

Big truck draws crowd for tool promotion

By Kathryn Burke
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It's just one pound under the normal size of a commercial truck, it won't fit in your driveway or your garage, it gets 6 miles per gallon on the highway, and you practically need a ladder to get into it. It's the International CXT, a \$170,000 pickup built on a heavy truck chassis, that you can win in a give-away through Irwin Industrial Tools.

Rasure Lumber Do It Center, a dealer for the Irwin line, had a visit from one of the monsters Tuesday. The truck, International's answer to the popular General Motors Hummer, drew passers-by into the parking lot of Rasure's storage building at Caldwell and Seventh Street.

Visitors craned their necks to check out the special features and some climbed in for a closer look.

The truck is touring the country as part of the Irwin 2005 Rule of the Road drawing.

Entry forms are available at Rasure's. Winners could take home the grand prize a one-year lease on the truck and \$2,500 worth of Irwin tools.

The truck features an 8-foot Dualie, or dually which is two tires side by side, or four total on the rear axle; four-wheel drive on command, all-wheel drive; an International DT 466 diesel, 220 horsepower, 540 pound feet torque engine; and a polished aluminum 70-gallon diesel fuel tank.



People stopped at the corner of Caldwell and Seventh Street to check out the International CXT pickup (above). Brian Freeman (right) climbed into the cab to take a look.

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Redefining big, the truck is 25,999 pounds, just one pound under the size that requires drivers to have a commercial license.

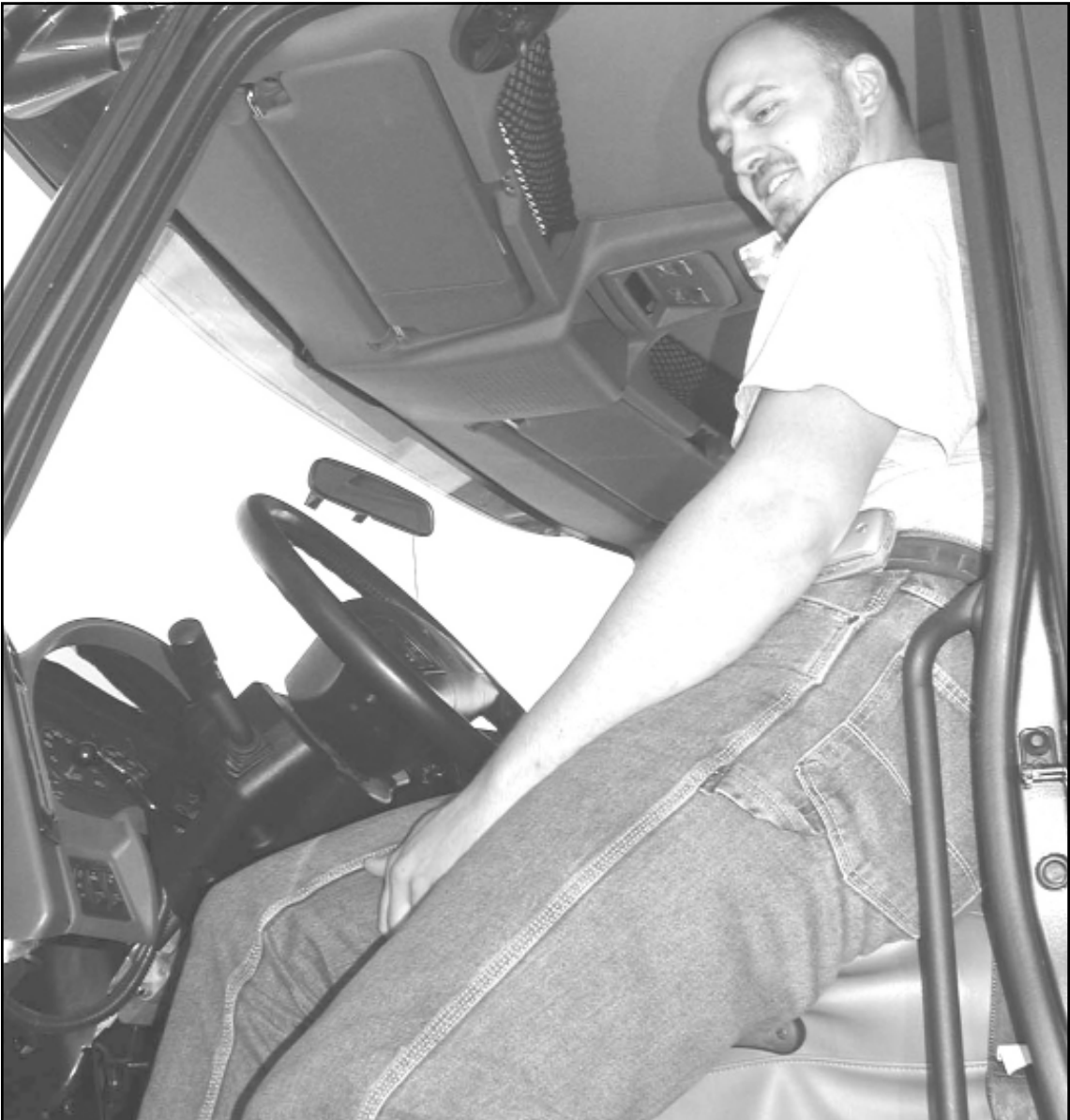
The truck has a drop-down DVD player, a satellite radio system and more special features.

The next prize is a four-wheeler all terrain vehicle.

Irwin is giving away two trips for two to a major stock car race in the U.S., including two round-trip airfare, three nights in a hotel and \$500 in spending money for the next winner.

Third prize is five Irwin Ultimate Tool kits, a \$1,500 value. Fourth prize is 50 International CXT remote control model trucks, fifth is 50 Kurt Busch 2004 Championship die-cast models, sixth is 200 Kurt Busch Championship T-shirts and seventh is 500 Kurt Busch 2004 Championship ball caps.

Entries for the give-away and more information on the truck are available at Rasure Lumber, 605 Caldwell, their new location at 490 E. Fourth in Colby, or online at www.irwin.com.



Publisher named treasurer of national newspaper group

Steve Haynes of Oberlin, publisher of *The Goodland Star-News* and president of Nor'West Newspaper, was elected Friday as treasurer of the National Newspaper Association.

Officers and directors for the coming year were elected at the group's an-



Haynes

nual convention in Milwaukee.

The 120-year-old association represents more than 2,500 daily and weekly community newspapers across the country, making it the nation's largest group of publishers.

As treasurer, Mr. Haynes will supervise the

association's finances for a one-year term. He is one of three elected officers who lead the association, and one of six members of its executive committee.

"It's a tremendous honor to represent other publishers on the national scene," said Mr. Haynes, "one few newspaper people get to experience."

Mr. Haynes has served on the

association's board as a director representing Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas for five years. He was an appointed member of the executive committee this year.

Nor'West also owns the *Colby Free Press*, *The Norton Telegram*, *The Oberlin Herald*, *The Saint Francis Herald* and the *Bird City Times* in northwest Kansas. Mr. Haynes and his wife Cynthia moved

to Oberlin in 1993 after purchasing the Oberlin, Bird City and St. Francis papers.

He was president of the Kansas Press Association in 1998 and of the Colorado Press Association in 1988. The Hayneses operated a group of papers in Colorado before moving here, and before that Mr. Haynes was a reporter and editor for *The Kansas City Times*.

Mr. Haynes is a graduate of Emporia High School and the William Allen White School of Journalism at the University of Kansas. The couple has three children, Felicia, 31, who works for Morris Communications in Augusta, Ga.; Lindsay, 28, a graduate student at the University of South Carolina in Columbia; and Lacy, 25, who works in Lawrence.

Colby conference to highlight area educational opportunities

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

Speakers from across the country will converge on Colby this weekend for a conference designed to help youths and adults see how they can benefit from education opportunities in the area and help sell the area to those who live here.

The weekend will include tours in Colby, Atwood and Goodland. The conference will begin at 7:30 a.m. Mountain Time both Friday and Saturday at the City Limits convention center.

It is part of the sixth annual Ogallala Commons Fall Conference and Field Tours Day, "Knowledge for Life: Innovating Education

on the High Plains."

Ogallala Commons is an organization that promotes people working together to sustain communities in the Great Plains region that overlies the Ogallala Aquifer. In light of challenges faced by rural schools, the organization geared this year's conference to taking a fresh look at education and seeing its future opportunities in the area.

Friday morning, the conference will tour the Prairie Museum of Art and History and the Kansas State University Northwest Research-Extension Center in Colby. In the afternoon, the tour will go to the Home Town Competitiveness-Youth Attraction in Atwood and

then the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland before returning to Colby and touring S&T Communications and the Colby High School tech lab.

Saturday, the conference will include breakout sessions on entrepreneurial education, community leadership education, new opportunities for adult continuing education and place-based education for youths and adults.

The place-based education breakout will focus on determining how to take the education curriculum and apply it to daily life, said Duane Cheney, coordinator at Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development, a Colby

agency that helped set up the conference. The breakout will also consider: "What are your existing resources and how can you use them to make a living?" Cheney said.

Ogallala Commons covers the area from the Dakotas to Texas, Cheney said, and holds conferences in each state. This year, they chose Kansas, he said. Last year's conference was about alternative energy sources.

The conference addressed such questions, he said, as "How do we reduce out migration of people from the area?" and "How do we sell the area to our youths?"

This area has a lot to offer, he said; one woman said she likes that when

her kids go across the street, she knows where they are. There are many positive things here, Cheney said, like the small-town atmosphere, no traffic, no urbanization.

Speakers will come from Nebraska, Texas, Massachusetts, Iowa and Kansas for the conference. Tom Markum of Lexington, Mass., will give an overview and discuss how the business community is a key component that enables schools to flourish. He will speak Friday

evening.

Dr. Cornelia Butler Flora of the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development will speak Saturday morning on reshaping education to empower sustainable communities on the High Plains. Breakout sessions will follow.

The registration fee Friday includes transportation for the tour and on Saturday includes lunch and refreshments. Call Western Prairie at 785-462-2602 for information.

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student of the week

Name: Sammi Philbrick

Parents: Jane & Brady Philbrick

Grade: 12

Age: 17

We've nominated this student because: Sammi consistently gives full effort in the classroom. She is president of AFS and also active in sports. She devotes much time to her musical pursuits and is above all person of proven integrity and character.

Student Comment: My favorite part of school is getting to see my friends and all the school activities.

Activities involved in at school: AFS president, FCCLA, X-Pressos, band, jazz band, NHS.

My choice of movies, books, and games : I like science fiction, comedy and mystery books, any music but rap, romantic-comedy movies and card games.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: major in optometry or education.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: in the career of my choice and maybe married.

Favorite Quote: Nothing deters a good man from doing what is honorable.

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