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America's Best Value Inn part of new franchise.

The changing of the guard was evident last Friday at what used to be the Super 8 Worldwide, Inc. hotel at Gothenburg's I-80 interchange.

Former managers were moving out and new ones getting acclimated to the ownership change that was finalized that day.

Nebraska Hotel Properties, Inc., owned by Terry Jessen, bought Super 8 and changed it into America's Best Value Inn—a hotel chain he describes as having a mid-range cost.

Both Jessen and partner, Diana Unterseher, said they decided to buy the hotel because they're happy with the Gothenburg community.

Jessen also owns Comfort Suites, just to the west of America's Best Value Inn, a hotel that he said is more upscale.

Both Jessen and Unterseher, are excited about the new franchise and upgrades to the building.

All the rooms and the hot tub will be painted and new guest furniture and signage installed, they said.

"We want to give it a fresh look," Unterseher said.

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The hotel will remain open while upgrades are completed.

Unterseher said breakfast will now include hot items such as biscuits and gravy and waffles as well as what's been on the menu like fruit and hot and cold cereal.

Breakfast at both America's Best Value Inn and Comfort Suites is available to the public for a charge, they said.

Another addition to America's Best Value Inn will be a shower available to rent for truck drivers or anyone else.

Managing the new hotel will be Stephanie German who will be helped by husband Lee German.



STEPHANIE & LEE GERMAN

Stephanie worked the front desk at the local Comfort Suites and also has had hotel and motel experience in Minnesota and Iowa.

She will oversee five employees at America's Best Value Inn.

Lee works as a certified nursing assistant at Hilltop Estates Care Center and is taking nursing classes at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte.

"We're excited," Stephanie said. "It's going to be a challenge but also a lot of fun."

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They will live at the hotel with their 1-year-old son, Leo.

Two other children, Ryan, 13, and Josh, 11, live with their mother in Texas and will spend summers at the hotel.

Construction on the Nebraska Barn and Grill continues across the street from both businesses.

Jessen said he's hoping the couple's new restaurant will be open by July 1.

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