

Job training class gets a look at a local business



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On Wednesday, May 5, eight Lodge Grass students got a behind the scenes look at how sandwich artists earn their fancy title, and what it takes to keep this Garryowen business operating.

Ms. Renee Elsen brought her high school Wage Earners class to the Garryowen Subway sandwich shop where owner/manager Chris Kortlander took the students on a tour through the food flow from the back door all the way to the customer.

Along the way, Kortlander also shared information on his business' history and his business philosophy, job opportunities, and general advice on how to enter the job market.

Ms. Elsen's Wage Earners classes are composed of upper level high school students who have an interest in learning vocational food service skills and then using those skills to earn an income.

Throughout the school year, these students run a business selling pizza and orange smoothies during home basketball games. They take part, too, in various quantity baking projects for school and community events, candy making, cake decorating. Wage Earners are responsible for managing their costs and payroll records for all their projects.

"The end of the school year culminates with a number of on-site business visits and tours to better help the students transfer the skills and knowledge they have learned to a real world work setting," said Ms. Elsen. "I want to thank you, Chris, for a wonderful tour and presentation, plus the generosity of a good lunch. You always make me feel so welcomed and you give so much good advice and knowledge to my students."