

Local store offers new lounge

The Green Door opens a smoking lounge featuring hookah

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The Green Door tobacco shop has a new twist — a smoking lounge featuring hookah on Thursday evenings.

The tobacco shop in downtown Kirksville carries various types and flavors of tobacco, pipes, shisha and hookah coals.

The Green Door has been in Kirksville for 14 years, but the smoking lounge opened “unofficially” July 1, owner Rosalie Caldwell said. She said there will be a grand opening in September that will fit into students’ schedules.

Customers can purchase shisha, a tobacco and molasses mixture smoked through hookahs, in-store or bring their own, Caldwell said. The fee of bringing in shisha is \$3, otherwise customers pay \$3 plus the cost of tobacco.

Hookah is a long pipe that utilizes water and indirect heat through coals for smoking.

“The average price [of a hookah] is around \$50,” Caldwell said.

Cigarettes are prohibited in The Green Door and alcohol is not sold, Caldwell said. She said she doesn’t allow cigarettes because she simply does not like them. Alcohol is not sold because Caldwell doesn’t want The Green Door classified as a bar. However, customers can purchase other beverages, such as soft drinks and coffee, she said.

Caldwell said a smoking lounge was the most frequent suggestion from customers. She said the lounge would be something different for Kirksville and hopes it will attract new customers.

Caldwell said the smoking lounge is open to customers at any time but she is going to promote hookah nights every Thursday. There is also a walk-in humidifier where customers can smoke cigars, she said.

“[Customers] need a place to come and have a cigar, especially in the wintertime — they don’t like to go outside,” she said. “It’ll be a nice place for them to sit with their friends, watch the game ... and get comfortable.”

Caldwell said there will be a drawing and door prizes at the

grand opening. She said some students have already scouted out the lounge and she is expecting more in the fall.

“I don’t want [the smoking lounge] to be a loud, rowdy place,” Caldwell said. “I want it to be a comfortable place where [students] can sit and enjoy.”

She said the smoking lounge has a relaxing atmosphere.

“[The lounge] has sofas, loveseats, tables, chairs,” Caldwell said. “I have a cooler so that [customers] can get some soda. I have a widescreen TV so they can watch the game, or the news or whatever.”

She said her regular customers probably will be attracted to the lounge, too. Her most consistent customers are mainly professionals ranging in age from 30 to 45, she said.

Caldwell said she also wants customers to be aware



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The Green Door sells shisha and hookah, which customers can now smoke in the store’s new smoking lounge.

of the new hours of the lounge, which will be from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Green Door currently closes at 6 p.m. Besides extending hours, Caldwell had to buy a more elaborate exhaust system to keep the air in the lounge clean, she said.

Caldwell said the smoking lounge is a new experience for her, and she is happy to hear any feedback from customers.

Caldwell’s customers reacted positively and are excited for the new lounge, she said.

Jan Collins, Washington Street Java Company owner, said she recently heard about The Green Door’s smoking lounge grand opening and thinks it’s a clever idea.

“I see no problem with it whatsoever,” Collins said. “You go in there and you know what you’re going into, and if you’re not a smoker you don’t go in there.”

She also pointed out that there aren’t waitresses or other staff besides Caldwell, so anyone opposed to smoking

isn’t forced to be in the lounge.

Collins said she doesn’t think the smoking lounge will hurt her business at all. She said she thinks the lounge will be successful and pleasing to some Kirksville residents.

Sophomore Bryce Frazier, a frequent Green Door customer, said he heard about the grand opening from some of his friends and that he plans on visiting the smoking lounge sometime this semester.

“That’d be awesome,” Frazier said. “It’s social, chill ... you can have a good time.”

Frazier said the smoking lounge could be a way to help occupy some students’ downtime, but it’s definitely not for everyone. He said students supporting the idea of a campus-wide smoking ban would probably not support the smoking lounge.

“I’m sure [the smoking lounge] will be disfavored amongst most [Truman students], but we have our freedom to smoke,” Frazier said.

Former DPS building destroyed

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Students searching for safety no longer need to run the length of campus to reach the Department of Public Safety building.

DPS has moved from its old location north of the Student Recreation Center to the first floor of Grim-Smith Hospital, located on the south side of campus near University Counseling Services.

Director of DPS Tom Johnson said they moved into the new building the first week of June. He said DPS made the decision to

move last summer due to problems with black mold, lack of space and flooding during storms.

“The old building was just getting worn out,” Johnson said. “It was becoming too costly to maintain.”

Johnson said DPS originally moved into the old building around 1975. He said this new office gives DPS a more

central location so they can be more easily found and can respond quicker to emergencies on any part of campus.

He said the new location also gives DPS more space, including an emergency operation center to keep the department running during events like tornadoes or other natural disasters. The emergency operation

center is protected in the middle of the building and has a radio for emergency use.

Campus Planner Mark Schultz said the old building, which was demolished last week, should be completely removed by the time school begins. He said the place where it stood will become green space for now.

“[The previous building] was just a very old, inefficient house that was converted to business use, and we had a better location,” Schultz said.

Schultz said DPS’s new location is the former emergency room of Grim-Smith Hospital.

The building now houses DPS, part of the Physical Plant and temporary offices for the coaches whose offices are displaced by construction on Pershing Building.

Schultz said the building might eventually be converted to a child services building, and he hopes to use more of the building to house the Physical Plant. He said the Physical Plant currently is spread across campus in several different places, and it would work more efficiently if it were centralized to a single location.

(Additional reporting by Andrea Hewitt)

NEWS | In Brief

Baptist church to host celebration

Hamilton Street Baptist Church of Kirksville will host Worship in the Park at 11 a.m. Aug. 29 in Rotary Park at the Centennial Amphitheatre. A free cookout luncheon will follow the worship, and from 1 to 3 p.m. Attendees can swim at the Aquatic Center’s indoor pool for \$1 per person. Shuttle buses will provide transportation for Truman students and will run from the front of the Student Union Building beginning at 10:30 a.m. The rain site will be at Hamilton Street Baptist Church at 802 West Hamilton Street. For more information call 665-4633.

Fulbright accepting applications

Students can now apply for the 2011-2012 Fulbright Student Program, which is sponsored by the federal government. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and have a bachelor’s degree or the equivalent by the beginning of the grant. Contact Maria Di Stefano at mdistefa@truman.edu for more information. Applications are due Sept. 21, 2010.

U.S. to send teachers to Brazil

In preparation for the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil, the U.S. Embassy and the Fulbright Commission will increase the quality and quantity of English teaching in Brazil. Twenty English Teaching Assistantship awards are available for March 2011, and 30 ETA awards are available for March 2012. Candidates with degrees in English, applied linguistics or foreign languages and certification or significant coursework in teacher education or TESOL will be preferred. Contact Maria Di Stefano at mdistefa@truman.edu.

WRC discusses women’s suffrage

The Women and Gender Studies Committee and the Women’s Resource Center will host Women’s Equality Day at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Baldwin Hall 318. A panel will discuss the women’s suffrage movement and the political gender gap in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the ratification of U.S. women’s rights to vote. For more information, contact Linda Seidel at lseidel@truman.edu.

Activities Fair open for registration

Organizations should register now for the 2010 Activities Fair at csi.truman.edu. The fair will be from noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 1. For more information, contact the Center for Student Involvement at 785-4222.

SUB will host Bandfest

The bands hereafterthis, Everfield and Sing-me-a-fiction will perform at this year’s Bandfest, from 9 p.m. to midnight Tuesday in the Student Union Building Mall. Students can enjoy free food and games, including bouncy boxing, Velcro wall and bungee run. For more information, e-mail subafterdark@truman.edu.

Board of Governors | In Brief

- BOG approved the Local Capital Budgets for FY 2011, a major focus of which will be the replacement of aging heating and cooling systems, repairs to roofs and masonry and other projects designed to preserve our facilities.

- BOG passed a resolution in recognition of Peter T. Ewell.

- BOG approved the 2010-12 Memorandum of Agreement that covers Physical Plant employees.

- BOG ratified a change order for the Pershing Building asbestos abatement project which had previously been approved by the Board through a ballot-by-mail.

- BOG approved the General Revenue Request for FY 2012.

- BOG approved emergency repairs to the library chiller/cooling tower.

DPS | Reports

6/30 A bicycle was reported stolen from BNB.

7/10 Bradley Schroeder was issued a Missouri Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Intoxicants.

8/1 A burglary was reported at Greenwood school.

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