

Improper food handling procedures cause trouble

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were found on can openers and meat slicers, which can also spread bacteria. A cook, wearing gloves, was seen touching raw bacon then fresh bread without changing gloves or washing his hands and a waitress sliced mushrooms for a salad and buttered a piece of bread without wearing gloves. Cooked and ready-to-eat turkey and navy beans, along with other foods, were stored in the restaurant's cooler

without proper covering, which might allow food to spoil faster and allow foreign objects to fall in. Foods were stored without dates marked on the package, which is required so that food can be rotated on a "first in, first out" principle. A bean casserole was found stored in a freezer with freezer burn and pieces of melted tin foil. Eggs from an early breakfast were found at 10:30 a.m. next to a deep-fat fryer. Eggs should be kept at room temperature for only a limited time, and the

heat from a fryer can accelerate bacteria growth. The sky showed through a hole in the ceiling over the cooking stove. The hole was loosely covered with a plastic bag, inspectors said, but not tightly enough to keep rain or outside dust from coming inside the kitchen. The inspectors found the walls and coils of a cooler to be dirty, and said there was a buildup of dust, lint and pieces of food on the floor and underneath tables.

In previous inspections, the health department found a pan of fresh blood dripping into a container of ham salad and pieces of raw pork ribs and chicken leaking juices into a container of cooked chicken wings. "I think there was clearly a basis for action here," Heideman said. Heideman said in his six years with the department, he only remembers four or five restaurants losing their license. "We try to work productively with

operators," Heideman said. "It is very uncommon we go to this extreme." For the restaurant to open again, even under new owners, it would have to go through another inspection, Heideman said, and all insanitary conditions would have to be fixed before the suspension can be lifted. Diane Luthor, a waitress at Ray's for three years before it closed, said she is going to miss working with Osborn. "He was a great guy, but he was starting to get really tired and worn out,"

Luthor said. "Everybody could see it." She said Osborn worked from 3 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days a week and was ready to retire. Osborn said he is going to keep active, and try to find something to do. "I appreciate the support I've gotten from the community," Osborn said, "and I'm sorry I had to give it up." Luthor said she will miss her job, and most of her customers. "I hate to see it closed down," she said, "but life goes on."

Graduates looking forward to new jobs, new lives and future

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job yet, but she plans to find work either in Goodland or LaCrosse. She said a drawback could be that besides working in the college's administration office during the summer, she's never held an office position. "I don't have much experience," she said, adding that she hopes good references from her previous employers will convince someone to give her a chance. Despite the fact the economy is recovering from a recession, Schneider said she doesn't think she'll have trouble finding work. "I heard on the news only 28 percent of college students are finding jobs or

something like that," she said. "It's kind of scary, but I'm not planning on having a hard time." Being one of the oldest graduates this year, Schneider said she plans to celebrate by spending time with her parents, children and grandchildren. "I'm too old to celebrate like the young ones," she said. Ben Campbell, an automotive technology graduate who was student senate president, said he doesn't have a job lined up, but he's planning to work for a Saab dealership in Denver. Campbell, who is from Castle Rock, Colo., said he enjoys working on that brand of car. "I really enjoy Saab and BMW," he said. "They're good, quality vehicles."

He said he decided to come to Goodland after researching tech colleges in Kansas and Wyoming. "I found this was a better school," he said. "The instructors are awesome. It's a very, very good school." Campbell's high school friend Noel Roesler also attended the tech college here and graduated from the automotive technology program. The pair said they want to work at dealerships in Denver because the pay is good and there's more to do. They're confident they'll be able to find jobs. "Everybody needs auto technicians," Campbell said. "It's in demand." Both said they don't know any

graduates who plan to stay in Goodland because there aren't jobs here, and, frankly, it's sort of boring. "The school is great," Campbell said. "The town leaves something to be desired." Tom Breit, an automotive technology graduate from Utica, said he already has a job working for the Dodge-Chrysler dealership in Hutchinson. Two other graduates of the tech college in Goodland had worked there, he said, and had left a good impression. "They were so darned impressed," he said, "they hired me on the spot. They didn't even look at my resume." Breit said he wants to represent the college well, too. "I just hope I don't hurt the image of the school," he said.

Most tech college graduates will jump from class to job

By Rachel Miscal
The Goodland Daily News

While many college graduates are struggling to find work in a post-recession job market, an estimated 90 percent of Northwest Kansas Technical College students will jump from the classroom to the workplace with no problem. Ken Clouse, college president, said that's because despite the recession, workers with technical skills are still in high demand. In other words, there are still cars that need to be fixed, hairstyles that need to be done and patients who need care. It's good news for the 304 students who graduated last night from the tech college's 13 programs. After spending less than two years in school, Clouse said, about 90 percent will immediately enter the job market — many are already working. He said he's been reading newspaper articles that say graduates of four-year institutions aren't having the same luck. "It can be a tight, tight market out there," he said. But, he added, in some fields, the technical college can't produce enough students to fill all the jobs available. Every student graduating from the

engineering technology program already has a job, Clouse said. "We could have placed twice as many," he said, adding that many graduates of the automotive technology, cosmetology and medical assistant programs have jobs. The drooping economy has affected students in some programs, Clouse said, noting that communications technology graduates are having the hardest time finding jobs. He said of the 40 students who graduated from the program in April, only about 60 percent have found work in their field. "Some are still searching," Clouse said, noting they are having an easier time than students with bachelor's degrees and there are signs the job market is improving. The communications field was booming, but the recession hit companies hard. "Companies over built," he said, "and had to cut back." During these times of economic instability, Clouse said, a technical education is the way to go. "In reality," he said, "the jobs are very respectable and you can make a good living. And you only have to go to school for two years."

All people are practicing at life and trying to get it right

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making it available. Hampton told the graduates that all people are important, no matter what job they do or how much money they

make. "We're all practicing how we live," she said. "Trying to get it right." Don't be afraid of failure, she said. "Remember this: Even the most famous people have failed at some time,"

Hampton said. "Don't worry if you fail, worry about the chances you miss if you never try." During the ceremony, which started at 7 p.m., Arlie Archer, McDonald, a

member of the board that runs the college and an endowment trustee, was recognized for 25 years of service to the endowment association. Bill Schroter, a welding student, was named student of the year.

Bush working for continuing German support for effort around the world

By the Associated Press
INTERNATIONAL

BERLIN — President Bush courted German leaders today as he worked to boost support for expanding the war against international terror beyond Afghanistan. But his hard line on Iraq

drew skepticism from allies and street demonstrations at the outset of a weeklong tour of Europe. Bush greeted U.S. embassy workers

at a breakfast reception at his hotel in downtown Berlin, then was received by German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder at Bellevue Palace, the of-

ficial presidential residence. Bush was to address a session of the Bundestag, Germany's parliament. In his speech to German lawmakers, Bush will salute progress toward a Europe "whole, free and at peace" and discuss the evolving role of NATO.

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