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Red Carpet Rollout

This week Whiteman welcomes ...

U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton

Missouri's 4th District

U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi

House Minority Leader

Maj. Gen. Leroy Barnidge

Secretary of the Air Force Legislative Liaison

9-Line Target

9-Line Target allows the 509th Bomb Wing commander to share thoughts and views with Team Whiteman.

Outstanding job by CE's snow removal team!

News in Brief

Attention drivers

People who have a base '02 sticker on their vehicle must renew it by Jan. 31 at the visitor's center.

Drivers must bring:

- ✓ Current vehicle registration
- ✓ A current insurance card
- ✓ The number on their current blue window sticker, DD Form 2220.

Farewell dinner set

A farewell dinner for Col. Keith McDonald, 509th Mission Support Group commander, begins at 6 p.m. Thursday at Mission's End. R.S.V.P. by 4 p.m. today. For more details or to R.S.V.P., call 2nd Lt. Jason Aeschliman, 509th Mission Support Squadron, at 687-5406.

509th MSG change of command set

Col. Gary Finchum assumes command of the 509th Mission Support Group from Col. Keith McDonald at 8 a.m. Jan. 24 in the 442nd Fighter Wing's 5-bay hangar. A reception takes place at Mission's End after the ceremony. For more details, call Maj. Trish Stiner, 509th Mission Support Squadron commander, at 687-3659.

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Weather

Saturday

Morning flurries



H 33 °

L 18 °

Sunday

Partly cloudy



H 29 °

L 15 °

For more complete weather information, visit <https://www.whiteman.af.mil/509oss/osw/index.htm>. Courtesy of 509th OSS/OSW

Fire destroys family home, not spirit

By 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Public Affairs

Imagine returning from a trip to find firefighters battling a blaze inside your home. You mentally go through a checklist ensuring you didn't cause the fire and think this must be a bad dream.

This happened to Senior Airman Lisa Hall, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron. She returned home on the afternoon of Jan 3 to find her home engulfed in flames. Her roommate, Danielle Thomas, an employee at the military clothing sales store, was at work and raced home when she found out.

They consider themselves blessed to have been away at the time and think differently on life and possessions.

"Our life, family and friends are the most expensive gifts we have that no one can buy," said Thomas. She has three children who were with their grandfather when the fire occurred. She thanks God they weren't inside the house.

Hall agrees. She said she thanks God for health, life and strength.

Eye-opening experience

"This devastating tragedy has been an eye-opening experience that has shown me to never take people or life for granted," said Hall. "I can always buy more things to build a new home, but people can never be replaced."

Support from family, friends, church and the community has helped them deal with the loss of nearly all their belongings as they rebuild their lives.

"I've received so much support from the people of this community," said Thomas. "I feel as though they put themselves in our place by showing such genuine concern for us and our situation."

Hall said the cause of the fire was determined to be a faulty furnace. Hall and Thomas were renters in the house when the fire occurred. Neither had renter's insurance to cover belongings.

Renter's insurance

"If you don't have renter's insurance for your belongings you won't be compensated for your loss," said Staff Sgt. Jason Keane, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron fire safety inspector.

Hall and Thomas learned this the hard way. They are now replacing household items and clothing with money



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Danielle Thomas holds a teddy bear she found after a fire gutted her home in Knob Noster.

they have or have received through donations from the community.

"I want people to know what we have learned," said Thomas. "You can never be too protective when it comes to your family and your life's possessions."

Tech. Sgt. James Evans, 509th Maintenance Squadron, understands what Hall and Thomas are going through. He was awakened at 11:30 p.m. Nov 19 by his stepdaughter. She alerted the family to evacuate as fire spread throughout

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Insurance protects against damage

By 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Jason Keane, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron fire safety inspector, offers this advice on having insurance and protecting important documents.

"Many members are unaware of the colossal importance of renter's insurance," said Keane. "Whether you pay a landlord or live in military housing, you're responsible for ensuring the contents."

Keane suggests people decide what's important and what absolutely can't be replaced if lost in a fire. Examples include birth certificates, wills, car titles and family photos.

He said there are many ways to ensure documents are safe. They include purchasing a fire- and waterproof safe or renting a safety deposit box at a bank. Items can even be placed in a plastic storage bag in the freezer inside the home.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Second Lt. Russell Rumley, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, looks at a fire and waterproof safe at the base exchange.

Commander's Corner

Whiteman members start New Year strong

By Col. Ned Schoeck

509th Bomb Wing Vice Commander

Just a few weeks into the New Year and already the 509th is on the map with several award winners I'd like to recognize.

Air Combat Command announced their annual award winners for 2002. Whiteman was well represented with two of our own getting recognition for their outstanding performance. The 2002 ACC Gen. Leo Marquez Award winner is Staff Sgt. Michael Beck, 509th Munitions Squadron, who was named Outstanding Munitions Technician of the Year. Airman 1st Class Kendra Huber, 509th Security Forces Squadron, was named the ACC Personnel Manager of the Year.

The 509th has people all over the world directly impacting their deployed locations, making all of us proud. Congratulations to 509th Services Squadron members Capt. Ray Madrid, Tech. Sgt. Robert Boettner and Airman 1st Class Joseph Kablan for winning monthly award honors with the 40th Expeditionary Services Squadron.



In addition, the 509th Bomb Wing named our information manager award winners for 2002. These are the people who day-in and day-out keep this wing moving. From computer systems to award packages to performance reports, these folks do incredible work every day. Congratulations go out to Master Sgt. Richard Rivera, 509th Communications Squadron, Staff Sgt. Erin Tecce, 509th Operations Group, Airman 1st Class Chasidy Bowen, 509th Maintenance Group, and Christine Mitchell, 509th CS. They are Whiteman's 2002 Information/Workgroup Managers of the Year. Keep up the great work!

Congratulations to all of you, you've made Whiteman proud. The hard work you put in was instrumental to this wing's success last year and I'm confident you'll be leading us in 2003.

One final note — the snow season has arrived. Let's stay vigilant whenever snow is in the forecast. Whether it's driving at appropriate speeds for conditions, moving the cars out of the streets to help the CES snow removal team, or shoveling sidewalks to help the kids get to school — we all need to do our part to make this a safe winter.



Photo by Airman Joe Lacdan

Airman Kris Rasley, 509th Mission Support Squadron, shovels snow at Bldg. 509.

Four characteristics can influence better leadership

By Maj. James McCreary

509th Contracting Squadron Commander

During my 14 years in the Air Force, I've been given the opportunity to work with some of the greatest leaders of our day. These leaders have crossed the total military force including active duty, reservists and civil service members.

As members of the strongest Air Force in the world, we are given a tremendous opportunity to lead. These opportunities grow in scope and complexity as we progress in our careers. The smallest and informal leadership roles are absolutely vital in ensuring our Air Force meets its noble mission.

Reflecting on the great leaders I've worked with, I've noticed four common characteristics. I believe these characteristics contribute significantly to people's success and the success of their units.

I challenge you to join me in 2003 to focus on improving one or more of these characteristics and, in turn, improve our leadership skills.

First, and most importantly, I believe people should have a positive attitude. I can honestly say that all the great leaders I've known have possessed a positive attitude.

As a leader, projecting a positive attitude will pay off tremendously with your followers. Positive attitudes are truly contagious. There will be times when military



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Staff Sgt. Leah Caldwell, Maj. James McCreary and Ann Robinson discuss a contract issue. They are members of the 509th Contracting Squadron.

leaders must deal with some extremely difficult situations, but a positive attitude will pay huge dividends at the end of the day. Remember, the glass isn't half empty, it's half full!

Coming in a close second is the need to truly care for your people. The first step in caring for your people is taking the time to get to know your troops and their families.

By understanding their personal life, you posture yourself to provide optimal support in good and challenging times. Once you determine their needs, act to fill voids as soon as possible.

Making the effort and taking the time to

go the extra mile requires sacrifices, but the satisfaction of helping your airmen or their family members can be extremely gratifying. This is particularly important within our wing since so many of our members are deployed and their loved ones remain in the local area. I suggest making an extra effort to scan the horizon for a family in need.

Next, successful leaders possess a strong sense of their organization's mission and the technical competence required to meet that mission. Knowing the overall mission, and how you and your organization contribute toward meeting that mis-

sion, is imperative. Relaying this information to every member of your unit is essential.

While it's fairly common in our Air Force to be thrust into a job, it's our responsibility to proactively pursue the necessary training to make us experts.

Finally, a majority of successful leaders have made it a point to consciously maintain a balance between family, work and spiritual needs. This balance is important in meeting your, your family's and the Air Force's long-range needs.

Although this can be a tough area to keep in check, failing to do so will eventually put a tremendous strain on your home, work environment or your spiritual growth. Short-term mission requirements will happen, but we must make every attempt to keep some semblance of balance in our lives. The key to this characteristic is to keep a long-range focus. Strive for a balanced life in 2003.

Whether you're just starting an Air Force career or are a 20-plus-year veteran, join me in striving to improve on one or more of these leadership characteristics in 2003.

Remember, these characteristics are important to formal leaders as well as informal leaders. The fact that you're associated with our great Air Force places you in a position of leadership. You and the Air Force will benefit from your efforts. God bless and have a great 2003!

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Air Force changes enlisted high year tenure

By Maj. John Thomas

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPCNS) — Airmen serving in most enlisted ranks will now have an additional two years available to serve on active duty.

The change, effective Jan. 1 and approved by the Secretary of the Air Force recently, is part of an initiative to retain enlisted people's skills and experience, officials said.

Called the "High Year of Tenure," the policy provides that senior airmen will now be able to serve up to 12 years of total service; technical sergeants will be eligible to serve up to 24 years of service; master sergeants up to 26 years; and senior master sergeants up to 28. Staff sergeant and chief master sergeant limits are unchanged.

"Extending years in service will increase our ability to adequately sustain a highly skilled enlisted force and reduce experienced-NCO shortages created by both the drawdown in the early '90s, and lower retention trends for the past several years," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray.

Seen as a good option for most airmen, later HYT dates may affect the status of assignments, promotions, re-enlistments and evaluations for thousands of enlisted members. In the next few months, some will face important decisions.

"No one will be forced to stay longer, but a lot of people will be able to if it fits their plans," said Master Sgt. Mike Hall, superintendent of retirements here. "We encourage everyone near their high year of tenure to visit their local military personnel flight, especially those with planned or pending assignments, separations or retirements."

In the case of senior airmen, HYT dates will automatically be extended to 12 years,

regardless of any scheduled separation date after Dec. 31. Those planning to leave the service in the near future may be allowed to continue to serve at their present duty location or be reassigned, based on Air Force needs, officials said.

Those airmen who have already spent government funds associated with a separation or retirement will be exempt from the changes, officials said. Typically that includes people who have already shipped household goods, a car, or if their families have already moved to a new location using government funds.

"This policy change gives the Air Force the flexibility to keep our experienced people longer. It's the right thing for the Air Force since we are a retention-based force," said Maj. Gen. John Speigel Director of personnel policy at the Air Staff. "It should help us alleviate increased stress on some of our career fields and, at the same time, relieve some recruiting and training requirements."

"We have a pretty comprehensive set of instructions, but each case may be a little different. We understand that," Hall said. "It's best for everyone to be sure they understand how these changes will affect them personally."

For instance, the system will not automatically set a person's retirement date based on the high year of tenure he said. "And although members' HYT dates will be extended, that won't automatically extend their projected DOS (dates of separation)."

The last revision of HYT dates was in 2001, according to officials. At that time, maximum years of service for technical sergeants was increased from 20 to 22 years.

Policies associated with years of service and HYT will continue to be reviewed periodically to ensure they're meeting the needs of the Air Force and Air Force people, officials said.

What do you think of the HYT extensions?



Master Sgt. David Walker
509th Operations Support Squadron

"I think it's a good idea. I believe it will add some stability to the upper NCO ranks. A lot of NCOs took advantage of the offer to get out early in the 1990s. This left a huge void in our NCO structure that we have been trying to fill ever since. The high promotion rates have helped fill this void and I believe extending the high year of tenure will help as well."



Staff Sgt. Nelson Pendleton
509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

"The new HYT extension has some pros and cons. It's a good way to keep highly dedicated members in and a person may be entitled to more retirement pay after more years in service. On the other hand, people that were planning on retiring soon will have to make some real hard choices."

New HYT Limits

E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9
12	20	24	26	28	30



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

The heat from the fire melted the ceiling fan in Senior Airman Lisa Hall and Danielle Thomas's home.

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the house. He, his wife and four children escaped safely with the youngest child needing treatment for smoke inhalation.

Evans has homeowner's insurance and protection in his mortgage to cover the insurance deductible and pay the mortgage while they are out of the house.

Insurance covered everything

"I can't say enough about it (having some sort of insurance). It was invaluable," said Evans. "The insurance company has covered everything."

Also, no important documents were lost. They were kept in a safe deposit box at a local bank. Hall and Thomas recovered what important documents they could and are replacing what they lost.

To Evans, Hall and Thompson, the situation everyone thinks would never happen became a reality. For Hall it seemed unreal long after the fire.

"Even though I saw the fire trucks and everything, it still didn't hit me that I'm now homeless without my personal belongings," said Hall. "We never thought anything like this would happen to us, but it did."

Korean War History

January 1951 — Great Pohang Guerrilla Hunt — The 1st Marine Division routes guerrilla forces in the Masan-Pohang-Sondong-Andong area. Operations continue around Masan into February. The last major engagement is fought at Uisong. The North Korean 10th Division is reduced in strength by 60 percent.



Goal
Flown

Monthly

B-2	A-10	T-38
535.0	280.0	297.5
293.6	172.6	193.7

Sortie board



Goal
Flown

Fiscal year

B-2	A-10	T-38
6,350.0	3,870.0	4,200.0
1,984.6	1,198.3	1,074.5



Information current as of Wednesday and is provided by the 509th Operations Support Squadron and 303rd Fighter Squadron scheduling and documentation offices.

Wing announced annual communication, information award winners

By Airman 1st Class Nick Martin
Public Affairs

The 509th Bomb Wing held its annual communication and information awards ceremony Jan. 7 at Mission's End. These winners go on to compete at Air Combat Command level:

Senior NCO

Master Sgt. Richard Rivera is the wing's senior NCO nominee for the 2002 Air Force Communications and Information Individual Award.



The 509th Communications Squadron member enhanced base publishing functions by working with the Defense Automated Printing Service regional manager. His efforts helped provide specific guidelines and off-site training to improve customer service. Rivera also brought the base information transfer center back online, established dialog with other BITC units and revamped the distribution scheme by reducing man-hours and enhancing delivery times.

Rivera identified the need for a quality assurance evaluator for the Whiteman postal service center. He worked to close overdue accounts for dormitory residents and inactive boxes, inspected discrepancies that delayed personal mail and enhanced security to identify unauthorized mail items. His efforts ensured the mail facility was in compliance with Department of Defense directives.

Off duty, Rivera attended certification classes to enhance his workgroup management skills.

NCO

Staff Sgt. Erin Tecce is the wing's NCO nominee for the 2002 Air Force Communications and Information Individual Award.



The 509th Operations Group member was responsible for providing direct information and WGM support to more than 100 people and maintained 55 network workstations. Tecce managed the correspondence in all media formats for three flights. Tecce also developed and implemented a program to track and schedule a wide range of mobility training for more than 70 people.

Tecce accounted for \$250,000 in equipment and a \$100,000 per month for the group's government purchase card account. Her efforts ensured thousands of dollars worth of computer systems purchased met ACC standards.

Off duty, Tecce mentored two new civilian hires and revamped the OG's orientation program.

Airman

Airman 1st Class Chasidy Bowen is the wing's airman nominee for the 2002 Air Force Communications and Information Individual Award.



The 509th Maintenance Group command staff WGM was responsible for ensuring staff travel plans were properly booked. She also manages the commander's, first sergeant's and executive officer's planning calendars with virtually no scheduling conflicts.

Bowen developed an effective method of tracking documents, coordinated and distributed weekend stand-by duty rosters, completely overhauled the 509th Maintenance Squadron's additional duty and commander's policy handbook. These documents are now available electronically for squadron members.

Bowen led the inventory and turn-in process with more than \$250,000 worth of excess equipment.

Civilian

Christina Mitchell is the wing's civilian nominee for the 2002 Air Force Communications and Information Individual Award.



The 509th Communications Squadron help desk technician led five people in providing first-line customer support for Whiteman network customers. Mitchell monitored the network functions and did routine maintenance ensuring network downtime was kept to .75 percent monthly. She also helped the information assurance office with tracking and eliminating unauthorized software.

Mitchell conducted more than 327 customer follow-ups monthly and saved more than \$10,000 in equipment repair and contractor costs. She also remotely updated more than 50 workstations with anti-virus software.

Mitchell designed a helpdesk continuity book, training program and rewrote office policies to ensure each procedure coincided with customer needs.

Off duty, she completed two semesters of Cisco-certification classes and more than 40 hours of computer-based training in Cisco certified network designer certification.



Photo by Senior Airman Brian Hill

Airman 1st Class Kendra Huber, 509th Security Forces Squadron, updates a roster at a deployed location.

Security forces member wins command-level award

By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp
Public Affairs

A 509th Security Forces Squadron member garnered an Air Combat Command Mission Support Award for 2002.

Airman 1st Class Kendra Huber said she was "really surprised" to learn she won the Personnel Manager of the Year Award for the unit level.

"It's such a high honor. I feel really good about winning and am just glad that I helped out a lot of people along the way," Huber said in an e-mail from a deployed location. "My biggest reward, though, is when someone comes to my office for help and leaves knowing (the situation) was taken care of."

While the Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., native is thankful

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Deployed 509ers bringing home awards



Courtesy photos

Capt. Ray Madrid, 40th Expeditionary Services Squadron, is CGO of the Month for December. The deployed 509th SVS member redesigned the facility layouts of the fitness and recreation centers to better utilize space and make the facilities more user friendly. He improved advertising of the services programs by posting fliers around the base to inform the troops. Madrid reorganized the services warehouse and counted all assets. Pictured with Madrid is Col. Charles Joseph, 40th Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander.



Tech. Sgt. Robert Boettner, 40th Expeditionary Services Squadron, is NCO of the Month for December. The deployed 509th SVS member reorganized the services warehouse, inventoried more than \$150,000 in services assets and created a multi-use facility storing \$20,000 in medical assets. He instituted weekly testing sessions following Air Force Educational Institute and headquarters Services Golden Eagle Standards, which raised squadron scores 75 percent. Pictured with Boettner is Col. Charles Joseph, 40th Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander.



Airman 1st Class Joseph Kablan, 40th Expeditionary Services Squadron, is Airman of the Month for December. The deployed 509th SVS member inspected and inventoried 200 tents and lodging assets to ensure 100 percent accountability of items while working to provide a cleaner, safer and more environmentally sound tent city. Off duty, Kablan is enrolled in a six-credit online college course to earn a bachelor's degree in information assistance management. Pictured with Kablan is Col. Charles Joseph, 40th Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander.

Whiteman Spirit Award



Airman 1st Class Terri Adams
509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Airman 1st Class Terri Adams received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Jan 14.

Tech. Sgt. George Smith, 509th Communications Squadron, nominated Adams for the award.

In November 2002, the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight changed the way Whiteman conducts chemical warfare training. New policies were outlined and base units were given one month to implement the changes.

Adams briefed unit schedulers on the new policies and gave a one-month time limit for compliance. She then helped units with the transition.

"Throughout this transition, airman Adams went out of her way to ensure our wing will meet the deadline for the course changes," Smith said.

"She has remained flexible in the scheduling of personnel and willing to accept last-minute changes due to mission requirements," he said. "Her flexibility and positive attitude has been key in making this a smooth transition."

"She is always willing to go the extra mile," said Master Sgt. David Kehoe, Adams' supervisor. "If you look up the definition of self-sacrifice you will see her picture."

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Readiness apprentice

Time on station: 1 year, 4 months

Time in service: 2 years

Hometown: Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Goals: To get my Community College of the Air Force degree and work toward a bachelor's degree in marine biology.

Hobbies: Training and taking care of my two dogs, Storm and Havoc.

Pet Peeves: People who don't keep an open mind during training or people who think they already know everything.

Best thing about Whiteman: Working with the best civil engineer squadron in the Air Force.

What motivates your winning spirit? Knowing that if I don't excel at my job, people will die if placed in a nuclear, chemical or biological environment.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? A larger education facility with bigger classrooms.

Spirit Spotlights

...on retired Maj. Dave Rest, 1st Lt. Michael Sadler, 442nd Fighter Wing, Warrant Officer Christopher Smith, 1-135th Attack Battalion, Senior Master Sgt. Todd Tompkins, 509th Operation Support Squadron, Master Sgts. Tom Yetzer, 509th Bomb Wing and Tom Amor, 509th OSS, Senior Airmen Nicholas Cox, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, David Kerr, 509th AMXS, John Ribic, 509th AMXS, Felipe Venegas, 509th AMXS and Kevin Washington, 509th AMXS, Airmen 1st Class Chris Chappell, 325th Bomb Squadron, Matthew Christian, 509th AMXS, Adam Liller, 325th BS, David Moses, 325th BS and Mario Salaiz, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, for making the Dec. 30 Civil Air Patrol tour a huge success.

...on Lt. Col. Armand Izzo, 509th Bomb Wing, Capt. Matthew Basler, 442nd Fighter Wing and Alan Sanders, 394th Combat Training Squadron and Warrant Officer Christopher Smith, 1-135th Attack Battalion, for making the Harold Salyer tour a success.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Kat Ohlmeyer

First Lt. Matt Hasson, 509th Bomb Wing, re-enlists Staff Sgt. Michael Beck, 509th Munitions Squadron, Wednesday.

26 members re-enlist in December

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

Did you know that in December many 509th Bomb Wing members recently made a commitment to stay with the Air Force?

They are:

Senior Airmen Jamie Council, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, Brian Crowe, 509th Communications Squadron, Rachel Fortuin, 509th Maintenance Squadron, Latasha Holmes, 325th Bomb Squadron, Monti Park, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Ashley Peterson, 325th BS, Alex Rodriguez, 509th AMXS, Jeffrey Smith, 509th Medical Support Squadron, and Michael Smith, 509th Security Forces Squadron.

Staff Sgts. David Burgess, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, Celialee Fleming, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, Michael Guyton, 509th CS, Lance

Quinton, 509th CES, and James Ramsey, 509th MXS.

Tech. Sgts. Jerry Bailey, 509th MXS, David Bauer, 509th MXS, Steven Burmester, 509th MXS, Daniel Dial, 509th MOS, Donald Donnavant, 509th MOS, James Evans, 509th MXS, Michael Jones, 509th AMXS, Daniel McKnight, 509th AMXS, Maureen Powell, 509th MDOS, and Michael Scadden, 509th AMXS.

Master Sgts. James Chase, 509th MOS, and Christopher Oben, 509th Medical Group.

Everyone of you is faced periodically with the decision to stay or go. No one can make that decision for you, but my job is to help weigh the factors to make the best possible decision.

If you have any questions or concerns about the decision, ask!

The career assistance office is in Bldg. 509, Suite 211B. If you need other career assistance, call 687-STAY (7829).



myPay offers W-2 forms

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFP) — Service members, military retirees and annuitants will have their account statements and tax information online courtesy of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's myPay.

Active-duty and Reserve customers can now view and print current-year W-2 using myPay, a secure, online system.

The system allows retirees to view and print their account statements. Annuitants can view and print their account statements and 1099R tax statements, plus they can print 1042S tax statements, copies of their report of existence and submit the form.

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Customers with questions about myPay can call customer support at 800-390-2348 7 a.m.- 7:30 p.m. EST weekdays.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mike Nixon

Exercise, Exercise, Exercise

Members of the 509th Bomb Wing Disaster Control Group discuss information regarding simulated casualties during a Major Accident Response Exercise Jan. 10. The MARE gave the wing an opportunity to fine-tune its DCG response.

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for the award, she said it was the support and leadership of the 509th SFS that helped her receive this honor.

"My squadron leadership has made this award possible by giving me the tools I need to do my job," Huber said. "(I believe) having such a great group of people working together plays a huge part in helping everything run smoothly. Without them, I wouldn't have been able to accomplish half of what I have."

One of her many accomplishments was when she single-handedly ran the security forces personnel and administrative actions program for 472 squadron members during a six-week period.

"She provided outstanding customer service," said 2nd Lt. Justin Secrest, 509th SFS section commander. "Whether it was making sure assignment preferences were correct, or temporary duty orders were cut on a couple

hours notice, Kendra would still win the 'People's Choice Award' for our squadron at the end of the day."

Secrest said Huber is often the first person to arrive in the office and the last person to leave at the end of the day. In an effort to improve squadron processes, Huber developed step-by-step continuity books. She also dedicated off-duty time to revamp the squadron's sponsorship program and trained members on the duties of being a sponsor.

"She thinks of others and understands what we do here," Secrest said. "Kendra does things for the right reasons. She isn't always worried about herself and her situation as much as she is worried about others and the mission."

This award recognizes people who made important contributions in a military personnel function on the commander's support staff.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Welcome home

Michael Underwood (left), Tommy Lake and Steve Underwood, from Underwood and Sons Construction in Leeton, Mo., hang one of more than 10 Enola Gay-related displays in Bldg. 509. The Enola Gay was assigned to the 509th Composite Group when it flew its historic World War II mission over Hiroshima, Japan Aug. 6, 1945. The latest additions to the displays were sent to Whiteman from the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C.

This week in 509th/Whiteman AFB history:

Jan. 25, 1938 – The 4th Aero Squadron received another name when the Army Air Corps redesignated it as the 4th Reconnaissance Squadron. The 4th Aero Squadron was the predecessor to the 394th Combat Training Squadron.

Jan. 22, 1946 – Col. William H. Blanchard succeeded Col. Paul Tibbets as the 509th Composite Group commander.

Jan. 25, 1951 – The 509th Bomb Group was reduced to paper status with only one officer and one enlisted member assigned. This was done to prepare for the group's eventual phase-out.

Jan. 26, 1956 – The 509th Bombardment Wing deployed to Royal Air Force Upper Heyford, England, for temporary duty and returned to Walker Air Force Base, Ariz., April 30, 1956. During the deployment, the wing participated in special missions nicknamed Tinker Bell, Guilty Look, Big Ben and Pay Dirt.

Jan. 20, 1976 – The wing participated in Giant Mask, a test of FB-111A defensive systems.

Jan. 24, 1994 – The 509th Operations Group Loading Standardization Crew and 393rd Bomb Squadron Lead Crew successfully completed the first bomb load on the Spirit of Missouri.

Jan. 23, 1995 – The 509th's B-2s made their first appearance at the periodic

Red Flag exercise at Nellis AFB, Nev. The B-2s participated in the Red Flag exercise through Feb. 15, 1995.

Jan. 24, 1996 – The 509th BW reached an important milestone when the 10th operational B-2 Spirit arrived from the Northrop Grumman B-2 final assembly plant at Palmdale, Calif.

Jan. 23-30, 1996 – The 509th's B-2s participated in Red Flag missions over the deserts of Nevada.

Jan. 21-27, 1997 – A 31-member Air Combat Command Inspector General team arrived to conduct a Nuclear Surety Inspection.

Jan. 23, 1997 – The silo implosion activities at Whiteman reach a milestone when the 100th silo was destroyed.

Jan. 20, 2000 – Base officials hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony opening 54 new homes on base.

Jan. 24-26, 2000 – The 509th Bomb Wing conducted a combined deployment exercise and unit compliance evaluation as part of Spirit Force 00-3.

Jan. 25, 2000 – Members of the 509th Security Forces Squadron responded to a school bus accident at MM Highway and County Road 250, north of Knob Noster. Eleven students and the bus driver were hurt; none were seriously injured. None of the injured were military family members.

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.)

By Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Hanes

509th Logistics Readiness Squadron First Sergeant

Leadership and the Air Force way of life has instilled in us the desire to become the "well-rounded airman."

In doing this, many people have taken or are taking college classes, or career development courses.

With all the books and papers we need to carry

around, it's common to see people walking around on base with backpacks or attache cases.

Do you know the correct way to carry these items?

According to Air Force Instruction 29-3603, Dress and Appearance of Air Force Personnel, attache cases, backpacks and gym bags are to be carried in the left hand, or if the item has straps it may be carried over the left shoulder. The only exception is while riding a two-wheeled vehicle or when using crutches. Under these circumstances, members will use both straps.

The next time you see people not adhering to the instruction, remind them to carry the bag the correct way.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Airman 1st Class Jeronimo Alonso Lopez and Airman Rosalyn Wright, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, demonstrate the proper way to carry an attache case and a backpack. The bags are to be carried in the left hand or over the left shoulder while in uniform.

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Base library provides atmosphere to read, surf, research

Story and photos by **Becky Borghardt**
Public Affairs

The library is more than a cozy, warm place to curl up with a favorite book. It's a place where people can go to relax, surf the Internet or do research for a project.

"Our library is unique because it's three different libraries," said Dana Pearson, library director. "The library includes corporate, academic and public sections."

It's a facility that handles professional assistance, activities and tasks, and provides entertainment for children, teens and adults.

The base library offers newspapers, magazine, videos, music on CD and cassette, and a computer lab in addition to a variety of children, teen and adult books.

"Over the past couple of years, we've seen a huge change in libraries because of the electronic advances," Pearson said.

The 19 public computers can be used for research, looking at the online catalog and for entertainment. He said researching is made easy with thousands of electronic collections, which is the library's largest online resource.

"The greatest part of the collection is electron with access to thousands of journals, magazines, newspapers and books," Pearson said.

"There's so much information at our fingertips through the keyboard," he said. "Resource sharing is a big step with libraries. It expands what libraries have access to and (how they) communicate through the Internet. This increases the number of lenders with the number of borrowers. Libraries display resource sharing virtually and physically, by communicating and sharing software, or by mailing or shipping the products."

Mission

The library has three components to make their mission statement. The first is to support the Air Force members by providing information resources. Secondly is the support for continual education. Quality of life is the last component to complete the mission statement.

"Improving quality of life is an important part of our mission statement," said Pearson. "That's exactly what we're doing. (We're) helping people higher (their) education by providing the necessary resources."

Programs

The library offers many youth programs. They include the summer reading program, weekly children's story time and Dial-a-Story.

The summer reading program has incentives



Debby Brito, library clerk, reads to children during the weekly story time. Story time begins at 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

for children to improve their reading skills.

Debby Brito, library clerk and wife of Master Sgt. Luis Brito, 509th Maintenance Squadron, helps organize the summer reading program, which is aimed at 6- to 12-year-olds.

This past summer, more than 200 kids signed up.

Besides the summer program, a children's story time begins at 10 a.m. Wednesdays in the library. Brito said she reads to about 25 3- to 5-year-olds weekly.

The Dial-a-Story line, which is primarily for preschoolers, plays the same story 24 hours a day

for seven days. Children can call 687-6255 to hear the story.

Programs for teens are expanding, Pearson said. There's a teen advisory board to help provide programs. Suggestions made by teens and for teens are accepted and appreciated.

Funding

The facility is funded locally, centrally and by the Air Force. The library also relies on donations from the local community and publishers who give away books. Webster University, Park University and State Fair Community College also donate funds and supplies to support certain academic programs.

"Everyone that donates understands the limited space in our institution, but we're always trying to add to our collection," Pearson said.

Books the library already has double copies of, are out dated or simply not enough room for, are taken to Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office and distributed to other Air Force libraries.

While the library relies on book donations and volunteer support, Pearson said that the library also accepts live plants, videos, music and children's magazines.

Looking into the future

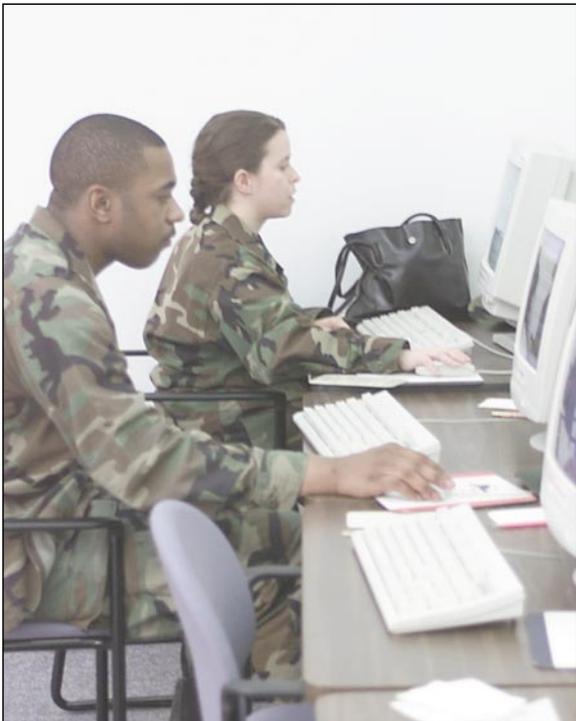
Since December, the library database, at <http://www.yousemore.com/whitemanafb>, can be accessed through any government computer on base. By fiscal 2003, the goal is to allow people access to all the databases in the comfort of their own homes.

"There will be flyers, handouts and postings on the Web site when this is available," said Pearson.

The library is open to Department of Defense civilians, contractors, military members, depen-



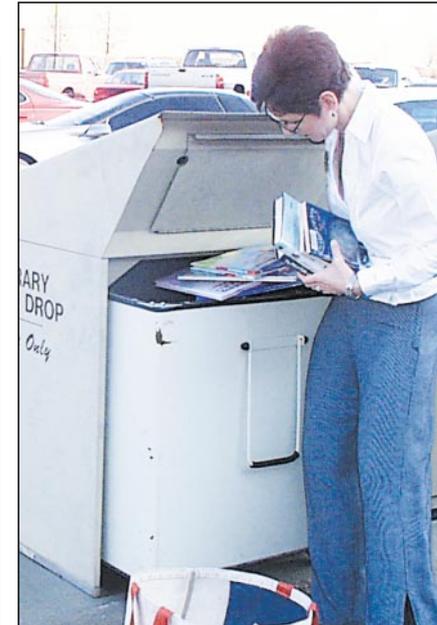
Katherine Perce, spouse of Maj. Clayton Perce, 509th Communications Squadron commander, searches for a book.



Airman Basic Malachi William, 509th Communications Squadron, and 1st Lt. Shelly Hilliker, 509th Bomb Wing, use the computer lab during their lunch hour.



Susan Metz, library clerk, scans books before making them available to customers.



Murica Fowler, library clerk, collects books from the book drop-off bin, which is located in the library's parking lot. Her spouse is Senior Master Sgt. William Fowler, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.



Staff Sgt. Brian Seldomridge, 509th Communications Squadron, signs out after using the computer lab.

Library hours

Mondays-Thursdays	11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Fridays	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturdays	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sundays	1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Customers using the library will need a library card to check out books. Customers 10 and older can get a library card with an military ID. There's a 30-day checkout for books, one week for videos. If the book is leased, it must be returned within two weeks.

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Civilian Employee of the Week

Kelley Beck, 509th Services Squadron, was nominated for this award by co-worker Meladee Bay. As the U.S. Department of Agriculture clerk for the family child care program, Beck trains each provider on the requirements to participate in the USDA food program. She also processes providers' monthly claims for reimbursements by adhering to the USDA guidelines. During November, Bay said Beck filled in and provided continuous coverage in the FCC office while the other coordinators were absent. "If she hadn't volunteered to go the extra mile, the FCC office could not have functioned," Bay said.

Team Whiteman gets grades

These students earned a spot on the Central Missouri State University Dean's List. Each semester, the Dean's List is divided into two parts. The first list includes the students who have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average, and the second list includes the names of students who attained a GPA of 3.50 to 3.99.

4.00 Dean's List

Amy Allen
 Jamie Baird
 James Esarey
 Daniel Guynn
 Cori Horne
 Emily Horne
 Kathleen Lawyer
 Angela Lehman
 Connie Meade
 Beth Rowe
 Nicole Schillaci
 Sarah Thompson

3.50-3.99 Dean's List

Angela Brock
 Tracey Thompson
 Mary Bofinger
 Angela Kirschner
 Yaritza Diaz
 Camille Ward
 Amber Thompson
 Laura Souder
 Alicia Moore
 Shannon Johnson
 Amy Wardell

Students graduate with honors

One important goal a student can attain while completing the baccalaureate degree is to graduate with academic honors.

To be eligible for graduation with honors, a student must have earned a cumulative grade average of 3.50 and must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours of credit at CMSU with a GPA of 3.50. Those with a cumulative average of 3.50 to 3.74 graduate cum laude; 3.75 to 3.84 graduate magna cum laude; and 3.85 and above summa cum laude, based on whichever is lower, their cumulative GPA, or their GPA at CMSU.

These graduates have achieved this honor.

Connie Meade, Magna Cum Laude
Kathleen Lawyer, Cum Laude

Six base members earn degree

Five base members graduated from CMSU Dec. 14. They were among 1,200 graduates. They were:

Kathleen Lawyer
Joyleen Luckhardt
Pier Miller
Connie Meade
Rebecca Sanker

State Fair Community College Dean's List

Teresa Thorne

WECO, WOSC offers scholarships

By Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole
Public Affairs

The Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club and Whiteman Enlisted Community Organization's 2003 Scholarship Program is under way.

High school seniors can pick up information and applications from their high school guidance counselor. Military spouses are also eligible for a scholarship, said Carolyn Petrina, WOSC scholarship chairperson. Application forms will be available at the family support center, base education and training office, and library.

Applicants must be:

- ✓ A high school graduate or home schooled.
- ✓ Pursuing an undergraduate degree.
- ✓ Planning to be enrolled as a full-time student with a 12-hour minimum at a college or a university for the fall 2003 semester.

✓ A spouse of an active-duty, retired military, or deceased or missing in action military member.

The application criteria includes leadership ability, personal goals, volunteer and community activities, career-related experience, essay and personal interview.

Applications must be submitted by March 31.

Applicants must send:

- ✓ One letter of character recommendation from an adult who is not a relative.
- ✓ A typed essay – two-page limit – explaining what they seek to gain from further education and why they are applying for the scholarship.

Send the completed form to:
Carolyn Petrina
WOSC Scholarship Chairperson
P.O. Box 7025
Whiteman AFB MO 65305
Scholarship award checks will be sent out



Photo by Airman Joe Lacdan

Debbie Galindo teaches a business course at the education center as Staff Sgt. Michael Voss, 509th Munitions Squadron, listens in.

around Aug. 1, Petrina said. Funds must be used by June 30, 2004, or they will revert back to the WOSC and WECO.

"Funds will be paid directly to the college where the student is enrolled to be applied toward the student's account for tuition fees or other bona fide academic expenses. It's the student's responsibility to provide us with proof of

enrollment and the address to send the funds," Petrina said.

If for any reason a selectee can't accept the scholarship, the funds revert to WOSC and WECO and will be awarded to an alternate selectee, she said.

Last year, the organizations awarded more than \$14,000 to 13 people.

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Separated at birth, reunited in service

For 28 years, Senior Airman Michael McCutcheon lived with a nagging question. Three days into the New Year, he got his answer.

By Airman Joe Laddan
Public Affairs

Michael McCutcheon never knew his older brother. The 28-year-old 509th Maintenance Squadron member made efforts to find his older sibling, but each year his interest began to fade.

Then Jan. 3, as McCutcheon sat with family members at his parents' house in Odessa, Texas, the phone rang.

His father answered. In tears, he handed the phone to McCutcheon.

"Hey brother," said the voice on the phone.

The voice was that of his brother, Jonathan Webb, who was alive and well, living in Utah. To McCutcheon's surprise, his brother also serves in the Air Force and is a first lieutenant stationed at Hill Air Force Base.

Overwhelmed with emotion and excitement, McCutcheon bombarded his older brother with names of relatives and phone numbers.

"I got a chill up my spine and I was all excited," McCutcheon said. "I had so many mixed emotions and so many questions because he's my brother and he's full blood."

Life without Jonathan

In the bustling west Texas town of Lubbock, McCutcheon grew up with dreams of someday finding lost artifacts and civilizations. He set the example for his two younger siblings, Bill and Shawn, as the oldest remaining son of James and Loretta McCutcheon. But as he approached his teenage years, questions about his older brother loomed.

"My parents spoke little about Jonathan, but never kept it a secret," McCutcheon said. "They didn't know too much about him after he was gone."

His need to find his lost older brother peaked when McCutcheon turned 18. He tried checking the Internet, calling 800-US-SEARCH, and went to the hospital in Amarillo, Texas, where his brother was



Photo by Airman 1st Class Micah Garbarino

First Lt. Jonathan Webb reviews paperwork at the Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. He's assigned to F-16 Falcon 20/20 project.

born.

Years passed, and McCutcheon married in the summer of 1994. He enlisted in the Air Force in October 1997 and received a job as an aircraft metals technologist. Reality began setting in that he may not find his brother.

"Every year it slowly started to get where I would think less about finding him," McCutcheon said. "I would always wonder what he's doing and if he's thinking about me. But then I figured, I'm 28 years old now and I'm sure he's living a good life.' Every year it just got further and further out of my mind."

McCutcheon had three children to raise and a new career in the military to worry about. Then came the unexpected call.

Jonathan's life

Raised in Western Colorado, Jonathan was an outgoing child, who enjoyed computer games and radio-controlled race cars.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Senior Airman Michael McCutcheon and 1st Lt. Jonathan Webb, brothers meeting for the first time, embrace at Kansas City International Airport Saturday. Webb, who is a year older than McCutcheon, was adopted out of the family before his brother was born. McCutcheon is a member of the 509th Maintenance Squadron here. Webb is assigned to the F-16 Falcon 20/20 project at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

He said he led a happy life and felt content with his adoptive family which included two sisters. Webb's adoptive parents (Webb declined to give their names for privacy purposes) didn't hide the truth about his adoption. Webb was adopted at birth when he was born Aug. 23, 1973, in Amarillo.

"I certainly never had any resentment (toward my birth parents), because I enjoyed a life filled with great opportunities," he said.

The chance to become an Air Force officer was one of those opportunities.

Webb said his adoptive father served in the Army and strongly encouraged Jonathan to become an Air Force officer. Webb received his commission at the University of Oklahoma in 2000 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology and criminology.

While content with his life, the question of his biological relatives lingered. He began searching for his biological parents at 18, the legal age to begin a search.

Initially he said he searched out of curiosity. Then in the summer of 1997 he married Oklahoma native Kelly Barrington. The birth of the couple's first child, Brittany, changed his outlook and desire to find his birth parents.

"I got a greater sense in the back of my mind for genetic heritage," Jonathan said.

Webb's initial attempts to locate his parents led to dead ends. Then he contacted the lawyer who arranged his adoption and discovered his mother's maiden name: Moore.

Webb tracked his parent's marriage date with his mother's name and with that information, he acquired his parent's phone number through an Internet search engine.

The Call

On Jan. 3 Webb dialed the phone num-

ber.

The voice of an older man answered. Webb asked the man if he had gotten married in December of 1973.

The man said yes. The older man asked Webb if his birth date was Aug. 23, 1973.

Webb said yes.

"Looks like you finally found us," said the man, whose name is James McCutcheon, Jonathan's biological father.

Reunion

After a week of endless telephone calls to his new-found brother, Michael, his wife, Susan, and his grandparents waited at the Kansas City International Airport Saturday, a chilly January evening. The cold weather couldn't dampen Michael's excitement.

Michael's wife said earlier that day her husband jumped around the family's house "giddy as a school girl." At 6 p.m., Michael would meet the brother he never knew.

Michael learned he had a niece and a sister-in-law. Webb not only found his biological parents, but found he had three younger brothers, Michael, Bill (who passed away in a vehicle accident) and Shawn.

"It's him!" McCutcheon said as he turned to the gate exit.

Michael and Jonathan locked in a long embrace. Three decades of curiosity and doubt seemed to fade.

"(Meeting Michael for the first time) is amazing," Webb said. "I had all this curiosity about the past 30 years. I think it's interesting and a profound opportunity because we started at the same point in our lives (their birthplace, Amarillo). We can both go back and see what the other path would have been. How many people get to do that?"

Jonathan and Michael did.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Senior Airman Michael McCutcheon, 509th Maintenance Squadron, uses a lathe.

Education

For more details, visit the education center Web site at <https://www.mil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

SAT available

A Scholastic Aptitude Test begins at 8 a.m. Jan. 24 at the base training and education services test center for active-duty and Reserve members. For more details, call 687-5750 or e-mail Lisa Hasberger at lisa.hasberger@whiteman.af.mil.

Spouse scholarship available

The Aerospace Education Foundation offers an Air Force Spouse Scholarship program to encourage Air Force active duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve spouses to pursue associate/bachelor undergraduate or graduate/postgraduate degrees. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to 30 applicants.

The submission deadline is Jan. 31. Applicants will be notified by the foundation and scholarships will be awarded in March. Information sheets and applications are available at the base training and education services office or at the foundation's Web site at <http://www.aef.org>. For more details, call Larry Broudrick at 687-5750.

Community

Tobacco-cessation class set

The health and wellness center offers a series of tobacco cessation classes noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12 and 19. To register, call 687-7662.

BCC luncheon set

The base community council luncheon begins at noon Jan. 24 at Mission's End.

The special guests are U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, house minority leader (D-Calif.), U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton, Missouri's 4th District, and Maj. Gen. Leroy Barnidge, former 509th Bomb Wing commander. The menu is barbecue brisket, potato salad and cole slaw. The cost is \$7.50 for members and \$9.50 for nonmembers. Base members interested in attending must R.S.V.P. with a Visa or MasterCard to the public affairs office by noon today at 687-6151.

RRRP recycles trees

The resource, recovery and recycling program center will pick up Christmas trees left on the curb in the military family housing Mondays and Fridays in January. People can also drop a Christmas tree off at the RRRP, located across the street from the shoppette. For more details, call 687-6253.

MEO collects cell phones

The military equal opportunity office is sponsoring its second annual cell phone drive. This national program collects unused cell phones for distribution to victims of domestic violence throughout the United States. Phones are reprogrammed to dial 911 and other assistance numbers with free air-time provided by wireless carriers. Phones can be taken to the MEO office until March 7. For more details, call 687-5742.

Camp applications available

The fourth annual Air Force Teen Aviation Camp takes place May 31-June 6 at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The camp is open to current freshman and sophomore students, who are eligible youth program users, interested in attending the academy or in making the Air Force a career.

Whiteman teens interested in applying can pick up an application package at the teen center. For more information, call 687-5819.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

I have the answer

Tech. Sgt. Pedro Canabal, 509th Bomb Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office, teaches sexual harassment prevention at the First-Term Airmen Center. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination that involves unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. If you feel you have been sexually harassed or discriminated against, talk to the offending person or use your chain of command. If you don't feel comfortable using your chain, call MEO at 687-5737.

Family Support

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

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promo-

tion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 660-747-2012.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Menus

Ozark Inn and Touch & Go

Saturday

Lunch: Baked chicken, shrimp Creole and barbecued chicken

Dinner: Baked fish, Swedish meatballs and barbecued chicken

Sunday

Lunch: Over fried fish and grilled mustard chicken

Dinner: Beef stir fry, turkey nuggets and Cantonese spareribs

Monday

Lunch: Southern fried chicken, southern fried catfish, barbecued spareribs and baked ham

Dinner: Baked stuffed fish, chili macaroni and pot roast

Tuesday

Lunch: Teriyaki chicken, veal Parmesan and salmon cakes

Dinner: Turkey a la king, country captain chicken and meatloaf

Wednesday

Lunch: German ethnic meal

Dinner: Barbecued ham steak, turkey a la king and beef stroganoff

Lunch:

Thursday

Herbed baked chicken, stuffed cabbage rolls and southern fried fish

Dinner:

Glazed Cornish hen and Jaegerschnitzel

Jan. 24

Lunch:

Fish almondine, Mexican baked chicken and stuffed green peppers

Dinner:

Lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce and Italian sausage

Ozark Inn Hours

Weekdays

Mids: 11 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Breakfast: 5:30-8 a.m.

Lunch: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dinner: 4-8 p.m.

Weekends, holidays and Spirit Days

Mids: 11 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Brunch: 6-12:30 p.m.

Dinner: 5-8 p.m.

Touch & Go Hours

Weekdays

Breakfast: 6-8 a.m.

Lunch: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Dinner: 3:30-6 p.m.

Knob Noster Elementary School

Monday:

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday:

Bean burrito, salad, applesauce and fruit chew

Wednesday:

Fried chicken, potatoes, beets, graham cracker and roll

Thursday:

Hamburger, french fries, pickle, orange and cake

Jan. 24:

Spaghetti with meat sauce, carrot sticks, banana and oatmeal cookie

Tuesday:

Cheeseburger casserole, green beans, applesauce and brownie

Wednesday:

Chicken fried beef steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, peach half and roll

Thursday:

Grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedges, fruit salad and graham crackers

Jan. 24:

Egg roll, fried rice, Oriental veggies, frozen yogurt cup and fortune cookie

Whiteman Elementary School

Monday:

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday:

Cheesy turkey, potato rounds, salad and fruit

Wednesday:

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, salad and fruit

Thursday:

Chicken drumstick, potato wedges, corn and fruit

Jan. 24:

Cheeseburger macaroni, green beans, fruit and cake

Knob Noster High School

Monday:

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday:

Chicken sandwich, french fries, green beans, pears, Boston cream pie and juice

Wednesday:

Pork patty, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, applesauce, rolls and juice

Thursday:

Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, veggies with dip, peaches and juice

Jan. 24:

Hamburger, french fries, salad, pears, snickerdoodle and juice

Knob Noster Middle School

Monday:

NO SCHOOL

Team defense helps CES edge SFS, remain unbeaten



Justin Geers (13), 509th Security Forces Squadron, drives on 509th Civil Engineer Squadron's Corey Hargett. Geers led all scorers with 16, while Hargett scored 12 for CES. CES is the only unbeaten team in the Whiteman intramural league while SFS fell to 4-3.

Story and photos by Airman Joe Laccan
Public Affairs

The only undefeated team in the Whiteman intramural basketball league faced its toughest test this season Monday night.

An upstart 509th Security Forces Squadron team looked to put a dent in the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron team's unblemished record. But a late second-half rally helped CES edge SFS 38-37.

After trailing by 15 points early in the game, CES (5-0) took its first lead of the game on a three by guard Taulbee McGinnis, 31-30 in the fourth quarter.

McGinnis hit a dagger with another three, which gave CES a 38-35 lead with a minute remaining.

"When (McGinnis) hit that shot we knew we had it," said CES coach Scott Moore.

Security forces' player Justin Geers hit two free throws to draw SFS (6-3) to within 38-37 with 23.3 seconds remaining. He then stole the inbound pass and called time-out. Geers got a shot off in the paint but missed. Teammate Jeff Fluck hauled in the rebound.

However, on Fluck's follow up attempt, CES post Corey Hargett elevated to block the shot back in Fluck's face. SFS had one final shot to win, but strong defense from CES forced a traveling violation as time expired.

Hargett credits his team's comeback victory to its ability to halt the other team's scoring drives.

"It was no one thing or one person," Hargett said. "It was just team defense."

The strong second-half effort contrasted CES' first-half effort when it came out sluggish. Meanwhile, SFS came out red hot, jumping out to an early 12-2 lead capped by a one-handed dunk from SFS' Fluck. Geers hit a three to put SFS up 23-8 after one quarter. However, CES went on a 7-0 run to end the



Jeff Fluck, 509th Security Forces Squadron, puts in a layup. SFS let a 23-8 first-half lead slip away, as CES rallied to a 38-37 victory.

first half trailing 23-15.

"Everybody's shots were a little short," Hargett said. "We came out really sloppy."

McGinnis led CES with 14 points including four three-pointers. Geers scored a game-high 16.

Girls bring game to men's contests

Low turnout forces female players to compete on men's intramural basketball teams

By Airman Joe Laccan
Public Affairs

Five women at Whiteman love playing basketball. They love it so much that even the canceling of the women's intramural league couldn't stop them from playing. So they joined men's teams.

"I love the competition," said Stenya Mendoza, a guard on the 509th Security Forces Squadron team. "I believe I'm as good as most of the. It's no big deal."

Jennifer Royer, who plays for the 509th Services Squadron team, has played against her husband, while Keyah Tate, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, played against boys when she attended high school in Florida.

Royer notes that the speed playing against males keeps her on her toes. The taller players keep the females from getting good looks at the basket.

"It's hard," Royer said. "They gun for you."

Tate enjoys going against male counterparts. She said playing against males helps improve her skills in being able to handle the physical play and the speed.

"You have more competitiveness when you play with males," Tate said. "That's why I like playing with males; they always want to win."

Melissa Biggs and Andrea Mitchell, 509th Maintenance Squadron, have played key roles for their squad. Mitchell helps with ball-handling duties, while Biggs started a contest for the team when it was short on players.

Biggs said each time she takes the floor, eyes fall on her because she's female and shorter than the males.

"The biggest difference is the feeling of being a lot smaller," said Biggs. "I just try to play my best because I know everyone's watching me."



Photo by Airman Joe Laccan

Whiteman intramural basketball players Jennifer Royer, 509th Services Squadron, Stenya Mendoza, 509th Security Forces Squadron, Andrea Mitchell, 509th Maintenance Squadron, and Keyah Tate, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, don't let gender keep them from playing basketball. Melissa Biggs, 509th MXS, was not available for the picture.

SERVICES



Recreation page editor.....Brenda Dail
509th Services Squadron.....687-3594

Fitness Center 687-5496

Holiday rebound challenge

Exercise enthusiasts can sign up for the Holiday Rebound Challenge through March 31. Two different cardiovascular machines will be introduced each month. Call for more details.

Aerobics instructors needed

Positions are available for aerobics instructors beginning Feb. 1. For more details, call 687-5565.

Community Center 687-5617

Valentine's to go

Prepare a Valentine's card for airmen abroad by Jan. 27. The community center will send them to Whiteman's troops.

What have we done for you lately

Learn about the services offered at the community center 1-4 p.m. Saturday. Tickets and Travel will introduce upcoming group and individual packages. Refreshments will be provided. Door prizes will be given away.

Party silly with football and chili

Prepare your best chili for a contest at 4 p.m. Jan. 26 and watch the Super Bowl game on two big-screen TVs. Chili will be judged and eaten on-site, along with hotdogs, chips and soda. Bring snacks. Sponsored in part by Pepsi and Kraft. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Outdoor Recreation 687-5585

Bridal Cave trip

A trip to Camdenton, Mo., takes place 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 25. The cost is \$15 for tickets and transportation. Children 12 and younger travel for \$10.

Ski weekend getaway

Travel to Duluth, Minn., with outdoor recreation Feb. 14-16 to ski at Spirit Mountain. The cost is \$150 per person. This includes lodging, transportation and 11 hours of skiing. For more details, call 687-5565.

Air Force Services Agency **Bowl by Mail**

Youth 5-18 can meet 5:30-8 p.m. Jan. 24 at Stars & Strikes. The cost is \$6 for youth or teen center members and \$8 for nonmembers. The price includes bowling, shoes, a slice of pizza and drink. Sign up by Jan. 22.

Participants will be divided into age divisions in a 2/3 game scratch, no handicap tournament. Scores will be compiled to obtain a series total. The top three scores will be forwarded to compete for Air Force honors.

The teen center and youth center will be closed for this event. Sponsored in part by Scoops and I-70 Speedway. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Story time

Stories are read to preschool children 10 at a.m. Wednesdays at the library. For more information, call 687-5614.



Dial-a-Story

Stories are read to children on the phone by calling 687-6255. Stories are updated weekly.

Family Child Care 687-5590

Extended duty child care

Register now for the free extended duty child care program. It's available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty hours and child care emergencies. Care is provided in family child care homes to augment your regular care arrangements. Call for more details.

Ozark Inn 687-5476

Family night

Families of deployed members can dine 4-8 p.m. Tuesdays. A surcharge will be applied to families of staff sergeants and above. Prices vary. Children's menus are available. Cash only please.

Stars & Strikes Bowling Center 687-5114

Airman's night

Senior airmen and below can bowl and enjoy karaoke 8 p.m.-midnight Jan. 17. The cost is 75 cents a game and \$1 for shoes.

Bonanza Bingo

Bonanza Bingo takes place during operating hours beginning Monday. The cost is \$1 per card and cards are valid that day only. Valid military ID card holders 18 and older can play and win up to \$200 daily. Call for more details.

Teen Center 687-5819

Celebrate health night

Learn the benefits of a healthy lifestyle 6-8 p.m. Thursday. A speaker will discuss healthy habits versus dieting. The cost is \$1 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. Sign up by Tuesday.

Club days

Teens can enjoy chess Tuesdays, video games Wednesdays, cards and board games Thursdays at 5 p.m. Free for members and \$1 for nonmembers.

Mission's End 687-4422

\$1 breakfast

Club members can enjoy breakfast 6-8 a.m. Tuesday for \$1. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage links, biscuits and gravy, home fried potatoes, orange juice and coffee.

Karaoke tonight

Club members can participate in karaoke 10 p.m.-midnight today.

Youth Center 687-5586

Winter craft day

Building Responsible Individuals of Deployed Guardians Everywhere

Children 5-12 can make free winter crafts 3-5 p.m. Saturday. Call each Monday for reservations. Open to children of deployed military members.



Before- and after-school program

The youth center has openings in the before- and after-school programs. 6:30-8:15 a.m. and 3:10-6 p.m. weekdays. Care is provided on out-of-school days and early-out days, except federal holidays. Program fees are based on total family income. Call for more details.

Basketball officials needed

Volunteer officials are needed to support the upcoming youth sports basketball program. Contact Sarah Mueller, youth sports director, at 687-3199.

Create a fort night

Fifth through seventh graders can build a fort 6-9 p.m. Jan. 25. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. Sign up by Jan. 24. Bring a sleeping bag.

Skills Development 687-5691

Six-week stained glass panel class

Learn to make stained glass panels 6-9 p.m. Thursdays. The cost is \$45 plus supplies. Students are welcome to join any Thursday.

Framing class

Assemble wood and cut mats to make custom frames 6-9 p.m. Tuesday or Thursday. The cost is \$40 and includes supplies.

Scrapbooking class

Students can learn to create beautiful pages 6-8 p.m. Tuesday. The cost is \$10 plus supplies. Bring in four to six pictures to design the pages.

Instructor's needed

Earn extra money for teaching a craft or skill at the skills development center. For more details, call 687-5691, or stop by and speak with Karen Gorden.



Whiteman Base Theater

	Friday	
Die Another Day	PG- 13	7 p.m.
Starring -- Pierce Brosnan & Halle Berry		
Bond is on the trail of new villains -- the deadly megalomaniac Gustav Graves and his ruthless right-hand man, the North Korean Zao. Along the way, Bond crosses paths with Jinx and Miranda Frost before following Graves to his lair in Iceland -- a palace built entirely of ice.		
	Saturday	
Treasure Planet	PG- 13	4:30 p.m.
Animated		
Jim Hawkins, 15, joins the crew of an intergalactic expedition as a cabin boy aboard a glittering space galleon. Befriended by the ship's cook, a charismatic cyborg named John Silver, Jim blossoms under his guidance. Jim shows the makings of a fine "space" as he and the alien crew battle supernovas.		
Die Another Day	R	7 p.m.
Starring -- Pierce Brosnan & Halle Berry		
	Sunday	
Analyze That	R	5:30 p.m.
Starring -- Robert De Niro & Lisa Kudrow		
The story picks up where the original left off, with Paul Vitti being let out of prison. Again, he hooks up with therapist Ben Sobel, who may need more psychological help now than his mobster patient. Sobel's burden of taking over his deceased father's practice is making him just crazy, enough to have another wacky adventure with his wife and his emotionally distraught mobster companion.		
Adults \$3	Youth \$1.50	
Movie recording line 687-5110		