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## Burrage predicts growth for Adair

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Senatorial candidate Sean Burrage spoke to Adair's Chamber of Commerce concerning economic development and small towns.

Burrage said he was raised in Antlers, a town not much larger than Adair.

"In a small town, you get to know everybody and learn how to communicate with everybody," Burrage said. For this reason, he believes students from small schools have a distinct advantage over students who graduate from larger ones.

"Businesses now complete on a global level," Burrage said, "we have to prepare our kids for this."

Burrage said there's no telling where a person is located when they're on the phone, regardless of where the company is located.

"People in India are now being trained in dialects," Burrage said of phone workers, "and given American names."

"Some people say they don't want to do business with China; they're communist. Well, you're already

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doing business with China because the Wall Street companies follow cheap labor markets."

Burrage said he believed education will continue to change and become a continuing process.

"Kids must learn how to learn," Burrage said. "The days of going to college, getting a four-year degree, getting a job and being set for the next 30 years are over."

"The U.S. has to adjust the way it views itself,"

Burrage said, adding that Internet businesses have to extend their infrastructure to make information available to compete globally.

Burrage said the Internet is the first place prospective businesses look for information about an area, so Adair has to develop an Internet site that will promote markets available near Adair, not just the population of Adair.

"The U.S. census data about Adair is wrong on the Internet," Burrage said. "The school has more stu-

dents than are listed as the total population."

Burrage said businesses researching markets near Adair need to be made aware there are 5,246 people within 15 minutes of Adair and 58,000 people within 30 minutes of Adair. More importantly, the traffic is heavy on Highway 28 as it is the gateway to Grand Lake.

"They need to see that Adair is part of a thriving county that is set to grow," Burrage said.