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Tack store closes; 40 out of work

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BYRON TOWNSHIP -- Forty people lost their jobs Tuesday when a local equine and Western store shut its doors after nearly 20 years.

Millbrook Tack and Trailer, at 510 68th St. SW, went out of business, according to Matthew Howell, whose mother started the business.

In a statement, Howell said he learned in June the business had financial problems, which he linked to its trailer division.

In 2006, the Byron Township Board approved the store's plan to reconfigure its parking lot to accommodate as many as 130 parking spaces for trailers, nearly double the 70 slots initially approved.