

Teen planning to run for Children's Hospital

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she said, so the illnesses probably made it grow faster. The steroids he had to take didn't help either, she said; he really ballooned up, so much that friends were afraid of him until they saw who he was. He went into the hospital weighing 130 pounds, she said, and came out weighing 210.

When Robbie was prepped for his next-to-last surgery at Children's, his mother said, a boy came in who had been shot in the face, and doctors asked if they could delay Robbie's surgery to operate on him. They were able to save his face, she said, and he will be here to support Robbie's run.

Robbie said he has been training for his fundraiser by running up to eight miles at a time. Doctors have cleared him for the run, his mother said, and his coach knows he can do it.

He has the willpower, she said; he would do anything for the kids.

People don't realize some of those kids will never run or walk again, Robbie said, adding that he wants people to know that someone cares about them.

He also wants to show people that kids with medical problems can do a lot of things — they just need to do it slower than others.

Runners can join Robbie at several points along the route, including Wheeler, the county line, Fred and Jeanie Schields' farm north of Goodland, the sandpit and Jack Armstrong's farm along K-27. Mrs. Herman said they hope to have an escort from the highway past Renner Field

(airport) and down to the park.

Robbie will walk some of the route and stop at several points for water or sports drinks and energy bars.

The family distributed flyers around Goodland and St. Francis and sent them out across the country seeking support for the run. Those who aren't willing or able to run are welcome to show up along the route to cheer him on, his mother said.

Robbie's father, who worked for Silver Crest Farm seven miles east and two south of St. Francis, has chronic pulmonary obstructive disease and lung disease, Mrs. Herman said, and will mark his 15th year with the disease at the end of June. Doctors have told him he only has 5 percent of his lungs left, she said, and the arteries in his heart are 95 percent blocked.

"They don't know what's keeping him alive," she said, "but I know — he wants to see his son graduate."

He will be behind Robbie in a car with a sign that says, "Caution — Runner."

Robbie's sister, a lawyer in Louisiana, has a little girl, their mother said, and his brother, a truck driver, lives in Quinter with his wife. Robbie says he wants to be a highway patrol trooper, Mrs. Herman said, adding that people tease her that Robbie will pull over his brother, who will then need to call their sister for help.

She said they have one runner planning to join Robbie, and some of the coaches from St. Francis may join in as well. The Sports Shoppe in Colby is sponsoring him by providing shoes, she said.



Jacquie Cooper of Jacquie's Hallmark (left) and Linda Koons (right) of Koons Funeral Home released red, white and blue balloons near the end of the Memorial Day service Monday. The two have sponsored the balloon launch for six years. Kevin Zimmerman (hidden in the middle behind the balloons) helped hang on to the balloons before they were released.

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Crowd honors fallen soldiers, those serving

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year: Joseph R. Dana, Marvin Matthews, Donald Zimbleman, Junior McDaniel, Lewis Moreland, Maynard Bane, Leslie Perry, Seth E. Linnell, Leroy Baalman, Clarence Wahrman, Larry Wilkinson, Stanley Criswell, Leroy Lance, Frank G. Schlepp, Louis Nowak, Thomas Topliff and Jack Fay.

Jim Ross, VFW senior vice commander, read the Orders of the Day from 1868 establishing Decoration Day to honor those who died in the Civil War, and directing that May 30 be the

day all graves of those who died in service be decorated. He noted that the law was changed in 1971 to set the renamed Memorial Day as the last Monday in May.

American Legion Commander Mary Lycett gave the invocation. Auxiliary President Carlene Fenner read a dedication and placed a wreath at the base of the Veterans Memorial.

The service began with the posting of the colors by the VFW Color Guard, accompanied by a rifle squad from the 170th Maintenance unit of the Kansas Army National Guard. Near the end of the service, the squad fired a 21-gun salute.

Devin and Michael Mangus played taps.

Ken Baum, Legion service officer, read the Memorial Day Prayer, and Ross gave the benediction.

As taps played at the end of the service, Koons Funeral Home released red, white and blue balloons.

Earlier Monday, a Memorial Day service was held at Brewster Cemetery. Following the service in Goodland, the members of the VFW, Legion and National Guard went to Kanorado for a service at the cemetery there.

More than 130 receive degrees from Tech College

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James R. Grier III, chairman and chief executive officer of Martin K. Eby Construction Co., spoke. He is a member of the Kansas Board of Regents, the Kansas Post Secondary Technical Education Authority and the boards of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Associated General Contractors.

Grier told graduates they would be entering a world full of challenges and encouraged them to continue their education. Many people forget your education continues throughout life, he said.

Reach beyond yourselves, he told the graduates, the way the staff at the Northwest Kansas Technical College does.

Graduates were:

Automotive technology: associate in applied science degrees: Robert Aparicio, Paul Armenta, Banman, Houston Buell, Keith Carroll, Douglas R. Eddleman, Jonathan Esparza, Eric John Lengel, Braulio Medrano Rangel, Jose P. Medrano Rangel, Edward Michael Oathout, Jacob A. Ochsner, David A. Odell, Daniel G. Quinonez, Kyle Rabe, Stephon T. Reese and Jon A. Schneider.

Business technology: associate in applied science: Bonnie Hawks and Salmans; technical certificates: Lynette Henry, Kathryn G. Moreen and Heather Simmons.

Carpentry: associate in applied science: Hill; technical certificates: Matthew Carlholm, Christopher Delzer and James Sylvan Hopkins.

Collision repair: associate in applied science: Paul Castillo, Daryl D. Hoss, Levi Daniel Houston, Cole Mawhirter, Kurtis Allen McDaniel, Sanchez, Steimel, Levi Warning, Thomas Wayne Weaver and Juan D. Yanez; technical certificate: Nor-

man Brown and Derrik Bundy.

Communications technology: associate in applied science: Cody Bert Kastan, William B. Lewis, Miller and Dustin J. Valenti; technical certificate: Cody Jaymes.

Computer graphics technology: associate in applied science: Charee Mykel Beatty, Biernacki, Erica L. Harlan and Jedediah J. Sneten; technical certificate: Brhandi Baker, Angela Delano, Rebecca Lynn Koel, Catherine R. Lovins, Jessica Carol Moyness and Michael Keith Wagner.

Cosmetology: associate in applied science: Berning, Janelle Sue Cole and Jacklin Kay Croner; technical certificate: Holly Marie Bailey, Abigail Ernst, Karissa Hill, Mackenzie L. Koster, Julia Morgan Montoya, Emily Danae Simon and Victoria Rose Winters.

Diesel technology: associate in applied science: Joshua Daniel Bennett, Juvay Espino, Jared R. Johansen, Matthew R. Krajewski, Mark Kregar, Zachary Allen Miller, Justin Noga, Seth Adam Packard, Travis Priest, Erik Thane Russett, Dirk Michael Vapenik and David Wecker; technical certificate: Alex

Drew Crossland, Findley and Kevin Lee Lillard.

Electrical technology: associate in applied science: Ryan Mitchell Brackhan, Aaron DiVittore, Harvey, Eder Hernandez, Juan Miguel Hernandez, Jared D. Hurst, Gary Maurice Kickler, Victor H. Lopez, Ryan James Meier, Cody C. Semler and Nathan Simmons; technical certificate: Derek Jacob Lorlovick.

Electronics and computer technology: associate in applied science: Hansen, Joshua Jeremiah Lee Osborn, Skylor G. Flaska, Joshua Lee Harenberg, Jonathan Hawkins, Steven Earl Isley, Matthew Ray Isley, Sarah Elizabeth McDiffett and Hannah Niccole Morton; technical certificate: Jeremy Chandler.

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and Tyler Joe Stimatze.

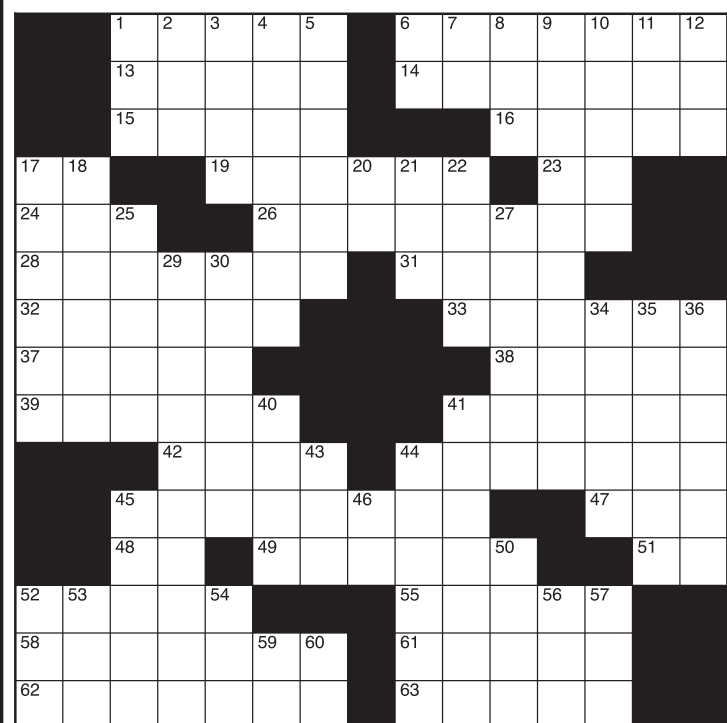
Medical assistant: associate in applied science: Jaelynn Renee Andrews, Cooper, Mary Ann Herrera, Knapp, Lander, Candice Marie Meissinger, Sigala-Medina and Jamie Lynn Snyder; technical certificate: Jessica Ann Bennett, Jennifer Pitcher, Carmen Santos, Tiffanie Christine Schlink and Cassie Marie Walker.

Telecommunication network analyst: associate in applied science: Nothnagel.

Welding: associate in applied science: Dent, Dylan Glover, R.J. Kleweno and Justin Michael Ohman; technical certificate: Caleb L. Harenberg, Travis James Peery and Emilio Sheets.

Welding, pipe and plate: technical certificate: Derek Sean Devine, Jeremiah Bruce Hunter, Bryant A. Nemechek and Jorge R. Santos.

Crossword Puzzle



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