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Fire protection douses the pit



A team of 509th Civil Engineer Squadron fire protection technicians begin interior aircraft fire training by extinguishing a cargo fire here June 24. The team started with extinguishing a cargo fire and moved their way to the flight deck putting out four fires on the way. See page 5 for additional photos.

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Cody H. Ramirez

UCM offers new military tuition package

The University of Central Missouri Board of Governors lowered the cost of attending UCM for qualified military personnel from all branches, their spouses and dependent children, and veterans.

This new initiative exempts eligible individuals enrolled at UCM from mandatory general student fees, which are not supported by military tuition assistance, while still allowing them the same student privileges as other students. The Military Tuition Package becomes effective for the fall 2011 semester, and will apply to on-campus, online, and extended campus course enrollment. Active duty members in all branches of the military, their benefit-eligible spouses and dependents, are qualified for the UCM military tuition rate for a maximum of 36 months. Veterans will be eligible for the package up to 10 years after their last honorable discharge from service.

For more information contact Mrs. Darla Rush at (660) 687-5754.

Whiteman Airmen complete home with Habitat for Humanity

By Heidi Hunt

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Getting the keys to a brand new home always makes for an exciting day, especially when community members volunteered and dedicated time to build it.

Fifty-six Team Whiteman members volunteered 288 man-hours and helped build a house in Leeton, Mo., which was celebrated during a dedication ceremony for the Kinney family June 26.

Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, 509th Bomb Wing commander, and Col. Michael Wood, 442nd Maintenance Group commander, represented this Air Force Global Strike Command base, and its volunteers.

Chuck Cousins, construction chair and Leeton resident, said the groundbreaking for the 210 West Summerfield Ave., home was Oct. 3, 2010, and is the seventh home built by Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County.

"Team Whiteman easily provided the majority of the labor that went into building this house and proved indispensable during the build," said Mr. Cousins. "Their volunteer spirit, service before self attitudes, and sense of community speaks volumes. The board members for Habitat for Humanity Johnson County want to express our sincere gratitude for their help. We are honored to



U.S. Air Force photo by Heidi Hunt

Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, 509th Bomb Wing commander, speaks with Tom and Crystal Kinney, owners of a home built by Habitat for Humanity, following a dedication ceremony June 26. Fifty-six Team Whiteman members volunteered in Leeton, Mo., and offered more than 288 man-hours in the project.

have Whiteman AFB call Johnson County, Mo., home."

Master Sgt. Benjamin Huseman, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron operations support superintendent and board member, said he has worked on Habitat for Humanity projects in the past, but this was the first time he has been involved as a board member.

"I gained a lot of respect for the hard work that

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and Happy
4th of July!*

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Whiteman now 360 pounds lighter

More than 38 participants embarked on a 12-week journey to shed unwanted body fat as part of Team Whiteman's "Biggest Loser" contest. The winners were announced June 24 at the Base Exchange.

WEATHER

Today	Sunday
Sunny	Thunderstorms
Hi 99	Hi 90
Lo 72	Lo 71

Saturday	Monday
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
Hi 93	Hi 89
Lo 71	Lo 70

Courtesy of National Weather Service

Critical communication

By Lt. Col. Rob Fleming

509th Maintenance Squadron commander

While sitting talking to some of our future enlisted leaders at a recent Airman Leadership School event I realized that there are some real communication differences between the older generation Airmen like myself and the younger generation.

As I mentally compared ALS to the old NCO Preparatory Course I took long ago (yes I'm that old) I realized how tech savvy our new Airmen are but that many of them have lost, or have the potential to lose, some basic personal communications skills due to technology.

Now don't take that the wrong way just yet; the Airmen joining the force today are better educated and much more suited to the high tech environment the Air Force has become as compared to when I enlisted in the mid-eighties.

That being said, a trend I am seeing is that some of our Airmen are losing the art of direct conversation, which can have a negative effect on how efficiently we operate as a work force. In the aircraft maintenance world I live in, miscommunication can cost people their lives.

Engaging in a face-to-face conversation with someone takes a totally different skill set than does typing a note on a phone or keyboard

and the reactions are instant and sometimes unpleasant. Saying things others may not like or want to hear is infinitely harder to do when you look someone square in the eye, but easy when all you have to do is hit send.

Think of this: how many times recently have you heard of someone ending a relationship via a text or e-mail or even worse a twitter. Ask yourself why would someone do something like that? The reason is; because you can ignore the reply if you choose, but in a one-on-one conversation you cannot avoid the confrontation and have to take responsibility for the things you have said.

The point I am making is that communication is a vital key to effective leadership and followership and as efficient as new technology has made us, it can also be a detriment to our ability to communicate clearly and concisely.

As easy as sending e-mails and texts is it is very hard to ensure that your message is interpreted the way you meant it to be. E-mails and texts do not have facial expressions or body language, nor do they have vocal inflection, all important things that help a speaker get his or her point across to his or her audience when done in person.

As leaders we need to be better at not only communicating verbally but being able to do so under less than ideal or comfortable

conditions. For example: giving corrective actions, feedback sessions, directing mission critical work under heavy stress during exercises or combat operations.

Whenever possible put down the Blackberry and iPhone, get out from behind the desk and keyboard and engage your fellow Airman. Consider the walk from your desk or work center to their's as an added benefit to your fitness plan. Don't be afraid to have those candid professional conversations in person and avoid the impersonal e-mail or text.

In those potentially confrontational conversations the people may not agree with you; but they will respect you more for delivering the message in person.

Now I am not totally old school; I do believe that e-mails, texts, blogging and Facebook are all great ways to communicate, but only when used in moderation and in the right venue. That being said, for the tough conversations nothing beats human interaction and a good face-to-face chat to truly get your point across whether at home or at work. Taking the time to engage directly in conversation and work on those skills I mentioned could make the difference between success and failure when you most need to have your voice be heard. In our line of work the difference can be fatal.

Are you ready for that critical moment?

Commander's Corner

Team Whiteman,

Tomorrow marks the 235th anniversary of the Second Continental Congress's vote to declare independence from Great Britain on July 2, 1776, and which has since become celebrated as the Fourth of July. It was an audacious experiment in building a nation from scratch, based on the premise that all men are created equal and endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights.

As you watch the fireworks with your family on base tonight, or in other communities around Whiteman, try to remember the original spirit of Independence Day, and the founders who made it possible.



As you're out barbequing this weekend, it's also worth remembering the hardships facing communities here in Missouri and in Global Strike Command. The city of Joplin is still trying to clean up from the tornado last month that killed 155 people. Many Airmen from Whiteman have personally volunteered their time to assist in recovery efforts, and countless more have donated to the Red Cross or other relief funds set up to help victims.

Up north in Minot severe flooding in the Souris River has forced nearly 1,000 Airmen and their families to take shelter on base and with their neighbors. Try to imagine yourself in their shoes – bringing another family into your home to live with you because they have nowhere else to go. Can you see yourself doing that? Does your sense of community extend that far?

Finally, I want to congratulate the 114 Whiteman staff sergeants who were recently selected for promotion. As new technical sergeants you will have a higher level of responsibility and authority, and your Airmen will rely on you to set high standards and lead the way in accomplishing our Air Force mission.

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-Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm
Commander

Are you prepared?

By Senior Master Sgt. Todd Sparks

72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron superintendent

As a young person coming into the military in 1986, I can recall plenty of times when a few fellow Airmen would make last minute plans to go out on the town of Madrid, Spain, or even a last minute journey. It was typically spontaneous with little to no preparation. Brett, Doug and I had intended to take an afternoon journey to see areas of Spain we had never before visited. We departed base with nothing more than our cameras and the clothes on our back.

Driving beyond the normal routes of Madrid we enjoyed the beautiful fall scenery. Hours into our journey we encountered snow in the upper elevations, it was getting colder and none of us had brought a jacket.

As evening approached, the snowfall continued, so we decided to make our afternoon drive a two day journey. Pulling into a local hotel we realized Brett was the only one of us who had enough Pesetas to pay for the room (credit cards weren't readily available then), so he fronted the money. The next morning we set a course for some of the Spanish aqua ducts in a nearby town and then we would turn back toward Torrejon Air Base, Spain.

We departed the area late in the afternoon and headed back to base and thankfully the snow had melted away. During the journey back we calculated our drive length in relation to the time the chow hall would close; we figured we could make it in time. Let me tell you, speeding through the countryside on small unknown roads can be terrifying while trying to beat the clock. We made it back to base with a few minutes to spare. To our amazement nobody ever knew we had left the base and nobody was looking for us. It was a successful trip.

The next year, we received our 101 Days of Summer safety briefing and I could never really understand who would actually do the some of the stupid events we heard about, until I thought about our journey. As we looked back we laughed about it, but what did we really plan for? We had not told anyone we were leaving the base for the day, let alone two days. We encountered snow along our route; we never even thought about snow, and didn't even have jackets. Thankfully, one person had taken enough money along to pay for the journey. We took off for some fun, but encountered many obstacles we had never prepared for.

Throughout my career I've supervised many and have often wondered why they make decisions that are not well thought out. Then, I think of our last minute journey through Spain and realize we never really were prepared to think about safety. Sure, we got briefed many times, but never really learned to be prepared and think the plan through.

Think of that next time you talk to your young people, even your own children; are you preparing them to be safe and think ahead, or are you just giving them the briefing?

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Arnold Gate outbound traffic closure

The Arnold Gate outbound traffic lane is scheduled to be closed July 5-15, to replace the concrete around three of the force protection bollards. The project will not impede traffic entering the installation. Once the concrete has cured properly vehicles will be permitted to travel over the repaired areas. The tire deflation devices located at Arnold Gate will be removed and the area will be patched with concrete as well.

Spirit static display dates

A B-2 Spirit is scheduled to be on display at Base Operations from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., July 15, Aug. 5 and Aug. 20, allowing members of Team Whiteman to bring their families to see the aircraft. Static displays are weather-permitting and members are responsible for their guests while on the flightline. Security Forces will be on post and can answer questions about regulations and photography guidelines. The aircraft will be roped off and patrons cannot enter restricted areas. For questions, contact public affairs at (660) 687-6121.

Honoring military brides

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July is UV awareness month

July is UV awareness month and as part of the month, the Health and Wellness Center is providing a free sample of sunscreen, SPF 30, (one per family). Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the U.S and in 2007, 58,094 people were diagnosed with melanomas of the skin, and 8,461 people died from it, according to the Center for Disease Control. The CDC leads national efforts to reduce skin cancer through education. When in the sun, seek shade, cover up, get a hat, wear sunglasses and use sunscreen. Contact the HAWC for more information (660) 687-7662.

509th LRS Change of Command



U.S. photo by Airman 1st Class Montse Ramirez

Col. Rick Milligan, 509th Mission Support Group commander, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Keith Justice, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, during a change of command ceremony at Mission's End Monday.

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The teams started with extinguishing a cargo fire and moved their way to the flight deck putting out four fires on the way, which included the passenger area and a battery fire. The burn pit simulates fires on a large frame cargo aircraft.

The teams ran in cycles ensuring everyone had a chance at being team lead. Each member in fire protection is required to conduct the training once a month.



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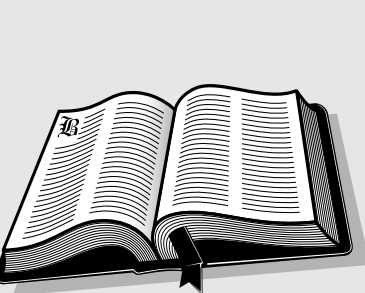
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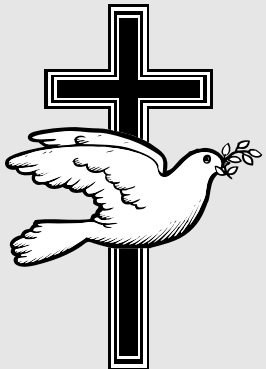
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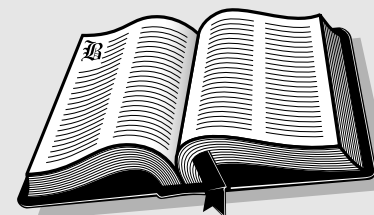
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BCC Luncheon July 7

The Base Community Council Luncheon is scheduled July 7 at Mission's End. The featured communities are Knob Noster and Sedalia. To make reservations contact public affairs at (660) 687-6121.

Knob Noster

Founded north of the present city limits in 1842, Knob Noster derives its name from the Latin "noster" meaning "our," and the two "knobs" or hills overlooking the town. It is a small town of more than 2,300 and is home to the 3,400-acre Knob Noster Park. Many varieties of pan and game fish are caught each year from the numerous lakes and ponds found throughout the

park. Campers throughout the country enjoy the shelter houses, picnic tables, camping, swimming and tennis facilities available to the public.

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2011 Whiteman AFB Squadron Games



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Seven Team Whiteman members form at the starting line and prepare for the one-mile run during the Whiteman Squadron Games June 24. Senior Airman Melissa Minaya, 509th Communication Squadron, had the best time of 6:48.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Alexandra M. Boutte

Senior Airman Cecil Brushwood, 442nd Fighter Wing, leads his team to victory during the tug-of-war competition at the Whiteman Squadron Games June 24. Points were based on winning and timing. All matches resulted in one team receiving “winner-of-tug” or “loser-of-war.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Alexandra M. Boutte

Maj. Scott Van Schoyck, 509th Bomb Wing judge advocate, hands the baton to Capt. Terrence Wilson, 509th Comptroller Squadron, during the Team 400m Race at the Whiteman Squadron Games June 24.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Montse Ramirez

Airman 1st Class Jio Gilbert, 509th Force Support Squadron, performs a pull-up during the Squadron Games June 24. Airman Gilbert did 22 pull-ups total.

2011 Whiteman Squadron Games Winners

Male

Volleyball:	Staff Sgt. Lucas Wacker, 509th Bomb Wing, 161 points
Push-up:	Airman 1st Casey Carter, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, 106 push-ups
Sit-up:	First Lt. Jason Pallo, 509th Operations Support Squadron, 78 sit-ups
Pull-up:	Lt. Col. Michael Wittrock, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, 32 pull-ups
Goal kick:	Mr. Faniel Hancock, 509th BW, 130 points
Free throw:	Senior Airman Bobby Brooks, 509th Force Support Squadron, 24 baskets
3-point competition:	Maj. Travis Pond, 509th Contracting Squadron, 16 baskets
	Master Sgt. Robert Hale, 509th FSS, 16 baskets
1-mile race:	Senior Airman John Proen, 509th BW, 5:23
100m dash:	Senior Airman Jonathon Gardner, 509th Communications Squadron, 11.9 seconds
400m dash:	First Lt. Michael Heiner, 509th OSS, 59.176 seconds

Female

Volleyball:	Senior Airman Melinda Smith, 442nd Fighter Wing, 145 points
Push-up:	Chief Master Sgt. Anna Collins, 509th FSS, 59 push-ups
Sit-up:	First Lt. Amanda Patton, 509th FSS, 73 sit-ups
Pull-up:	Airman 1st Class Katherine Althoff, 509th CS, 15 pull-ups
Goal kick:	First Lt. Rachel Savage, 509th BW, 72 points
Free throw:	Staff Sgt. Kristin Campbell, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 17 baskets
3-point competition:	Airman 1st Class Shaina Davis, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 10 baskets
1-mile race:	Senior Airman Melissa Minaya, 509th CS, 6:48
100m dash:	First Lt. Rachel Savage, 509th BW, 14.29 seconds
400m dash:	First Lt. Elizabeth Maksim, 509th OSS, 1:08:55 minutes

Team

Tug-of-war:	509th AMXS, 11.9 seconds
Bowling:	509th CONS, 597 pins
Home run derby:	509th AMXS, 4 runs
Pass, punt, kick:	19th Munitions Squadron, 273.5 ft
1-mile:	509th OSS, 4:10 minutes
400m Dash:	509th Maintenance Operations Squadron 52.096 seconds

Squadron Winners

Small Squadron:

First Place:	509th OSS, 924 points
Second Place:	509th BW Staff, 892 points
Third Place:	509th CS, 756 points

Large Squadron:

First Place:	509th FSS, 717 points
Second Place:	509th CES, 587 points
Third Place:	509th AMXS, 456 points



2010 Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report)

Whiteman AFB, MO



This is an annual report on the quality of water delivered by Whiteman AFB. This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made to provide safe drinking water. Users will not be mailed individual copies of this report.

Under the Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), community water systems are required to report this water quality information to the consuming public. Presented in this report is information on the source of our water, its constituents, and the health risks associated with any contaminants.


We continually monitor the drinking water for contaminants. Our water is safe to drink.


Your drinking water comes from the Whiteman AFB Water Treatment Plant operated by 509th Civil Engineering Squadron. Our system has been assigned the identification


number MO 1079501 for the purposes of tracking our test results. The plant treats water from the Ozark Aquifer pumped from groundwater wells located on base. Your water is filtered and treated with chlorine to disinfect the water. These wells have been tested and the results are available from the 509th Medical Operations Squadron, Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight (660-687-4324). If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affects your drinking water quality or if you have any further questions, the water plant can be reached at 660-687-1984.


The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.


Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

 Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

 Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

 Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

 Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

 Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring, or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Department of Natural Resources prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department of Health regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Whiteman AFB is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure



by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from: <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/index.cfm>

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).



For more information please contact Lt Young at the 509th Medical Operations Squadron, Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight (660-687-4324).

Table of Detected Contaminants

<u>Microbial</u>	Units	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Detection Range	Violation	Sample Year	
Total Coliform	# pos	≤ 5	0	0 positive	N/A	No	weekly	
Sources		Natural bacteria present in the environment						
Fecal Coliform	# pos		0	0 positive	N/A	No	weekly	
Sources		Naturally present in the environment						
<u>Organic</u>	Units	MCL	MCLG	RAA	Detection Range	Violation	Sample Year	
Total Trihalomethanes	ppb	80	0	10.3000	10.3	No	2007	
Sources		By-product of drinking water chlorination						
<u>Inorganic</u>	Units	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Detection Range	Violation	Sample Year	
Barium	ppm	2	2	0.0219	0.0219	No	2008	
Sources		Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits						
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	0.5200	0.52	No	2008	
Sources		Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories						
Nitrate + Nitrite (ASN)	ppm	10	10	<0.05	<0.05	No	2008	
<u>Radionuclide</u>	Units	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Detection Range	Violation	Sample Year	
Gross Alpha, Total	pCi/L	0	15	1.3000	1.3	No	2007	
Sources		Erosion of natural deposits						
Combined Radium Level RA226 and RA228								
Sample Year	Units	Combined Radium Detected			Detection Range	MCL	MCLG	
2007	pCi/L	0.6			0 - 0.6	5	0	
Lead & Copper	Date	90 th Percentile		Range		Unit	AL	Sites Over AL
Copper	2008-2010	0.0891		0.00612 - 0.124		ppm	1.3	0
Sources		Corrosion of household plumbing systems						
Lead	2008-2010	0.0000		0		ppb	15	0
Sources		Corrosion of household plumbing systems						

Optional Contaminants

Inorganic	Units	Level Found	Detection Range	Sample Year	Violation
Alkalinity, CaCO ₃ Stability	mg/L	147.0000	147	2008	No
Aluminum	mg/L	0.113	0.113	2008	No
Calcium	mg/L	19.5000	19.5	2008	No
Chloride	mg/L	29.8000	29.8	2008	No
Hardness, Total (AS CaCO ₃)	mg/L	117.0000	117	2008	No
Iron	mg/L	< 5	< 5	2008	No
Magnesium	mg/L	16.5000	16.5	2008	No
pH	pH	8.3000	8.3	2008	No
Potassium	mg/L	3.9000	3.9	2008	No
Sodium	mg/L	32.1000	32.1	2008	No
Solids, Total Dissolved (TDS)	mg/L	222.0000	222	2008	No
Sulfate	mg/L	42.1000	42.1	2008	No
Volatile Organic	Units	Level Found	Detection Range	Sample Year	Violation
Bromodichloromethane	µg/L	< 0.5	< 0.5	2008	No
Bromoform	µg/L	0.85	0.85	2008	No
Dibromochloromethane	µg/L	0.58	0.58	2008	No

Definitions:

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. **MCL:** Maximum Contaminant Level, or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. **AL:** Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. **90th percentile:** For lead and copper testing. 10% of test results are above this level and 90% are below this level. **Level Found:** is the average of all test results for a particular contaminant. **Range of Detections:** Shows the lowest and highest levels found during a testing period, if only one sample was taken, then this number equals the Level Found. **RAA:** Running Annual Average, or the average of sample analytical results for samples taken during the previous four calendar quarters.

Abbreviations:

PPB: parts per billion or micrograms per liter, **PPM:** parts per million or milligrams per liter, **N/A:** not applicable. The state has reduced monitoring for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Records with a sample year more than one year old are still considered representative.



Man on the street: What does Independence Day mean to you?

By Airman 1st Class Montse Ramirez
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

When asked what Independence Day meant to them, Team Whiteman members replied:



"A day to celebrate our freedom," said 1st Lt. Amanda Patton, 509th Force Support Squadron. "It's also a time to spend with family and friends."



"People are free to say anything they want to say without fear of being scrutinized," said Master Sgt. Patricia McCrary, 509th Maintenance Squadron.

"Hopefully they are thankful for the military fighting for their rights."

"The sacrifices of our fellow men and women who decided they had enough and wanted a better life for the U.S.," said Senior Master Sgt. Randy Johnson, 509th FSS.



"The fruit of our fore father's labors," said Airman 1st Class J Arce, 509th FSS.



"Symbolizes why we are the greatest Nation in the world," said Staff Sgt. John Chambers, 509th Communications Squadron.



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Whiteman now 360 pounds lighter

By Heidi Hunt

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

More than 38 participants embarked on a 12-week journey to shed unwanted body fat as part of Team Whiteman's "Biggest Loser" contest. The winners were announced June 24 at the Base Exchange.

Machelle Cotton, 509th Comptroller Squadron, earned the Top Female Winner Category with a total weight loss of 17.02 percent.

Staff Sgt. Andrew Betsworth, 509th Maintenance Group, earned the Top Male Winner with a total weight loss of 15.03 percent.

The 509th Force Support Squadron won the squadron competition with a total weight loss of 77 pounds, which is a 2.5 percent weight loss, and a 7.7 pound weight loss per person from ten participants.

"The HAWC's Mission is to promote healthy lifestyles," said Dr. Nita Hawk, 509th Medical Group health promotions director. "Our goal is to motivate individuals to create positive change in their lives. Ultimately, the health and fitness of each individual is directly connected to the operational mission."

"Over the past four years the 'Biggest Loser' contest has generated a weight loss of more than 2,000 pounds for the Whiteman Community," Dr. Hawk said. "This year's contest yielded one of the highest percent loss per participant. Congratulations to the winners, and to the participants."



U.S. Air Force photo by Heidi Hunt
Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, 509th Bomb Wing commander, presents Staff Sgt. Andrew Betsworth, 509th Maintenance Group with a certificate for earning the Top Male Loser Winner with a total weight loss of 15.03 percent.

All together, participants lost 360 pounds with an average individual weight loss of nine and a half pounds.

Sergeant Betsworth said he altered his eating habits and exercised more.

"I went from exercising three to four days a week to six to seven days a week, and started monitoring my calorie intake," he said. "I also ran three miles, six to seven days a week and did pushups and sit ups every other day."

Machelle Cotton said she kept a daily food diary and cut back on sugar, carbohydrates and fats.

The competition was sponsored by the HAWC, 509th MDG. The Top Male and Female winners received an Xbox 360 and Kinect game, courtesy of the BX.

The HAWC provides free assistance to members who want to learn how to live healthier.

Heating up a reenlistment



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Cody H. Ramirez

Lt. Col. Robert Gill, 509th Mission Support Group deputy commander, shakes the hand of Staff Sgt. Bryan Daspit, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron fire protection technician, during the sergeant's reenlistment ceremony here June 24. Sergeant Daspit had his ceremony in the fire protection's structural training facility to make it fire fighter oriented and unique.



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131st BW concludes annual training with family day

By Rachel Knight
131st Bomb Wing
Unit public affairs representative

Both past and present Missouri National Guardsmen from the 131st Bomb Wing and their families participated in the Wing's Family Day and Retiree Day at Ike Skelton Park June 11.

Col. Michael Francis, 131st BW vice commander, said the Wing picnic and retiree day capped off the 12 days of active duty training for BW personnel and was an opportunity to come together with more than 500 individuals to include friends - past and present.

"It was a great time for the Wing to revel in a job well done during the past two weeks of annual training that included the reveal of the 131st BW patch on the B-2 Spirit and Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt's visit, Director of the Air National Guard," said Maj. Catherine Germain, 131st BW executive officer.

The unveiling of the 131st BW patch on the "Spirit of Missouri" symbolized a milestone in the Total Force Integration of the active duty Air Force with the Missouri Air National Guard at Whiteman AFB.

General Wyatt said the TFI between the 509th Bomb Wing and the 131st BW is going well and an example the ANG needs to look to for classic associations in the Air Force.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Meiko Schill

Both past and present Missouri National Guardsmen from the 131st Bomb Wing and their families participated in the Wing's Family Day and Retiree Day at Ike Skelton Park June 11. Wing picnic and retiree day capped off the 12 days of active duty training for BW personnel and was an opportunity to come together with more than 500 individuals to include friends - past and present.

"What a great partnership and great capability you bring to the fight," General Wyatt said at the unveiling ceremony.

Many attendees of the Wing's Family Day had the opportunity to tour the B-2 hangars and simulators.

"A highlight of the day was seeing the B-2 in person," said retired Senior Master Sgt. Ron Hagenow. "I had read about the aircraft but until you see it in person you don't realize its size or its capability."

"It was also a great time for Wing

members and retirees to reconnect," Major Germain said. "This was the first 131st BW Retiree Day since the Wing switched missions."

Retirees were able to meet with past coworkers who have gained rank and past colleagues who have retired.

"I got to speak with Col. Greg Champagne and we reminisced," Sergeant Hagenow said.

Sergeant Hagenow said he remembered when he worked in the training office and when Col. Champagne went to officers' school and pilot training.

"As for the Wing now being a bomber unit, I am both sad and happy," Sergeant Hagenow said. "I am sad because of our long fighter heritage, but happy because our unit was chosen to fly the most sophisticated aircraft in the inventory. I think that says something about our people and our ability to get the job done."

The group received a briefing first thing that morning which highlighted the unit's history dating back to the B-26 Invader, one of the Wing's first bombers. The 131st (then the 110th Observation Squadron) served many roles since it was first organized in Missouri in 1923. Previous aircraft flown have included observation aircraft, as well as numerous generations of fighters, and the A-20, B-25, and B-26 bombers, as well as the current B-2.

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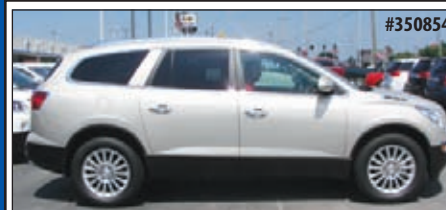
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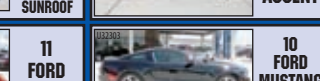
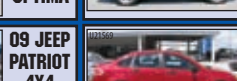
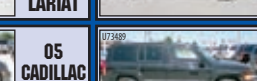
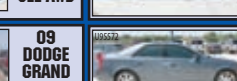
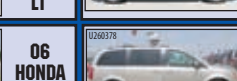
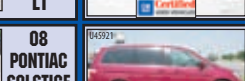
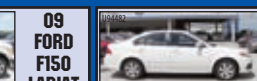
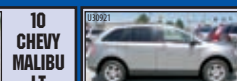
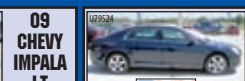
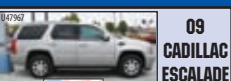
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Preteen Summer Movie Matinee Trip Sign Ups ~ Youth Center

Preteens, ages 9-12, sign up today to watch the movie "Zookeeper" at the Carmike Cinemas in Warrensburg scheduled for July 20, Noon-5 p.m. Cost is \$1 members; \$2 nonmembers. For more information, please call 687-5586.

Preteen St. Louis Museum Trip Sign Ups ~ Youth Center

Preteen, ages 9-12, sign up for the trip to the St. Louis Museum scheduled for July 22, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Cost is \$15 members; \$20 nonmembers. Call 687-5586 for more details.

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Thor

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Sunday, 3 p.m.

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Movie showings are featured at the Whiteman AFB Movie Theater.

Call the movie line at (660) 687-5110 for more information. ~ Movies are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.25 (3-11 years).

(Movies and ticket prices are subject to change without notice)

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goes on behind the scenes to make these project a reality," said Sergeant Huseman. "Much of this work goes unnoticed, yet if it weren't completed, the volunteer efforts of those buildings the homes would be fruitless."

Sergeant Huseman said having the home in Leeton complete is a bittersweet celebration.

"On one hand I am excited for the family to move into their own home and improve their quality of life," Sergeant Huseman said. "But at the same time I am saddened that there are more families that need and deserve the same opportunities, yet must wait for those opportunities to present themselves."

"It is my hope that as more people become involved we will be able to do more for those in need," Sergeant Huseman said. "While at the same time continue to demonstrate that Team are more than just residents of Johnson County, but our neighbors, friends, and family as well."

During the ceremony, Mr. Tom Kinney thanked and recognized a list of individuals whose diligence, dedication and tireless effort made this build possible.

Dr. Dan Lowry, minister of the Christian Church in Leeton, said Team Whiteman's attitudes exemplified the military in outstanding ways and thanked them for volunteering their time, efforts and skills.

Other speakers and members present included Senator David Pearce and Mayor Gary King of Leeton, and Habitat for Humanity board members which were acknowledged during the dedication.

Mo's Home Builders from the University of Central Missouri also volunteered time towards the project. Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County seeks to build affordable housing for a partner family through the efforts of volunteer labor and donations from the community.

The following volunteers from Whiteman AFB volunteer for the Habit for Humanity project:

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Darlene Buss, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

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Tami Goodhart, 442nd Maintenance Operations Flight; Benjamin Huseman,

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