

Concentration



Hazen Deeds, 8, (right) and Hazen's brother Nolan, 2 1/2, decorated the Deeds' front lawn on Arcade St. Monday afternoon for Halloween. Decorations included a pumpkin-headed farmer doing a handstand and a pumpkin-filled wheelbarrow.
Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Starting as disc jockey, Melia gets to hall of fame

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sportscasting for the University of Kansas games for decades
Melia served as president of the association in 1976.
He was elected to the board of the National Association of Broadcasters in 1979 and represented Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri for eight years.
During that time he was vice chairman for a year.
He said he began his broadcasting career in 1950 as a night disc jockey at KIUL in Garden City. From there he went to KTSW in Emporia to do sports.
He spent two years in the Korean War and then in 1953 he went to work for KAYS in Hays for seven years as the station manager and program director.
In 1960, KAYS Inc., owned by Bob Schmidt, bought the radio station in Goodland and Melia moved here to manage it.
Melia said when he took over at KLOE, he opened the station in the morning and did "a little bit of everything."
He became manager of the KAYS-TV station in 1963, when Schmidt's company bought the existing TV station. He began managing the cable system in 1966, when the system was built.
Melia then managed all three until the early 1990s when the TV station and the cable system were sold.
He retired in 1993, but continues to work part-time at the radio station doing some sports and a lot of commercial recording.
His son Marty bought the stations here from the Hays group after Kay Melia retired, and still runs them.
Melia still does "The Gardener" program on KLOE from March through October.
It airs from 6:30 to 7 a.m. Monday through Friday. The program is also on about a dozen other stations around Kansas.
While living at Goodland, Melia has served as member of the City Council in the early 1970s.
He was appointed to the Goodland School Board to fill the unexpired term of Max Jones, who died in 1963, and was then elected to a two-year term.
He and his wife Marilyn also have two daughters, Mindy Kroner of Denver, and Marla Cherryhomes of Conifer, Colo. They also have six grandchildren.
Melia was born on a farm near

Bucklin, southeast of Dodge City, and grew up there.
He said that's where he acquired his love for gardening.
Melia said that after 50 years, he has seen many changes in broadcasting, especially in technology.
"It's been challenging," he said.
He said the purpose of radio to entertain and inform hasn't changed, but the "highway" getting there is a lot different.
Dealing with the public and the business community always were his favorite aspects of broadcasting, he said.

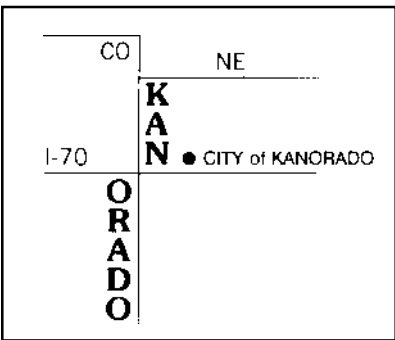
student of the week



Name: Matt Gattshall
Parents: William and Diane Gattshall
Grade: Senior
Age: 18
We've nominated this student because: Matt was nominated for student of the week because of his positive academic attitude and willingness to assist others both in and out of the classroom.
Student Comment: The subjects that I have enjoyed the most at GHS have been my

kanorado chronology

By Dixie Hooker
Kanorado Correspondent
Useless facts: (A little bit of horror for the upcoming Halloween holiday): About 20 percent of all adults in the United States have or have had a cockroach living in their inner ear canal. They enter while you sleep!
Some of you might have heard of the story, back in 1992, when Burlington, Colo., needed doctors for the town. Two of the four doctors in town retired. Well-known farmer, Harold McArthur heard that two Burlington men had just graduated from Colorado State University (both graduated Phi Beta Kappa). They both wanted to go on to medical school to become doctors, but they didn't have the money to do so. So, McArthur made a deal with the two men, James Perez and Sacramento Pimentel. He offered to put up the money for medical school tuition, which was around \$250,000 if they would agree to come back to Burlington



and start their practice. No contracts were made or signed. All through school, internships and residencies, Perez and Pimentel persevered. They returned to Burlington in July as full-fledged doctors. Then will wonders never cease these two doctors make house calls and answer phones!
Through high school the two boys were best friends and took college prep courses. Perez wanted to go into premed

Cloud seeding results not 100 percent conclusive

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things."
Scientists have a tough time dealing with this question, he said. The only answer meteorologists have come up with so far is that studies of cloud seeding are not 100 percent conclusive with respect to increases, decreases or redistribution of rain or hail.
"There's just not enough research," he said, "and the natural variables of weather don't lend a high amount of credibility to cloud seeding."
In a question-and-answer period, Wayne Bossert, manager of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Manage-

ment District, which includes much of Thomas and Sherman counties and who was instrumental in bringing cloud seeding to the area, asked Doswell about Oklahoma's decision to move forward with a weather modification program.
Bossert said that the Oklahoma Legislature is putting up \$3 million for a rain/hail suppression program through the Oklahoma Water Resource Board.
He said that while Oklahoma recognizes the statistical confidence in weather modification is not 95 percent, which is the scientific standards, he said the Legislature couldn't ignore the information it had. According to Bossert's source,

Readings skills to improve

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more hands-on activities, she sees "NetPrep" becoming popular.
After meeting with Elliott, board members left the cafeteria to visit the high school's reading lab.
English teacher Linda VanLoenen demonstrated computer software the school uses to improve students' reading and test scores. Superintendent Marvin Selby said the district bought the \$10,000 software, called Academy of Reading and created by the company Autoskill, this summer.
Right now, VanLoenen said, the only students using the software are 10 sophomores who volunteered to give up other activities to work on their reading. The students talked with their parents before starting the program, she said.
The software uses tests and exercises to improve reading skills and comprehension, VanLoenen said, and tracks students' progress.
Board member Mike Campbell asked if the district had considered using the program at the junior high. Superintendent Marvin Selby said if it's successful at the high school, that will be the next

step.
In other business, the board:
• Met with Jerry Burkett, West Elementary principal, who said the first- and second-grade teachers had revised report cards to make them more informative and easier to understand.
• Heard Selby say the district is forming a facility committee to research building new classrooms in the high school's courtyard. He said the district is sending letters to parents explaining the duties of the new committee.
Selby reported on the Kansas Association of School Board's regional meeting this month in Atwood, saying speakers discussed possible consolidation of Kansas school districts and the problems of finding and keeping qualified teachers.
• Heard from Harvey Swager, high school principal, about developing a mentor program for new teachers or teachers who are having problems. He said experienced teachers would act as mentors and the program would include teachers meeting with school board members.
• Approved paying \$32,040 in bills for the month.

since he was 15 because his little brother had been misdiagnosed and the physician who attended him said he needed brain surgery because of seizures. Another physician discovered an electrolyte imbalance in the boy which could be controlled with medication. His friend Pimentel thought he might want to become a doctor, too, after hearing out buddy Perez. The two friends supported each other, as they didn't have anyone else to look up to. At Colorado State University they studied together and returned home most weekends. In 1991, Perez married his hometown girlfriend, Stacie Stewart. Pimentel married his too, Elsie Segura, in 1993. The Perez family have one child, a son. Pimentel's wife, Elsie, is a Burlington Middle School teacher. The town of Burlington has embraced the two doctors and they are happy to be back home. You really, truly must admire Drs. Perez and Pimentel for living up to their commitment without a

contract, and Harold McArthur for becoming a dream maker and helping his town. Where are "super hero" awards when we need them? One of the neatest things that happened to the two "docs" is that their story was written up in People magazine's June 12 issue!
Short wit: An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive. I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."
The Jensen's, Betty and Pete, have enjoyed the last two days in a row at home! I know, I know, you won't believe this, but it is true as Betty told me this herself!
New words for the next century: Chips and Salsa. Chips = hardware and Salsa = software. "Well, first we gotta figure out if the problem's in your chips or your salsa."

Oklahoma looked at programs in Texas, North Dakota and other areas where seeding had consistently reduced hail by 43 percent in targeted areas over a 30- to 40-year period.
Doswell agreed with Bossert that when it comes to science and setting public policy, the two are separate.
"That's part of being a democracy," Doswell said. "Public policy is separate from scientific processes."
One farmer asked Doswell if the seeding program could be responsible for a normal cloud breaking up. He said he saw the planes fly into a cloud and the next thing he knew, the storm had moved away.
Doswell said he could not say one way or the other.
"It can be very normal for a cloud to break up that quick and be a normal cloud," he said.
Doswell said it would be a gross overstatement to say he is adamantly opposed to cloud seeding. As a scientist, he said,

a lot of data must be collected in order to prove or disprove the cloud seeding theory.
The meeting was sponsored by the group Citizens for Natural Weather, which is made up of people who feel that cloud seeding should be discontinued in the area.
Sherry Barrett, moderator and member of the organization, said that the original intent was to have a forum in which Dwayne Cheney, director of the Resource, Conservation and Development District would act as a mediator between the natural weather group and the groundwater management district and its supporters. The water district declined to take part.
"We looked at two different dates and later settled on Oct. 22, however, both Cheney and Bossert declined to participate due to problems in any of the dates we set," she said. "We made every effort to have a forum for both sides to present this issue."

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