



WHITEMAN SPIRIT



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Fire tamer

Neil Bass, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight, uses a torch to start a controlled burn at Royal Oaks Golf Course Feb. 13. The natural resources manager burns this area yearly to control weeds that compete against the preferred natural grasses.

CE operations: handling the load

By Airman 1st Class Nick Martin
Public Affairs

Deployment is a fact of life for Air Force members. Many 509ers are supporting the global mission at the front lines, leaving behind friends and family.

In their absence, fewer hands make the work load heavier for those supporting the mission at home.

Currently, approximately 25 percent of Whiteman's military workforce is deployed. Of that, one of the hardest hit units is the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. The operations flight is one of the squadron's components most impacted by deployments.

"Our responsibility encompasses the base in its entirety, from generating the water that flows from every faucet to maintaining the hangars and airfield in support of B-2 operations," said 1st Lt. Kevin Stevens, 509th CES Operations Flight deputy commander.

Daily jobs for 509th CES members range from re-keying door locks to complex electrical and water outages, which require multi-craft technicians and hours of labor-intensive work to find and repair these outages.

Warren Smith, 509th CES Operations Flight plumbing shop work supervisor, said about one third of the military members in his flight are deployed.

"The deployments have caused the remaining members, especially those with security clearances, to have a heavier work load," said Smith.

Maj. Andrew Lambert, 509th CES acting commander, shared Smith's sentiment.

"There will be an impact to the amount of work we can accomplish. We ask customers to be patient with non-critical routine work that might take longer to complete due to the deployment strain," said Lambert.

Lambert said Whiteman's civil engineers are incredibly



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Airman 1st Class John Burgess, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, cuts a tile before installing it in the drop-ceiling in Building 709.

skilled and talented, and are doing an outstanding job. "I'm proud of the proficiency and professionalism shown by all 509th CES members when adjusting to the impact of deployment," the major said.

The 509th CES Operations Flight maintains the base infrastructure and facilities averaging 200 job orders per week. Job orders are sorted according to wing priority. Repairs crucial to sustain the wing's mission and to correct safety problems are given the highest priority. Those are normally completed within 24 hours.

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Red Carpet Rollout

This week Whiteman welcomes ...

Chief Master Sgt. Dan Keane
Air Combat Command Command Chief Master Sergeant

News in Brief

Banquet honors maintenance pros

The inaugural 509th Maintenance Group Maintenance Professional of the Year banquet begins at 5 p.m. March 7 at Mission's End. The speaker is Gen. Lester Lyles, commander of Air Force Materiel Command. The menu is a choice of baked cod or roast beef. The cost is \$11.15 for members and \$13.15 for non-members. Attire is battle dress uniform for military members, casual for civilians.

Nominees are asked to be in place at 4 p.m. For more details, call Chief Master Sgt. Robert Ruzzier at 687-4549, Master Sgt. Scott Savage at 687-1435, Master Sgt. Michael Collins at 687-7685, Tech. Sgt. Sam Stoecklin at 687-1211, Senior Master Sgt. Richard Harken at 687-1557, or Tech. Sgt. Bryan Thomas at 687-3109.

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Controlled burn scheduled

The base fire department has scheduled controlled burns for 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Saturday on the flightline. Officials said base residents should not be alarmed. For more details, call 687-4507.

Black History luncheon set

A Black History Month luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 28 at Mission's End. The speaker is Col. Henry Childs, Air Force Reserve Command chief of logistics readiness. Attire is uniform of the day. The price is \$8.86 for members and \$10.26 nonmembers. Reservations are required by Tuesday. To reserve a seat, call 687-6133 or 687-1417.

Weather

Saturday

Snow



H 33 °

L 25 °

Sunday

Mostly cloudy



H 28 °

L 15 °

Commander's Corner

By Col. Doug Raaberg
509th Bomb Wing Commander

Over the last couple of weeks, I've had the opportunity to speak to several local community groups, answering their questions and hearing what they have to say about us.

Let me tell you, one message keeps coming in loud and clear — this community is proud and appreciative of Whiteman, its people and the role we're playing in our nation's defense. They have the same concerns I do — taking care of the families of our deployed troops, your safety and security, and your quality of life.

Well done Team Whiteman — you're great role models in this community. Thank you for sharing yourselves with our communities. They clearly recognize the sacrifices you make and your ultimate service to our nation.

Thanks again to everyone for your questions to my commander's calls these last two weeks. This week, I thoroughly enjoyed our civilian call. Congratulations Trish Darrah, 509th Contracting Squadron, for your 30 years of faithful government service. She, like other civilian team mem-



bers, represents the corps of strength we've enjoyed through the years and particularly the tremendous impact our civilians have on our mission. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to share some of our current operations with you.

Congratulations to the men and women of Challenger Hall, the 509th Security Forces Squadron dormitory, who won first place in the dorm quarterly competition. Your home looked great! Also, my hat is off to Columbia Hall and Enterprise Hall for winning second and third place, respectively. Frankly, all the dorms have competed well. We will continue to reward the top three dorms with a \$2,000, a \$1,000 and a \$500 check. However, future competitions will be random during the quarter making sure we keep our dorms in tip-top shape. This competition was close. I see this as a challenge to the other dorm residents. Don't rest on your laurels, 509th SFS, the other dorms are already working toward next quarter's competition.

I also want to congratulate Airman 1st Class Latisha Banks, 509th Services Squadron, for winning the overall dorm room of the quarter — now that's tough competition. Finally, thank you to all the dormitory managers for your hard work in leading your teams to the highest standards.

Staff Sgt. Aaron Caldwell, 509th Medical Group, thanks for the inside look at the



Residents of Challenger Hall hold a check worth \$2,000.

art and science of making dentures and other dental products. Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th BW command chief master sergeant, and I were absolutely impressed with the "beehive" atmosphere of the dental clinic and its team members when we popped in this week.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I need you to make sure we're working and playing safely. We need to keep our combat focus. Though there's inherent risk in a lot of the duties we perform, we can mitigate most of it with appropriate planning. Air Combat Command has lost four members in the last week and a half, and we've had some close calls here too — on the ground and in the air. Keep your radars up and stop the accident chain — it takes leadership starting



Trish Darrah, 509th Contracting Squadron, is recognized for 30 years of government service.

with the youngest airman to make it happen. Our mission depends on you!

Tonight, we recognize Whiteman's best at the 2002 annual awards banquet. Joining us is Chief Master Sgt. Dan Keane, ACC's command chief master sergeant, who I guarantee is very excited to return to one of his "home dromes." Welcome back, Chief.

I want to congratulate all the nominees up front for their hard work both on and off base. 2002 was a great year and your hard work showed. Remember folks, none of these nominees got here alone — they couldn't have got here without your support and teamwork. Be sure and congratulate them when you see them. Bring some noise with you!

Maintaining the fight at home base

Maj. Andrew Lambert
509th Civil Engineer Squadron Acting Commander

Deployments rarely catch us completely by surprise. Typically we have time, frequently measured in days or weeks, to initially react, adjust our thinking and then formulate a "survival plan".

For the people remaining behind, we have even more time to mentally adjust. Yet, we often find ourselves simply reacting to events as they unfold with little or no forethought given to our survival plan.

Perhaps each Whiteman member has felt the impact in one way or another by now: watching their flush-mate leave for overseas at oh-so-dark-and-early, caring for a deployed member's spouse in the midst of a crisis or shouldering a co-worker's duties along with their own.

As world opinions and debates take over the evening news and the operations tempo of the Air Force increases dramatically, it's not surprising to discover people and work centers across Whiteman feeling stressed out and; perhaps, overwhelmed. This is a natural and fairly common response to the whirlwind of events surrounding a squadron, a work center and even a person.

A survival plan addressing the member and the unit requires an intentional re-focusing to push back the proverbial "fog of war," allowing for deliberate actions or choices that overcome feelings and thoughts. For this reason, I want to focus on three words that will help at all levels, from the

airman or civilian in the workcenter to the squadron and the group: attitude, direction, and teamwork.

Attitude is a powerful factor in the equation of any person or unit. In fact, it's never more important than during a deployment, where those remaining behind are faced with greater challenges than ever before. A good or positive attitude is truly a force multiplier, literally allowing more to be accomplished than when grumbling, complaining and bad attitude is found in a work center.

Admittedly, attitude covers a great deal of ground and comes in many forms. The "class clown" brings laughter and fun to what otherwise might be drudgery in an everyday situation — certainly most of us like to have that person around. The person who decides "many hands make a light load" actually gets everybody home sooner on a given evening, leaving a positive impact on co-workers and families. The team member who enthusiastically tackles the job normally covered by a deployed co-worker demonstrates great attitude. People who step up with a positive attitude are literally making a difference in the daily atmosphere — in their squadron and across the base!

Direction is about applying our efforts and positive attitude to the overarching task at hand. Across the wing one message resounds clearly: The mission of the 509th Bomb Wing is to "kick down doors and kill targets!" Every person, squadron and group must be in synch with that mission. However, the translation for executing that mission is one thing for the operations group, which is substantially differ-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Training as if it were the real thing Airman 1st Class Robert Brousseau, Senior Airman Tom Pilla, Capt. Matt Brennan, Maj. Andrew Lambert and Tech. Sgt. Doug Adams, perform initial reconnaissance on a Mark 82 munition. Lambert is the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron acting commander. The others are members of the 509th CES Explosive Ordnance Flight.

ent from the maintenance, medical or mission support groups.

Clearly, every squadron's contribution will be markedly

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CMSAF: People top priority to Air Force

By Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

As units throughout our Air Force deploy, posture for deployment, or ramp up for accelerated operations at home, it's important to know that senior leaders are aware of how hard each of you is working, and that they are grateful for your dedication to the mission.

Nowhere is that appreciation more evident than in the president's 2004 budget proposal, which was unveiled last week. In that proposal, the largest chunk of Air Force money is focused on you — our greatest asset. People and quality-of-life initiatives make up 34 percent of the \$93.5 billion in Air Force money.

The most tangible part of that budget for most of us is the proposed pay raise, which ranges from 2 percent for airmen basic to 6.25 percent for senior NCOs. I want to take a moment and explain the "why's" behind this proposal, and what it means to you as an enlisted airman.

We have enjoyed several targeted pay raises in the past four years in a concerted effort to bring our military pay into a comparable scale with that of our private sector counterparts with the same level of education and experience. We have been very successful in doing that for the majority of our junior ranks — the compensation for



Photo by Airman Joe Lacdan

Clockwise: Airman Monica Rivers, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, Airman 1st Class Kevin Harris, 509th Comptroller Squadron, Airman Marcus Alexander, 509th CES, Airman 1st Class Michella Mayo, 509th Medical Group and Airman 1st Class Albert Smith, 509th Operations Support Squadron, enjoy lunch at the Ozark Inn.

an airman entering the Air Force out of high school is better than 85 percent of their former classmates who chose to go to work in the private sector. That does not take into consideration enlistment bonuses, or other special and incentive pays the Air Force provides to some skills.

However, the gap between civilian and military pay widens at the NCO and senior

NCO ranks, with our senior NCOs in some cases earning only half of what their civilian counterparts with the same skills, education and experience level earn. The 2004 targeted pay raise proposal will continue to address that gap, giving an average pay raise of 4.6-4.8 percent to NCOs, and between 5 percent and 6.25 percent for senior NCOs.

Another factor considered in setting this proposal was the time a person spends in a particular grade. Airmen basic are in a transitional phase of their career. By the time airmen complete basic training and technical school, most are already E-2s and E-3s.

The high promotion rates of the past few years have also driven average sew-on times down; the average time for promotion to staff sergeant is now 4.6 years, significantly less than years past. Those same airmen basic coming in now with a 2 percent pay raise will enjoy the benefits of the NCO targeted pay raises much sooner than in the past.

While we know we can never pay you enough for the sacrifices you and your families make for our country, targeted pay raises are a good way for us to reward the skill and experience of our retention-based force while giving our young airmen motivation to advance as they look up the pay scale.

In today's environment of high operations tempo, deployments and demanding missions, every member of our force is an integral part of the team, and we will continue to seek adequate pay and compensation for all you do. The Air Force needs each one of you to understand the immense value you are to the organization and to continue to carry your weight every day. Thank you for your dedicated service and what you do for our Great Nation.

Tax office saves base members money

The Whiteman Air Force Base Tax Assistance Office operating hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. The office is located in Bldg. 705 at 930 Arnold Ave., in the 509th Bomb Wing Visitor Work Center entrance.

Taxpayers can call the tax office at 687-3800 to schedule an appointment for tax assistance.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance representatives are available to help taxpayers prepare 2002 tax returns. Volunteers are only trained to assist with 1040 E-Z, 1040A and basic 1040 forms. Besides VITA volunteers, most squadrons have one or more unit tax representatives available to help squadron members.

VITA representatives, to date, have filed more than 850 returns and saved base members nearly \$150,000 in preparation fees.

The unit tax representatives are:

509th Bomb Wing — Tech. Sgts. Theresa McDaniels and Mark Pickett, and Staff Sgt. Paulette Tate and Andre Thomas

509th Mission Support Group — Chief Master Sgt. Robert Niswonger

509th Maintenance Group — Tech. Sgt. Deborah Garcia

509th Operations Group — Debbie Galindo
509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron — Tech. Sgts. James Laughlin and Reginald Nelson, and Staff Sgt. Jayson Baros

509th Comptroller Squadron — Master Sgt. Christine Fausnight

509th Contracting Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Sue Myers

509th Mission Support Squadron — Capt. Romero Reid

509th Civil Engineer Squadron — Master Sgt. Thomas Carrigan, Senior Airmen Benjamin Heisel and Kendra Hoven-Temple, and Airman 1st Class Zachariah Giguere

509th Services Squadron — 2nd Lt. Rosanna Wadkins and Staff Sgt. Sascha Roberson

509th Security Forces Squadron — Stacie Toole
509th Communications Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Timothy Hughes

509th Medical Group — Staff Sgt. Simone Lewis
509th Operations Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Pierre Charles and Airman Jermain Collins

325th Bomb Squadron — Capt. Jonathan Eckerman
393rd BS — Staff Sgt. Brett Bateman
509th Maintenance Squadron — Staff Sgt. Mike Vess, and Senior Airmen Bionca Moore and Joseph Weir

509th Logistics Readiness Squadron — Chief Master Sgt. Roy Erickson, Master Sgt. Luz Nixon, Tech. Sgts. Steven Eggers, Floyd Madden and Brian McGee, and Airman 1st Class Eric Dobbins

509th Munitions Squadron — Master Sgt. Ray Guest, Staff Sgt. Melissa Sprague and Senior Airman Jennifer Hargett

72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron — Master Sgt. Jeffery Folsom

A limited number of tax forms and publications are available at the office. Forms and publications are available online at <http://www.irs.gov>. Additionally, customers



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance representative Tech. Sgt. Reginald Nelson helps Dorinda Eckert file a return as her son, Ethan, waits patiently. Nelson is a member of the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Gold Flight. Dorinda's spouse is Senior Airman Larry Eckert, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron.

must provide copies of required documents to submit to the Internal Revenue Service because the tax advisers can't make copies at the tax center.

Contact your unit tax representative before scheduling an appointment at the tax office. If you don't have a unit tax representative, you can call the Whiteman Tax Office at 687-3800 to schedule an appointment. (Courtesy of the 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office)



First place Challenger Hall
\$2,000



Second place Columbia Hall
\$1,000



Third place Enterprise Hall
\$500



Airman 1st Class Latisha Banks
Recognition Award

Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, held a mandatory dormitory call Tuesday at the fitness center. Raaberg presented three dormitories and one room with an award. Prizes

were awarded to dormitory occupants for the overall appearance of the dormitory and dorm rooms. First place won \$2,000, second place won \$1,000 and third place won \$500 for dorm

improvements. The room recognition award and a three-day pass was given to Airman 1st Class Latisha Banks, 509th Services Squadron, for exceeding the wing's dorm room standard.

Airman attains citizenship, achieves dream

By Airman Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

As Senior Airman Karam Kamel raised his hand during a naturalization ceremony at the District Court of Kansas City, Mo., he thought about all the freedoms that he'd enjoy — living in America forever.

Kamel, a 509th Civil Engineer Squadron member, said receiving his citizenship is the greatest gift he's ever received.

Kamel will never have to endure the religious torment of his home country again. The Egyptian-born airman practices Christianity in a country where more than 90 percent of its population practiced Islam. Because of his religious preference, it would have been difficult for him to find work.

He said Muslims discriminate against Christians and favor Islamics in the work place. Like many immigrants, he looked at the United States as a window of opportunity: a land where religion could be practiced freely, with an abundance of work and opportunity awaiting him. After two years at the University of Cairo, he left his family and the only life he knew to move to the United States.

"I can't emphasize enough how much better the standards of living are in the U.S. compared to other countries," Kamel said.

He applied for entry to the states and in a random selection process, he was among 280 out of 4 million applicants who were selected to go to America.

Kamel said international rules allowed him to remain in America for seven years. If he didn't get his citizenship by then, he would have to return to Egypt.

He moved from the deserts sand of Egypt to country music and the southern hospitality of Nashville, Tenn., where he lived with his cousin. Kamel found work at the Opryland Hotel, where he served food and waited tables.

"I didn't like that life," Kamel said. "I didn't want to spend the rest of my life serving tables."

Determined to stay in the states, achieve his dream of finishing college and become an architect, Kamel enlisted in the Air Force in the fall of 1999, receiving a job as a civil engineer assistant.

Since arriving here four years ago, Kamel has helped orchestrate numerous base projects to include installing blast protection films in the dorms, an operation which cost \$315,000. He also helped repair the customer service counter at the Whiteman Inn.

First Lt. Matt Lindstedt, 509th CES, deputy chief of the engineer flight said Kamel willingly takes whatever task is handed to him, including the time when mission requirements cut the staff to three.

"His patriotism and dedication to duty are unmatched," Lindstedt said. "He is always willing to take the additional workload."

After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Kamel discovered a new opportunity to serve, one that he could use his ability to use his native tongue.

Kamel speaks in fluent dialects of Arabic and that proved to be a valuable asset. In May 2002, Kamel deployed to U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba,



Courtesy photo

Senior Airman Karam Kamel, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, takes the oath of citizenship at the District Court of Kansas City, Mo.

for special duty. There, he worked as a translator for Arab detainees held at the base's prison.

"I think it was a great opportunity to participate in the war on terrorism," Kamel said. "Here you can't really do much, but it was great to be (in Cuba)."

However, Lindstedt, who has known Kamel since he arrived at Whiteman, said the greatest asset Kamel provides the Air Force isn't his fluent tongue, but his selfless attitude.

"He's as good as they come, as far as taking on work and having a great attitude," Lindstedt said.

Kamel will outprocess the Air Force in a few weeks to finish his education, but plans to continue serving his country.

He said he will apply for work in the CIA or FBI while attending college part time. He also plans to bring his parents, brother to the states, and has already started the application process.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Renovations

Tim Tillotson installs a light fixture at the shoppette. The renovations at the shoppette were recently completed. Tillotson is from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Facilities Maintenance Office at Fort Riley, Kan. The base exchange is scheduled to undergo similar renovations in the near future. They include new lighting, ceilings, flooring and carpets. Trish Dillon, BX soft-lines manager, will unveil the new floor plan 11 a.m.-1 p.m. today at the BX. Free refreshments will be available.

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Award winner

Airman 1st Class Joshua Lyons, 509th Security Forces Squadron, receives an Airman of the Month Award. Maj. Thomas Casebolt, 384th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron commander, recognized Lyons for his efforts to improve base security. Lyons is deployed with the 384th ESFS.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Dream Factory volunteer Linda Johnson helps Shae'lee Dial learn how to use a ThinkPad notebook computer. Shae'lee's parents are Tech. Sgt. Dan and Marsha Dial, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Whiteman youth receives 'dream' from local charity

Gift helps ease hospital trips for 12-year-old

By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp
Public Affairs

The school day began like usual for Shae'lee Dial. However, she didn't know what was in store for her by day's end.

Recently the 12-year-old wheeled herself into a classroom full of teachers, family and friends to find her dream had come true.

"I wasn't sure what was going on. I thought I was in trouble or something," said the Knob Noster Middle School student.

Quite the contrary; the Sedalia Chapter of Dream Factory presented Shae'lee with a ThinkPad notebook computer, 13 DVDs, three CDs and three computer games.

"The look on her face when she came into the room was priceless," said Vyrdel Basye, the Knob Noster School District process coordinator for special education. "She was speechless. I've never seen her so speechless."

The daughter of Tech. Sgt. Dan and Marsha Dial said she hoped her dream would be granted and was shocked when it happened. Shae'lee wanted a ThinkPad so that she can watch movies, play games, listen to music and have something to complete her homework on.

"(I wanted) to have something to do when I go to the hospital for an all-day appointment or while I'm in the hospital (for an extended stay)," she said. The computer will also give her something to do when she's at her sister's soccer games and

it's too cold to be outside the van.

The family became involved with Dream Factory in November. Dan and Marsha said they were excited for Shae'lee because this was something she really wanted.

"(Since Shae'lee has received the computer) we haven't seen much of her," Marsha said. "She's in her room either playing a game or watching a movie."

The parents agree that receiving this computer has helped make Shae'lee happy.

"Getting (the ThinkPad) now while it's cold outside helps give her something to occupy her time," Marsha said. "Being in a wheelchair keeps Shae'lee stuck inside most of the time."

Shae'lee, who is about 3 feet tall, has Spina Bifida, a cleft lip and palette, and Blackfan-Diamond Syndrome — a rare blood disorder. While she may look different from other children her age, Shae'lee said she is a normal kid.

"I'm just a little smaller and have to use a wheelchair for my legs," said the sixth grader.

Her parents said that doesn't stop her. "She rarely dwells on her own problems but is always concerned about others," Marsha said.

"She loves school, and for the most part, is just a normal kid but with some different ways of doing things," said Dan, a 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron member. "She's bright, outgoing, fun and very loveable. Shae'lee has been through some very tough situations but through it all, she always comes out with a smile."

Shae'lee is the 152nd person to have a dream come true since the Sedalia Chapter of Dream Factory began in 1988. Of those children, she is the fifth child from Whiteman to be helped by the organization. Dream Factory is a national volunteer-based wish-granting organization for seriously or chronically ill children between 3 and 18 years old.

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Staff Sgt. Matt Fulton
509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Matt Fulton received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Feb. 11.

Barbara Culbertson nominated Fulton for the award.

Culbertson moved to Leeton, Mo., in June 2002. She lives in a house that only has a wood stove to provide heat. Physical disabilities make it hard for her to get wood to stay warm during the winter months and Fulton knew this.

"They (Fulton and his wife, Nichole) have watched over me. They've stopped by to make sure I was OK and to check if I needed anything," said Culbertson.

Culbertson was able to stoke the stove, but cutting and getting wood was a challenge. Wood usually came from her landlord, but he hadn't been able to provide any for a while and Culbertson ran out. So, she gathered fallen branches from the surrounding woods for a few days.

"I finally got my courage up to ask for help from my neighbor," she said.

Culbertson sent her personal care aid over to Fulton's house with a note asking for help.

"(Three hours later), Matt had a load of wood for me," Culbertson said. "He also stated he was going to help some friends cut fence rows and I would receive the left-over wood. I knew he would do this because he is a man of his word."

Fulton saved the scraps from the fence posts to give to Culbertson if her landlord couldn't provide enough wood.

"I don't know much about Sergeant Fulton and his wife, except that they're good neighbors. I would love to recommend him for the Whiteman Spirit Award or something better than what I can give him. A hug just isn't enough payment for such a good and kind neighbor, who just happens to be in the Air Force," she said.



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Matt Fulton poses with his neighbor, Barbara Culbertson.

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Fire alarm suppression team member

Time on station: 6 years, 6 months

Time in service: 7 years

Hometown: Oregon, Ill.

Spouse: Nichole

Children: Kole, 6, and Shyanne, 3

Goals: To become a farmer.

Hobbies: Horseback riding.

Pet Peeves: The media.

Best thing about Whiteman: The people.

What motivates your winning spirit?

My family.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? I wouldn't change anything.

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.

Spirit spotlights

... on **Tech Sgts. Timothy Perkins**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, **Mauree Powell**, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, and **Anthony Roop**, 509th Security Forces Squadron, for earning Distinguished Graduate awards from the NCO Academy at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

... on **Airman 1st Class Nicolas Velati**, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, 509th Maintenance Group Airman of the Year.

... on **Staff Sgt. Billy Jack Robert**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron,

509th MXG NCO of the Year.

... on **Master Sgt. Glen Cottrell**, 509th MXS, 509th MXG Senior NCO of the Year.

... on **Capt. Samuel Parrott**, 509th MXS, 509th MXG Company Grade Officer of the Year.

... on **Natalie Thomas**, 509th MXG, 509th MXG Outstanding Associate of the Year.

... on **Master Sgt. Gary Bolton**, 509th MXS, 509th MXG First Sergeant of the Year.



Civilian Employee of the Week

Stephen Gunter was nominated for this award by Capt. Jason Fick, 509th Communications Squadron. As an intrusion detection engineer, Gunter installs and helps maintain intrusion sensors, cameras and computer alerting equipment used by security forces to protect the nation's B-2 fleet and the weapons storage area. Fick said Gunter is officially assigned to the 509th CS as an Air Force Engineering and Technical Services employee.

Submitting _____
_____ *Civilian Employee*
of the Week

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is being nominated.

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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 Special Agent Jeffrey Thompson

Detachment 207, Air Force Office of Special Investigations
Additional Duty First Sergeant

A leader is one who is placed in charge of a group of people, not a team. You see, a team is the end result of a capable leader. A team is a group of people who have come together to be of one mind, seeking a common goal.

But, what's a capable leader? First, we must understand that leadership isn't an exact science, but an art form that must be learned. It's learned through training and experience, and must be continually practiced, honed and improved.

To lead, you must always be the example for the team

to follow. You need to be a solid foundation from which the team can build. The team must always be able to depend on you to steadily show them the right path and to point the way.

A leader never coerces; rather, a leader guides. A leader never insults and is always respectful. A leader doesn't push the team, but inspires the team to follow. The leader lends strength to the team, thus bringing each talent and strength to the forefront.

A leader never threatens. A leader promises and then keeps those promises. A leader doesn't throw the team out to "sink," but teaches the team to "swim." A leader doesn't horde the leadership; rather, the leader prepares each team member to assume the leadership.

At times a leader must be forceful, but always with respect. The words "please" and "thank you" are the two most powerful words in the English language.

Above all, a leader is one who, when the team accomplishes its goal, gives the team the credit. If the group should fail, the true leader accepts the blame. For if the



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Special Agents Jeffrey Thompson and Michael Reese, Detachment 207, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, review a report of investigation case file.

leader objectively reviewed the failure, he would realize he failed to provide the tools, resources and support necessary for the group to be successful. When the leader does provide those things, and the group is successful, it's no longer a group, it's a team.

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509th CES in action



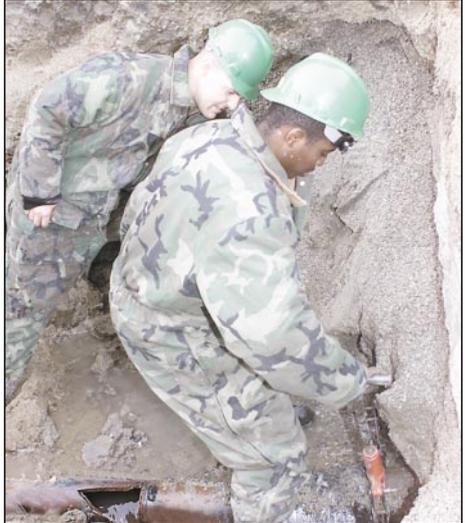
Airman 1st Class Thomas Schute operates a compactor as Airman 1st Class Abraham Woods prepares to make a concrete flume. The compactor must be used to create a solid base on which concrete can be poured. The compacted ground reduces the risk of stress fractures in the concrete as the ground settles. The purpose of the flume directs water into a drain without causing erosion damage and prevents a build up of earthen material in drain pipes. Both are 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Operations Flight members.



Senior Airman Phillip Griffin operates a back hoe and takes direction from Warren Smith, plumbing shop work supervisor, as Tech. Sgt. David Neuman waits in the hole being filled with pea gravel. The gravel is being used to create a protective, water permeable layer of earth around a sewer pipe. They are 509th Civil Engineer Squadron members.



Gary Dale, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Operations Flight structures shop, uses an arc welder to fasten a bracket onto a vehicle.



Airman 1st Class Quincy Hall uses a snap cutter before he and Staff Sgt. Shane Bolles remove a piece of broken pipe Feb. 13. They are members of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron plumbing shop.



Staff Sgt. Frank Simpkins, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron electrical systems craftsman, installs a circuit breaker.



Tech. Sgt. David Neuman, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Operations Flight plumbing shop, uses a sewer jet and takes direction from Warren Smith, 509th CES. The sewer jet uses high-pressure water to clear out blockages in pipes.



Tech. Sgt. Allen Mimms operates the dials in a substation panel as Airman 1st Class Chad Moses logs the readouts. The panel is used to check electrical amps being drawn to ensure there are no large variances or irregularities indicating a problem with the base electrical system. They are members of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Operations Flight outdoor electric shop.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Education

For more details, visit <https://www.mil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

Scholarships offered

The Scholarships for Military Children program offers a \$1,500 scholarship to unmarried children of active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired military members. Applicants and their sponsors must be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

Applications are available at <http://www.commissaries.com> and at the commissary. The deadline for application is today.

Student information now online

Students can monitor their Community College of the Air Force degrees when they join the Air Force virtual education center at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>. People can organize their interests and goals on a personal start page, and create an account to receive access to online tools.

Degree program established

The Air Force recently announced an Enlisted-To-Air Force Institute of Technology program as an opportunity to provide graduate degrees to selected enlisted members.

Eligibility requirements must be met before being evaluated by AFIT.

They are:

- ✓ Active-duty Air Force member,
- ✓ Rank of technical sergeant or above,
- ✓ Minimum of eight years time in service,
- ✓ One year on station,
- ✓ Completed appropriate skill level upgrade and professional military education,
- ✓ Have at least three years of retainability from the date of graduation, and

✓ Have no adverse quality force actions at least 36 months before application.

Deadline for nomination packages is March 25. For more information, see the newsletter on the AFIT Web site: <http://rr.afit.edu> or call the education center at 687-5750.

Community

Legal services available

The 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office provides notary and powers of attorney service during duty hours, no appointment is necessary. Will preparation and other legal assistance is available without appointment 8-10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, and 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 687-6809.

Family Support

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

Pre-retirement briefing set

A transition assistance program for people retiring from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday. The military personnel flight separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserve and finance will provide this information. The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gullick

Nametags wanted

Staff Sgt. William Cutler, 509th Munitions Squadron, holds his new service dress nametag. The nametag arrived in 10 days instead of three weeks, since the base military clothing sales store now uses two companies instead of one.

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Stay healthy, safe this winter

By Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Public Affairs

The Johnson County American Red Cross issued these winter safety tips to help people stay safe during cold weather.

There is a wind chill advisory in effect during the hours of darkness. Wind chill values can create temperatures less than -15 degrees. At these temperatures, exposed skin is at risk for frostbite. Frostbite or hypothermia due to prolonged exposure to the cold can become life threatening.

Frostbite is damage to body tissue caused by the tissue being frozen. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities. If symptoms are detected get medical assistance immediately.

Hypothermia is a low body temperature accompanied by uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and exhaustion.

Take these precautions to prevent serious harm:

- ✓ If a person's body temperature drops below 95 degrees, immediately seek medical care.
- ✓ If medical care isn't immediately available, warm the person slowly. Warm the body core first. Get the person dry clothing and wrap the body in a blanket covering the head and neck.
- ✓ Don't give the person alcohol, drugs, coffee or hot beverages. Don't warm the extremities first, this drives cool blood toward the heart and can cause heart failure.
- ✓ Dress appropriately before going outdoors. The temperature doesn't have to go below freezing to be a health risk.
- ✓ Dress in layers.
- ✓ Wear a hat to prevent heat loss.
- ✓ Wear mittens instead of gloves.
- ✓ Wear waterproof, insulated boots to help avoid hypothermia and frostbite.
- ✓ Get out of wet clothes immediately and warm the body core.

For more winter safety information, call the Johnson County Red Cross at 660-747-5173.



Photo by Airman Joe Laddan

Heather Otto helps put Logan Simpson his jacket on at the youth center. Logan's parents are Master Sgt. John and Donna Simpson, 509th Bomb Wing.

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different from every other squadron. And, that's where the rubber meets the road: each team member, military and civilian alike, must understand how their workcenter contributes to the critical tasks of their unit. For example, the 509th CES must ultimately provide the airfield and infrastructure from which to launch and recover jets here. This is the irreducible minimum if all other objectives are thrown out the window. The CE team understands the essential requirement to maintain an open airfield and working utilities no matter what weather or adversity we face.

Teamwork can also be called cooperation, collaboration, assistance, joint-effort and mutual aid. Teamwork at the highest level — in the Department of Defense — is the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines cooperating to achieve

a singular national objective. What does it look like at the lowest levels?

Perhaps, it's a platoon of soldiers covering the flank of another platoon during ground maneuvers in the sandbox. Perhaps, it's one workcenter assisting another as they pull in the same direction to ready jets, weapons, flight crews and runway — ensuring we're mission ready.

On the other hand, it may be much more up close and personal. It may be a fellow worker reaching out to another who needs a safe place to "bleed" or vent when stress hits an all time high; a person covering your six with a ride home after drinking too much; or changing a flat tire for a spouse whose husband has deployed. Taking care of each other during stressful times is the often-overlooked starting

place for teamwork. Pulling together as a cohesive set of workcenters is teamwork's finishing touch. If we keep our eyes open, we will regularly see the need for both halves of the teamwork puzzle.

As military members here and around the Air Force continue to deploy, it's obvious we still have a mission to maintain and people for whom to care. However, choosing a survival plan will make the long haul easier — not perfect, but easier. Everyone will enjoy higher camaraderie, the certainty of contributing to the mission and the sense of accomplishment that comes from investing in people.

Surviving the deployment at our home base requires a survival kit packed with tools; however, three will be essential in the days ahead: attitude, direction and teamwork.

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Menus

Ozark Inn and Touch & Go

Saturday

- Lunch:** Pork chops with mushroom gravy and lemon baked fish
Dinner: Roasted ham, stir fry chicken with broccoli

Sunday

- Lunch:** Sauerbraten, tuna and noodles
Dinner: Chicken Parmesan, fried shrimp and sukiyaki

Monday

- Lunch:** Baked chicken, knockwurst, Swiss steak with tomato sauce
Dinner: Roast turkey, fish and fries, canned ham

Tuesday

- Lunch:** Chicken in dijon sauce, lemon baked fish with onions, yakisoba and spaghetti with meat sauce
Dinner: Barbecued beef cubes, Salisbury steak and fried chicken

Wednesday

- Lunch:** Italian ethnic meal
Dinner: Caribbean jerk chicken, beef porcupines and chicken enchiladas

Thursday

- Lunch:** Liver and onions, orange spiced pork chops and tempura fried fish
Dinner: Pepper steak and chicken cordon bleu

Feb. 28

- Lunch:** Beef fajitas, veal Parmesan and turkey a

- Dinner:** la king
Fish, corn beef and pineapple chicken

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 a.m.-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:** Egg roll, rice, Chinese vegetables and peaches
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, spinach, grapes and jello
Wednesday: Sliced turkey, mashed potatoes, peas, pineapple and roll
Thursday: Taco salad, pinto beans, chips and apple
Feb. 28: Mr. Rib, baked beans, pears and cake

Whiteman Elementary School

- Monday:** Chili, crackers, salad, cookies and jello

- or fruit
Tuesday: Hot dog or chili dog, au gratin potatoes, beans and pudding.
Wednesday: Barbecued chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, black beans, fruit and roll
Thursday: Taco salad, corn, peaches and cookie
Feb. 28: Cheeseburger, salad, carrot or celery sticks and cake

Knob Noster Middle School

- Monday:** Chili, corn chips, cheese sticks, crackers and apple crisp
Tuesday: Hot dog, corn, sliced peaches and chocolate chip cookie
Wednesday: Chicken patty, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, pears and roll
Thursday: Egg roll, fried rice, Oriental veggies, orange sherbet and fortune cookie
Feb. 28: Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, salad, orange juice cup and graham cracker

Knob Noster High School

- Monday:** Lasagna roll, salad, cottage cheese, peaches, breadsticks and juice
Tuesday: Taco salad, pears, cherry cheese cake and juice
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, fruit cocktail, roll and juice
Thursday: Beef wonton, fried rice, winter blend veggies, chocolate pie and juice
Feb. 28: Pizza, green beans, pineapple chunks, salad, snickerdoodle and juice

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Donating to a good cause

Staff Sgt. Lisa Shastay, 509th Medical Group, watches Delia Pojo prepare to draw blood. Team Whiteman members donated 98 pints of blood at the last drive Dec. 6. Pojo was one of nine nurses from the Community Blood Center in Kansas City, Mo., who came to Whiteman as part of the quarterly blood drive. Another blood drive takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday and Feb. 28 at the community center.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Tuning up 'tooning talents

Airman Latisha Banks, 509th Services Squadron, teaches a free cartooning class as Kay and Kira Charrette follow along. Banks will teach another class 3-4 p.m. Saturday at the community center. Kay and Kira's parents are Tech. Sgt. Antony and Jamie Charrette, 509th Maintenance Squadron.

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Whiteman volleyball's tower of power

Former basketball player develops into strong hitter, blocker

By Airman Joe Lacdan

Public Affairs

Troy Chupp went over the edge playing basketball.

He took the sport so seriously that he took the fun out of it. Burned out from playing basketball from childhood through his junior year of college, Chupp said he needed to try something new.

His choice: volleyball.

"I've been serious about basketball my whole life," said Chupp, a 6-foot-6-inch middle blocker and outside hitter for Whiteman's varsity volleyball team. "(Volleyball) was just something different to try."

The 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron first lieutenant decided to pick up the sport after a difficult basketball career.

Spurned by three coaching changes during his career, Chupp found it difficult to get motivated for games at the Division II Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo.

Chupp said he once hoped to turn professional playing basketball because the game consumed his life.

He averaged about nine points and 11 rebounds per game his junior and last basketball season at SBU.

He graduated with a degree in mathematics and received his commission through officer training school at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. in March 2000. When Chupp arrived at Whiteman two years ago, he wanted to pick up a sport he could play for fun, away from the grueling basketball drills.

"I started out loving basketball and ended up dreading going to practice," Chupp said. "It just wasn't fun anymore."

Chupp and his volleyball teammates are having a lot of fun this season, recently taking second place at the Frozen Tundra

tournament in Prairie Village, Kan.

The Bombers moved up from playing B-level volleyball in its 2002 inaugural season to playing A-level this year in the Hearts of America Volleyball League.

The Denver native, who had never played volleyball competitively until after college, found the transition from playing basketball not that difficult. Chupp had the size and athletic ability to play the sport. But, he still needed work on his skills.

"In basketball you have to be a runner and a jumper, and you have to be quick," Chupp said. "You've got to be able to move and have hand-eye coordination, and a lot of that transfers to volleyball."

Chupp leads the team with 123 kills. He also leads the team with 29 blocks and a 51.7 percent kill rate.

"He hustles," said Whiteman volleyball coach Bruce Turner, 509th Operations Support Squadron. "His blocks are huge to the team's success and his hustle in the back row helps tremendously."

However, he struggles with serve consistency completing a team-worst 73.2 percent of his serves. Chupp has added some new skills to his repertoire since he started playing the sport. He developed his passing abilities and ranks second on the team in pass percentage at 75.5.

"My game was one dimensional," he said. "I could hit and block, but I wasn't great at passing or setting."

Chupp also realizes the opportunity he has in volleyball. With setter Nate Howell feeding Chupp, Jeff Martin and Bruce Turner, Whiteman has literally overpowered its opponents. Chupp said he hopes he and his teammates make nationals in Indianapolis and continue doing what they do best: having fun.

Meanwhile, Chupp continues to fine-tune his skills and plays doubles volleyball during the summer months.



Photo by Airman Joe Lacdan

Troy Chupp, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, is a 6-foot-6-inch middle blocker who leads the Whiteman volleyball team with 123 kills.



Photo by Airman Joe Lacdan

Serve it up

Alexandra Esselman, 509th Security Forces Squadron, winds up to serve during a pickup volleyball game at the fitness center. Practices for the 2003 intramural and extramural volleyball teams are under way. For more details, call Senior Airman Cynthia McMillan at the fitness center at 687-5495.



Aerobics Schedule

Mondays — 6 a.m. step interval, noon cardio-kick boxing and 5 p.m. turbo step

Tuesdays — 9 a.m. step interval, noon cardio-kickboxing and 5 p.m. cardio-toning mix

Wednesdays — 6 a.m. step-n-tone and 5 p.m. kick butt

Thursdays — 9 a.m. step-n-tone and noon cardio-kickboxing

Fridays — 6 a.m. cardio-kickboxing, 9 a.m. butts, guts and beyond, and 5 p.m. double step and core strength

Saturdays — 9 a.m. mix-n-match cardio.



Teen Center



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Time management melee

Teens can attend a free seminar 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday at Knob Noster High School. The event is hosted by the family support center and the teen center. Classes will be held during study period.

SMART Moves Trivia Challenge

Teens can attend a trivia challenge 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday. Its free for members and \$1 for nonmembers.

Photography club

Teens can join a photography club. Meetings take place 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning March 13. There is a \$5 club fee. Sign up by March 8. Students must bring a disposable camera. Once film is developed, a photo will be chosen for the contest. Winners will be shown at the Boys and Girls Club's National Conference throughout the year.

Outdoor Recreation

687-5565

Boater safety course

A boater safety course takes place 9-11 a.m. March 1. This free course is required to rent a boat from outdoor recreation. Reservations are required.

Ice Sports Arena

Travel to Shawnee, Kan., at 10 a.m. March 8 to skate. The cost is \$8. Return to base at 3:30 p.m. Sign up by March 6. Bring money for lunch and snacks.

Youth Center

Helping hand



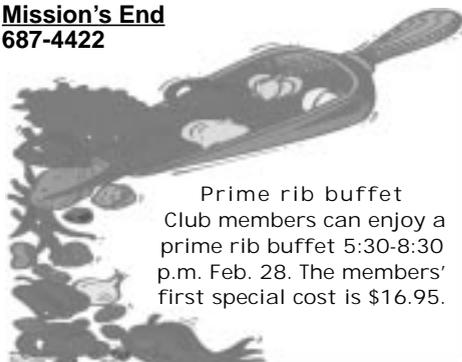
Airman 1st Class Brian Collier, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, belays Airman Johnny Yamada, 509th CES, on the 20x20-foot climbing wall.

Squadron wall competition

Squadron members can compete in a wall climbing competition now through April 30. The cost is \$10 per participant. Wall climbing certifications are required. Lunch and night climbing is available along with daily climbs. For more details, call 687-5565.

Mission's End

687-4422



Prime rib buffet
Club members can enjoy a prime rib buffet 5:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 28. The members' first special cost is \$16.95.

Searching

Adam Dail, son of Master Sgt. Gary Dail, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, looks for a book at the base library.



Research paper class

High school students can learn to write research papers 9:30-11 a.m. March 8 at the library. The cost is free. Sign up by March 7. Online resources will also be presented as an aid. To register, call 687-5614.

687-5586

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

Building Responsible Individuals of Deployed Guardians Everywhere

Children 5-12 can participate in scooter races 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.

Junior Mardi Gras

Fifth through seventh graders can play games 6-9 p.m. Saturday to win beads. The cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for nonmembers. Wear your beads to the party.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss birthday

Kindergartners through fourth graders can celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday 6:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 28. The cost is \$4 for members and \$5.50 for nonmembers. Participants can play bingo to win a Suess hat, and eat green eggs and ham.

Hang out

Fifth through seventh graders can join friends and enjoy games 6-9 p.m. March 1. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. Sign up by Feb. 28. *(The pre-teen bucks store will be open tonight.)*

Torch Club meeting

Fifth through seventh graders can meet 5-6 p.m. March 1. The Torch Club is a youth leadership club dedicated to community services and learning life skills, and is a Boys and Girls Club of America program.

PJ pizza party

Fifth through seventh graders can enjoy pizza and wear pajamas 6-9 p.m. March 8. The cost is \$4 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Sign up by March 5. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Photography contest

Fourth through seventh graders can enter the Boys and Girls Club 2003 Image Makers National Photography Contest March 3-7. The cost is \$5. Students meet Tuesdays beginning March 11 to learn photography. Students must bring a disposable camera. Once youth have the film developed, a photo will be chosen for the contest. Winners will be shown at the Boys and Girls Club's National Conference throughout the year.

Child Development Center

687-5588

Child care vacancies

The child development program currently has full-time openings for 3- to 5-year-olds. The cost is based on income. Call for more information.



Youth baseball registration

Youths 5- to 18-years-old can register March 1-20 for baseball. The cost is \$25 for members and \$32 for nonmembers.

Cost includes safe playing fields, trained coaches, team equipment, shirt, hat and participation medal.

Children must be 5 by March 1 to register. Sponsored in part by First Command Financial Planning. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Community Center

687-5617

Pick your flick

Airmen can bring a VHS video to watch on our big-screen TV each Friday.

Snakes alive

Learn about snakes 2-4 p.m. Saturday by watching a film and meeting reptile personalities. The event is free.

Pool tournament

A pool tournament begins at 7 p.m. today. The cost is \$5. Light refreshments will be served.

Cartooning class

Learn the art of drawing cartoons 3-4 p.m. Saturday. Latisha Banks will instruct participants free. Bring a sketch pad and No. 2 pencils.

Pro Link 9000 code reader class at Auto Skills

Learn to connect and operate the model 9000 code reader 2-5 p.m.

March 12.
The cost is \$5.
To register, call 687-5689.



Whiteman Base Theater

Friday
Just Married PG-13 7 p.m.

Starring -- Ashton Kutcher & Brittany Murphy
Two young newlyweds find that their perfect honeymoon in Venice, Italy, is turning out to be the worst one imaginable. Can the marriage, which many of their friends and family said was a bad idea, survive the celebration?

Saturday
National Security PG-13 7 p.m.

Starring -- Martin Lawrence & Steve Zahn
Earl and Hank have only one thing in common — they're both Los Angeles Police Department rejects. As lowly security guards, they uncover a sophisticated smuggling operation. These two unlikely partners just might save the day.

Sunday
Just Married PG-13 7 p.m.

Starring -- Ashton Kutcher & Brittany Murphy

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50
Movie recording line 687-5110

Movies are subject to change due to availability

For future movies visit:

<http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.html>