

weather report

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noon  
Thursday



Today

- Sunset, 5:48 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 7:13 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:47 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 48 degrees
- Humidity 20 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds southwest 7 mph
- Barometer 30.53 inches and rising
- Record High today 90° (2003)
- Record Low today 1° (1917)

Last 24 Hours\*

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| High Wednesday | 57°         |
| Low Wednesday  | 23°         |
| Precipitation  | none        |
| This month     | 0.23        |
| Year to date   | 18.42       |
| Above normal   | 0.72 inches |

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 75, winds out of the northwest at 5 mph switching to the south and a low around 36. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 72, winds out of the north at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 37.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny and breezy with a high near 68 and a low around 39. Monday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers, breezy, a high near 63 and a low around 37. Tuesday: Sunny with a high near 69 and a low around 38.

(National Weather Service)  
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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

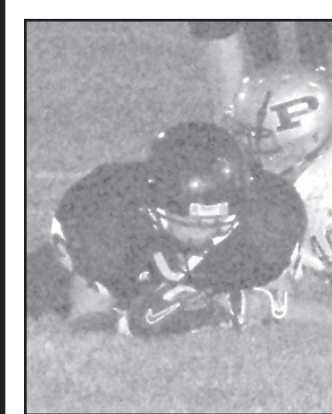


Noon

Wheat — \$6.27 bushel  
Posted county price — \$6  
Corn — \$5.02 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.24  
Milo — \$4.87 bushel  
Soybeans — \$11.05 bushel  
Posted county price — \$11.07  
Millet — \$5 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$20.13 cwt.  
Confection — no bid  
Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)  
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Playoffs key for Cowboys

Cowboy Riley Oharah scored two points against Phillipsburg. With a win Thursday over Thomas More Prep the Cowboys will be in the playoffs and could play on Tuesday. See photo, story on Page 10A

Legacy to kids, museum, animals

By Pat Schiefen

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A group gathered at the Carnegie Arts Center Wednesday morning to remember and honor Max Alderman who had been a common sight helping out at the center, but he died on Jan. 16.



Huang

To continue his legacy in his will he entrusted \$200,000 to the Sherman County Community Foundation. The foundation was directed to give \$50,000 to Carnegie Art Sales, High Plains Museum, Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter and the Northwest Kansas Technical College Endowment Association, said foundation board president Kin Huang.

The money given to the arts center sales is to be used to fund children's art programs, said Carnegie Director Kay Younger. A committee will be formed and hopes to be working with the school district. The center has started having elementary art classes twice a month with different elementary art exhibits in the center basement. The next art class is Saturday on tribal art.

The High Plains Museum's money, said Huang, is to be used for a different museum facility within seven years. Linda Holton, Director of the High Plains Museum, represented the museum. The foundation was entrusted to hold the funds until used.

Sandy Rogers accepted the money for the animal shelter. She said the money will be used to enrich people's and animal's lives in the county.



Sherman County Community Foundation Board President Kin Huang talked to fellow foundation board members Kevin Rasure and Wilma Pfannenstiel (center right) before funds were distributed from the Max Alderman estate on Wednesday morning at the Carnegie Arts Center. Those receiving money were Carnegie Art Sales, Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter, Northwest Kansas Technical College and High Plains Museum. Lloyd Holbrook played music from the era of Alderman before the presentations.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Dick Short, president of Northwest Kansas Technical College board of directors, and Bill Finley, vice president for student affairs, accepted the money for their endowment association. The money is to be used for scholarships.

Lloyd Holbrook provided music on the piano. He said he played music from Alderman's era.

Attorney Ron Vignery represented the estate and attorney Jerry Fairbanks the First National Bank.

The Sherman County Community Foundation was established as a non taxable charitable entity in 2002. The group is 501 (C) 3 tax exempt organization. The foundation has unrestricted and restricted funds. Unrestricted funds include a general fund and a community improvement fund. The general fund is used for operating expenses.

Restricted funds include directed funds for veterans cemetery plots, Shine-On Sherman County, High

Plains Museum, Freedom Fest Fireworks Fund, carnival fund, Tuning-up Tomorrow fund, Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship, Derrick J. Lutters Memorial Scholarship, Eugene Lavern Hall Memorial Scholarship, library, Goodland Arts Council, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, animal shelter, Van Gogh Art Gallery Fund and the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. There are pass through funds for the Goodland Nativity Scene and the

learning center.

November is when the foundation begins their annual fund raising efforts, said Huang. She wants to remind people donating to the foundation is tax exempt.

Huang's vision for the foundation is to eventually have an office with a director.

Any size donation is accepted, said Huang. For information contact her or write to Box 888, Goodland, KS 67735.

Conference speakers inspire, challenge

By Tom Betz

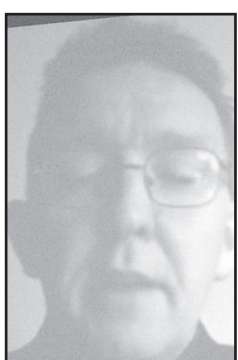
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Talks about saving small town businesses, learning how to invest in young people and studying Kansas small town success stories inspired and challenged an audience Friday morning at the Northwest Technical College.

Three speakers challenged the audience of about 80 who attended the second annual Rural School and Community Development Conference hosted by Northwest Kansas Technical College at the student union.

The three speakers were Dr. Patrick J. Carr of Rutgers University, Jason Opat of Wichita who is the chairman of the Kansas Film Commission and Cinda Baxter founder of the 3/50 project.

College President Dr. Ed Mills opened the



Dr. Carr

conference talking about the success of the programs at Northwest Tech including the launch of the campus iPad project so that every student and faculty has one and are using them every day in classes on campus.

He said the goal of the conference was to talk about how we make a positive difference for the college and community in the future.

One area he said was important was to have Northwest Tech and Colby Community College both be healthy and work together for the educational success of northwest Kansas. For Northwest Tech he said that is for the 17 counties and 24 school districts in the college service area.

Dr. Mills said keeping more students here is important and said the communities need to look at the scholarships kids receive and leave and don't come back. He said the thinking on that needs to change to keep more kids here.

"I see closed store fronts as an opportunity for entrepreneurial efforts," he said.

Mills said the first speaker, Dr. Carr, was unable to physically attend the conference because of sick children, but through technology and the Internet he was able to speak to the audience and answer questions.

Carr appeared larger than life on a video screen set up in a corner of the room, and talked about his research for the book "Hollowing out the middle: The Rural Brain Drain and What it Means for America."

He said the non-metro areas have been losing population and in the years from 2000 to 2005 there were more deaths than births. Those leaving are the young educated people, and 45 percent of these areas are under served medically. He said this is cutting away at the core of the non metro areas.

He said if the process continues most small towns will be hollowed out in the next 20 years. The small towns are dependent on agriculture and industry jobs, but with the consolidation and mechanization of farming the number of available jobs have dropped.

An example of the change in industry jobs, Carr said, 12-15 years ago a food processing employee was making about \$12 an hour and had benefits, but today the workers are getting paid about \$5.30 an hour and without benefits.

He said this is part of globalization with the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs through downsizing and out sourcing.

In the research for the book they studied Ellis, Iowa from 2001 to 2003. They caught up with high school graduates and asked about their reasons for either leaving, staying or coming back to Ellis.

He said the major questions were "If I stay, what do I do?" "If I go (leave town) do I come back?"

He said the people sort themselves out on a track to stay, go or return.

The people interviewed in the study fall into three categories, he said. The Achievers are the leavers who are most likely not to come back. He said these are the ones who feel they have been sent forth to do great things, and feel they have been invested in to leave and achieve.

The second group are the Seekers who want to go see the world, he said. There isn't much investment in these and 10 percent sign up with the military after graduation as a way out. He said talking to them many said the experience did not match up with what they had been told, and many felt let down because they could not get college credit for

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'Small Town USA' film director tells Kansas small town stories

By Tom Betz

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"Small Town USA," is a way to tell positive stories about the small towns in Kansas, and director Jason Opat talked to the Northwest Tech audience Friday about the stories he had been gathering to be part of the documentary film.

Opat is managing partner of Integrated Media Group, which created computer graphics for many movies including Get Smart, Iron Man, Transformers, Spiderman 3 and several other Hollywood blockbusters. He is chairman of the Kansas Film Commission and a board member of the Tallgrass Film Festival and Wichita Association of Motion Picture Arts.

Opat said he is from Bennington, and played 8-man football when in high school. He said the documentary will show positive

stories about small towns in Kansas, and hopes it will inspire others to find ways to create positive changes for rural Kansas.

Opat said the film will include economic development efforts that are working to help bring people back to the small towns.

He said important factors in the development of towns were railroads and highways, and today it is important for the people to have a pride factor in their community and look for ways to grow what they have.

Opat had several videos including a trailer for the forthcoming documentary that talk about the communities he has included so far.

One is from Speed where Mattel held their 40th Hot Wheels Anniversary.

The road trip in the summer of 2008 traveled

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Have a Happy, safe Halloween - Today merchants costume contest downtown 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.; NW Tech Campus Candy 6 to 8 p.m.

