

Goody's files for bankruptcy

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Staff Reporter

Goody's Family Clothing Stores are closing nationwide, and Kirksville will experience the effects.

Goody's filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy June 9, 2008, forcing the company to close 69 stores, according to an Oct. 20, 2008 press release. The local Goody's store and Goody's corporate office would not comment on the circumstances of the current closing.

Valerie Robins, a resident of Greentop, Mo., said she is disappointed to see Goody's leave town because she is a frequent shopper. Robins said that every time she visits Goody's, it is busy and full of customers.

Robins said she wasn't sure where she was going to shop now with the limited number of clothing stores in the Kirksville area.

Although Goody's customers are disappointed, Theresa McNamar, the manager

of Stage clothing store, said she hoped the closing would increase business for Stage.

"They carry some of the same items that we do," McNamar said.

McNamar said the customers have made it easy for Stage to survive. Business has been good, and Kirksville's economy has supported Stage, she said.

Phil Tate, director of job creation for Kirksville Regional Economic Development, Inc., said the job loss associated with Goody's close was devastating.

"We hate to see the loss of any job in Kirksville, and of course, I don't know the number of jobs that were associated with that particular store," Tate said. "Any time you lose a job in your community, it's not good."

Tate said he wasn't sure when the store was going to close, but that the closing wasn't related to a lack of activity at the Kirksville store.

"Anecdotally, people had told me that the store was pretty busy," Tate said. "This was a business decision at the corporate level involving all of their stores."



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Goody's Family Clothing Stores filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in June, forcing the company to close 69 stores across the country, including the local Kirksville branch located off of Highway 63.

City council approves alcohol use in parks

BY SARAH SCOTT
Staff reporter

Kirksville City Council decided that allowing alcohol on public land benefits the city.

The Council passed two policies Jan. 5 that set guidelines for consumption of alcohol on city property. One policy pertains to private events and the other to public events.

Councilmember Todd Kuhns said the Council has been discussing this issue since July or August.

Kuhns said the Rotary Club was one of the three groups that suggested allowing alcohol on city property. The club recently constructed an amphitheatre at Rotary Park, and the city paid for a parking lot, he said. Rotary Club members thought allowing the use of alcohol at the park would bring more visitors to the new attractions.

"They wanted people to be able to use it for wedding receptions and things," Kuhns said. "If you wanted

to do, say, a champagne toast or have some wine at your wedding reception, obviously you couldn't hold it at the amphitheater with the current restrictions."

Steve Bell, the former parks and recreation director, also pushed for alcohol on city property, Kuhns said. Bell specifically wanted this because allowing alcohol might bring adult softball tournaments to Kirksville. Kuhns said he has reservations about allowing alcohol at adult softball games because of the atmosphere at some of the games.

The Council decided in December to make two separate policies. One policy pertains to municipal and nonprofit organizations, allowing alcohol at North Park and the Rotary Park Amphitheatre, Kuhns said. Organizations applying for an alcohol permit have to apply 60 days before the event so that applications can go through the police department to ensure all security requirements are met. Kuhns said they have to rope

off an area, have specific entrance and exits to the area, have insurance, extra staffing, extra police and a system of checking identification.

Kuhns said the second policy is for private events and restricts alcohol consumption to the Rotary Park Amphitheatre only. This type of permit does not have such heavy restrictions, Kuhns said.

Private events must remain within the physical confines of the amphitheatre, he said. Organizations applying for an alcohol permit have to apply 60 days before the event so that applications can go through the police department to ensure all security requirements are met. Kuhns said they have to rope

He said he had about six people

contact him opposing the city's alcohol policy, but once he explained the heavy restrictions to them they were less opposed.

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City Council Member

He said it is important to note that Kirksville already has a similar policy in place for the downtown area. Kuhns said it has allowed Il Spazio to hold Octoberfest and Too Tall's Two to hold its St. Patrick's day parade in the past.

Councilmember Aaron Rodgers was the only member at the meeting who voted against the policy.

"If you historically look at my record, I vote pretty much against alcohol completely," Rodgers said. "But

on this particular issue, I had [heard from] people that even drink alcohol that were definitely opposed to alcohol coming to the city parks."

He said he voted against the policies because there is the possibility for children to be present at all the events.

Rodgers said he started a petition against the policy that included 200 names of Kirksville residents and 150 names of people who live outside Kirksville but use the parks.

"I felt as a councilperson I definitely personally had concerns, but I also was representing a good number of people as well on the issue," Rodgers said.

Melanie Smith, Kirksville community services director, said she does not anticipate much change in the usage of the facilities.

"It does open the opportunity for some potential events in the future," Smith said. "There's some potential there. We're not sure how much it will actually impact us."

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