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Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Creating the wounded

Airman 1st Class Minh Nguyen, 509th Maintenance Squadron, applies fake blood to the head of Warrensburg High School student Michelle Meloy. The base moulage team practiced for a Mass Accident Response Exercise and helped the Warrensburg Fire Department demonstrate the hazards of drunk driving to the students of Warrensburg High School May 8. All of 9th Street is closed 1-4 p.m. Monday for the MARE. Delays may occur on Arnold, Vandenberg, Mitchell, and parts of Sijan Avenues.

SECAF addresses possible move

WASHINGTON (AFP) — In the latest edition of "The Secretary's Vector," Secretary of the Air Force James Roche discusses the possibility he may soon become secretary of the Army.

President George W. Bush announced May 7 his intent to nominate Roche for the Army's top spot, which became vacant when former Secretary of the Army Thomas White resigned April 25. In "The Secretary's Vector," released Monday, Roche said he was flattered by the confidence shown in him by the president, and indicated he would accept the position if indeed the nomination advanced and was approved by Congress.

"I am deeply honored by his confidence in my ability to lead the



File photo

Secretary of the Air Force James Roche

Army, and have informed the president that, if nominated and confirmed, I will serve," Roche wrote.

Roche specifically addresses air-

men in several passages of the message, crediting them with playing a vital role in the president's decision.

"While honored, I recognize that this nomination is more a reflection of your dedication, your excellence, your loyal service to the nation, and your great success in accomplishing our mission," he wrote. "We are the best Air Force in the world; and we will remain so because of the (more than) 700,000 dedicated officer, enlisted and civilian airmen who understand how to fly, fix, launch, support, defend, and employ air and space power."

"The Secretary's Vector" is available at http://www.af.mil/viewpoint/Intended_Nomination_as_Sec_Army.pdf.

9-Line Target

This weekend marks the start of our children's summer vacation. Let's lead the pack safely.

News in Brief

Clinic sets success celebration hours

The 509th Medical Group and the pharmacy is open 8-11 a.m. Today for urgent care for the mission success celebration. If there is a medical emergency, call 911.

Claims notice

Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing Commander, regrettably announces the death of Master Sgt. David Dowler, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to Dowler's estate should contact 2nd Lt. Eric Jagers, 509th Maintenance Squadron summary courts officer, at 687-2479.

BCC luncheon set

The base community council luncheon begins at 12:30 p.m. May 29 at Mission's End. The menu is barbecue brisket, potato salad and coleslaw. The cost is \$7.50. Base members interested in attending must R.S.V.P. with a MasterCard or Visa credit card to the public affairs office by 12:30 p.m. May 27 at 687-6151.

No trespassing

Trespassing is illegal and prohibited on the base's combat arms ranges, according to Tech. Sgt. Frank Pickard, 509th Security Forces Squadron. The M203 grenade range is located on the base's east side adjacent to Highway D. The rifle, pistol, shotgun and machine gun ranges are located behind Bldg. 1236. If anyone needs to enter the areas during duty or non-duty hours, call 687-5122.

Coupon rules change at commissary

The commissary will begin enforcing a new policy revision June 1 limiting coupon use to one per item unless otherwise specified on a coupon. The revised policy reflects manufacturers' intent for coupon use — one coupon per item unless otherwise stated.

Under the new policy, customers can still take advantage of multiple couponing, but only through sales specifically allowing the practice. Customers can look for advertising and in-store flyers to learn about these sales, and manufacturers will continue to provide coupons in the store. For more details, call 687-5655.

Basewide garage sale set

A basewide garage sale begins at 8 a.m. June 7. The garage sale takes place in base housing for members who live on base and in the Whiteman Elementary School parking lot for members who live off base. Military members and Department of Defense civilians wanting to host a sale must sign up at the housing office by June 3.

Commander's Corner

By Col. Doug Raaberg
509th Bomb Wing Commander



CELEBRATE OIF MISSION SUCCESS.

Today we ought to take a break and count our blessings for our very successful commitment to Operation Iraqi Freedom. I'd like to personally invite all of World Whiteman to Skelton Park today for our "OIF Mission Success" party. We'll kick the party off at noon as our way to say thanks for your outstanding work — not only during OIF — but also for the long preparation period building up to the war.

A personal thank you to our Spirit Team of Northrop Grumman for helping sponsor this great day at the park. Come on out to this alternate duty location to have some fun. I look forward to seeing the winning team!

THEY'RE COMING HOME! More of our 509ers are trickling back from their deployed locations. In addition to some Aerospace Expeditionary Force 8 deployees, the 442nd Fighter Wing brought back a large contingent of their people and jets this week from Iraq.

Let's welcome all of these brave Ameri-

cans back in style. Let's give them some time to re-energize and spend with their families.

Our deployed numbers are dropping, but we still have nearly 400 folks serving around the globe. Make sure you're keeping the loved ones of those still deployed informed and aware of the status of their airmen. Welcome back Lt. Col. Keith Darlington, our wing chaplain.

CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATES. More than 200 Whiteman members received a variety of college degrees in the All-Schools Graduation May 9. It was very exciting to stand on stage to see the many military and family members who received a much-deserved diploma. The assembly included our recent graduates of the Community College of the Air Force.

A big thank you goes to our education office for their dedication to education ... and a big hearty congratulation to our grads. If you're interested in tuition assistance or a chance to start on the road to a degree — go see the folks in at the education office.

WINGS OVER WHITEMAN IS READY FOR TAKEOFF. Mark your calendars! We're less than 30 days from the Wings over Whiteman air show. From the Air Force Thunderbirds to an amazing array of aerial acts, we're going to have an absolutely exciting weekend June 14 and 15.

As the day draws closer, I ask you to make sure you and your people are doing all they can to make this show a success. The 442nd Fighter Wing and the 509th Bomb Wing will again sponsor this terrific event. We're a world-class team ... let's put on a world-class show for America!

CRITICAL SUMMER DAYS ARE UPON US. It's time to turn our safety awareness up a notch! This weekend our high school seniors graduate; and with that, school comes to a close for everyone. Our children will be out in force, so ... look out! Let's make a concerted effort to have a 100 percent safe summer for our families.

RETROSPECT. I'd like to end, or actually begin on a different note. You've played an historic part in the annals of airpower that will be written in the years to come. The B-2 may have begun the true "shock and awe" over Baghdad, but there's another chapter yet to be written.

Take a hard look around your squadrons and you'll notice everyone has changed — their focus is squarely on the 509th's mission to Kick Doors Down and Kill Targets. For the Air Force, we're the leading edge of the Global Strike Task Force. That focus has taken on a new meaning for us with a burning passion to make it even better.

In retrospect, we began 2003 on a war footing of epic proportion. Yet, in 18 nights



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bill Huntington

A Jefferson City, Mo., reporter interviews Trevor Fritts and his mother, Laura, about the return of Capt. Rob Fritts, 442nd Operations Group. Members of the 442nd Fighter Wing returned to Whiteman Tuesday after a six-week deployment.

we changed the complexion of a country and the end of 12 years of contingency operations for our deployed Air Force members in Northern and Southern Watch!

Be proud — you had a direct hand in making that change. Stand tall — you'll be ready if the Spirit is called again to action. In looking back now, you'll see you're the ones who make history. It's because you take care of your people — our most precious asset!

Post target turn ... mission success

By Col. Gregory Biscone

509th Operations Group Commander

The Spirit Team recently engaged in the active execution of our mission during Operation Iraqi Freedom. We kicked down the door and killed targets of a wicked regime.

In just over three weeks, B-2s from the 509th destroyed more than 600 targets with each weapon released striking its intended target, an unprecedented success. Many of our team members continue to carry on America's fight to win our future security and defend freedom from forward locations around the world.

I am honored to serve with such selfless patriots, and the families and communities that support us in the same selfless manner.

What's next for 509ers who just experienced such a tangible, important experience? It's easy to let down but, as I prepare to transfer to another wing in our Air Force, I ask you to do what you have done so well in the past: continue to serve and learn. If you remain committed to serving and learning, you'll do the right thing for the nation, this team and yourself. Bear with me as I share a few thoughts that give me energy each day.

Commitment to service is a commitment to something greater than self. It's easy for us to lose focus on service to the nation between the times the president calls us to execute the wing's mission. During these periods, remember who needs your focus, your service - your teammates. Keep people in your crosscheck and put them first.

Remember every team member, unless they prove oth-

erwise, deserves your respect. If they don't, give them a chance to earn it. Treat them as if you're going to work with them again tomorrow and in another assignment, you probably will. Each person is important to the wing's success and yours. You affect everyone with whom you come in contact: superiors, subordinates, peers, family members, friends and strangers.

Choose to make the people with whom you interact stronger and more confident ... and so goes the team. Continue to serve with great enthusiasm and keep your sights on who we serve — people.

None of us will ever know everything. Be committed to learn and help others to learn. As you've demonstrated in my experience and working with you, we know enough to ensure the team's combined efforts produce absolutely outstanding results. It takes personal responsibility and daily preparation, with a strong wingman backing you up on the ground or in the air, to execute assigned tasks with precision.

I think you'll agree a day doesn't go by when you don't learn something, sometimes a lot and sometimes the hard way. Recognize opportunities to learn and look for more, then capture what you learn. Use it to improve your ability to execute the mission and bring the team along with you by teaching and coaching. Though we'll never know everything, everything we learn improves us and, with us, our Air Force.

Serve and learn. This is what I try to do every day. I do it in combat and I fall back on it when out of combat. If you're not interested, I ask you to reconsider. If the answer is still no, then don't hold back the great majority of this



Photo by Master Sgt. Mike Nixon

Airman 1st Class David Moses salutes as the Spirit of Missouri returns from an Operation Iraqi Freedom combat mission. Moses is a 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief.

wing who I see serving and learning with pride each day. Serve and learn with integrity and excellence, and our next post target turn will be even easier than our last.

Finally, accept my personal thanks for all you do for our nation and for all you've done to make my job easy in two tours with the mighty 509th. None finer!

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Discovery wins contest



Photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacadan

Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, presents Airman 1st Class Jonathan Wiggins, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, with his certificate for winning room of the quarter. Wiggins received a three-day pass from work as his reward for exceeding the wing's dorm room standard. Wiggins is a resident of Atlantis Hall. Raaberg held a mandatory dormitory call Monday at the fitness center. Raaberg presented three dorms and one room with an award. Prizes were awarded to dormitory occupants for the overall appearance of the dorm and the dorm rooms. First place — Discovery Hall — won \$2,000; second place — Atlantis Hall — won \$1,000; and third place — Endeavor Hall — won \$500.



First place Discovery Hall
\$2,000



Second place Atlantis Hall
\$1,000



Third place Endeavor Hall
\$500



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacadan

First Lt. Michael Taplin, 509th Medical Group Information Management Flight commander, shows Ellen Chappel, wife of Lt. Col. Steve Chappel, 303rd Fighter Squadron, how to use the Tricare Web site.

Schedule appointments online soon

The 509th Medical Group begins phasing in tricareonline.com May 23.

Tricareonline.com offers Department of Defense beneficiaries, managers and doctors interactive features and capabilities that can be accessed anytime.

Tricare online appointment scheduling will be available only to clinic Tricare Prime, Plus and Special Category patient beneficiaries assigned to primary care managers. The first wave of limited online appointment scheduling will be offered to the 509th Civil Engineering, Contracting and Munitions squadrons' members and their dependents who are assigned to 1st Lt. Patrick Geml, 509th Medical Operations Squadron physician assistant.

The pediatrics clinic's well baby online appointments will also be available for

anyone who is authorized military medical care and is registered in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

How to register — A person can log on to <http://www.tricareonline.com> from any computer with Internet access, follow the onscreen directions and register as a beneficiary. People can only make appointments with their PCM or another provider from the same team.

Is the information safe? — Data provided is sent through secure Internet access and only authorized DOD members have access to the information. For more information, visit <http://www.tricareonline.com>, call the worldwide Tricare information center at 866-363-3932, or call 1st Lt. Michael Taplin at 687-2188. (Courtesy of the 509th Medical Group)



Courtesy photo

Legal office issues warning

First Lt. Shelly Hilliker, 509th Bomb Wing, and Bob Volkmer, a Missouri Department of Insurance investigator, discuss an insurance scam to which a Whiteman airman and his spouse fell victim. Volkmer is currently building a case to prosecute Jamie McNamara, a former Prudential representative, for multiple insurance scams. If you purchased a vehicle from Franklin's National Suzuki in Kansas City, Mo., in the last year and were referred to McNamara, or if you have an insurance policy and your agent is McNamara, you may not have insurance. People should double check their auto insurance policies to see if McNamara is the agent. If he is, notify the legal office immediately at 687-6809. The Missouri Department of Insurance provides information on what insurance policies should include and what the legal limits should be. For more information, visit their Web site at <http://insurance.mo.gov/consumer/index.htm>.



Mission Success Celebration

Noon-4 p.m. today
Skelton Park
Free food
Music and karaoke provided by a DJ
Play games
volleyball and horseshoes
Open to all Team Whiteman members
This is an alternate duty location.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Coffee anyone?

Airman 1st Class David Mendez, 509th Medical Support Squadron, orders coffee from Joanne Anderson May 5 at the new High Esteem coffee shop in the base clinic. This store is open 7 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. The coffee shop is also located in the base exchange, and is open 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays.

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Chief retires, leaves mark

By Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Goodall
509th Maintenance Squadron

For most at Whiteman, today is just another Friday. For the 509th Maintenance Group maintainers, it's the end of an era.

Chief Master Sgt. James Helfst retires at 10 a.m. today marking the last milestone of his Air Force career.

"(I'll miss) my Air Force family and the fact that I every where I go on base everyone says hello," Helfst said.

During his tenure here, he helped transform the B-2 from an air show asset to the Air Force's premier weapons platform.

The Hempstead, N.Y., native entered active duty on Oct. 29, 1975. Helfst said his brothers served in the Army, but he wanted to join the Air Force because he loved airplanes.

His first assignment took him to Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., where he was a missile security policeman and armory specialist. In 1977, the 20-year-old served his first overseas tour at Memmingen German Air Base. There, he was a custodial agent and custodial flight chief



Chief Master Sgt. James Helfst

protecting nuclear loaded German F-104G aircraft.

After this assignment, Helfst decided to retrain into the aircraft maintenance business as an F-15 integrated avionics electronic warfare system apprentice. He was

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Tech. Sgt. J.J. Jackson, Airman Kasey Carr and Master Sgt. William Craven, 394th Combat Training Squadron, review an Air Force Form 357, Family Care Certification.

1st Sergeant's View

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)

Air Force Instruction 36-2908, Family Care Plan, gives people the who, what, when, where and how to accomplish a care plan their family. However, it doesn't tell people is whether their plan will work. The only way to know is to implement it. Between Aerospace Expeditionary Force 7/8 and the B-2's forward deployment, some Whiteman members were given that chance. As things wind down and we get back to normal, Master Sgt. Craven, 394th Combat Training Squadron additional duty first

sergeant, asks:
✓ How did your Family Care Plan work?
✓ For those who are required to document their plan using Air Force Form 357, Family Care Certification, did your plan work?
✓ Did you have a smooth, rapid transfer of responsibilities to your designees?
✓ Did you have to modify your plan on the fly while you are getting ready to deploy?
✓ Did you have to make adjustments while you were gone?
"If you had problems, now is the time to fix them while the problems are fresh in your mind," said Craven. "Remember, this plan is for you and your family members. Having a plan that works will help alleviate some of the stress involved before deploying."

Countdown to Wings over Whiteman 29 days

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Spirit Spotlights



... on Tech. Sgts. **Gary Cabral, Jeffrey Davis, Jose Fonseca** and **Wesley Howard**, Detachment 6, 372nd Training Squadron, for receiving a Community College of the Air Force degree May 9.

... on Senior Master Sgts. **Charles Canoy**, 509th Munitions Squadron; **Jodie McKanna**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron; and **Nicholas Zuvich** and **William Fowler**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, for recently graduating the Senior NCO Academy.

... on Tech. Sgts. **William Roe**, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron; **Frank Worley**, 509th Operations Support Squadron; **James Roger**, 509th Medical Group; **Jonathan Wallenbeck**, 509th Maintenance Operation Squadron; **David Landez**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Stephen Bradford**, **Robert Schneider**, and **Steven Crane**, 509th Security Forces Squadron; and **Scott Moore** and **Jerry Alquist**, 509th CES, for recently graduating the NCO Academy.

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Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Staff Sgt. William Wood, 509th Maintenance Group, re-enlisted at a deployed location as 1st Lt. James Alves, 386th Expeditionary Force Protection Squadron, administered the oath of enlistment. Wood is an electro-environmental systems inspector deployed with the 386th EFPS.

28 members re-enlist

By Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Rush
509th Bomb Wing Career Assistance Adviser

In April, 28 members of the 509th Bomb Wing made a commitment to stay with the Air Force. They are:

Senior Airmen Timothy Bayes, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Steven Criswell**, 509th CES, **Melissa DeJaynes**, 509th Communications Squadron, and **Theresa Ross**, 509th Services Squadron.

Staff Sgts. Shane Bolles, 509th CES, **Kassandra Hurley**, 394th Combat Training Squadron, **Terry Kibbler**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, **Michael Wright**, 509th AMXS, **Sascha Roberson**, 509th SVS, **Brad Whitt**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, and **Mark Smith**, 509th Security Forces Squadron.

Tech. Sgts. Mark Azbill, 509th Munitions Squadron, **Matthew Carrol**, 509th MXS, **Norman Clair**, 509th Logistic

Readiness Squadron, **Douglas Clifton**, 509th MXS, **Tracy Mellon**, 509th Bomb Wing, **Scott Peterson**, 509th SFS, **Andrew Rhodes**, 509th Operation Support Squadron, **Gary Schnur**, 509th LRS, **Tizana Smith**, 509th CS, and **Robert Workman**, 509th OSS.

Master Sgts. Ben McClellan, 509th BW, **Les Rosser**, 509th SFS, **Wanda Seward**, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, and **Elliot Smith**, 509th CES.

Senior Master Sgts. Robert Cooper, 509th AMXS, and **Brian Munley**, 509th CES.

Chief Master Sgt. Glen Bernier, 509th SVS.

Everyone of you is faced periodically with the decision to stay or go.

If you have any questions or concerns about the decision, ask! Visit the career assistance adviser in Bldg. 1435, or call 687-STAY (7829).



Photo by Master Sgt. Francis Dupuis

There she is ...

Shandi Finessey, Miss Missouri 2003, greets 509th Maintenance Squadron members during a visit here May 9. In addition to receiving a flight line tour, Finessey flew the B-2 simulator and visited 394th Combat Training Squadron members.



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Civilian Employee of the Week

Jerry Blaisdell was nominated for this award by Senior Master Sgt. Paul Ross, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department. Blaisdell works at the base fire department as the B-shift assistant fire chief. Ross said Blaisdell made an impact on the department's training program since January. "The training section has improved immensely with the updates and modifications he's made to the master training plan and other training tools," said Ross. "His help has made the overall scores and completion time rate outstanding for the section. We look forward to having him as an important part of the team for a long time to come."

Whiteman Spirit Award



Staff Sgt. Marisol Pacheco

509th Medical Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Marisol Pacheco, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Tuesday.

Tech. Sgt. Mauree Powell, 509th MDOS, nominated Pacheco for the award.

While Powell was on leave for six weeks, Pacheco filled in as the family practice clinic's NCO in charge. Powell said she did an outstanding job of handling the daily schedule, numerous emergencies, managed needed supply flow and still worked as a patient technician during this time.

"Staff Sgt. Pacheco is always willing to help where needed and sets the example for others to follow," said Powell. Pacheco received compliments from her peers, the 509th Medical Group command section and many patients for her professionalism.

"She is a prime example of integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do," said Powell.

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Medical technician

Time on station: 3 years and 5 months

Time in service: 8 years and 5 months

Hometown: El Paso, Texas

Spouse: Robert

Child: Elisa, 11 months

Goals: To work in sports medicine

Hobbies: Playing volleyball and crafts

Pet peeves: Supervisors not taking care of their people — take care of your people and they'll take care of you.

Best thing about Whiteman: My co-workers

What motivates your winning spirit? My supervisor — Tech. Sgt. Mauree Powell.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? It would be great if we could change the clinic back to a hospital.

Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed with the superior customer service provided by the nominee.

If you know someone who has the Whiteman Spirit, send the nomination to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111, or e-mail whiteman.spirit@Whiteman.af.mil.

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Elisa Burns practices a tae kwon do move with Capt. Ryan Huckabay, 394th Combat Training Squadron. Four spouses participated in a self-defense class taught by retired Col. David Shunk and Huckabay at the fitness center. Elisa's husband is Tech. Sgt. Tracey Burns, 509th Medical Support Squadron.



Kelli Steinke stirs an Oriental chicken dish during the healthy cooking class. The family support center sponsored a Military Spouses' Appreciation Day May 9. A healthy-cooking class, which took place at the health and wellness center, was one of 12 events offered. Kelli's husband is Senior Airman Kevin Steinke, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron.



Misty Patton aligns the reeds for a basket. The basketweaving class offered Military Spouses' Appreciation Day participants a chance to learn a new hobby, relieve some stress and make new friends. More than 225 people took part in the all-day activities at the family support center, Oscar-01, fitness center and in the health and wellness center. There were 16 people who volunteered their time to teach the classes and give the tours. Misty's husband is Tech. Sgt. Marvin Patton, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Leslie Corbett, 509th Mission Support Squadron, teaches a spouse benefits class during the family support center's second annual Military Spouses' Appreciation Day May 9. Nine people participated in this class.

Military spouses participate in appreciation day activities



Ann Beem, family support center, shows how using stamps can add to the overall appearance of a completed scrapbook page. Participants were encouraged to bring four or five photos to put on a scrapbook page they designed. Everyone who participated in the day's activities received a gift donated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Kansas City, Mo., and a major card and gift company. The Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club and Whiteman Enlisted Community Organization also donated funds to offset the costs of the day's events.



Kelene Erickson compares essential oil scents during the reflexology and aromatherapy class. The instructors for this class taught how using reflexology can reduce stress and how aromatherapy can help a person relax. Kelene's husband is Chief Master Sgt. Roy Erickson, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.



Mary Durrill, of the Windsor, Mo., Garden Club, taught a gardening class during the Military Spouses' Appreciation Day. Durrill talked about how wildflowers can enhance a garden's look and what wildflowers are edible.



Airman 1st Class Tony Marrocco, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, plays a game with 2-year-old Devin Carter. Marrocco was one of 16 people who volunteered to provide free child care so military spouses could participate in the day's activities. The Military Spouses' Appreciation Day was a collaborative effort between the family support center, the skills development center, the life skills center, the health and wellness center, and the fitness center. The base exchange and commissary also supported the event with special sales and giveaways. Devin's parents are Airman 1st Class Jason and Christy Carter, 509th Communications Squadron.

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— Spotlight on justice —

In April, five people received Article 15 actions, 11 were discharged and one was court-martialed.

Articles 15

An airman from the 509th Munitions Squadron received an Article 15 for disrespecting an NCO and simple assault. The punishment was reduction to airman basic.

A senior airman from the 509th Medical Operations Squadron received an Article 15 for using marijuana. The punishment was reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$575 pay per month for two months and 45 days extra duty. The airman also received an involuntarily general discharged for drug abuse.

An airman from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron received an Article 15 for making a false official statement. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$75 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 45 days and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th LRS received an Article 15 for using marijuana. The punishment was reduction to airman basic, restriction to base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty. The airman also received an involuntarily general discharged for drug abuse.

An airman first class from the 509th Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for failure to go. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty.

Discharges

An airman first class from the 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

A senior airman from the 509th MDOS received a general discharge for drug abuse.

An airman basic from the 509th Security Forces Squadron received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An airman basic from the 509th SFS received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An airman basic from the 509th MUNS received a general discharge for a pattern

of misconduct.

An airman basic from the 509th LRS received a general discharge for drug abuse.

An airman basic from the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An airman from the 509th AMXS received an honorable discharge for fraudulent entry.

An airman first class from the 509th AMXS received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An airman first class from the 509th SFS received an under other than honorable conditions discharge in lieu of court-martial for indecent assault on two separate occasions, and conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline on two separate occasions.

Court-martial

Airman Basic Malachi Williams, 509th Communications Squadron, was tried and convicted at a special court-martial for possessing 42 grams of marijuana and using marijuana on several occasions.

Williams elected to have his case decided by the military judge rather than a jury, and he entered a guilty pleas. The military judge accepted his pleas and sentenced him to confinement for 135 days and a bad conduct discharge. Williams was confined pending the trial for 50 days.

In a statement to the court, Williams apologized for his misconduct.

"I'm deeply sorry for all of the trouble I have caused by using marijuana to hide and run away from my problems and feelings of failure," he said. "I know I have let the Air Force down."

Williams' parents, members from his unit and other base organizations attended the trial. He will serve the remainder of his confinement here.

Upon release, he will be placed on unpaid appellate leave status pending approval of the punitive discharge by the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals. A punitive discharge may only be adjudged by a court-martial and, once approved, remains on a service member's record for life. The court-martial conviction also creates a record of a federal criminal conviction.

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Employment Assistance Program

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What's happening

Community

Summary courts announcement

Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, regretfully announces the death of Master Sgt. David Dowler, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to Dowler's estate, should contact 2nd Lt. Eric Jagers, 509th Maintenance Squadron summary courts officer, at 687-2479.

Trespassing prohibited

Trespassing is illegal and is prohibited on the combat arms ranges on base. Those areas are: the M203 grenade range located on the east side of the base adjacent to highway D. The shooting ranges are located behind building 1236. If you need to enter these areas during duty or non-duty hours call 687-5122.

Flower vouchers available

Through May 31, the self-help store supplies are depleted. Base housing residents can pick up a \$20 voucher for spring and summer flowers at the base exchange, Debackers or Elite Landscaping. Limit one voucher per household. The self-help store is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays. For more details, call 687-4173.

Playgroup expands fun

The Mom's, Pop's and Tot's Play group meets 10 a.m.-noon Thursdays at the Missouri Army National Guard Armory. May events include:

- ✓ Crafts Thursday, and
- ✓ Meet at the park, hosted by the 509th Security Forces Squadron, May 29

For more details, call Chelley Plowman at 687-4342.

Fallen veterans honored

The American Legion Matthews-Crawford Post 131 and local Veterans of Foreign Wars members will honor fallen veterans at 5 p.m. May 23 at Sunset Cemetery on Young Street in Warrensburg. They will place an American flag on each veteran's gravestone, which will serve as a symbolic act to honor the fallen veterans' efforts. For more details, call Huet Donald at 660-747-9625.

Swimming lessons available

Swimming lessons begin June 2 at the Red Cross center at 208 Emerson St., Warrensburg. For more details, call 660-747-5173.

ROTC positions available

Positions are available in Air Force ROTC programs for summer 2004. Assignment listings are at the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. For more details, call Air Education and Training Command at 210-652-4180.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Class helps with move

A mandatory smooth move seminar for people planning to move overseas begins at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Facilitators will discuss the financial benefits associated with moving and provide a variety of useful resources. PCS orders aren't necessary and spouses are encouraged to attend.

Class helps new parents

Expectant parents can get information and resources at the Bundles for Babies class, beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Reservations are required.

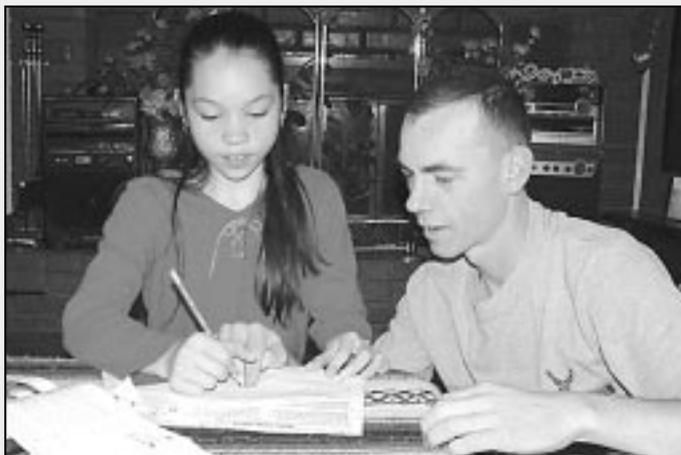


Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Grade 'A' student

Tech. Sgt. Scott Evans helps his daughter, Angelica, with homework. The Optimist Club of Warrensburg named Angelica the Youth of the Month for April. The fifth-grade student at Sterling Elementary School in Warrensburg said one of her favorite things to do at school is play hockey. Angelica's teacher, Bridget James, said the 11-year-old is consistently willing to help other students and always has a smile on her face. Tech. Sgt. Evans is assigned to the 509th Operations Support Squadron.

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sent to Langley AFB, Va., where he met his wife, Toni.

In 1985, the Helfst family was re-assigned to Cannon AFB, N.M. While at Cannon, Helfst's reputation as a star performer grew. He said he helped the 27th Fighter Wing receive outstanding ratings during the Tactical Air Command Operational Readiness and Unit Effectiveness Inspections.

Between 1989 and 1996, Helfst took assignments to Kirkland AFB, N.M., and Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

In August 1996, the Helfst moved his family to Whiteman. Since arriving here more than seven year ago, he's seen the B-2 mature into a combat-trusted veteran. From being the 393rd Bomb Squadron's senior production superintendent and maintenance superintendent, he said he helped produce two historic 40-hour combat



sorties as the B-2 delivered the first air strikes in Afghanistan and cleared the way for follow-on forces during Operation Enduring Freedom.

In September 2002, he became the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron maintenance superintendent after the bomb squadrons reorganized. Then three months ago, he became the 509th Maintenance Group acting chief enlisted manager.

The 28-year veteran said he would do this over if given the chance. He offered this advice to the airmen, "never give up no matter how difficult the job, how long the duty hours are, how remote the base is, or how difficult it is to get along with a particular supervisor."

Helfst said he thanks his family, supervisors, co-workers and friends for making his career successful.

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Before calling the Niner Line, please try to resolve your particular problem with the responsible base agency.

If you've exhausted all the normal avenues to resolve the situation, then feel free to call Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, at 687-3119 or e-mail 9r.Line@whiteman.af.mil.

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Soccer cadence

Left: Stenya Mendoza, 509th Security Forces Squadron, turns upfield after stealing the ball from Isabella Ramirez, a 509th Medical Group player, Monday. However, Ramirez later came back to score a goal for 509th MedGp, which won the playoff contest 5-0. Above: Chad Forsythe, 509th SFS and Junior Pierre-Louis, a 509th MedGp player, race for a loose ball.

Sports Shorts

Golf tournament scheduled

The 509th Mission Support Group hosts a golf tournament beginning at 9:30 a.m. May 28 at the Royal Oaks Golf Course. Check in time is 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 plus a greens fee. Prizes will be awarded and each participant will receive two free drinks while playing. For more details, call your unit sports representative.

Run with the Marines

A 5K run hosted by the Marine Corps Support Activity takes place 8 a.m. May 31 at the Richards-Gebaur Memorial Airport, in Grandview, Mo. There is a \$15 entry fee. Participants can register and pickup an entry packet 4-8 p.m. May 30 at the airport's lodging facility. For more details, call 816-843-3810 or visit the MCSA Web site at www.mcsa.usmc.mil/Run/5k.html.

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High speed airmen

Narcissa Boddie sprints on the last leg of the 509th OSS monthly squadron run May 9 as Enrique Jose and Charles Rockey try to keep pace. The 509th OSS members participate in these runs to promote fitness in the squadron.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan



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Reading kickoff party

Fun, food and books takes place 6:30-7:30 p.m. May 30. Youths can sign up and receive a kick off packet.
Youth ages 6-18 can read books May 30-July 25 to win prizes.
Sponsored in part by Scholastic Books, Pizza Hut and H.E.C.O.
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Tickets & Travel 687-5643

Wizards military appreciation night

Military members and families can watch the Kansas City Wizards take on the Los Angeles Galaxy in a soccer match 7 p.m. May 24 at Arrowhead Stadium. A special salute to veterans, pre-game activities and post-game fireworks. Cost is \$11 for adults and \$6 for youth ages 15 and younger. Tickets are available through May 21 at Tickets & Travel.

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Katy Trail bike ride

Ride the Katy Trail from Mokane, Mo., to McKittrick, Mo., 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$7 and a free bike will be provided if needed.

Base pool opens Memorial Day weekend

Entrance to the base pool is free May 24-26. Purchase season passes at outdoor recreation through May 23. Family season passes are \$45 and a single season pass is \$20. Season passes purchased after May 23 are an additional \$5.

Gasconade River canoe trip

Take a trip to the Gasconade River near Richland, Mo., 8 a.m.-7 p.m. May 31. The cost is \$15 for adults 18 and older, and \$10 for children. Prices include supplies and transportation. Participants must bring a sack lunch and money for the gift shop. For more information, call outdoor recreation.

Mission's End 687-4422

HBO boxing series

Gather friends and family to watch the world lightweight championship boxing match on plasma TVs 9 p.m. Saturday in the Lavene Lounge. This is a free event.

Prime rib buffet

Enjoy a prime rib buffet 5:30-8 p.m. tonight. The cost is \$13.95 for members and \$16.95 for nonmembers

Party on the patio

Members can enjoy a free barbecue 5-6 p.m. May 23.

Stars & Strikes Bowling Center 687-5114

Summer leagues

Sign up for summer bowling leagues today through Monday. For information, call Stars & Strikes.

Fitness Center 687-5496

Cycling incentive program

Cyclists can earn free incentive awards for participating in outdoor and indoor cycling activities. For more details, call outdoor recreation or the fitness center.

Strength 101

The fitness center staff holds strength training equipment training sessions 11 a.m.-noon Thursdays. Sign up at the front desk.

Cardio 101

Learn the proper techniques for using cardiovascular equipment 11 a.m.-noon Tuesdays. Sign up at the front desk.

Teen Center 687-5819

Classic card game night

Teens can learn how to play card games such as Uno, spades, hearts and more 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday. The event is free for members and \$2 nonmembers.

Youth employment skills orientation

Ninth through twelfth graders (2003 graduates are not eligible) can attend an employment skills meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday at the teen center. Teens can win get an opportunity to learn job skills and earn \$4 per hour toward college tuition by volunteering at base organizations during the summer. Air Force sponsors or a person with power-of-attorney must attend the meeting with the teen.

Basketball bingo

Get bingo cards and make the shot necessary to get a Bingo! Win prizes for participating 6 p.m.-10 p.m. May 24. The cost is \$2. The teen center closes at 5 p.m. to prepare for this event.

School's out celebration

Compete in sand volleyball, enjoy a cookout, play games and have fun under the stars 7 p.m.-11 p.m. May 31. Prizes awarded to best "summer look" outfit. The teen center is closed on this date. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers.

Youth Center 687-5586

B.R.I.D.G.E.

Five- through 12-year-old children of deployed military members can participate in sidewalk chalk day 3-5 p.m. Saturday. Be sure to wear old clothes. This is a free event.

Pre-teen scene hangout

Fifth through seventh graders can play games and hang out with friends 6-9 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers.

School's out bash

Kindergartners through fourth graders can play earth ball, basketball, pogo sticks and more 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 23. Cost is \$6 for members and \$7 for nonmembers.

End of school Hawaiian luau

Fifth through seventh graders can celebrate the end of the school year with Hawaiian dancing, karaoke, limbo and more 6-9 p.m. May 24 at Skelton Park. Cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for nonmembers. Dinner is provided. Sign up by Thursday.

Summer specialty camp

Youth ages 9-12 can register for summer specialty camps now through May 29. Youth can participate in creative arts, physical fitness, life skills and other programs 11:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. weekdays June 2-27. Sign up for a specific week or all four weeks. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for nonmembers for each week. Sponsored in part by Fowler's Family Autos. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Family Night

See opening night performances of Broadway shows at Starlight Theatre in Kansas City, Mo.



"Will Rogers Follies"

8:30 p.m. June 13. Purchase by today.

"Disney's Beauty and the Beast"

8:30 p.m. July 8. Purchase by May 30.

Cost is \$31 for plaza seating and \$14 for terrace seating. For more information, call Tickets & Travel at 687-5643.

Community Center 687-5617

Roller rally

Skaters can receive beginning and intermediate levels of inline skating, ramp and jump instruction Saturday and May 24 at the Skate Park. Skaters must be certified and have complete protective gear. Children ages 5-9 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a free event.

Salsa dancing

Learn to salsa dance 7-8 p.m. today. The cost is free. No partner needed.

Pool tournament

Airman can participate in a pool tournament beginning at 7 p.m. today. The cost is \$5 per player

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Silver jewelry

Learn how to design precious metal clay and fire it into a silver jewelry piece 6-8 p.m. Wednesday. Cost is \$20 and includes supplies.

Child Development Center 687-5588

There are vacancies in the 3-to 5-year-old classes. Children must be potty trained for eligibility. Call for more information.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

What a Girl Wants PG 7 p.m.

Starring — Amanda Bynes & Colin Firth
Daphne, a spirited young American girl, travels to London in search of her long-lost father. As she attempts to prove that love can conquer all, her impulsive behavior threatens to undermine the relationship she has waited for her whole life.

Saturday

Chicago PG-13 7 p.m.

Starring — Renee Zellweger & Catherine Zeta-Jones.
Based on the award-winning musical, Roxie's one wish is to follow in the footsteps of vaudeville performer Velma Kelly. Roxie gets her wish but some wrong steps lands both the star and starlet in prison.

Sunday

A Man Apart R 5:30 p.m.

Starring — Vin Diesel & Larenz Tate
A mysterious man, known only as Diablo, takes over a powerful drug cartel when the former boss goes to prison. That former drug lord teams with a Drug Enforcement Administration and his partner to try to take down Diablo.

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50

Movie recording line 687-5110

Movies are subject to change due to availability.