

Kirksville restaurant updates

South McDonald's now open 24 hours

McDonald's on South Baltimore Street will be open 24 hours, as of yesterday.

While currently the change in hours is just a trial to see how much business it will bring, McDonald's management said they would like to see the change be permanent.

"We can't expect anything because there is another [24 hours McDonald's], but we're hoping for the best," manager Noah Hurd said.



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Opie's moves to The Square

Local steak house moves to West Washington Street

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Opie's Pool Hall and Steakhouse has moved to a new location to help attract business.

Opie's new home is on W. Washington Street, where the former restaurant Il Spazio was located. The move to the business district has brought in more business, Opie's worker Chris Baker said. The doors to the new location officially opened August 6.

Opie's used to be three miles south of town, and while it never hurt business that much, it helped to move to the busier district, Baker said.

"Our regular customers continue to come in and they say we are a lot closer now

and easier to get to," Baker said.

The menu is staying the same, but there are new lunch specials everyday except Saturdays, worker Laura Riggen said. They are hosting poker nights and tournaments as well as pool tournaments to attract more college students, she said. The bar won't open until the owner can get his liquor license, Riggen said. However, she said because of the family atmosphere they strive for, intoxicated patrons will be asked to leave.

"We're a very family oriented place and we allow our kids to be in the pool hall," Riggen said.

Opie's now will be open until 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, one hour later than its former closing time. They will also be open Sundays from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. instead of closing at 3 p.m. like they have in the past.

Produce and local food offered at Sebree's

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The newest addition to the Adair County area is the local seafood restaurant Sebree's, in Greentop, less than 10 miles from campus.

The restaurant offers a full bar, free Wi-Fi, and large portions of food at reasonable prices, owner Cindy Boultinghouse said. She said college students will appreciate the seafood Friday special and the prime rib Saturday special.

Sebree's only uses local meats, imported seafood and primarily local produce, most of which comes out of Sebree's own garden located in front of the restaurant. She said the restaurant is aiming to serve the community as a whole.



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Boultinghouse said she thinks both college students, and other patrons, will enjoy the large portions.

The two owners of Sebree's, Cindy and her husband Brian, have been in the restaurant business for more than twenty years, Boultinghouse said. Working in the restaurant business all across the country makes opening one in Greentop and getting back to

their roots with local cooking, a great opportunity for them, she said. The main philosophy of the restaurant is to be as local as possible, including having a whole hog and cow locally bought and butchered.

"Opening the restaurant was a good opportunity to do everything as local as possible and be closer to Brian's family," Boultinghouse said.

New business caters to students

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It's Time, a new restaurant on The Square, is not quite open for business, but owner Mike King said he is excited to draw in students as soon as he can.

A Kirksville native, King said he always wanted to open his own business. After being dragged down by the imper-

sonal and primarily monetary nature of higher corporate-level restaurants, he said he decided to create his own place, complete with the warm customer-oriented atmosphere he missed.

As the former district manager of eleven restaurants or stores, he said he hopes his background will provide him with the ability to make his goal a reality.

It's Time's menu will be similar to

traditional diners, mirroring a handful of restaurants King said he enjoyed in Springfield, Mo. This includes breakfast all day and the possibility of a produce stand featuring Kirksville crops.

King said he strives to serve the needs of students. The diner's hours extend past the closing time of local bars, offering the ability for passersby to enjoy the late-night luxuries of "ob-

nnoxiously unhealthy food."

Along with free Wi-Fi, there will be special hours for students during finals week. Even while catering to a younger audience, King said he will continue to accommodate town residents.

Located between King Appliances and The Hair Academy 101 on North Franklin Street, It's Time is within walking distance of Truman's campus.

Financial aid changes begin

GPA requirements for scholarships change

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A small population of students at Truman State will see a major change in their financial aid awards, after revisions were made to the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy this past summer.

Prior to this fall, a student had to maintain a 2.0 grade point average to receive the financial aid. After the revisions, a student can now have a 1.7 GPA and still receive their financial aid.

The Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy encompasses federal and state standards for students' financial aid packages, according to Truman's Financial Aid website.

Kathy Elsea, Director of Financial Aid, said student progress previously had been judged by the number of credit hours they had taken. The cur-

rent system will measure hours attempted versus hours earned. Students must have a 66.7 percent success rate to keep their allotted amount of financial aid.

Students will be evaluated every year for changes in their aid packages through the new policy, unlike the previous four-semester cycle, Elsea said.

Due to the implementation of these changes, 165 students will benefit, regaining aid they had previously lost, Elsea said.

She said the increase in students who will receive their financial aid is due to the minimum GPA being lowered. However, because of the stricter credit hour-related measurement, ten students will lose their financial aid packages.

The changes in the policy came after the University underwent a routine audit this summer, Elsea said.

For more information on the changes to financial aid packages, contact the Financial Aid Office at 660-785-4130.

Truman welcomes new provost

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Truman State's new provost and vice president of academic affairs, Joan Poor, is ready for the year.

With a liberal arts background, Poor said she plans to bring her experience to support Truman's mission.

"I believe very strongly in the public mission being accessible and affordable to all students that want to come to Truman," she said.

Poor also said she finds it important to support the curriculum and ongoing fervor of the academic experience.

Poor, who spent nine years at St. Mary's College in Maryland — one of Truman's sister schools — was chosen after a rigorous search conducted by a committee created by University President Troy Paino during the previous school year.

After several rounds of on and off-site interviews and surveys, the committee submitted its final suggestion to Paino. He then announced at the end of the Fall 2011 semester that the position was of-

fered to and accepted by Poor.

In order to achieve her ultimate goal of strengthening the University's mission, Poor said she plans to learn about the Truman community during the coming year and absorb as much information as possible as she transitions into her position.

"My economics background gives me the ability to weigh multiple perspectives when making decisions for the greater good," she said.

Poor's understanding of higher education revenues and expenses is something that Paino said makes her a valuable asset to the University.

"I think that her ability to ask the right questions, analyze data and solve problems is really what I'm looking for," Paino said.

Another of Poor's assets, Paino said, is her ability to relate well with a wide variety of individuals, which a person in her position will undoubtedly encounter.

As resources dwindle due to state budget cuts, Paino said challenges lie ahead of Poor in terms

of thinking about research allocations.

"We also have major accreditation changes that are going to be coming up in the next couple of years," Paino said. "Helping lead the University through that [process] is going to be a big part of her job."

Richard Coughlin, former interim provost and current dean of libraries and museums, said during his two year period of holding that position he faced the challenge of managing budget reductions between 4 and 5 million dollars.

"The two years I had the job were two very bad budget years," Coughlin said. "The goal was to work with the dean and the other staff to manage the budget reductions, however, I think we did the best we could while trying to maintain the quality of the academic mission of the University."

Coughlin said because of his short term he was unable to focus on curricular matters as much as he would have liked. He said he especially enjoyed interdisciplinary studies and wished he could have explored different ways to expand the program.

Poor said she is ready to see what experiences the University will offer her.

"I'm really looking forward to this year, to getting to know as many people as I can, and to experience the excitement of the student and faculty here on campus," Poor said.



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