasure said that Geno's will play '70s disco because many people consider it to be the greatest dance music of all time. He said it also will play '80s music and even some '90s hits.

"I think in general the '70s theme is a good idea, but it could hurt them," Skinner said. "I think what they should eventually end up doing is having some nights where they don't only play old school."

Earlier this year, Treasure was unable

to obtain a liquor license from the city of Kirksville due to opposition from City Council member Aaron Rodgers, who regularly votes against liquor licenses. There weren't enough councilmembers at the meeting to approve the license, which was approved the next week, when more councilmembers were present (search trumanindex.com for "liquor license" for previous coverage).

"It was such a hot topic at the time, but I wasn't trying to create any controversy — I just wanted to get my liquor license," Treasure said.

He said Geno's will be a 21-and-older spot like several other places in Kirksville.

"You have to be 21 to get in because we're going to be serving alcohol here," Treasure said.

Junior Rachel Breland said she likes the whole idea of the club but has some reservations about the age limit.

"I know a lot of kids who will want to go that aren't 21," Breland said. "It would be cool if they had an 18-and-up night once a week."

However, Skinner said she is willing to give Geno's a shot.

"I'm definitely bringing all of my friends when it opens," Skinner said. "It'll be a pretty tight place, I think."

"It's hard to say who's going to be interested, and we'd like for everyone to come check the place out, but we're really hoping for the students to claim this spot."

Randy Treasure
Geno's '70s Club Owner



Krista Goodman/Index

Randy Treasure shows off his almost-finished dance club. Geno's '70s Club is modeled after popular dance clubs from the 1970s. The light-up dance floor, which still needs to be covered, pulsates to the music.

ACAD continues search with renewed hope

BY PATRICK FELLING
Staff Reporter

The Adair County Ambulance District has worked hard in the absence of its district administrator, making multiple improvements to its equipment and services.

The position, which has been vacant since April of last year, includes responsibilities such as administrative duties and overseeing operations. Assistant Chief of Training Troy Mihalevich said the district has been running smoothly on his end in the absence of an administrator, but he also said he has faced some challenges with his added responsibilities.

"Lots of new things have been presented," Mihalevich said. "What is most frustrating is not having someone to set the tone."

Besides saving lives, ACAD employees are staying occupied,

performing the duties of the vacant district administrator.

"Our employees have their hands full," ACAD Chairman Don McCoy said. "They must do their jobs as well as the administrator's."

McCoy said this has not compromised patients' quality of care.

"This is the most critical aspect," McCoy said. "Dave [the assistant chief of operations] has done an excellent job, and I am confident that quality of care has not diminished."

McCoy said finding an administrator is still first on his to-do list.

"Six weeks ago we decided to employ a search company to help with the search for a district administrator," McCoy said.

"Morgan Hunter Health Search specializes in recruiting administrators, department heads and

other similar positions for rural health care facilities."

McCoy said he was encouraged by the results of the search.

"Last week, the company reported that it had approximately 30 candidates to screen [for the open position]," McCoy said. "After two screenings, the list will be narrowed to four candidates to bring in for an interview."

McCoy said there have been some difficulties finding candidates for the administrator position because of the desired qualifications for the applicants.

"We need a candidate to have two strong areas of competency," he said. "The first is business administration, which we can find without difficulty, preferably with experience in health care. The other, which is highly desired, is knowledge of the operations process and [emergency medical

services]. The crew works under extreme stress and pressure and needs an administrator who understands field challenges."

ACAD also has been focusing on improving its quality of care.

"The passage of the sales tax has allowed us to upgrade equipment and bring competitive wages and salaries to the area," McCoy said. "It has allowed us to invest in people."

McCoy said that with the help of the sales tax, ACAD has added two new ambulances and four new EKG machines, which already have proved useful.

"Within a month of implementing the new EKG machines, we have already seen improved results," McCoy said. "We are able to recognize impending heart attacks that may otherwise might not have been recognized."

Mihalevich said ACAD is

trying new methods to help prevent another situation in which a position remains open for an extended period of time.

"We have an EMT class full of high school students who are interested in making this a career," he said.

Mihalevich said he thinks initial community concern over the vacant administrator position has died down.

"You are always going to have those people who voice their opinion more than others and make their opinions heard," Mihalevich said. "But I feel the community as a whole believes in what we are doing. We did a community survey, and the survey shows that."

Senior health science major Kate Tepper said she sees no immediate cause for alarm.

"I think [the situation] is OK for something short-term," Tep-

per said. "But it really depends on how long they are planning on [being without an administrator]."

If the situation becomes long-term, Tepper said she thinks ACAD could have some major problems.

"It could be really chaotic because you don't have the administrator to turn to," Tepper said. "It makes me think of having the members of the Cabinet but not the president. They are trying to get things done without the person who makes the decisions."

Tepper said she has a few suggestions to help fill the open position, which include broadening the search.

"Look at younger people," Tepper said. "There are a lot of college graduates that are looking to get into the field. They have the skills. They know what they are doing."

Bellacino's Pizza & Grinders

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 4p.m. - 7p.m.
\$5
12" 1 topping

Tuesday: 1/2 grinder special
\$2.99, \$3.99, \$4.99
(select grinders)

Thursday: Any whole grinder
\$8.99

Sunday: All day
\$10.99
16" 2 topping
delivery available

College Special: 4p.m. - 10p.m.
1/2 grinder special
\$2.99, \$3.99, \$4.99
(select grinders)
ID required

516 N. Baltimore, Suite C
Kirksville, MO 63501
660-665-7665

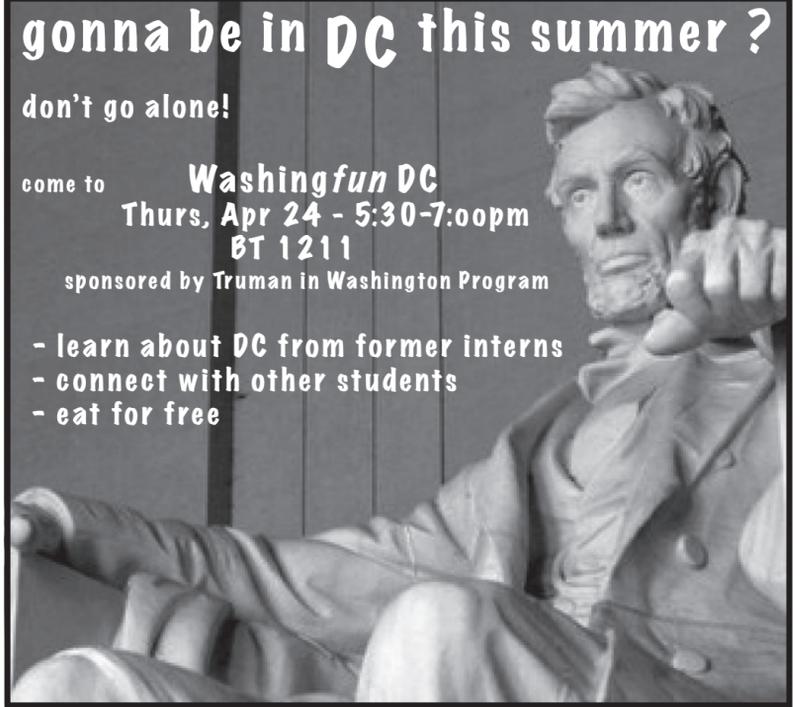
gonna be in DC this summer ?

don't go alone!

come to **Washingfun DC**
Thurs, Apr 24 - 5:30-7:00pm
BT 1211

sponsored by Truman in Washington Program

- learn about DC from former interns
- connect with other students
- eat for free



BUCK BROTHERS SUNNYSLOPE AUTO

"From headlights to taillights and everything in between. The guys at Buck Brothers Auto can fix it all — the first time."

- Computer Diagnostic
- Fuel Injection Repair
- Brake Repair
- State Inspections
- Tune-ups
- Exhaust Repair
- 2 & 4 Wheel Alignments
- Transmission Repair
- A/C Service
- Diesel Performance
- Complete Line of Performance Parts

660.665.8464
710 W. Potter Monday-Saturday