



Janet Warren (left), board president of Leadership Sherman County , shook Deedi Hoss' hand after giving her a graduation certificate at a ceremony Monday night at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Hoss was one of 10 students who finished he program.  
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# Goodland has new leaders

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along with a trip to Topeka with students from Cheyenne, Rawlins and Thomas counties.

Schick said he enjoyed talking with the people from the other counties on the trip to Topeka. Leonard said the group learned to work together and to sharpen their problem-solving skills.

Warren handed out diplomas after John Baker, another board member, called out their names.

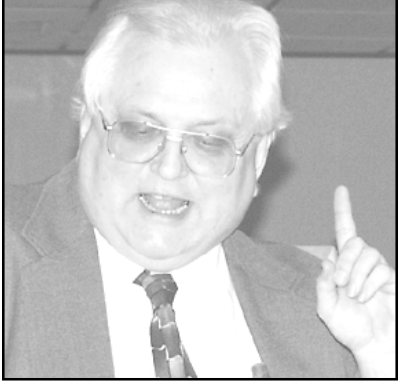
Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh, a professor of agriculture economics at Kansas State University, spoke, telling a story about how Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes was riding on a train, but couldn't find his ticket when the conductor came around. The conductor told Holmes it was all right because he knew who he was and that Holmes could send the ticket to him when he found it.

The famous jurist replied that his problem wasn't finding his ticket, it was figuring out where he was going.

"Where are you going?" Flinchbaugh asked the students, adding that where you've been has an impact on where you're going.

"Don't forget your heritage," he said.

Flinchbaugh said there are two types of resources, natural and human, but



Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh, professor of agricultural economics at Kansas State University in Manhattan, spoke at the Leadership Sherman County graduation Monday.

you can't develop the natural without the human.

He told another story about a farmer and a preacher who were looking over some of the farmer's land. The preacher remarked about how beautiful the land was which the Lord had created. To which the farmer replied, "You should have seen it last year when the Lord farmed it himself."

Flinchbaugh said we are trying to create wealth, adding, "Leadership brings about wealth."

He told the students that good lead-

ers need to:

- Focus on what you can do.
- Be open minded and flexible.
- Understand that good ideas are everywhere.
- Know that learning goes on all your life.
- Seek others and build friendships outside of the community.
- Express your convictions with passion.
- Encourage others.
- Give back generously.
- Seek the facts.
- Seek solutions.
- Focus on the big things, not the little ones.

• Anticipate where the puck is going to be.

• Have tolerance for other people's values, beliefs and lifestyles.

He said that leadership is really at the local level and the work is done on committees and boards.

"The problem solver at the local level," he said, "that's what makes this community work."

Flinchbaugh, saying that his oldest son died 10 years ago, said the last ingredient of leadership was having a sense of humor.

"Life is tough," he said. "What gets you through is that sense of humor. Leadership isn't easy and you won't make it without a sense of humor."

# Recycling subject of joint meeting

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to be taken is starting a recycling program.

"How much are you going to recycle?" asked Ed Wolak, city public works director. "There are all kinds of material which can be recycled, and each could require different equipment and storage. You need to determine what you are going to collect."

He said that materials like cardboard and plastics must be baled, and there needs to be enough storage area for at least a full semi-trailer load.

Frankenfeld said he thought the program should start in the city, where most of the material is generated. Lutters said he thought it had to be a countywide program with possibly a site in the city.

Wolak said there are other considerations with each type of material, especially glass, which takes special handling.

"Glass is iffy," he said.

It seemed to be a consensus that the

committee look at starting with newspapers and cardboard with the possibility of adding plastics.

"Who is going to stand the expense?" Hurd asked.

There are state grants available for developing recycling programs, which Wolak said require a 75-25 split.

The state provides 75 percent of the project funds and the recycling group the other 25 percent.

The problem is that the annual cycle requires applications to be filed by May 1.

With the short time, it did not appear the group could have a grant request ready this year, and that there were many questions which need to be answered.

When asked about the cost of a baler, Wolak said the last time he checked it was about \$10,000.

Would the city be willing to purchase a baler? Several city commissioners said that they would think about it, but that they would need to have a building to house the equip-

ment and for storage.

There was general agreement that the recycling should be voluntary, but that the collections site or sites should be handy for the public.

Both Wolak and Curt Way, county road and bridge superintendent, said there is a long list of items which should not be thrown into the current dumpsters and that it would be important to develop a program for collecting and disposing of hazardous material to keep it out of the new landfill.

"This is not something we can look at this year and then decide to abandon next year," City Manager Ron Pickman said. "This will take a continuing commitment from all of us."

Finding someone to coordinate and operate such a program was also discussed, with members noting that most successful programs had someone who devoted much of their time and effort to the recycling.

The committee hopes to report back to the city and county by the third week of May.

# Morland board votes to end middle school classes

Morland (AP)—Public education in a tiny northwest Kansas community's school district has moved closer to extinction with a decision to discontinue classes for seventh- and eighth-graders.

In the fall, Morland students in those two grades will attend classes in Hill City, 13 miles to the east, or Hoxie, 20 miles west. The West Graham-Morland school board voted

earlier this year to close the high school in the Graham County community.

"Our intent is to do what is best for the kids," said board member Jim Knoll, a Morland resident who has children in the district.

The school board voted 3-2 Monday night to contract with Hill City and Hoxie for classes for kindergarten through the sixth grade. But be-

cause there are two vacancies on the seven-member board, the motion failed for lack of majority.

Knoll was one of the board members who voted against contracting for kindergarten through sixth-grade classes.

He said the board wants to keep its options open and try to keep the younger children close to home as long as possible.

# Crew to come home soon

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didn't use the same term, saying instead that Bush expressed "feichang wanxi"—extreme sympathy—to the Chinese people and the family of the missing pilot. It also says Bush was "feichang baoqian"—extremely sorry—that the U.S. Navy plane landed without permission.

"Please convey to the Chinese people and to the family of pilot Wang Wei that we are very sorry for their loss," said the letter, which was released by the White House in English.

China has accused the U.S. pilot of illegally entering Chinese territory by making the emergency landing without obtaining permission in advance, and the letter goes on to say Washington is "very sorry the entering of China's airspace and the landing did not have verbal clearance." But at the insistence of Secretary of State Colin Powell, the United States refused to say the American plane had violated Chinese airspace by landing at Hainan.

The American letter expressed appreciation for "China's efforts to see to the well-being" of the crew.

The letter also sets up an April 18 meeting, whose agenda will include arrangements for release of the plane. U.S. officials are operating under the assumption that the Chinese have stripped the plane of sophisticated surveillance equipment.

"My government understands and expects that our air crew will be per-

mitted to depart China as soon as possible," the letter delivered by Prueher said.

Speaking later in the day, President Bush said "this has been a difficult situation for both our countries."

"I know the American people join me in expressing sorrow for the loss of life of a Chinese pilot. Our prayers are with his wife and his child," Bush said, adding that he looks forward to welcoming the crew home.

The welcoming ceremony for the crew is likely to be held at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station in Washington state later this week, the Pentagon officials said.

Relatives of the 21 men and three women in the U.S. crew expressed joy, relief and some skepticism at the news that the two countries had reached a deal to free them.

"My heart is just pounding," Shirley Crandall, stepmother of Navy seaman Jeremy Crandall, said from her home in Loves Park, Ill. "We're very excited."

Said Robert Blocher of Charlotte, N.C., father of Steven Blocher: "Of course, I'm extremely happy. But when it's going to hit me is when Steven gets off the plane and I get him in my arms, then I'll be a basket case."

There was no indication where the crew members were. Reporters saw workers removing bed linen from the military guesthouse where the crew had been staying, but the curtains were drawn, and several guards in civilian clothes stood at the gate of

the complex.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin, in Montevideo, Uruguay, as part of a six-country Latin American tour, did not answer questions about the settlement. When journalists shouted questions at Jiang during his appearance at the Uruguayan Congress, he just smiled and walked past.

In the hours before the announcement, China had appeared to be readying its public — whose outrage has been whipped up by increasingly shrill anti-U.S. comments in state media — for ending the standoff. State television reported a statement by Powell saying Washington was "sorry" that the spy plane entered Chinese airspace without permission to make an emergency landing. And a Chinese admiral was quoted as warning that the nation might have to accept the death of the missing pilot.

Experts had said a key condition for winning the release of the crew would be an announcement on the fate of the pilot whose F-8 collided with their EP-3E surveillance plane. State media have lionized the pilot as a patriot who crashed defending his country.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Defense Department released more details aimed at backing up its argument that the U.S. plane was not to blame for the collision.

A Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the crew has reported that the Chinese fighter made two close passes before the collision, bolstering the argument that its pilot was recklessly aggressive.

# Students make high school honors

## Freshmen

Amy Anderson, Lea Acuff, Jared Duke, Lauren Gray, Michael Mangus, Megan McCall, Brittney Redlin.

## Principal's Honor Roll Seniors

Bryce Abbey, Cristina Bertelli, Bobbie Burroughs, Matt Gattshall, Celina Hallas-Junker, Evann Hardy, Christina Lalicker, Michael Leonard, Adam McCoy, Bart McCoy, Lee McCoy, Jara McKee, Matt Mentzer, Laura Miles, Aleasha Mitchek, Cody Pettibone, Danny Rasure, Laurie Scott, Chelsea Sheldon, Jason Showalter, Jeremy Stefan, Curtis Swager, Hollie Waldman, Amanda Weber, Shandon Wolak.

## Juniors

Kent Elliott, Lance Goodman, Rachael Hagerman, Karen Leiker, Erica Mann, Ana Montanez, Brandon Nemechek, StevieLee Raymer.

## Sophomores

Kendra Billinger, Deanna Bauman, Taylor Brack, Jessica Colby, Thomas Cotter, Ashley Engel, Stephanie Fairbanks, Andrea Fenner, Adrienne Garcia, Matthias Goodley, Matt Hall, Jennifer Huddy, Colleen Koehler, Deanna Livengood, Anny McCoy, Britany Pettibone, Donald Raymer, Laura Rice, Amber Ridder, Alissa Schields, Chance Schilling, Kevin Schulte, Joshua Topliff, Tamera Weeter.

## Freshmen

Idaly Bacasequa-Hernandez, Jordan Bedore, Josef Felver, Ashelei Furtado, Dusty King, Trista Lalicker, Michael Larson, Megan Leonard, Jocelyn Lucas, Alisha McKee, Janae McKee, Jennifer Mentzer, Kayla Rasure, Laurie Redlin, Ian Scherling, Cortney Schields, Lacy Stephens, Lance Tedford, Maggie Witzel, Michael Zimmerman.

# Broadleaf weeds showing signs of life



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New spring shoot growth is tender, and applications at this time can delay spring green-up or, in severe cases, cause long-lasting injury to the turf.

This precaution is similar to that for newly seeded cool-season grasses in the fall. To make sure your warm-season turf is still fully dor-

mant, look near the crown of the plant. If there is green growth there, you should not make the application. Instead, wait until the

grasses have fully greened-up, and then apply a product labeled for your species.

For perennial weeds such as dandelion, if you miss your chance to apply in early spring when warm-season grasses are still dormant, it's best to wait until fall when control will be more effective.

# Law turns man's life around

LARNED (AP) — Michael T. Crane, whose case will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court this year, credits the Kansas Sexual Predator Program with turning his life around.

But Crane's case could lead to nationwide standards that would prevent hundreds of others like him from receiving that same help.

"I'm not hoping that this place gets shut down," Crane said of the program at the Larned State Security Hospital. "I think the program is good."

Crane, 39, has a long history of exposing himself to women. In 1993 he sexually assaulted a Leawood video store clerk and was sent to prison.

After his release from prison in 1998, he was committed to the predator program when a Johnson County jury found that he had a mental condition that made him likely to commit more sex crimes.

He is one of 52 residents of the Larned program, under which sex offenders who have completed their prison time can be confined indefinitely for care and treatment.

Last summer, however, the Kansas Supreme Court overturned Crane's commitment to the predator program. The court ruled that authorities needed to prove first that Crane could not control his behavior.



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