

Wal-Mart manager improving store, settling in

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Mike Hunter says he's been busy improving the store and settling into Goodland with his family since taking over as manager of the Wal-Mart Supercenter here.

Apparently, there has been some confusion about what to call the manager. His name is Jack Michael, and store receipts say the manager is Jack Hunter. But Hunter says he goes by Mike.



Hunter

in Kansas City, Mo., has 14 years of retail experience and was co-manager at a Supercenter near the Kansas City airport before taking the promotion to manager of the Goodland store. He said he has found plenty to enjoy about the smaller store and the smaller town.

"Whenever you work in a high-volume store," he said, "it's good to get to a lower volume where you can think."

Hunter said at the Goodland store, he has been able to spend more time with the associates and

do a better job of running the store. "I have worked in bigger and smaller stores," he said. "There are pros and cons to both. This is the perfect size for a Wal-Mart manager."

And Goodland, he said, seems to be a nice fit for the Hunter family. The school district's been great, the manager said, adding that the barbecue Friday at Central Elementary was a "neat, neat thing."

Hunter said his sons, Austin, 12, and Luke, 9, have been enjoying the Goodland Activities Center and have been involved in sports, and he has coached two soccer teams. His wife Monica is a volunteer at the

Goodland Churches Thrift Store. She's really liking the town, Hunter said, and safety is something to appreciate in a smaller town.

"It's nice to be able to walk around at night and not have to worry," Hunter said.

Hunter said he and his family may be here a while.

"They like to keep you around a couple of years," he said. "If you do a good job, they like to move you to higher volume."

But that doesn't mean Hunter will be in a hurry to leave.

"Sometimes managers find a store they like and stay," he said. "I take it day by day, do my best job

and treat it like we'll be here a long time."

Hunter said Wal-Mart customers can expect a new feature soon. The store is getting a deli, he said, in the snack bar area. It will be a combination snack bar/deli, he said, with rotisserie chicken, fried chicken and sliced meats and cheeses.

Hunter said he doesn't know when the deli will open, but he thinks it will be a big improvement. And he is working on improving other things.

"I definitely think we can do a better job of taking care of customers," he said, "and make the store successful."

Hunter said the store is involved in the community, donating over \$20,000 last year and probably will give as much this year.

"We try to do everything the community wants or asks of us," he said, "but sometimes it's hard to fit in the budget."

Hunter began managing the store in November, replacing Brad Koza, who was transferred to the Wal-Mart in Kearney, Neb.

Hunter was a grocery manager for 12 years before joining Wal-Mart in 2001 as a co-manager in Maryville, Mo.

Library has new books, cassettes and compact disks

The Goodland Public Library has these new books, cassettes and compact disks as of May 1:

In adult fiction: "Dearest Dorothy, Are We There Yet?" by Charlene Baumbich; "Flashpoint," by Suzanne Brockmann; "Elixir," by T. Davis Bunn; "Nighttime is My Time," by Mary Higgins Clark.

"Just One Look," by Harlan Coben; "Sharpe's Escape," by Bernard Cornwell; "Full Blast," by Janet Evanovich; "Hold Tight the Thread," by Jane Kirkpatrick; "Glorious Appearing," by Tim LaHaye.

"The Face of the Assassin," by

David Lindsey; "Sleeping Beauty," by Phillip Margolin; "The Moon by Night," by Lynn Morris; "Black Creek Crossing," by John Saul; "Reckless Abandon," by Stuart Woods; and "A Hole in Texas," by Herman Wouk.

In adult non-fiction: "One Hundred Best Books for Children," by Anita Silvey; "America's Bar Association Family Legal Guide;" "America's Best Value Colleges," by Eric Owens.

"The Pony Express — a Photographic History," by Bill Moeller; "One Thousand Signs of Life — Basic ASL for Everyday Conversa-

tion;" "Demystifying Anorexia Nervosa," by Alexander Lucas; "What Your Doctor May Not Tell You About Menopause," by John Lee.

"Kidshape — a Practical Prescription for Raising Healthy, Fit Children," by Naomi Neufeld; "The South Beach Diet Cookbook," by Arthur Agatston; "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Home Repair and Maintenance," by David Tennenbaum.

"The Ten Basic Principles of Good Parenting," by Laurance Steinberg; "Frommer's Europe by Rail;" "Fodor's Scandinavia;"

"Founding Mothers," by Cokie Roberts; and "The Oregon Trail — a Photographic Journey," by Bill Moeller.

In children's books: "The Supernaturalist," by Eoin Colfer; "Dumpy's Apply Shop," by Julie Edwards; "Dumpy to the Rescue," by Julie Edwards; "The Case of the Twisted Kitty," by John R. Erickson; "Leaving Protection," by Will Hobbs; "Arthur Loses His Marbles," by Stephen Krensky; "Messenger," by Lois Lowry; "Judy Moody Saves the World," by Megan McDonald.

"Otto Goes to Camp," by Todd

Parr; "Otto Has a Birthday Party," by Todd Parr; "Day of the Dragon," by Stephanie Peters; "One Smooth Move," by Stephanie Peters.

"Don't Know Much About Dinosaurs," by Kenneth Davis; "Don't Know Much About the Fifty States," by Kenneth Davis; and "Meet Our Flag, Old Glory," by April Prince.

In audio books: "Flashpoint," by Suzanne Brockmann (AC); "Elixir," by T. Davis Bunn (CD); "One, Two, Buckle My Shoe," by Agatha Christie (CD).

"Nighttime is My Time," by Mary Higgins Clark (CD); "Full

Blast," by Janet Evanovich (CD); "Firestorm," by Iris Johansen (CD); "Blood of the Mountain Man," by William Johnstone (AC); "Shadow Men," by Jonathan King (CD); "Glorious Appearing," by Tim LaHaye (CD).

"The Body of David Hayes," by Ridley Pearson (CD); "Guardian of the Horizon," by Elizabeth Peters (CD); "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," by Mark Twain (CD); "A Hole in Texas," by Herman Wouk (AC); "Perfect Princess," by Meg Cabot (CD JF); and "The Case of the Twisted Kitty," by John R. Erickson (CD JF).

Woman a delegate to convention

A Goodland woman was one of those elected as a delegate to the Republican National Convention Aug. 28 to Sept. 2 in New York when the Kansas Republican Central Committee met April 24 in Topeka.



House

Cora A. House is a na-

tive of Goodland and the wife of farmer Harlan D. House. Both have been active in Republican party affairs.

Mrs. House has served as Sherman County precinct committee woman and is currently chairman of the county Republican

Party. On the state level, House served as alternate delegate to the Republican Central Committee and was seated as delegate on the death of Millie Johns of Stanton County.

On the completion of her term as alternate, House was elected as a delegate to the state committee.

Agency recertified to sponsor program

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas has been recertified as a sponsor agency for the Teaching Family Association program.

Teaching Family Association, an international organization, emphasizes the positive teaching of functional skills and behavior to persons with disabilities.

From research conducted in the 1960s at the University of Kansas, the Teaching-Family Model was developed and refined as a residential treatment scheme. Since 1967,

the model has grown into an international effort.

The Teaching Family programs give persons as much control over their lives as possible, while promoting and protecting their rights and dignity. The importance of family is recognized, and services are sensitive and competent.

"We at Developmental Services are proud to be recertified by Teaching-Families," said President Jim Blume. "By using the program, we can provide better service to persons served, which is always our

ultimate goal."

Developmental Services is the only Teaching Family certified agency in Kansas.

"Visiting the homes, apartments, and day program was similar to visiting a friend's home," inspectors reported. "It was great to see how satisfied the clients are with the services they are receiving."

The recertification came after an extensive on-site review and the approval of the association's Certification and Ethics Committee and board.

National Guard holding contest to choose logo

The Kansas National Guard is having its 150th birthday next year, and a contest is underway to select a logo to mark the occasion.

The Guard is asking for designs to be used on all posters, letterheads, print and electronic media and other official products.

The competition is open to the public. Submit a finished logo or a detailed sketch and description. Finished entries must be at least 6 inches by 6 inches and no larger than 8 by 10 inches.

Black and white is acceptable,

although color is preferred. Entries must include a narrative explaining each element of the logo and how it relates to the Kansas National Guard. The deadline is June 15.

The design should reflect the Guard's historic and contemporary roles in our state and nation.

The winning design will receive \$500. All entries become the property of the Kansas National Guard.

Completed entries should be sent to 150th Anniversary Logo Competition; Museum of the Kan-

sas National Guard; Box 19285; Topeka, Kan. 66619-0285

Some Internet resources that may be helpful for research are: The Adjutant General's Department (<http://www.accesskansas.org/ksadjutantgeneral>).

Kansas National Guard Museum (<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/museums/kng>); Kansas Facts and History (<http://www.accesskansas.org/facts-history/index>); and U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (<http://www.archives.gov>).

club news

The Sherman County Family, Community and Education council hosted the district recognition day Tuesday, April 27.

Counties represented were Cheyenne, Rawlins, Thomas, Wallace and Sherman. There were 30 people present.

Colleen Duell, council president, led the group by repeating the flag salute. She introduced the guest speaker, Christie Rasure, a "master gardener," who told the council it is

time to "Wake up Your Garden."

She said they should make a list of all the things they need to do for their yards and gardens, such as cleaning trash, raking and pruning.

First, she said, they should get themselves in shape by exercising. Then, they should start and finish and mark each thing off the list.

Several mulches, chemicals and varieties were mentioned. The council members learned several

ideas from Christie.

Special recognition was given to different counties. Sherman County Lincoln Larks won an honorable mention for education.

Danny Mangus sang several songs for entertainment. Michael Mangus and Matt Rohr played the instrument they made for Science Olympiad at the high school.

Raleigh County extended an invitation for the 2005 meeting, and door prizes were given.

4-H news

The Prairie Dale 4-H Club had its monthly meeting in March, which was the club's model meeting that won a Regional blue award.

In April, the club competed with others at the Regional 4-H Days in Brewster. The club also won a Regional blue award there.

The club meeting was led by President John Mosbarger. Jonah and Jonathan McClung did a demonstration on "Favorite Foods Show."

Ryan Taylor gave a project talk on "Xenotransplantation." A health and safety talk was given by Jace Mosbarger on chickenpox. Music or other was by Clay Schilling, and recreation was led by Garrett Taylor.

The club discussed the bread fund raising project and is buying high chairs for the 4-H building.

Club leaders reminded the group of the "Favorite Foods Show" in the Carnegie Arts building.

It was announced that bucket

calves, sheep and swine weigh-in would be Friday, April 30, at the fairgrounds.

Congratulations went out to those who participated in 4-H Days and Talent Night.

The club's next meeting will be Monday, May 17. Club members can choose either to clean the Edson Cemetery or to help make door decorations for the Good Samaritan Center.

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