

## Subway changes management, prices

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Goodland's Subway store is under new management and is making changes, including larger portions, lower prices and new equipment.

Heather Helpingstone is the new store manager, and Dave Kern is the regional manager for seven Subways owned by Rottinghaus Co., based in Onalaska, Wis. The company took over management of Goodland's Subway Oct. 3, and Helpingstone has been working here since.

She said she was managing the Subway in Oakley and applied for the job here, and the timing of getting the job worked out great, as her fiancé, Dan Shoemaker, was then offered a job managing the Kabredlo's convenience store.

"I was offered this job first," she said, "and Kabredlo's said, 'Perfect — we need a manager.'"

Helpingstone said she managed the cafe at Mitten's truck stop before moving to Subway, which is also at Mitten's. She said she had been working at the cafe eight years when her boss was fired and she was offered the job.

Kern, who lives in Levant, said

he has worked at the Subway in Colby for 15 years. He is now the regional manager for seven restaurants in western Kansas. Goodland is their seventh in the area, Helpingstone said, and the eighth is being built in Norton. The company owns 301 Subways in Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Minnesota, he said.

Goodland's Subway is keeping several employees from the existing staff, Helpingstone said, but has hired some new people.

"We're hoping to get the business back up so we can run three people per shift," she said.

The restaurant has lowered its price on almost all of the six-inch subs, she said, and has a special on foot-long subs, two for \$8.99 on Sundays. They have increased the portion size on many things, she said, because they were making them a little small.

Subway has a mini sub and soup combo for \$3.99, she said; it's available all day but is really popular at lunch. They have kid's meals for \$3.99, Helpingstone said, and they come with healthy side dishes like apples, milk and yogurt. Customers can get strawberry yogurt instead of chips with any meal, she said.

The restaurant sells cookies

with meals, individually and by the dozen, she said, and they're very popular. One day, a customer came in and bought all they had.

If you have a crew to feed, they sell party subs by the foot, Helpingstone said, and party platters. They need 24 hours notice to do a big sub, she said, but only one or two hours for a platter. A platter feeds up to eight people, she said, and costs \$26.99 each for up to three platters, less if you buy more.

The restaurant can do bag lunches for the schools, Helpingstone said; the one in Oakley usually does that a couple of times a year.

Subway is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, she said, and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and



Subway's new store manager, Heather Helpingstone (left), did paperwork in her office Friday. Employee Felicia McGrath (above) made a sandwich.

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Saturday. They have take-out menus available and accept call-in orders, and may deliver when they have someone available to do it.

Since Rottinghaus took over, she

said, the restaurant has gotten new microwaves, a new bread cabinet and new chip rack, and they now have brewed coffee and tea. And they're willing to listen to what

customers want, she said, and want to serve Goodland well.

"We're just glad to be in Goodland," Kern said, "glad to have the opportunity."

## Visitor board members appointed by county

By Tom Betz

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Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau board members are reappointed each year, and Tuesday, the Sherman County commissioners approved a list presented by board members.

Bill Stoick, owner of Super 8 Motel, and Donna Price, bureau executive director, were at the meeting to answer questions.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked if the people on the list had been asked if they wanted to serve for another year.

Price said each one had been contacted

and all had said yes.

The list of members includes Stoick; Ryan Hageman, general manager of Wendy's; Lincoln Wilson, owner of Howard Johnson's Hotel; Scott Angelos, owner of McDonald's; David Branda, owner of the Sherman Theatre; Elaine Morrow, manager of the Comfort Inn; Cindy Bowman, from Bowman Heating and Air Conditioning; Jeanne Irvin, co-owner of Holiday Inn Express; Brenda McCants, a member of the Kansas Film Commission; and Dale Neill, representative from the Flatlander Fall Festival Committee. Mel Dolezal, manager of

Sugar Hills Golf Club, and Linda Holton, curator of the High Plains Museum, were included as advisory members.

The appointments will be effective in January when the board reorganizes. Under the charter, six members — when possible — are to come from the hotel industry and the other are to be affiliated with the tourism industry or organizations promoting tourism.

The bureau receives money from a special 3-cent bed tax that helps pay for tourism efforts, including brochures and billboards to attract people to the town, Price said. The

annual budget is around \$103,000.

In other business, the commission

• Heard from County Clerk Janet Rumpel that the final county property tax levy will be 55.294 mills, and that is up .145 over the 55.149 as published. She said the change was caused by the exemption for the Holiday Inn Express that lowered the valuation.

• Approved a neighborhood revitalization project for Mayor Rick Billinger for construction of storage units.

• Approved an agreement to pay for half the cost of two people to attend emergency

medical technician training. The cost is \$936 per person, and the county agreement will pay for half of that upon completion of the training course and agreement to serve on the ambulance service for two years. Steve Evert and Greg Nemecheck will be the instructors.

• Appointed Karen and Vernon Isaac to be Iowa Township officers.

• Approved submitting the paperwork and \$50 fee to request tax exemption for the land added to the south side of the fairgrounds.

## Technical college banquet honors scholarship donors

By Ramona C. Sanders

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Northwest Kansas Technical College board members, instructors, students and staff gathered at the college Thursday to acknowledge scholarship donors and recipients during the sixth annual Endowment Association Scholarship Recognition Banquet.

"This year, more than \$120,000 was donated to award these students," said Bill Finley, the college's director of support services and endowment director.

President Ken Clouse recognized several donors during the ceremony, including the Thornburg, Nemchek and Fullerton families. Wal-Mart manager Laura Pope presented Clouse, her father, with a \$1,000 check to contribute to the scholarship fund.

Dennis Atwell was on hand to talk about the Merritt Atwell Scholarship named for his father.

"Our family chose with the memorial ... to carry on the tradition, to continue on the education

we have in northwest Kansas," he said.

Atwell then addressed the students directly: "Each of you need to go back and say thank you to the people who helped you get here."

Scholarship recipient Dylan Glover was one of the thankful students. Glover, 19 and a 2007 high school graduate, is studying welding technology, a one-year program at the college. He talked about the impact of the \$1,000 scholarship

he received from the Endowment Association.

"It helps me buy books and tools," he said. "I have to buy \$165 worth of (protective) shirts and spend between \$1,200 and \$1,300 on tools."

Glover, a native of Calhan, Colo., is living in the college's Vocatio Village. He said any money helps toward living expenses, such as food and gas.

In addition to recognizing donors, the evening's activities included entertainment by Goodland's own singing quartet, the Barbershop Connection.

Clouse took the opportunity to share recent achievements of the technical school, including:

• Accreditation in May from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States.

• A million-dollar, 11,000-square-foot addition to the diesel technology program building.

• A new respiratory therapy program began in August. The two-year program allows students to receive an associate's degree.

• An expanded computer graphics technology program, from a one-year certificate program to a two-year program that provides an associate's degree.

• An expanded telecommunication network technology program.

• A new on-line learning initiative.

"I want to thank each and every one of you," Clouse said to the donors for helping make the college's expansion possible, "not just for your money and generosity, but also for your time and energy."



Glover

## Fire department provides smoke detectors, safety checks

The Sherman County Rural Fire Department has been using grants to help promote fire safety but is still looking for families to use some free smoke detectors bought with the money.

The department received a \$58,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a trailer the department can use for safety demonstrations at the schools and for other groups, \$3,000 for smoke alarms and close to \$1,000 for coloring books and things to hand out to children.

The department has used the trailer at most of the Goodland schools, said Firefighter Michael Dorn, and so far 2,000 kids have gone through it.

The department has also given out some of the

smoke alarms but still has some to give away. Any family that does not have a smoke alarm in their house can get one from the fire department, he said, and those who do have an alarm can ask a firefighter to check it for them.

They should call a member of the department, he said, or they can call central dispatch at 890-4575.

Money for the alarms came from FM Global, a nationwide investment company, which gave the department \$2,400, and Goodland Wal-Mart, which gave \$500.

The investment company also gave the department \$400 for things to hand out to children at schools, and Wal-Mart gave \$500 for that.

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