

Seminar explores secrets of the Internet

Nearly every computer in the Goodland High School computer lab was occupied Saturday afternoon for an Internet seminar which helped unlock some of the secrets of the World Wide Web.

More than 20 people attended the seminar, sponsored by Internet service provider **nwkansas.com**, *The Goodland Daily News* and the Goodland School District.

Internet Master Scott Rehfeld, a

computer instructor at Lamar Community College in Colorado, demonstrated various methods of dealing with the Internet including using search engines such as dogpile.com and google.com. He showed the details of using Outlook Express for sending and receiving e-mail.

With an overhead projector attached to his computer and another screen in the back of the room, he was able to show everyone exactly what he was

talking about. He checked on everybody's progress so that even those who had not been on a computer before were on the same page and could find the commands he was explaining.

Internet Master Ava Betz of Lamar talked about using the Internet to expand your horizons and to search for things, including specific hobbies and genealogy sites. She discussed news groups and listserves which allow

people to connect to others who are involved in a hobby or avocation.

Evan Barnum, system administrator, and Tom Betz, director of Internet services for **nwkansas.com**, were on hand to help people and discuss the upcoming improvements that will increase the speed and improve the service of the system in the eight towns where **nwkansas.com** operates.

Dennis Stone, high school advanced technology teacher, helped with the

class on behalf of the high school and the school district.

At the end of the course, several who attended wanted to know when there would be another, and at least one person said it was the best Internet seminar she had been to. She said she had been to several.

Before heading back to Lamar, Rehfeld and Betz said they would be willing to do another seminar in the future, and possibly set it up as a full

day with a morning session for beginners and an afternoon session for more experienced Internet surfers.

Most of those attending said it was a good class, but that it was too short and they did not get to do as much as they had hoped.

Barnum and Betz said they will probably plan another seminar in the near future, but may try to hold it in Colby rather than Goodland to give other users a chance to attend.

Man converts corn bin into home

PARROT, Ga. (AP) — One man's corn bin has become another man's castle.

In need of a new home in the midst of a divorce, Gary Buford transformed a galvanized steel grain bin into a cozy, comfortable one-bedroom house with sparkling white kitchen cabinets, modern appliances and a king-size bed.

"In any divorce, the man gets his underwear and toothbrush and hits the road," said Buford, 47. "There was no doubt I would need a place to live. I thought, 'It might as well be here.' I never liked to rent anything."

Buford acquired the bin when he bought some farm property, but he hadn't used it previously.

The bin, a steel cylinder 27 feet wide by 21 feet high, is topped by a cone-shaped metal roof. Except for the white front door, the new windows on the first and second floor and the satellite dish bolted to the side, his house resembles all the other grain bins in rural south Georgia.

Grain bins have a short, squat appearance and aren't to be confused with the taller silos often found on dairy farms. With a decline in corn production in Georgia, many of the bins sit empty.

House advances health care providers conscience act

TOPEKA (AP) — A bill protecting health care providers from being fired or sued for refusing to perform abortions or some other services won first-round approval in the House.

The proposed "Health Care Providers' Rights of Conscience Act" bans discrimination against doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other health workers who refuse to participate in a limited list of service to which they object, including abortion and dispensing contraceptives.

If the bill passed on final action, planned for Wednesday, the legislation would go to the Senate.

House members also expected Wednesday to take up another measure sought by abortion opponents, a resolution requiring the attorney general to file a lawsuit with the Kansas Supreme Court, asking it to declare that life begins at conception.

On Tuesday, the House spent more than two hours debating the proposed health workers conscience act.

Some medical providers joined abortion opponents and the state's four Roman Catholic dioceses in backing the bill. Supporters noted it applies to procedures beyond abortion.

But abortion rights advocates called the bill an attempt to limit access to abortion by making it easier for doctors to refuse to perform the procedure.

Fugitive charged in 20-year-old crime

SALINA (AP) — After nearly 20 years of being a prime suspect, a Kansas man has been charged in the rape and murder of a Salina woman.

Robert Henry Lackey, 51, was charged Tuesday in Saline County Court with first-degree murder and rape in the December 1982 rape and killing of Sara Ann Brecheisen, whose body was found in her Salina mobile home.

Lackey was arrested in February in York, Ala., where he had been living in a motel. His bond was set at \$2 million. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for April 12.

In cleaning out the bins, Buford first had to haul off several loads of weevil-eaten corn left by the farmer who sold him the land.

Buford said he plans to add two bedrooms in an adjoining grain bin. Then he'll connect the two bins with a passageway and build a carport out front, topped by a porch and hot tub.

Some of Buford's neighbors in this town of 165 people were skeptical when he started the project. Now, they bring visitors to see it.

"I thought there wasn't going to be enough room," said Mary Sue Alston. "I thought it would be damp. But it's wonderful inside."

Buford, a carpenter and welder, said

it's in his nature to "look at things and see how I can make them better." And the grain bins were too well built to tear down, he said.

He got the idea for converting them when he ducked into one of the bins to dodge a rain shower. "I thought, 'there's more room in here than you think,'" he said.

After buying a building permit, he and his father built a wooden frame inside the circular bin, covered the framework with wallboard and insulated the structure. Buford wired the house and installed the plumbing, but hired contractors to install the carpet and dig a septic tank.

Living in a round house with 21 flat

facets around the interior requires some adjustments. For example, he had to build the bathroom vanity himself so that it would fit the wall's contours.

Buford said the conversion cost about \$14,000 and the land \$8,000. He figures it would have cost him \$105,000 to pay contractors for the work. He said his utility bill is no higher than that for a regular house.

Buford said his two sons, Parker, 8, and Forest, 6, enjoy weekend visits. They sleep on a bunk bed upstairs in the master bedroom, and Buford cooks a turkey for them on an outdoor grill.

"They love it," he said. "They can't wait to get here."

Lawmakers help lift ban

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ing the ban. "The owners and staff wish to thank our residents and their families and members of the community for their belief in our efforts and support in this educational opportunity," she said.

She said clients were patient dur-

Man sentenced in 1979 murder case

PARSONS (AP) — A Parsons man has been sentenced to just over 21 years in prison for trying to hire someone to kill witnesses to a 1979 fatal shooting.

Robert L. Buffington Jr., 44, was sentenced Monday for criminal solicitation to commit first-degree murder and criminal possession of a firearm.

The targets of the murder-for-hire plan, Greg and Regina Smith, were witnesses and targets of a crime Buffington committed more than 20 years ago.

On Feb. 17, 1979, Buffington tried to rob Greg and his mother, Regina, at gunpoint.

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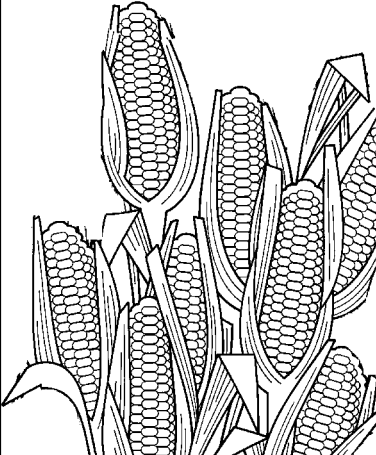
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