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Winters valedictorian and salutatorian named Commencement ceremony Friday evening

BY CELINDA HAWKINS
MANAGING EDITOR
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

Two of Winters High School's accomplished seniors will serve as the valedictorian and salutatorian during the 2015 commencement ceremony to be held at the Special Events Center in Winters at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Senior William Ethan Brede-meyer will serve as the valedic-torian for the event this year. He is the son of Bill and Sharla Bredemeyer and grandson of Ed and Frances Bredemeyer and Gerald and Nell Robbins.

For the past 10 years, Brede-meyer has exhibited cattle across the state and has been active in both 4-H and FFA as a livestock judge.

He has also been active in ath-letics and played varsity foot-ball, garnering acclaim as a two-time All State offensive lineman and was part of the Academic All State ELITE football team.

He has competed in UIL academic contests and was a state qualifier in ready writing. He was also on the 2015 Na-tional Champion Parliamentary Procedure Team and was in the top ten percent of the graduat-ing class.

He is a four-time livestock judging state qualifier, holds the Lone Star Farmer Degree. He is the recipient of the 4-H gold star and the Battle of the Cattle Outstanding Youth Leadership Award.

In his biography he counts his parents as the most influential on his life.

"Without their dedication, and wisdom, I definitely wouldn't be the person I am today," he wrote.

He counts his service as presi-dent of the National Champion Parliamentary Procedure Team as his most memorable moment.

He plans on earning a bach-elors and masters degrees in animal science from Texas A

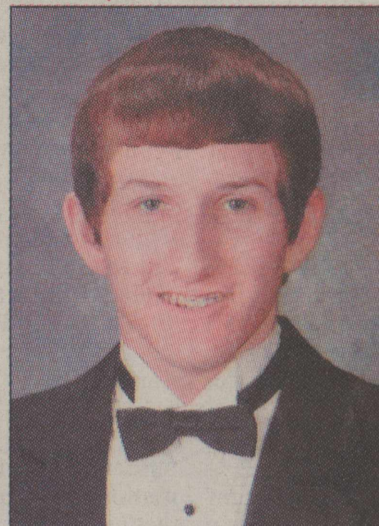
& M with an emphasis on beef cattle. From there, he said he would like to become a county extension agent or beef cattle specialist and would eventually like run for office and be elected as a Congressman for Texas.

Lukas Matthew Kraatz will serve as salutatorian this year. He is the son of Keith and Chrissy Kraatz and grandson of Jimmy Taylor and Carolyn Kraatz.

He has participated in athlet-ics including football, basket-ball, baseball, golf, tennis and track. He has earned many ath-letic honors including Second Team All-District Cornerback, Second Team All-District Bas-ketball. He was also a regional qualifier in the 110 hurdles, was on the regional qualifying baseball team in 2013-14. He also was named a First Team All-District Wide Receiver/Safe-ty, Second Team All-Big Country Defensive Back/Kicker, Second Team All West Texas Defensive



William Ethan Bredemeyer,
Valedictorian



Lukas Matthew Kraatz,
Salutatorian

Back, First Team Academic All-State Football Team and Second Team All State Defensive Back..

In addition, he has been in the National Honor Society, FFA, Academic UIL and worked on the Glacier staff.

Kraatz said in his biography that his parents influenced him the most.

He said his most memorable moment came last fall when his football team defeated Ballinger and winning a district champi-onship. In 10 years, he plans to be serving in the U. S. Air Force.

At that point he hopes to have a decent rank in the U.S. Air Force and hopes to be beginning a family of his own.

Roof ripped off church during Memorial Day storm

Possible tornado suspected

BY CELINDA HAWKINS
MANAGING EDITOR
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

Monday was surely a memorable day in Winters, after a possible tornado ripped the roof off of the Bluff Creek Cowboy Church located between Winters and Tuscola, near the Taylor County line.

But thanks to quick action from the community, the church is already on the path to rebuilding.

"God has got this and this is just a minor setback," said Pastor Marcy Grun. "He's got a plan and we're going to seek that plan."

Jim and Jan Baker, who are the caretakers of the small church off of FM 2405, were just sitting in their RV only 50 feet from the front door of the church when a torrential rain began.

"We heard the rain get really hard," Jan Baker said. "Then we heard a loud noise and my husband said we'd lost the roof."

Sure enough, the metal roof to the fellow-ship hall, had been ripped completely off.

"It took the roof off the new building and one wall was moved in a few inches."

This was a blow to the congregation and the church. The fellowship hall was built only four years ago.

The building sustained heavy water dam-age, especially in the kitchen where all of the appliances are located.

"We hope the appliances will still be good," she said. "What is amazing is that it did not strike our new building, which was only about 100 feet away."

But in the face of a disaster, came hope, after Jan Baker posted on social media that a possible tornado struck the church.

"People gave up their holiday plans to help us," she said adding that about 50 people, both members and non-members arrived on the scene to help. "I give God the glory."

Local citizens, church members and busi-nesses all offered their help during the crisis,

They immediately put plywood on the roof and covered that with a tarp, she explained.

Others who her post on Facebook, brought food and drinks for the workers.

If you go:

What: Bluff Creek Cowboy Church
Where: 3802 FM 2405, Winters, TX 79567
When: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Monday (breakfast and lunch served)
6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study, 7 p.m. ser-vice (dinner served)

If you want to help:

What: Bluff Creek Cowboy Church
Where: 3802 FM 2405, Winters, TX 79567



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED
A possible tornado ripped the roof off of the Bluff Creek Cowboy Church near Winters Memorial Day morning. Immediately after the storm hit, church members, residents and local businesses pitched in to help and by 6:30 p.m. a temporary roof and tarp were in place.

The Bakers did not see a funnel cloud, but Jan said some neighbors down the road claimed to have seen a funnel cloud. A clock in the church stopped at 10:35 a.m. Monday.

Amazingly, the Bakers did not have any damage to their RV or vehicles.

"Thank God the Bakers were not hurt," Grun said. "He's going to rebuild better than it was. God's people came and they helped and that is what matters."

The National Weather Service in San Angelo has not confirmed whether a tornado touched down at the church, but the event had been reported, said Meteorologist Chris-topher Daniels. He reported that Winters and Ballinger each received about .70 inches



of rain during the storm.

Severe weather is possible going into the weekend Daniels said, with a 40 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms predicted Saturday.

He said during a severe weather event, people should get to a sturdy building with an interior wall.

"That's your best bet," Daniels said.

The Bluff Creek Cowboy Church, formerly known as the Drasco Baptist Church, started in 2008 and since then, membership has swelled to 200.

Carnegie Library Golf Tourney entries sought

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The annual Golf Tourna-ment benefitting the Car-negie Library will be Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14 at the Ballinger Country Club.

Teams will consist of three persons and will be played as a scramble.

The entry fee is \$210 per team, which includes a mul-tigan for each player, as well as Saturday night meal at the club. Teams may choose to tee off at 8:30 a.m. or 2 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday play will be determined by flights.

This is the major fundrais-er for the Carnegie Library, and more entries are needed to complete the roster.

The Library will host a raffle Saturday night after the meal, and will also sell a hamburger meal (furnished by the Noon Lions Club) at noon, Saturday, as well as Dankworth sausage wraps on Sunday, and burritos both mornings.

Local businesses and indi-viduals sponsor the event, as well as furnish items for the raffle. To donate spon-sorship money or raffle item, please contact Carolyn Slaughter at 325-718-9996 or the Carnegie Library at 325-365-3616.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the Country Club Saturday, as well as at First National Bank, Ballinger National Bank and IGA Shoppin' Basket before the tournament.

Tickets will sell for \$5 each or five for \$20, with prizes being valued at \$50 or more per prize. Between 25-30 prizes will be raffled. Winners do not have to be present to win and will be contacted by telephone the week following the tourna-ment if not participating in the tournament.

The Library Board encour-ages local golfers to get a team together and come out and enjoy the fun. Contact Ballinger Country Club at 325-365-3214 to enter your team.

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Immunization Clinics

Texas Dept. of State Health Services Immunization Clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance, under-insured, or adults with no insurance.

The Ballinger clinic will be from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, June 11 at 600 Strong (Corner of 6th and Strong). Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid, please bring card.

The Winters clinic will be from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, June 4 at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience use rear entrance (Grant Street). Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid, please bring card.

For questions or to schedule an appointment please call 325-754-4945. If no answer leave a message.

Z.I. Hale Museum Annual Meeting

The Z. I. Hale Museum will be holding its annual meeting on June 11, 2015 at 6:00pm. This yearly meeting starts with the election of directors and advisory members. In order to do this, we need your ballot with ten names chosen for directors. Anyone getting five or more will be advisory members. New officers will be elected, new committees established and plans made for the new year. If you have not voted, please do.

Rock Hotel Thursday Lunch

The May 28th lunch, at the Rock Hotel will be Thursday 11:30 to 1:00. The menu Special is Mexican Casserole, Fiesta Corn, Salad, Drinks and Banana Pudding. Serving time is 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Remember lunch at the Rock Hotel May 28th. Carry outs are available. Please share this information.

Pool opening

The Winters Community Pool will open soon and we are trying to get donations for a pool shade sail that would provide protection and prevent/decrease risk of skin cancer.

Our goal is to provide a shaded area for our children and their parents.

Donations can be dropped off at the North Runnels Hospital, 7821 Hwy. 153, Winters, Texas or the Winters City Hall, 310 South Main Street, Winters, Texas; attention: Bonnie Ballard 325-977-1709. Deadline is May 30, 2015.

Country Club Tournament

The Winters Country Club is having their Industrial Tournament June 12-13. It is a 3 person Best Ball. Entry fee is 175.00. For more information contact Jerry Sims or Jim Ventress.

Historical Commission to publish book

The Runnels County Historical Commission is plan-

ning to publish a book about the many schools and post offices that have served the county. Over one hundred schools and twenty-eight post offices have been identified in the county.

The information is being compiled with plans to have the book published in the fall of 2015. Much more information is needed about the older, rural schools. School histories are needed for the current schools-Ballinger, Winters, Miles, and Olfen-as well as Wingate, Rowena, and Norton. Pictures are needed, especially from the 1940s to present.

Much information is found in the Rural View published in 1920, but that only covers a short period of school history. Anyone having histories of schools, pictures, or other historical information about Runnels County schools or post offices is encouraged to send the information to Ruth Cooper at jrc@abilene.com or Randall Conner at rconner@wtxs.net or mail to PO Box 211, Winters 79567. The information must be received by June 1, 2015 in order to be included in the book.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, located at 706 Strong Ave in Ballinger is open Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m. till noon and 1 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone (325) 365 5925. WIC is open to many incomes and all kinds of families.

AA Meetings

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, Texas Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754 2048.

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 meets the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church on Monday and Wednesday night at 7 p.m. Enter on Ave A and Seventh St. side.

Alanon is open to all — for family, friends of alcoholics or drugs including relationship issues and all other forms of addiction. For more info call (325) 365 2323.

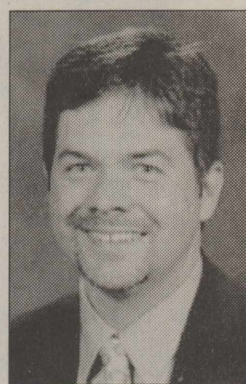
Sobriety First AA Group

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous Group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, Ballinger, every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. Will meet Saturday with prior arrangements. Please use the Ave. A and Seventh St. entrance. For more information please contact the church at (325) 365-2323.

Ballinger Memorial Hospital CEO Resigns

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BALLINGER, TEXAS - MAY 19, 2015 - At its regular Board Meeting held on Monday, May 18, 2015, the Ballinger Memorial Hospital District Board of Directors accepted the resignation of CEO Grady Hooper. BMHD Board President Mike Dankworth stated, "We have accepted Mr. Hooper's resignation effective immediately. The Board appreciates Grady's efforts and successes while serving our Hospital District and wish him much success in his future endeavors. The Board is now in the hiring process for a new CEO and hopes to complete the hiring in the future."



Gasoline prices rise as Summer season begins

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STAFF REPORT

As the countdown to the summer months gets smaller, the price per gallon of gasoline seems to get bigger and this past week of rising prices holds that trend.

The average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 1.4 cents per gallon over the past week, with the state average currently sitting at \$2.51/g. This compares with the national average that has increased 3.5 cents per gallon over the past week to \$2.75/g.

The average price in the Runnels County area was split, however. According to GasBuddy.com, a website that compiles the gas prices from gas stations across the country, gasoline in Winters ranged from anywhere in between \$2.39/g to \$2.51/g. This was significantly less than the prices that could be found in several areas of Ballinger, which were reported at \$2.55/g.

Including the recent change in prices over the past week, prices on Memorial Day were 92.8 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 19.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 21 cents per gallon over the last month and stands at 91.4 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"As the summer driving season has begun, gasoline prices have risen slightly as demand rises and parts of the country have seen supply and refinery disruptions," said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy Senior Petroleum Analyst. "There's light at the end of the tunnel, however. We're expecting over the next two weeks trends will shift and relief will start flowing to pumps as issues fade into the background. Overall, this summer will be the cheapest at the pump across much of the U.S. since 2009 with prices likely remaining well below year ago levels. I forecast that the national average will not breach \$3/g this summer."

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THE IDLE AMERICAN
Small Town Shenanigans...

Commentary by
Dr. Don Newbury

Home towns keep bars held high when they measure up to the ways they are remembered. Memories' afterglow is abundant with "warm fuzzies." We gather memory bouquets of roses, giving little thought to thorns encountered in their gathering.

Folks growing up in small towns believe experiences during their youth are unique, far different from others coming of age in the city.

Uniqueness, though—like much else—is in the mind's eye of the beholder....

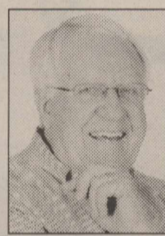
Adam Hill, a nine-year-old in Albany, TX, is bound to have a trove of tales to one day tell his kids and grandkids. He'll brag about growing up in a small West Texas community where it's a given that parents "look after" all children—theirs and

others. With their "one for all, all for one" spirit, much of life in Albany is little different than 30, 40 or even 50 years ago.

The youngest of four children of Kevin and Kim Hill, Adam is making memories as an observer—and an occasional participant—in a popular summertime game. Sometimes, he joins older brother Ryan in what is called "Ding-Dong-Ditching."....

It's kinda like Halloween, except the players are, in for tricks. Treats aren't in the equation.

The game calls for children—most of them 10-12 years of age—to ring doorbells, then running down the street, hoping to avoid being identified. "They don't realize



TEXAS
COLUMNIST
Don
Newbury

parents are 100% 'in' on what's going on, happily playing along by 'chasing' the children down the street," Kim said.

When Adam participates, he's always barefoot, sometimes "dressed down" to his underwear. During one of his recent "observation sessions," darkness set in....

That night, one of Kim's friends sent a text warning that bell-pushers soon would appear at the Hills' front door. Overhearing the conversation, Adam hid in a front yard bush to take it all in.

Later, darkness fully in place, Adam asked, "Okay, Mommy—I have a really important question: Do cats sneeze?" Kim answered she was sure they do.

Adam was greatly

relieved by her answer. "That's good. When I was hiding in the bushes tonight, something in there with me sneezed, and I was sure hoping it was just a cat."....

Some accounts withstand the test of time, like a son who stubbornly showed up his dad years ago in Sulphur Springs. He accompanied his father, a longtime farmer, to the Sulphur Springs Cattle and Dairy Auction, where they planned to sell a cow and a calf.

A special needs son, he begged his pappy to sell the cow and calf separately. The old man was adamant, however, insisting they be sold as a pair.

The auctioneer was so instructed....

While his dad was getting coffee, the son—obsessed with a hunch that the animals should be offered separately—revisited the auctioneer. He said his pappy had changed his mind—they should be auctioned separately.

When the animals paraded separately into the ring, the farmer was furious, ready to march on the auctioneer. He mellowed quickly, however, upon learning the proceeds of the two sales would be several dollars more than if the cow and calf had been offered together.

"I never thought I'd ever see the day when a calf was worth more than its mammy and I was smarter than my pappy," the happy 40-something son beamed....

Fort Worth citizens recently paid homage to 92-year-old Jim Wright, who rose to be Speaker of the House in Washington, DC.

Two stories untold at the funeral date back to the late Christian statesman's years as "boy mayor" of

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Family Time: How to protect your family from bedbugs

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Tip of the Week

Amazingly, 99.6 percent of professional pest management companies in the United States encountered a bed bug infestation in 2013, according to a survey conducted by Bugs Without Borders. Bed bugs are skilled hitchhikers that can be picked up from hotels, motels, public transportation, rental homes and other public areas. You might think you're safe at a five-star luxury hotel, but bed bugs don't discriminate. Bed bugs can attach themselves to and be carried by any of your personal belongings, including luggage, clothing, computers and more.

Take steps to stay safe from bed bugs during the summer travel season. Use these tips as a checklist to make sure you're protected before setting out to enjoy fun in the sun.

* Know the signs. Before you embark on your vacation, take some time to educate yourself on the signs of a bed bug infestation. These include tiny dark or red spots from a fresh bed bug feeding or a trampled bed bug. Although they are very small, bed bugs, their eggs and cast skins can be seen by the naked eye. They can usually be found hiding in tight, typically undisturbed and cramped spaces near the sleeping areas of a home. Additionally, unexplained bites on a person's skin may be another sign of a bed bug outbreak. If the infestation is large, bed bugs will lurk in other areas outside the bedroom and you will likely smell a sickly sweet odor.

* Take preventive measures. If you've been traveling often, have a child in college or have had a previous bed bug infestation, it's important to be proactive about prevention.

vention. Pack a flashlight in your suitcase to help you inspect your travel accommodations right when you arrive. Ask a pest professional to help you find a strategy that's best for your family and home. If you travel often or feel you are at high risk for bed bugs, consider an active liner on your bed at home. Where other bedding products such as encasements solely attempt to trap bed bugs within or prevent them from migrating, an active liner kills bed bugs on contact and stops infestations before they establish.

* Identify a problem early on. If the place you're staying does have an infestation, you'll want to know right away to avoid coming into contact. When you arrive at your travel destination, first place your luggage in the bathtub as bed bugs infrequently enjoy cold surfaces. Take out your flashlight to begin your inspection. Gently exhale along the top corners and sides of the headboard as carbon dioxide attracts hungry bed bugs. Slide a credit card between the headboard and the wall and look for signs with the flashlight. Carefully inspect the bedding and any couch or chair cushions. Notify management and remove your personal belongings if you find any signs of bed bugs.

* Be careful when you get home. When you return home, don't even think about throwing your luggage or backpack on your bed while you unpack. Launder all clothing at the highest temperature that the fabric can stand. Place non-washable items, like pillows and stuffed animals, into the dryer on the highest setting for thirty minutes. If you feel you are at heightened risk, consider using ActiveGuard Mattress Liners. Covering your

mattress or box spring like a fitted sheet, they are specifically formulated to kill bed bugs upon contact and will continue to do so for two years.

Family Movie Night

Now on DVD and at streaming sites:
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Length: 92 minutes
Synopsis: When a diabolical pirate above the sea steals the secret Krabby Patty formula, SpongeBob and his nemesis Plankton must team up in order to get it back.

Book Report

"Bear and Duck," by Katy Hudson
Ages: 4-8

Pages: 32

Synopsis: Bear is sick and tired of being a bear. Who wants to sleep all winter? His fur feels so hot in the summer. And the bees . . . there are just too many angry bees! Bear is done being a bear. But when he sees a line of happy yellow ducklings, he has a thought. What if he could be a duck? With a few duck lessons from Duck, Bear learns that being a duck is fun; but as it turns out, Bear realizes he makes a really good bear . . . and he makes a really good friend along the way. Young readers will delight in the hilarious relationship between Bear and Duck. — HarperCollins

Summer Food Service Program

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

The Winters Independent School district will sponsor the Food Service Program this Summer. The program is administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Division. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided to ALL Children ages 1-18 Free of Charge. Children do not have to qualify for free/reduced lunch to take part in the program.

All meals will be served and eaten in the WISD Cafeteria located at 206 Jones. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. Lunch will be served from 12 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. The Summer Food Service Program will operate Monday through Thursday starting June 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

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CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change*

June 1-4

Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday
Breakfast Pizza, Apple, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
Pancake on a Stick w/Syrup, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Pop Tart, Mixed fruit, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Blueberry Muffin, Orange, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
French Toast Sticks or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Manager's Choice, Mixed Fruit, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Manager's Choice, Mixed Fruit, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday
Burrito, Carrot Sticks, Orange, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
Steak Finger, Green Beans, Raspberry Slush, Goldfish, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Corn Dog, Carrot Sticks, Apple, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Hamburger, Oven Fries, Pear, Choice of Milk.

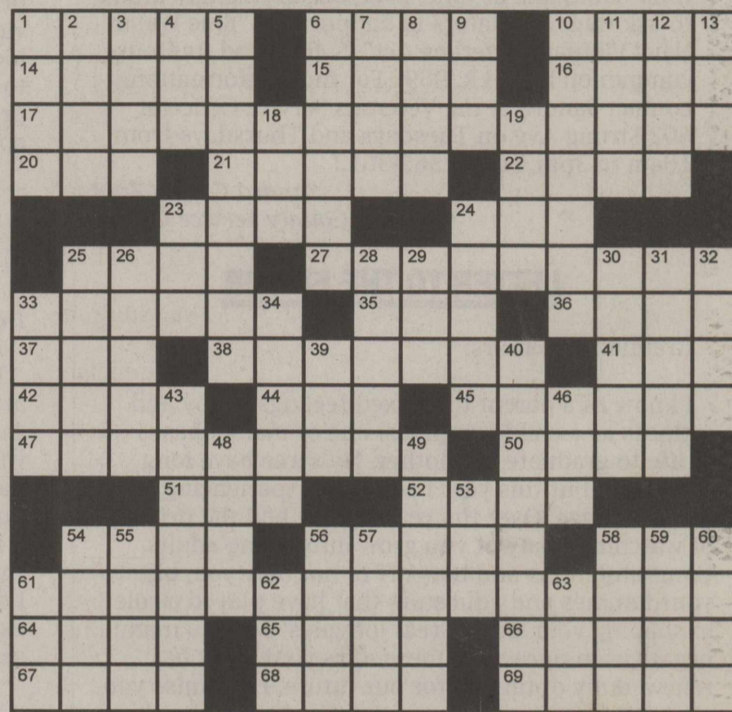
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- 1 Karate school
- 2 Prepare to swallow
- 3 Sandburg of poetry
- 4 Refuge
- 5 Monte Carlo game
- 6 Prepared tomatoes
- 7 "That hurts!"
- 8 Water-skiing locale
- 9 Expected
- 10 English village that was home to the Brontës
- 11 Poker declaration
- 12 Exhausted
- 13 Hosp. test
- 18 Computer in "2001"

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- ___ a one
- Atty. gen. agcy.
- Summer whine?
- Lots of, slangily
- Better
- "I give!"
- Tangle
- Prime-time time
- Roentgen's discovery
- 1980 Best Picture nominee
- Motley
- Astronomer Tycho
- Draft variety
- Live-in doctor
- Take shape
- One of the Kennedys

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- Leak slowly
- Knickknack
- Branch
- Farm young
- Olympic rings, e.g.
- Lawn mower brand
- Obed's father, in the Bible
- China problem
- Cheat, slangily
- Mental flash
- Whit
- 16 1/2 feet
- Play (with)

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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Weather Whys

Q: It's been all over the news that it was "raining" spiders in Australia the past few days. It's not possible to rain cats and dogs, but sometimes you hear about frogs and other animals coming down from the sky. Is this possible?

A: It is, and it's happened many times throughout history, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "There are reports of it raining frogs, fishes and even snakes going back almost 2,000 years," McRoberts says. "In the past 300 years, many of these have been carefully documented and witnessed by hundreds of people. Most of these have involved frogs and fish, but others have seen such things as corn, snakes, flowers, and yes, spiders such as in Australia. In 1873, it was reported that parts of Kansas City were covered with frogs that had dropped from the sky."

NEWBURY

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Weatherford. On a sleepy afternoon, he received two bird-related phone calls a few minutes apart. One caller on the west side complained of the growing sparrow population in his neighborhood. Another on the east side was angry that some youngsters with air rifles were firing at sparrows. "I relocated the kids with air rifles to the side of town where they'd be more welcome, thus pleasing both callers," Wright said.

At a dinner honoring the late Larry Hagman--Weatherford actor who played JR Ewing on TV's long-running Dallas TV series--Wright spoke of being Hagman's boxing coach. "Thank goodness you weren't my acting coach," Hagman responded....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Web site: www.speakerdoc.com. Archived at venture-galleries.com.

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VETERAN'S CORNER

The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee (SVAC) reviewed 12 pending legislative proposals pertaining to veterans' benefits last week. Among the bills discussed at the hearing was the "Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act" (S. 681), which provides presumption for the "Blue Water Navy Veterans" for VA disability claims associated with exposure to herbicides used in Vietnam. The sponsor of the Senate legislation, Sen. Kristin Gillibrand (N.Y.) testified about the bill, giving an impassioned plea for the committee to approve the legislation. Statements were submitted on many of the legislative proposals discussed at the hearing, with special focus on S. 681. The statement emphasized that many of these veterans are senior citizens and the time to help them is now! SVAC Chairman Sen. Johnny Isakson (Ga.) indicated that the bill would be marked up, approved and sent to the Senate floor sometime in June. Everyone is strongly urged to ask their legislators to support the "Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act" (S. 681) and its House companion bill (H.R. 969). For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm, or call 365-3612.

Sandra G. Van Zant
Veterans County Service Officer

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Graduating seniors:

I know as a parent the mixed feelings of joy and sadness as a child completes one of many phases in life to graduate to another. My three have long graduated but this year I admit to experiencing those same feelings. Over the years I have had the privilege of watching many of you grow into young adults. Congratulations and hats off to not only you, but your families and educators that have played a role in shaping your lives. Great job guys! With so many negatives in our world these days your class has renewed my optimism for our future. I will miss you all, but I take comfort knowing there is another wave of great kids coming who hope to one up you. You have left huge shoes to fill.

Congratulations and continued success,
Hon. Barry Hilliard
Runnels County Judge

Progressive agriculture safety day set for June 5th

SAN ANGELO - Parents with active youngsters should sign them up today for the biennial Progressive Agriculture Safety Day set for Friday, June 5th from 8:30-4 p.m. at Tom Green 4-H Center located here in San Angelo at 3168 Hwy 67 North, next to the San Angelo Animal Shelter.

The event is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, in partnership with Progressive Agriculture. Founded by The Progressive Farmer magazine in 1995, the program trains and provides the resources that local communities need to conduct one-day safety programs that are age-appropriate, hands-on,

fun, and safe for children. Because of the hands-on nature of the day, space is limited to 125 youth so pre-registration no later than June 1st is highly recommended. Participants should be third graders and up thru 8th grade and those entering third grade in the fall are eligible. Any youth in the surrounding counties within the Concho Valley are welcome.

Too often safety is dismissed until an injury occurs. Many times these "accidents" can be prevented with a bit of forethought and safety training.

Our whole aim here is to arm children with the basic safety information they need to recognize

and react positively in a dangerous situation.

Sandy Taylor, Runnels County Extension Agent and chair of the local Safety Day event said, "Though this event has the word 'Agriculture' in its title, the information provided is actually applicable to any youth, urban or rural, who is active outdoors. We'll address everything from weather precautions to fire safety. There are very few youth safety programs available in our part of the state that offers the assortment of safety topics we do. The day will be fast-moving, fun and packed with plenty of action."

After the morning registration, participants will be

divided into small groups which will rotate through eight safety sessions.

There will be breaks for snacks, lunch, prizes and lots of valuable information on how to remain safe on the farm and at home.

Besides fire and sun safety; we will also address tractor safety, weather safety, chemical safety and more! The pre-registration fee is \$10 per child or \$30 flat-fee for families with three or more children attending. Parents are encouraged to attend the opening and closing general sessions.

For further information and to receive registration forms, contact the Runnels County Extension office at (325) 365-5042.

HERE IN TALPA

By Talpa Bob

Hello To All:

From Maureen:
We went to graduation ceremonies at Panther Creek on Thursday night. Autumn Ferguson is now finished with high school. I met my former hairdresser there, Mary Jane and her husband Eddy.

I finished therapy for my neck thanks to a great therapist. Now I do some exercises (I don't like exercises, but I must do them). H.M. said that we got 1/4" rain today.

Been a quiet week out here. Except for a few rain showers there isn't much to talk about. We watched the radar and warnings for downpours, flooding and tornadoes... got about 2/10" rain out of all the noise and wind. That hail

storm a couple of weeks ago was really it. Everyone I have talked to in Talpa gets a new roof out of it. Judy had her little convertible under cover but the hail came in at such a low angle that the hood and nose got some hail damage. The insurance adjuster that came out to look at it said, "Everyone in Brownwood that is reporting hail damage to their cars was driving through Talpa."

There are parts of Texas that are flooding and I feel bad about that. I wish that we could have taken a few inches of their rain. Well, just as you can only talk about it being hot and dry for so long, you can talk a fair to middling rain to death just pretty quick.

Judy went to Arkansas with her sister, Peggy, from Lawton. They

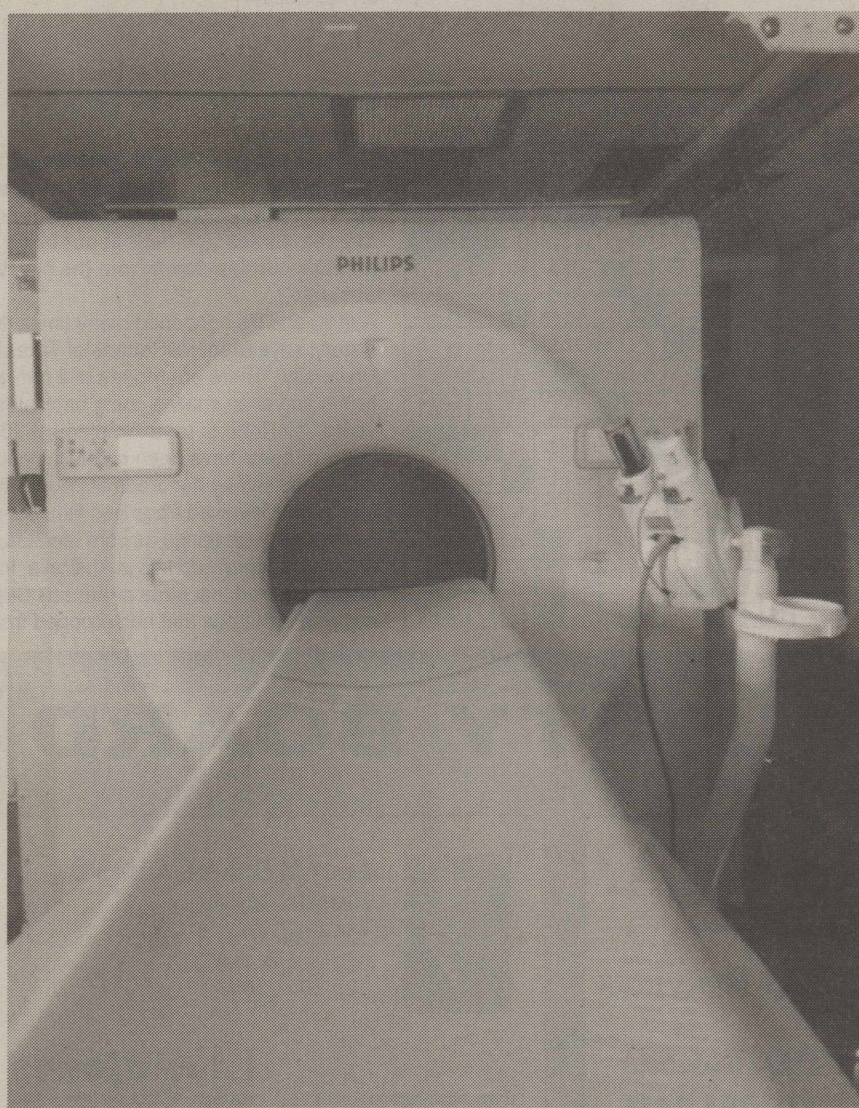
went to see Peggy's great grand children. They have a 4 1/2 year old boy that wears shoes bigger than Judy does. Then a little girl about 8 months and an older girl 12 years. I think that this is the first chance that either Judy or Peggy have had to see those little kids and were really looking forward to it.

Neighbor Ann Mount went to visit her sons, Brandon in Lubbock and Blake in Muleshoe.

So, me staying at home, I don't have much personal news to contribute. Well, I did see Darr go out to feed his chickens...so you know this is a really slow news day. So it goes in our quiet little corner of Coleman County.

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BROTHER J

Which Judge will I See?

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God and not in this life but after death, (Matthew 13:36-43). Who will be the judge? There is only one who is qualified to judge and that is Jesus Christ, (Matthew 10:26, John 5:22-24, Acts 17:30&31, Hebrews 4:12-13). Everyone in this judgement will be judged according to their deeds and there are books in heaven with everything recorded that we have done, (Revelation 20:12). Also everyone that is in the Great White Throne Judgement is cast into the lake of fire after their trial, We can be forgiven of our sins but the rejection of Jesus of Christ is unpardonable, (1 John 1:9, John 1:29&14:6, romans 10:9-13) See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

No bridges presently at risk of being overtopped

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Transportation, in coordination with the National Weather Service and the State Operations Center, is monitoring the impacts of heavy rains in north Texas on the Red River. At this point, the river's crest is not projected to overtop any of

the bridges crossing the river. Frontage roads on I-35 and the turnaround beneath the bridge at the Texas border north of Gainesville are currently closed because of flooding. Bridges crossing the Red River downstream of Lake Texoma are currently open and presently not at

risk of being overtopped. The agency will continue to monitor the river's rise as heavy rains remain in the forecast for north Texas. TxDOT is prepared to respond to emergency situations, including flooding and debris removal, if necessary.

If water is covering a road, don't try to cross. As little as six inches of water can float some vehicles.

It is illegal to remove barricades blocking lower water crossings. Penalties can range from \$200 to \$1,000 and/or two years in jail.

Never try to walk, swim or drive through swift water.

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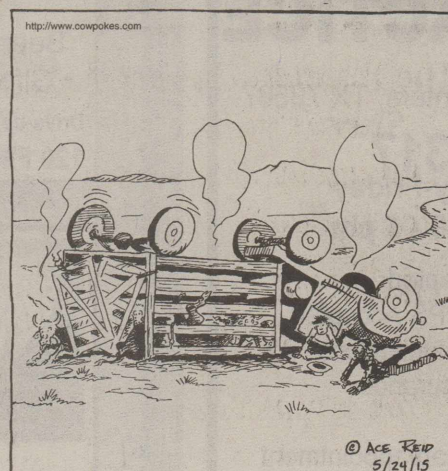
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This application was submitted to the TCEQ on May 4, 2015. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Abilene regional office, and the Runnels County office, and the Courthouse, 613 Courthouse, 613 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, Texas, beginning the first day of the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for the hearing re-hearing are timely filed, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material issues raised during the hearing, or significant public comments. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. A contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to commentants along with notification of a meeting to every interested party. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be an limited dispute of fact relating to material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Listed public comments or property values, noise, traffic

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American Legion Memorial Day ceremony



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The American Legion Post 8 held their Memorial Day Ceremony Monday. The Courthouse was adorned by new flags donated by SPJST Fraternal Life Insurance from Rowena. Father Wade gave the opening and closing prayers and Delpha Caudle's beautiful voice was enjoyed by all. Billy Rollweitz and LeRoy Muller raised the flag and Randall Conner gave a moving speech of the battle of Iwo Jima, and the rain held off until the final Amen. The American Legion Post 8 would like to say thanks to all that helped with and attended the Ceremony.

Homeowner's insurance: What it covers, what it excludes

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You pay hundreds of dollars for homeowner's insurance. It's required coverage for everyone who takes out a mortgage, yet people seldom go over the fine print of their policy, to find out what is covered, the dollar amount, and any deductibles. Before disaster strikes, why not inform yourself about how, exactly, your homeowner's insurance protects you?

Your home's structure
Homeowner's insurance will pay toward the rebuilding of your home if it's damaged or destroyed by certain natural

disasters. (These include fire, lightning, hail, hurricanes, and if you live in Florida, "catastrophic ground cover collapse" -- sink-holes, in layperson's terms.) The policy also covers outbuildings such as detached garages or toolsheds.

IMPORTANT: If the unthinkable happens and you need to rebuild, you'll be able to collect only up to the amount of coverage. To illustrate: Say you have insurance for \$250,000. The cost of reconstructing your home comes to \$400,000. You'll have to pay \$150K (\$400,000 minus \$250,000) out of your

own pocket.

Your personal possessions
Your personal possessions are included in your homeowner's policy, in case of theft, vandalism or natural disaster as above.

Coverage on home furnishings, clothing, electronics and similar usually is equal to 50-70 percent of the insurance on your house. In the previous example, where you have \$250,000 worth of insurance, your belongings would be covered for \$125,000-175,000.

Landscaping -- trees, shrubs, and bushes on your property -- is covered at the rate of 5 percent of your house insurance.

Valuable belongings like coin or stamp collections, jewelry, or furs are insured, usually with a limit on the dollar amount.

This portion of your policy is not limited to the contents of your home and yard. It provides coverage of your personal items off premises, too ... at the office or on vacation, for instance. In addition, it protects you against fraudulent use of your credit cards, normally to a maximum of \$500.

Liability

The liability insurance included in your homeowner's policy covers your legal expenses and court awards in case you're sued for bodily injury or property damage. This applies to both

you and your family members, on your property or elsewhere. However, there's a limit to the amount, possibly as low as \$100,000, and certain types of harm, like dog bites, are excluded. Should you decide you'd like additional protection, you can purchase umbrella liability in increments of a million dollars.

Additional living expenses
If an insured disaster makes your home uninhabitable, homeowner's insurance will pay for additional living expenses until the building is repaired. This comprises hotel accommodation, restaurant bills, and related charges, as well as lost rental income if you normally rent out a portion of your home. Once again, the amount of coverage is limited. What's more, a time limit may apply.

What is not covered
Don't face the prospect of an unpleasant surprise. Learn about problems that standard homeowner's policies do not insure. In most cases, it's possible to purchase additional coverage to protect against them.

Flooding, tsunamis and earthquakes are not covered. If you live in a high-risk area, though, you're legally required to obtain flood insurance to be eligible for federal financial assistance on your home purchase. In addition, your mortgage lender may

demand that you purchase this insurance even in a moderate-to-low risk region.

Furniture harmed by insurable events may be covered only for its replacement value -- the dollar amount it would cost to replace it with items in similar condition. In other words, if your 10-year-old couch was damaged or stolen, you'd receive enough to purchase another 10-year-old couch, not this year's model. And there is no compensation for everyday wear and tear.

Mold damage and sewage backup are limited or excluded, although these have the potential to do enormous damage to your property.

Termite infestation is not covered by a standard homeowner's policy. This kind of insect problem is, unfortunately, quite common and can be extremely destructive. Depending on which species you have in your home, cost of professional termite extermination or tenting can total over \$10,000.

Finally, acts of war including some types of terrorist attacks are excluded from standard coverage.

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Dave Granlund



Mom seeks detour to safety around in-laws' driving habits

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws are fabulous. They love me and think the world of our 2-year-old daughter, "Hayley." They do anything to support us.

Recently, they asked to take Hayley overnight and drive a number of places with her. My concern is the driving part. My father-in-law doesn't believe in car seats.

On a few occasions he has asked me to just hop in the car with Hayley without a car seat. I refused. Another time, they had a circa-1980 car seat

and asked to take Hayley with them to church. When I went to put her in the seat, the buckles wouldn't work. When I reached over to the other side, the seat fell over. It wasn't even strapped in!

Now for my biggest fear: My mother-in-law is a notorious distracted driver -- she applies makeup, eats food, talks on the phone and texts. I am not comfortable with her taking Hayley in the car with her.

How do I approach this with them? I don't want to harm our

relationship, and I'd like them to spend time with their grandchild independently. But I can't put my daughter in a dangerous situation. Any thoughts would be appreciated.
-- FEARFUL MOM IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR FEARFUL MOM: Your fears appear to be well founded. Your "fabulous" in-laws cannot be trusted to transport your little girl.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

My first thought was that you and your husband could buy them a car seat and have it installed. But if you can't trust your father-in-law to use it, or your mother-in-law to devote her full attention to her driving when her grandchild is in the car, then the child's safety must come first. As a mother, your job is to be conscientious, even if it makes you less popular. And your husband should back you

up 100 percent.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is very affectionate. He loves to cuddle, snuggle and sweet-talk morning, noon and night. However, he doesn't do it with me -- he does it with our cats.

Don't get me wrong -- he's a good husband, and I get a quick hug and kiss goodbye when I leave for work in the mornings and he holds my hand when we walk. But when we go to bed at night, he turns his back to me, reaches behind him, pats me on the arm and says goodnight. There is no cuddling and no sweet-talk with me.

Sometimes I would like a little scratch behind MY ears. We married late in life, so maybe the sex is out, but my late husband used to hold me and make me feel special. I'm only 62 and I can't imagine living this way for the rest of my life, but I love this man, so divorce is out. Any advice? -- "MEOW" IN OGDEN, UTAH

DEAR "MEOW": Was your husband like this before you married him? If so, did you accept his proposal thinking you could change him? If not, then it appears you have a serious communication problem.

If you haven't already, you need to tell him what you need in order to feel as loved and cherished as the cats. And if that doesn't work, you both need marriage counseling because I can't imagine you living the rest of your life starved for affection. As you said, you're only 62.

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