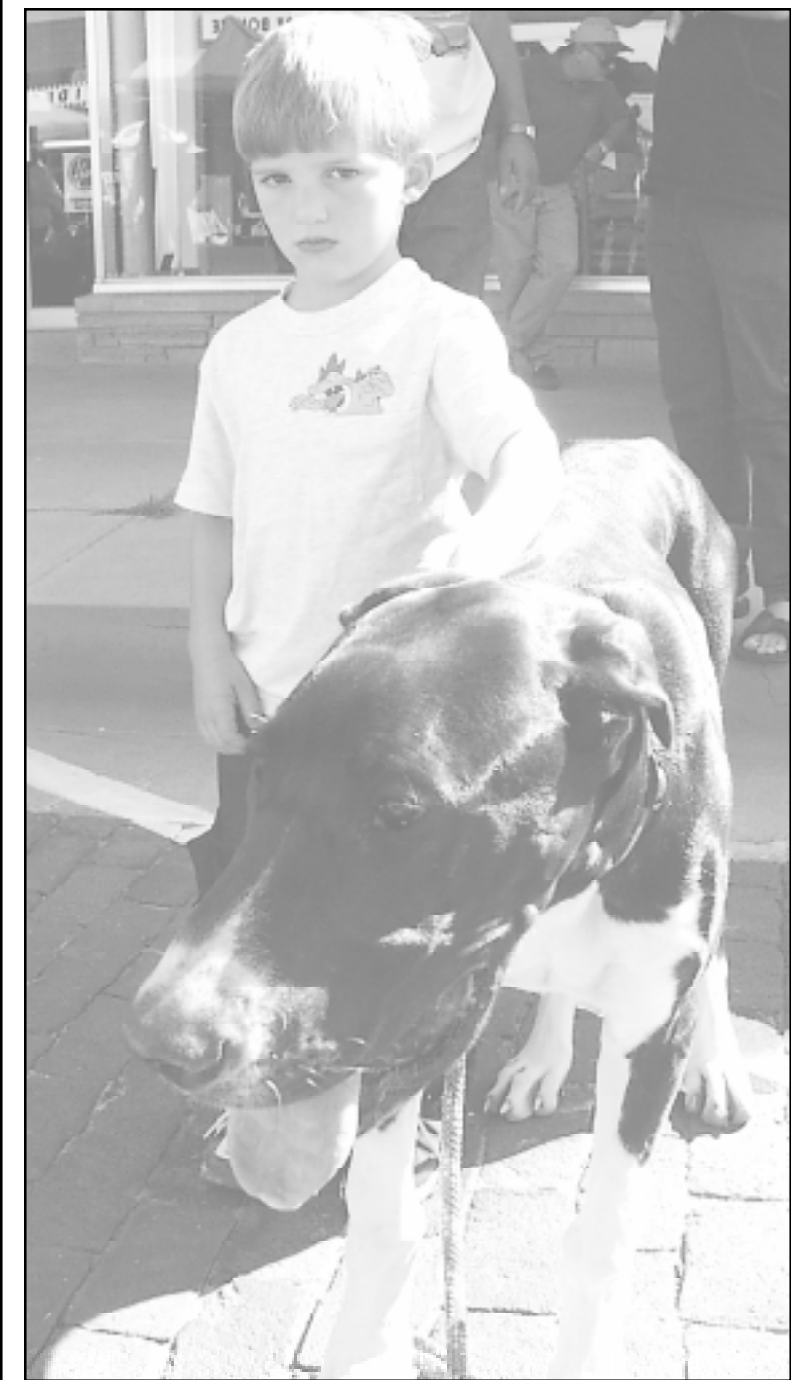


Big, but not big enough



John Peden, 4, entered his great dane, named Mangus, in the Scruffy Dog Contest this weekend during the Flatlander Fall Festival. The 100-pound dog came close to winning the largest dog category, but the prize went to a big St. Bernard named Stella.

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Cloud vote put on hold

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it would be better if it was held at a separate time from the general election.

Davis also said he had received information from Wayne Bossert of the Groundwater Management District, the regional agency in Colby that runs the weather modification program aimed at increasing rain and reducing hail, disputing several things Enfield said during his meeting with the commissioners.

In a letter to the commissioners, Bossert said he told Enfield that if Thomas County, a big area in the weather modification program, votes against the program he would recommend to the groundwater board that it end the cloud seeding program next year.

Bossert said that he had reviewed the Organic Crop Standards, "and found no mention of silver or any chemical used in the seeding process."

Some opponents of cloud seeding have questioned whether the silver iodide used to seed clouds could hurt the soil or groundwater below.

"There is in fact no threat in this regard for crops grown in areas conducting weather modification," he said in the letter.

On the question of the claim of hail suppression, Bossert noted the National Crop Insurance Association data for Sherman County.

"The 20-year average damage level before seeding began has been at 8.76 percent of all crop liability, but since seeding began in 1997, the county average has been 2.5 percent," he said. "I'd say that a drop in the 20-year average is a pretty good situation for the county."

Bossert's letter also said the water district in Southwest Kansas, which runs a 25-year-old weather modification program, was not responsible for the continued funding of the program, but rather that it was the individual county commissions who provided the money.

The groundwater district in Colby and the state pay for the northwest Kansas program.

Thomas County is planning to hold a non-binding advisory vote on Nov. 7, on the cloud seeding issue. There will be separate tables and separate people to handle the election at each voting location in the county, said the Thomas County Clerk.

The Citizens for Natural Weather of Thomas County, a group formed to oppose seeding, will hold a public meeting on the seeding issue at 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, at the Colby High School auditorium. The speaker is to be Dr. Charles Doswell, a retired meteorologist from Norman, Okla.

He will present a 45-minute program "What About Cloud Seeding? A Scientific View." There will be a question and answer session.

Contract considered for recycling metals

By Tom Betz

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A Goodland salvage man asked county commissioners Friday if he could recycle metals from the county's trash, paying for what he took, but officials were cool to the idea. They eventually agreed that the metal recycling might be put up for bid.

Marshall Hatfield asked commissioners to consider opening a contract for salvaging metals from the landfill, and offered to pay \$45 a ton for what might be taken.

"I would like to buy the soft metals from the county transfer station on a weekly basis," Hatfield said. "I feel as a taxpayer, the county ought to be getting some money on the metals rather than

just giving it all away."

Commissioners said metal salvaging has caused problems before.

"We developed a policy which does not allow salvaging because it has caused problems in the past," said Commissioner Kenny Davis.

He said the county already has a firm contracted to clean up the metal pile.

"What I am going to get doesn't make a difference to cleaning up the pile," Hatfield replied. "I am getting the soft metals that I can resell, and I am willing to pay the county for these, like I do at Wheeler and Sharon Springs."

"We have a problem with this because we try to keep the metal all in one pile, and don't want it all strung out with people picking through it," said Curt

Way, Road and Bridge Superintendent. "It is take it all or nothing. Currently, we are working with a company to clean up the whole metal pile, and that seems to be working the best."

"We could consider letting it out for contract," Davis added.

Way said that would be possible, but the current contractor would be completing his clean up of the pile in the next week. He said it would be about six months from now when they would be looking at cleaning up the pile again.

"What about what is there now?" Hatfield asked. "I would like to buy what is there now."

"We will have to honor what is being done now," Davis said, "but we will try

to draft a workable contract for the future."

"I am concerned about the metal getting strung out, and we have to keep pushing it up into a pile," added Margaret Russell, transfer station manager.

Hatfield said his ideal situation would allow him to go to the transfer station each week to get out the metals he wants, and to pay for what he takes.

After Hatfield left, the commissioners asked Way and Russell to consider items they would like to see included in such a contract.

Way suggested the contract include a performance clause, and possibly require a deposit or bond. He said the contract should be for six months, with a possibility to renew.

1950 homecoming queen among honored alumni

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dates. Other participants will be senior parents, Black and Gold booster club members and former homecoming queens and attendants, including Patty (Kanuch) Lamb, the 1950 homecoming queen.

Members of the Goodland High School Class of 1950 will be honored at the parade and pep rally. The pep rally

will feature routines by the cheerleaders, dance team, senior boys, senior parents and others.

Parade participants are asked to assemble around 6 p.m., and convertibles, antique cars and motorcycles should gather in front of the library and courthouse on Broadway. Floats and individual entries are asked to line up along Eighth by Gulick Park, and trucks and trailers along Eighth next to the park.

Former teachers tell how it was when they taught school

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a blizzard in 1943. She said the students had to stay over night in the school. She said her mom had told her to bring along a can of soup in case she got stuck at school, so the students ate crackers and soup that night. The next morning, Bauman said, one of the student's father came to get them and they spent the next day at the student's house.

"It was two days before I was able to get home after that," she said.

All the teachers said they got paid \$50

per month, and Scheopner said she had to drive around to all the school board members' houses to get their signatures before she could get paid.

Babcock said when she was a teacher,

the school had a baseball team and she used to play baseball with the team.

After the former teachers spoke, seven kids participated in a spelling bee. Michelle Smith won the bee, where the

kids were asked to spell words from a 1917 spelling book. Tyler McDonald, Loren Strait, T.J. Freeman, Hannah Blake, Chelsey Horney and Heidi Lawson all participated.

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