

# Exhibit shows posters, portraits in May showing

Local artist Elwyn Vatcher entertained visitors at the May exhibit opening at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 W. 12th, last Sunday. He did "Painting to the Classics" in which music inspires him to create on canvas.

The May exhibit at the center is made of two parts with works by the students from the Northwest Kansas Technical College's computer graphics program and portraits by Dr. Ted Parks. Dr. Parks is an outreach surgeon for the Goodland Regional Medical Center in orthopaedics from Western Orthopaedics of Denver.

Dr. Parks strives for precision with his hands in his profession and is the reason he does portrait painting versus still life or landscape painting. He said that if an artist draws an apple, he can deviate slightly and an observer will still know it is an apple, but in paint-

ing a portrait if the nose is off by a millimeter the subject becomes a different person.

He grew up around paints and canvases as his mother was an artist. She encouraged him to paint.

"If you paint a portrait, and it is spot on perfect - almost photographic - then no one can argue that you're not good, at least technically," said Dr. Parks. He hopes to branch out into more abstract and "loose-form styles." His works will be on display to Sunday, May 22.

The computer graphics technology program is a two-year program at the college in which students solve visual communication problems with everything from traditional print layout to product packaging, Web design and motion graphics. Their instructor is Adam Elliott.

The student's work will be on display through Monday, May 30.



Part of the posters done by the computer graphics technology students from Northwest Technical College on exhibit throughout the month of May at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 W. 12. Portraits

done by Dr. Ted Parks are also on display. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

# Sherman among counties in disaster declaration

Wednesday the U.S. Department of Agriculture designated 21 counties in western Kansas - including Sherman County - as natural disaster areas due to production losses caused by severe drought situations, wildfires, and high winds since the beginning of the year.

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack notified Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback he had granted the Governor's request for the drought disaster declaration for 21 counties as well as 18 contiguous counties. "This is good news for farmers

in Kansas experiencing production losses caused by drought, wildfires, and high winds," Brownback said.

"I appreciate the Secretary and USDA's quick response to my request.

"This is worse than previous droughts I've seen during a lifetime in agriculture. It already is affecting how farmers and ranchers are doing business - and that in turn will quickly impact local businesses and communities. It will take a great deal of time and rain to reverse the impact of this drought."

The disaster declaration makes qualified farmers in both primary and contiguous counties eligible for emergency loans administered through their local Farm Service Agency, as well as any other aid available through the Supplemental Revenue Assistance payments Program.

"Kansas is facing one of the worst droughts since the Dust Bowl days," said Se. Pat Roberts. "The lack of rainfall has had a devastating impact on the wheat crop, and many farms are facing total crop loss. Ranchers

are facing severe hardship due to a lack of available feed caused by the drought. I applaud the USDA for acting quickly, and I am pleased that Kansans can now tap into vital USDA resources and begin to rebuild their farms, ranches and communities."

"I am grateful Secretary Vilsack responded to our appeals for assistance," said Sen. Jerry.

"During a time when producers are experiencing the devastating results of these acts of God, we did everything possible to ensure the

USDA's decision affecting their operations was made promptly. Farmers and ranchers in the affected counties are now eligible for USDA emergency loans, which will enable agricultural operations to continue across our state, in spite of the exceedingly dry conditions."

The 21 counties included in the federal declaration are Finney, Gove, Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearny, Lane, Logan, Meade, Morton, Ness, Scott, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Stanton, Stevens, Thomas, Wallace, and

Wichita. The 18 contiguous counties included in the federal declaration are Cheyenne, Clark, Decatur, Ellis, Ford, Graham, Gray, Hodgeman, Norton, Pawnee, Rawlins, Rush and Trego.

Farmers in Sherman County should contact the Farm Service Agency located at 210 W. 10th, (785) 899-3070.

# City to propose changes in federal aviation office lease

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The Federal Aviation Administration leases office space at the Goodland Municipal Airport, and the commissioners considered some modifications to the lease before it renews in September.

City Manager Doug Gerber said he had looked at the lease and felt there were a few areas where the commissioners might consider some changes.

Gerber said the lease is for approximately 1,663 square feet of office space in the south portion of the terminal building plus 144 square feet of T-Hangar storage space provided under the lease at no cost to the FAA.

The lease term is for five years, Gerber said, and he felt the major issue was the rental price of \$11,200 a year that is about \$6.73 a square foot. He said he did not have any idea what commercial rates are for office space. He said he asked Michael Solomon to do some research around town and found the rates are all over the map.

Solomon said the realty person he talked to said the range is \$5 to \$10 for most of what he was able to find in town.

City Clerk Mary Volk said she thought this has been the rate for about 10 years.

Gerber said he felt the city ought to consider making a change in the lease rate to move it closer to the \$10

per square foot.

He said the lease talks about the city providing all utilities, but that is now what has been happening. He said the FAA pays water and the city has paid electricity and sewer.

Volk said actually that is opposite what has been happening. She said the FAA pays the electricity and sewer and the city pays the water as it is all on one meter in the terminal.

Gerber said the city pays about \$2,500 plus with the gas bill there is another \$2,000.

Among other items listed in the lease the city is to provide daily trash removal, daily janitorial service and supplies including daily dusting painting of the area every five years.

Another item Gerber said he felt needs to be changed is about subleasing the space. The existing lease allows the space to be subleased without any permission. Gerber felt it ought to include subleasing with written permission.

Commissioner Bill Finley asked if the FAA has ever subleased the space.

Gerber said not that he knew of. Mayor John Garcia said when you take off what the city pays it brings the total back down to about \$8,000 and reduces the rate per square foot.

Solomon said the rates he was talking about did not include any utilities, and when that is subtracted

it takes the per square foot down below the \$5 end.

Commissioner Josh Dechant said with the utilities subtracted it brings the rate down to \$4.03 square foot.

Garcia said he felt the city should pursue something different on the square foot rate and clear up the services the city is providing.

"It is an investment out there," he said, "and we need to get a fair return for the taxpayers."

"If we follow through with the painting and all the things were are to do in this lease it will eat up more money," Finley said.

Gerber said he talked to Joyce Sanderson who does the janitorial at the city administration building and at the airport terminal. He said she told him she goes out there every day, but does not do any dusting. He said she does not ever remember painting the FAA office.

Gerber said the city has put new carpet in the terminal and painted the lobby.

"The FAA is getting a nice deal," he said. "There is nothing wrong with a nice deal, but wanted to let you know what is going on."

Finley said he would suggest Gerber had a discussion with the FAA representatives and say they have had the same price for 10 years, and see if it can be bumped up a bit.

Garcia said he agreed that Gerber ought to renegotiate with the FAA.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said she did not have a problem with the 5-year lease, but felt the city ought to think about what price they wanted to offer.

Commissioner Chris Zimmerman said it would be good to talk to the FAA people first and see what they might do.

Gerber said he felt it would be

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better to have some guidance from the commission.

Dechant said the \$10 a square foot would be a 50 percent increase, and he felt the \$8 to \$8.50 range was about right.

Finley said he felt the city needs to raise the rental rate, but doesn't want to lose them. He said Gerber could be delicate.

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