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Rural Issues Conference At SCCC/ATS
The Seward County Community College/Area Technical School Agricultural Department is hosting a rural issues conference on Sustaining our Rural Communities, Feb. 18-19 in the Student Activities Center, 1801 N. Kansas, Liberal, Kansas.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Lowell Catlett, a regent's professor/dean and chief administrative officer at New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. As a futurist, his knowledge of technologies and their implications on the way we live and work is addressed in his varied and upbeat presentations.

Mike Irwin, director of the Kansas Farm Bureau Legal Foundation, is the Friday luncheon speaker. A native of Goodland, he has an extensive background in commercial and civil litigation and public administration.

The conference, which begins with registration at 12:30 p.m., Feb. 18, will cover estate planning, retirement investment, being a successful landlord, career opportunities, alternative energy sources, commodity trends and outlook and rural transportation.

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Full registration is \$30, which includes Thursday evening dinner and Friday lunch. Registration for the Thursday evening dinner and keynote speaker is \$20. Student registration is \$15. Registration without meals is available at the door for \$15.

To register for the conference, contact Evan Winchester, 620-417-1353

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