



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Pride on display

Airman 1st Class Stanley Ewan, 509th Munitions Squadron, Staff Sgt. Thomas York, 509th MUNS, Airman 1st Class Stephen Dierking, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Senior Airman Jorge Negron, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, present the colors at the Central Missouri State University basketball game Saturday. The Warrensburg Military Affairs Committee gave certificates for a free hot dog, chips and drink to more than 180 attendees from the base as part of the military appreciation day game.

LSET helps Whiteman prepare for UCI

By Senior Airman Shawn Clements
Public Affairs

The 509th Bomb Wing participated in a Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team inspection Feb. 23-27.

The purpose of an LSET is to ensure standardization across Air Combat Command and to identify any problems units are having complying with written guidance from ACC. The LSET validated the wing's ability to execute the mission within technical order specifications.

Overall the inspection went well, but identified areas for improvement. Whiteman did walk away with an assurance that members here are doing several things exceptionally well, Lieutenant Fetters said. Whiteman received two "benchmarks," and with only five "benchmarks" awarded in the past 22 months, that is quite an accomplishment.

"The LSET did a fabulous job of digging deep into our programs," said 1st Lt. Kenneth Fetters, 509th Maintenance Group. "The team provided training in areas where our maintainers were not meeting standards and provided the 509th a guidepost for the upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection."

The inspectors recognized a number of participants:

Tech. Sgts. Debra Brinzow, Scott Lique, Roy Ollie, Jason Meyers and Thomas Wimmer, Staff Sgts. Thomas Adams, Charles Bridges, Suzie Broughman, Christopher Gresser, Randolph Crosslin and Allen Reed, Senior Airmen Gabriel Craig and Carmen Neubert, and Airmen 1st Class Chelsea Doshier, Edwin Evans, Anthony Gaczynski, Joseph Parks, Steven Russel, Genevieve Simmons, Jennifer Stewart and Ruben Zamora, 509th Maintenance Group, 2nd Lt. Robert Wengerter, Tech.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team member Chief Master Sgt. Robert Blackburn talks with 2nd Lt. James Delph and Master Sgt. Dave Doty, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

Sgts. Thomas Hails, and Jeffrey Hudson, Staff Sgts. Misti Rude, Iesha Stanley, Shawna Brabandt, Shawn Allen and Craig Beare, and Airman 1st Class Theresa Luna, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Avionics Flight, Aircraft Structural Maintenance Section and Tech. Sgt. Mark Ridder, 509th Maintenance Squadron, Maintenance Operations Center, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, and Air Force Repair Enhancement Program Circuit Card Repair Technicians.

"I believe we will gather our lessons and improve on them so the B-2 can be more efficient the next time we 'kick the door down,'" Lieutenant Fetters said.

9-Line Target



Time to exercise our expeditionary capability

News in Brief

Officer promotions announced

The 2003B major selection board was announced Thursday.

The Whiteman major-selects are **Cpts. Benjamin Both, Shawn Cotton, William Crawford, Jonathan Eckerman, Robert Mankus, Ross Pease, Brett Stofel and David Williamson, 325th Bomb Squadron, Jerry Brandau, 509th Communications Squadron, Paul Burger, Gary Pillow and Dave Thompson, 509th Bomb Wing, Brian Cochran and Jennifer Wilson, 393rd BS, John Eldridge, Darryl Engelke, Jeffrey Johnson, Gregory Tolmoff and Sean Walker, 394th Combat Training Squadron, Flordeliza Goleta and Stephanie Turner, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, Thomas Hatley, Corey Hummel, Eric Lapine and Brian Wickering, 509th Operations Support Squadron, Michael Myers, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, and Michael Bucher, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.**

Falconaires to perform

The Air Force Academy Falconaires perform at 7 p.m. Thursday at Central Missouri State University's Hendricks Hall. The event is sponsored by the Warrensburg Military Affairs Committee and admission is free. Tickets and posters are available at the base community center and the Greater Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center, 100 S. Holden St. in Warrensburg. For more details, call the chamber at 660-747-3168.

Base dialing procedures change

Whiteman members can reach the 660, 816, and 913 area codes by dialing "99" and the number. To dial outside these areas, a personal identification number is required. For more details, call 687-1234.

Baggage allowance changes

Deploying members may have five total checked baggage items, not exceeding 70 pounds per item, and one cased weapon. Bags more than 70 pounds count twice. Items more than 100 pounds are prohibited. The total baggage weight limit is 350 pounds. Carry-on bags must not exceed 45 linear inches.

Pararescue members, firefighters, explosive ordinance disposal and special operations members are authorized three additional bags for professional gear. The total baggage limit for those members is 560 pounds. Airport gateways will reject baggage exceeding these limits, and aren't responsible for storing rejected bags. For more details, call the military personnel flight personnel readiness unit at 687-6422.

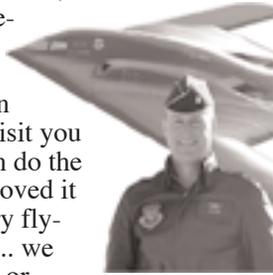
Commander's Corner

By Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg
509th Bomb Wing Commander

TAKE THE UTE DAY OFF...YOU EARNED IT! We have been working hard. Over the last few months the 509th Bomb Wing has passed the test in every inspection or evaluation; from a tough Nuclear Surety Inspection to last week's Logistics Standardization Evaluation Team visit you have shown we can do the mission. You've proved it also in our February flying-hour program ... we met the utilization, or affectionately referred to as the UTE, goal of flying our programmed hours for the month.

Because every individual has a hand in the mission, we have earned a UTE-day off. In the future, take a close look at Whiteman's flying-hourboard ... it shows a daily tally of how well we are doing in making UTE. Everyone has a part in our success. Enjoy your time off and please take it safely during this long weekend.

A VERY HUMBLE THANK YOU. I want to publicly thank our Chiefs for the distinct honor of being inducted as an Honorary Chief. Thank you. In all candor, I want to thank the entire wing for making



our Chiefs so successful as you too have taken such good care of our airmen from the supervisors, shirts to the squadron commanders. I see from both from my vantage point as the installation commander and now as a very much honored Chief that we do it right at Whiteman ... we stand on the edge of combat readiness because our airmen are trained to perfection.

CAREER ASSISTANCE ADVISER IS HERE FOR YOU. The Air Force made the right decision when it activated the Career Assistance Adviser position ... we recognized that many of our enlisted members needed a focus for an informed decision on their Air Force careers. We at Whiteman made an even better decision when we selected Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Rush to take the lead on this position.

Those who have attended his Informed Decision briefing will agree he has given you the right tools for your future. The critiques alone show the program is working.

However, that is not all the CAA does. We have empowered our assistance adviser to oversee the development and sustainment of our professional development courses. Furthermore, Senior Rush has been instrumental in preparing the way for a new \$12 million Professional Development Center that we expect will be built in 2005.

So, as you can see, we have put a lot of

stock in who we select. I would like to thank Senior Rush for his extraordinary work as our CAA ... he is now preparing his successor. Congratulations on your selection to be our CAA, Master Sgt. Warren Weakly. We know you have the right stuff to carry on our tradition of motivating our enlisted corps to make the right choice for their careers.

MUNITIONS SQUADRON AND COMMANDER THE BEST IN THE AIR FORCE. Our supreme success in Operation Iraqi Freedom can be directly attributed to the 509th Munitions Squadron. It took strong leadership to guide this unit to build, test and load the tremendous number of weapons we dropped on very high-valued targets throughout Iraq. It takes an even stronger unit to not only do their conventional mission at home and abroad, but also maintain the stringent nuclear standards in an NSI.

I would like to personally congratulate MUNS for their recognition as the No. 1 squadron, winning the Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award. Additionally, the testament to leadership goes to the Air Force's Leo Marquez Field Grade Officer award winner, Maj. Dave Hadden ... a well deserved recognition to the best of the best!

FAREWELL CHIEF COBB. You know him by that distinctive "Hootie Hoo!" Our command chief is nothing short



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Tech. Sgt. Gene Peoples, 509th Maintenance Squadron, performs a post-flight inspection. Such procedures are part of the wingwide effort required each month to meet flying hour goals for the B-2 and T-38 aircraft. The 509th Bomb Wing met the goals for February earning a down day.

of electric energy in everything he does for the wing and for the airmen.

This month we bid Chief Master Sergeant Keith Cobb, 509th BW command chief master sergeant, a very strong farewell as he presses on to Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., to be their command chief. From his combat deployment to Uzbekistan in OIF to his "muddy boots" involvement around the base, you'll agree, he is an icon for our Air Force.

Chief, you and Renee have been a blessed couple for Whiteman, full of grace for others and more than we could ask for ... Godspeed in your next assignment!

Team Whiteman embraces change

By Eldon Hix

509th Civil Engineer Squadron Deputy Commander

I've been at Whiteman for 15 years. It may seem like a long time to the new Whiteman members, but it has gone by quickly. Many of the senior NCOs like Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Rush, 509th Bomb Wing, Chief Master Sgts. Steph Page, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Beau Turner, 509th Maintenance Group, got here many moons ago as technical or master sergeants. Quite a few of the senior pilots and maintainers arrived as gung-ho captains who have climbed the ranks into squadron commanders and deputy group commanders. We've exported a high percentage of group and wing commanders into the senior leadership of the Air Force.

There are several civilian employees who were former military members and opted to return to the Whiteman team. Some of our local contractor partners have transitioned from working out of the back of their pickup truck to significant businesses with dozens of employees.

It's interesting to note that we'll cross the \$1 billion milestone in construction activity this year. That represents the largest Department of Defense stateside construction program in 10 years. We have successfully integrated the B-2, A-10s, the Navy Littoral operation, upgraded the Missouri Army National Guard and phased out the inter-continental ballistic missile fleet.



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Buddy Judd discusses a measuring point on a wall stud with John Bechhold. They are carpenters for Weiss Construction. Weiss is the contractor responsible for renovating base housing.

Many of the civil service employees came here during the Cold War era and have been paramount to many of the base conversion activities. Sadly, some have departed and many more will be transitioning to a new phase of their life. There isn't enough room to put names in here,

but my hat's off to a great group of folks who've gone through a lot of change and never failed to support Team Whiteman.

Soon many of the civilians will likely join the deployed ranks as we support the national effort.

In my travels around base recently, I crashed Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb's, 509th BW command chief master sergeant, motivational speech on service to the new airmen at the First Term Airman Center.

It's hard to describe to the new generation how far we've come and what a journey it has been. We've been blessed with a great portfolio of talents and personalities, which rarely happens. Best of all, Whiteman has been a terrific palette for people to translate a vision into reality. The best part is that the 21st century has just arrived and the next 25 years will bring more changes.

For the bikers out there, winter is almost over. It's time to crank on the bike and tweak it before riding this spring. For the new riders, remember that rear tires wear down fast, so plan on spending that gas money saved on bike maintenance. Try and get through this season with no road rash.

Finally, I would like to thank the founding fathers for creating the greatest government in the universe. I encourage people to vote.

Have a great Whiteman day and I hope to see you around campus.

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Photo by Airman Ryan Wilson

Steppin' up

Patrick Moore, 509th Operations Support Squadron, and his wife, Karen, pose with Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th BW command chief master sergeant, after Moore received a promotion to Tech. Sgt. through the Stripes for Exceptional Performers Program Monday.



Photo by Airman Ryan Wilson

High steppin'

Clark West, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and his wife, Katreana, pose with Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th BW command chief master sergeant, after West received a promotion to Master Sgt. through the Stripes for Exceptional Performers Program Monday.

Wing honors 89 at promotion ceremony

The 509th Bomb Wing recognized 89 promotees at a ceremony here Monday. They are:

Airmen Brandon Blunt, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, **Mark Noffke**, 509th Security Forces Squadron, **Jennifer Phillips**, 509th SFS, and **Cynthia Rutherford**, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

Airmen 1st Class Tiffany Adams, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, **Jeremy Almy**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, **Christopher Alvarado**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, **Michael Boyd**, 509th AMXS, **Chad Bradshaw**, 509th LRS, **Erick Bradshaw**, 509th MXS, **Corey Curl**, 509th MXS, **Deliliah Devault**, 509th Communications Squadron, **Andrew Drew**, 509th SFS, **Zackary Ellard**, 509th SFS, **Geoffrey Gagnon**, 509th CS, **Anthony Gapczynski**, 509th MOS, **Stephan Grozik**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Justin Heupel**, 509th MXS, **Stacie Heupel**, 509th Operations Support Squadron, **Matthew Kenney**, 509th MXS, **Darcy Leonard**, 509th LRS, **David Main**, 509th MXS, **Kerry Mills**, 509th OSS, **Ronald Reyome**, 509th LRS, **Dustin Styx**, 509th AMXS, and

Erik Wiciak, 509th AMXS.

Senior Airmen Ricardo Avila, 509th AMXS, **Robert Broadwater**, 509th AMXS, **Benjamin Chatfield**, 509th Munitions Squadron, **Tommy Crahan**, 509th AMXS, **Ryan Donovan**, 509th MUNS, **Curtis Dorn**, 509th CES, **Chelsea Doshier**, 509th MUNS, **Stuart Doshier**, 509th MUNS, **James Faria**, 509th CES, **Jeffrey Geiger**, 509th AMXS, **Stephanie Hoivik**, 509th OSS, **Bogdan Iliescu**, 509th MXS, **Carl Johnson**, 509th MUNS, **Portique Jones**, 509th MXS, **Kevin Kaler**, 509th CS, **John Key**, 509th SFS, **Noel Lohr**, 509th CS, **Alejandro Lupercio**, 509th AMXS, **Adrian Martinez**, 509th AMXS, **Aswan Miller**, 509th MUNS, **Normica Miller**, 509th OSS, **Jeremiah Moore**, 509th LRS, **Patrick Neavin**, 509th CES, **Daniel Ohern**, 509th AMXS, **Dwight Parrish**, 509th MXS, **James Peil**, 509th AMXS, **Matthew Perkins**, 509th CES, **Anthony Richardson**, 509th AMXS, **Richard Roane**, 509th CS, **James Roberts**, 509th CES, **Carl Robertson**, 509th AMXS, **Andrew Rockey**, 509th OSS, **Roger Rose**, 509th AMXS, **Christopher Steelfox**, 509th MUNS, **Joshua**

Taylor, 509th CES, **Brian Thompson**, 509th MXS, **Juan Tovar**, 509th LRS, **Hans Umhoefer**, 509th MDOS, **Jeffrey Warren**, 509th MUNS, and **Sergio Zuniga**, 509th Bomb Wing.

Staff Sgts. Ron Battle, 509th SFS, **William Baumgarten**, 509th OSS, **John Bernardo**, 509th OSS, **Luis Chaves**, 509th LRS, **Nina Cho**, 509th LRS, **Justin Falcon**, 509th OSS, **Juan Gutierrezcardenas**, 509th MUNS, **Senequa Harris**, 509th MXS, **Matthew Leipart**, 509th OSS, **Jerico McInnis**, 509th SFS, **David Reuscher**, 509th MXS, **Christine Weir**, 509th SFS, **Tameka Whigham**, 509th AMXS, and **Ricardo Zuniga**, 509th Maintenance Group.

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Klein, 509th MUNS.

Master Sgts. Angela Catchings, 509th AMXS, **Leroy Foster**, 509th MXS, **Steven Lacapruca**, 509th MOS, **Timothy Perkins**, 509th MXS, and **Scott Simpson**, 509th MUNS.

Senior Master Sgts. Maxwell Grindstaff, 509th CS, and **David Myette**, 509th MXS.

Chief Master Sgt. Steph Page, 509th AMXS.

Team Whiteman Monthly Flying Goals					
	325 BS	393 BS	394 CTS	442 FW	1/135 AHB
Goal	332.0	309.0	333.2	225.0	124.0
Flown	33.8	30.7	41.2	29.8	168.0
Remaining	298.2	278.3	292.0	195.2	.
4 Mar 04					
Ahead/Behind	- 1.7	- 5.3	- 1.6	.	+ 44.0

This week in Whiteman history

1944 — On March 11, the 393rd BMS was activated and assigned to the 504th Bomb Group at Dalhart Army Airfield, Texas. The squadron, although designated as a B-29 organization, originally trained with B-17 Flying Fortresses. The squadron's first commander was Lt. Col. Thomas Classen.

CES repair team fixes 15-foot walls

By 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Public Affairs

As wing members wrapped things up early Feb. 13 to get ready for the holiday weekend, six members from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron repair team were still at work finishing a repair job at the Whiteman Inn.

There were some rooms with cracked walls that Mike Porter, Whiteman Inn's housekeeping and maintenance manager, asked the team to look at. "Once they got into the project it turned into replacing two 15-foot walls," Mr. Porter said.

The CES repair team members were Staff Sgts. Virgil Deaton and Robert Fleming, and Airmen 1st Class John Burgess, William Harvey, Chad Kaloides and Jaime Rattler.

Mr. Porter told Sergeant Deaton, the team leader, the walls needed to be repaired by the following Tuesday because the Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team was coming and the inn would be at maximum occupancy.

"Sergeant Deaton assured me he would have the work done that Friday afternoon. He even assured me he would

stay as long as necessary to get the job done," Mr. Porter said.

Sergeant Fleming said time was the biggest barrier. The team only had three days to complete the repairs. "We had to put up sheet rock and wait for it to dry. Then, we had to sand it, add another coat and sand it again," he said.

Sergeant Fleming said his team didn't mind staying late because they knew the rooms were needed. "Whatever we can do to help the base, we don't mind," he said. Sergeant Fleming added that the team's effort was terrific. "The airmen showed a lot of dedication because they stayed late and really worked hard."

Airman Kaloides didn't mind finishing the job. "You do what you have to do," he said.

Mr. Porter said he was impressed with the attitude exhibited by the team. "They never complained," he said. "They showed true evidence of the core values."

Other projects the team is currently working on include dormitory renovations and repairs in high-use facilities such as the club, day care center, fitness center and dining hall.

"They are mission-minded people and have a genuine customer service attitude," Mr. Porter said. "Whiteman Inn



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Airman 1st Class John Burgess, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron repair team member, guides a pallet of sandbags onto a dock roof. Airman Burgess also worked on repairs at the Whiteman Inn.

members have been truly blessed by many of the workers in the CES."

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Commander named honorary chief

By Senior Airman Shawn Clements
Public Affairs

Throughout the history of the military, NCOs have used various means of recognizing officers who've displayed leadership and dedication that is above and beyond what is expected.

Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, received some of this recognition after he walked into what he thought was a meeting with the Whiteman Chiefs Group.

It turned out to be his induction ceremony.

General Raaberg was given the Honorary Chief Master Sergeant Award and was inducted into the chiefs group. By lighting the symbolic candle during the induction ceremony, General Raaberg signified his acceptance of this award.

The Honorary Chief Master Sergeant Award is given to recognize and honor selected officers who display the qualities that are expected from a chief master sergeant.

"General Raaberg was made an honorary chief because of his tremendous support for the enlisted men and women under his command," said Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th BW command chief master sergeant. "He provided significant quality-of-life improvements and great leadership for this base."

However, this type of award is rare. "It's quite an honor to become an honorary chief. This means a lot to me," General Raaberg said. "This really touched my heart and as many people know, my heart isn't with the airmen. It is the airmen."

General Raaberg also touched on the



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tia Schroeder

Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, lights the symbolic candle signifying his acceptance as an honorary chief master sergeant.

quality of the chiefs group.

"The chiefs group is a very cohesive group. It's only going to get stronger over the years because of the dynamic leadership that they provide," the general said.

A lasting impression

Command chief led with fiery enthusiasm

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

Keith Cobb sometimes wonders what his life would be like if he hadn't re-enlisted in the Air Force in the winter of 1983.

If the 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant had left the Air Force that year, he never would have touched the lives of hundreds of Whiteman airmen. He wouldn't have influenced and learned from Whiteman's chiefs, first sergeants, senior NCOs and commanders. He wouldn't have helped achieve milestone improvements for Whiteman's quality of life had he not re-enlisted two decades ago.

Then a young buck sergeant, Chief Cobb said he was physically and mentally exhausted from the demands of working as an F-4 crew chief.

But shortly before his separation date that year, Chief Cobb decided to return and 21 years later, he bears eight stripes on his shoulders and a lifetime of achievements.

"Chief Cobb's fingerprints are all over this base," said Chief Master Sgt. Steph Page, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant. "His leadership will not only be seen at Whiteman, but wherever 509ers go."

During his 18 months as the wing's command chief, Chief Cobb helped spearhead a \$1.6 million dormitory renovation project, which included new furniture for nearly all the dormitories. He helped upgrade the base's housing, pushed the construction of a cyber cafe in the Ozark



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, left a profound influence on Whiteman, said his peers.

Inn, and also helped acquire more than \$100,000 of new equipment for the fitness center.

"By personality, I am driven," said Chief Cobb, who leaves Whiteman to become the command chief at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. "And I believe a good leader is a good follower."

He made regular visits to airmen throughout the base, as well as regular briefings to Whiteman's newest airmen at the First Term Airman Center. He even hosted a Christmas dinner for airmen in his home.

"He is a visionary," Chief Page said.

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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 Master Sgt. Dannette Nall

509th Comptroller Squadron Additional Duty First Sergeant

During my short tenure as an additional duty first sergeant, I've seen a few of the problems airmen encounter. One constant problem I've seen is management of personal finances.

I know we've all heard the phrase "living from pay day to pay day." Unfortunately, many people live their entire lives this way.

With each pay raise comes a new bill or credit card. Some people assume they're managing their finances very well by just being able to pay their monthly bills. But, if you're just getting your bills paid and holding your breath until your next pay check — you're living on the edge. Any slight change could throw your finances into a tail spin.

What do you do if an emergency arises? Get a loan and create more bills? I know there's no easy solution and once you start down the road of living pay check to pay check, it's hard to get out. I know — I've been there.

The key to stop living pay check to pay check is to start putting a little aside every month. The question is, "How's that done if you're already scrounging to get by until the next pay check?" Military members can usually count on an annual pay raise. This is a great place to start a personal savings plan.

Instead of increasing your bills or getting an additional credit card, set up an allotment going to a savings account. Even if you can only set aside \$10, \$20 or \$50 a month in one year, you will have \$120, \$240 or \$600 plus interest.

Once you make saving a habit, it gets easier to increase the amount you save. Before you know it, it's as natural as living pay day to pay day.

The hardest part to financial stability is taking that first step and getting started. Condition yourself against dipping into savings. Ask yourself, "Do I need it?"

Stop depending on credit cards and only buy items that you can pay for immediately. You'll be amazed at how



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Master Sgt. Dannette Nall, 509th Comptroller Squadron, helps Airman 1st Class Ryan Edwards, 509th Maintenance Squadron, fill out a payment allotment form.

much stress can be eliminated by not worrying that you'll run out of money.

Remember, everything in life is what you make of it. Make the most of every assignment you have, every moment you spend with family and friends, make the most of your Air Force career and every hard-earned dollar you bring home.

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Leaders call for re-energized suicide-prevention efforts

By G.W. Pomeroy

Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFP) — After 11 active-duty suicides since Jan. 1 and 14 during the final quarter of 2003, Air Force senior leaders are asking commanders and leaders across the service to assess and re-energize suicide prevention efforts at all levels.

The 2003 calendar year suicide rate of 10.5 per 100,000 people was the lowest of all the military services and one-half the rate of a comparable civilian population of males between the ages of 20 and 50. As of Feb. 24, the service's suicide rate was 18.1.

In a letter sent to all major commands, the Air Force's acting assistant vice chief of staff urges airmen to continue pitching in to reduce the number of suicides.

"Suicide is not stopped by medical personnel in emergency rooms; it is stopped by addressing quality-of-life issues in the unit on a daily basis," Lt. Gen. Richard E. Brown III wrote in the letter.

"The major components of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program are active leadership involvement, an emphasis on community involvement and a focus on prevention throughout the life of airmen and their families, not just when they are suicidal," General Brown wrote.

"Pay special attention to the quality of your suicide-prevention briefings," General Brown wrote.

The Air Force requires active-duty and civilian personnel to attend suicide-prevention briefings once during the 15-month air and space expeditionary force cycle.

In light of the recent suicides — none of which

occurred during operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom — General Brown urged commanders to "review how well we continue to implement the 11 initiatives that serve as the foundation of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program."

The 11 initiatives are outlined in Air Force Pamphlet 44-160, Air Force Suicide Prevention Program: Description of Program Initiatives and Outcomes. The 11 initiatives are: build community awareness; leadership involvement; investigative interview policy; professional military education; epidemiological database; delivery of community preventive services; community education and training; critical incident stress management; integrated delivery system; limited patient-psychotherapist privilege and unit risk factor assessment.

Air Force leaders take a community approach in suicide prevention, encouraging every airman to take responsibility in reducing the number of suicides.

A key element of the program is to make a steady pipeline of suicide-prevention tools available for Air Force people at all levels. So far in 2004, the Air Force Medical Service has issued the 2004 Leader's Guide for Managing Personnel in Distress, which is geared to help commanders, first sergeants and other leaders recognize when their people are distressed and how to respond appropriately. It also helps commanders link their people to resources and get them help as soon as possible.

The guide presents information on 35 distressing situations, provides checklists detailing potential behaviors or signs reflective of the person's reaction to the distressing event and responses or resources the leaders may want to

use in responding to the person's needs. The guide was widely distributed as a CD-ROM to every squadron commander and first sergeant in the Air Force. The guide can be viewed on the dot-mil-restricted Air Force Suicide Prevention Program Web site, <https://www.afms.mil/afsp>.

Other suicide-prevention tools include:

✓ "The Air Force Guide for Managing Suicidal Behavior: Strategies, Resources and Tools," an 88-page clinical guide designed to assist mental-health professionals in assessing and managing high-risk behavior.

✓ The 2003 Leadership Suicide Prevention Briefing, a new multimedia briefing involving slides and video. This is geared toward wing, group and squadron commanders.

6 ways you can help

- ✓ Notify supervisor of anyone with high-risk behavior.
- ✓ Escort potential high-risk individuals to an emergency department or the Life Skills Center.
- ✓ For advice after hours, call ambulance services, the law enforcement desk, command post or a first shirt.
- ✓ Involve security forces if necessary.
- ✓ Do not leave the person alone.
- ✓ Remove means of self harm. (Courtesy of the 509th Medical Group)

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"He sees the best people can offer.

"His troops make him happy. He truly enjoys being in the trenches with them and doesn't hesitate to lend a helping hand."

Chief Cobb has been a competitor most of his life. Coming from a humble upbringing in Charleston, Va., he played football, basketball and baseball as a youth. He was also a champion in the boxing ring, compiling a 48-6 record in the ring over seven years.

The competitive, enthusiastic spirit still lingers in him today. Chief Cobb continually encourages his troops to meet standards then exceed them. He helped

lead Whiteman to a successful Nuclear Surety Inspection in December.

"No problem is too small for him," said Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Rush, 509th BW career assistance adviser. "He is never too busy to help his airmen."

"I'm still learning. Leadership is a lifelong learning experience," the chief said.

An avid Christian, Cobb said his fiery enthusiasm comes from being spiritually, mentally and physically fit. He works out four times a week. Each morning he prays and exercises his mind by reading the Bible and other books.

Those routines and the support of his wife, Renee,

allowed Chief Cobb to spread his enthusiasm at Whiteman.

But none of his accomplishments would have been possible, had he not sworn himself in that winter 21 years ago.

"(Re-enlisting) was the best decision of my life," he said.

Finally, Chief Cobb expressed his thanks to the enlisted men and women here for their continued dedication to the mission and the commitment to service. "Whiteman is one of the best places I have ever served, it has been a tremendous honor to have served with the most professional people I have ever seen," he said.

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Master Sgt. Steven Scott
509th Security Forces Squadron

Master Sgt. Steven Scott, 509th Security Forces Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Monday.

Maj. Rodney Cousins, 715th Weapons Squadron, nominated Sergeant Scott for his efforts supporting the 715th WPS.

"Last year, Sergeant Scott ensured that actions concerning physical security were provided so we were able to complete our vault," Major Cousins said.

Sergeant Scott met every short suspense and dealt with a myriad of issues to make the job happen, Major Cousins said.

"Sergeant Scott did it all with an outstanding attitude and true sense of customer service," he said. "The 715th WPS is indebted to Sergeant Scott and appreciates him being our go-to guy who made the difficult tasks happen."

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Automated entry control and intrusion detection systems manager

Time on station: 4 years

Time in service: 19 years, 6 months

Hometown: Ava, Mo.

Spouse: Kathy

Children: Kaitlyn, 14

Hobbies: Spending time with my family and outdoor sports.

Goals: To be the best husband, father and cop that I can be.

Best thing about Whiteman: The small-town community.

Pet peeves: Laziness and those people who aren't honest.

What motivates your winning spirit? God, Kathy and Kaitlyn.

If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be? Slow down the rotations and deployments.

Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed by the individual making Whiteman a better place to live and work by going far beyond his or her assigned duties to "make it happen."

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.

Thank you



Submitting
CIVILIAN
EMPLOYEE
of the
WEEK

To nominate a civilian employee, send an e-mail to whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil.
Be sure to include why this person is being nominated.

Worldwide awareness

Intelligence flight prepares for battle, guides during combat



Photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Senior Airman Rosemarie Morelli talks to Airman Jim Dockery and Airman 1st Class Clint Faddis about locating potential high-threat areas in a specific enemy nation. They are 509th Operations Support Squadron intelligence flight members.

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

Here information is networked around the globe. The world news acquired here weekly could fill several encyclopedias. No this isn't the CNN newsroom or the NBC news tower.

It's the 509th Operations Support Squadron Intelligence Flight. The group provides 509th Bomb Wing senior leaders, staff and aircrew with situational awareness on world events that affect the mission of the wing. It also educates B-2 pilots about enemy weapons systems. The flight accomplishes this through current intelligence briefings, enemy threat briefings, targeteering, weaponeering and deployment support, said Maj. David Scanlon, intelligence flight commander.

With the help of major commands, national agencies such as the CIA and Defense Intelligence Agency, and joint information centers worldwide, the flight acquires classified news to inform pilots and high-ranking officials about events.

The flight is comprised of three elements: operations, target and readiness intelligence.

When the B-2 heads to the fight, operations intelligence element members use threat briefings to inform pilots about possible missile threats from the air, sea and ground. Element members also help pilots with mission planning. The threat briefings increase the pilot's knowledge of current enemy weapons systems, how they are a threat and how they may alter a pilot's route. The intelligence flight also determines if targets are accurate and calculates the amount of munitions required to destroy or damage potential targets.

The flight also conducts weekly classified briefings for Whiteman's senior leaders.

Members conduct daily "round table briefings" to discuss classified news from around the world. Each staff member is assigned a country and decides what news is most relevant to wing operations, Major Scanlon said.

The 393rd and 325th Bomb squadrons and the 442nd Fighter Wing, the 394th Combat Training Squadron and 715th Weapons Squadron each have intelligence staff members to support pilots in daily training and contingency operations.

The final aspect of the flight is the mobility element. This element ensures the intelligence flight can deploy anytime, Major Scanlon said. It also ensures that the intelligence flight systems are operating effectively. The flight deployed members in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2003. The intel members also deploy during Red Flag exercises and the 325th BS members deployed to Guam for the Global Power Mission in September.



First Lieutenant Jon Deck, 509th Operations Support Squadron, gives an enemy threat briefing to Capt. Matt Brechwald, Lt. Col. Dave Raab and Capt. Aaron Hattabaugh, 509th OSS.



Capt. Tim Peckham and Senior Airman Greg Jacobs, 509th Operations Support Squadron, carry deployment cargo. Peckham and Jacobs are members of the intelligence flight's readiness element and help ensure intelligence members are ready to deploy anytime.



Senior Airmen Jeff Miller and D.J. Nicks, 509th Operations Support Squadron, use 3-D glasses to view stereoscopic imagery to check coordinates. This helps ensure the B-2s strike targets accurately.



Airman 1st Class Steve Poettker and Staff Sgt. Rebecca Boden, 509th Operations Support Squadron, discuss the combat capability of a Russian fighter aircraft using a scale model.



Intelligence flight operations element members conduct the daily "round table" briefing in which flight members discuss worldwide intelligence information and decide what is most relevant to the 509th Bomb Wing and the B-2 mission.

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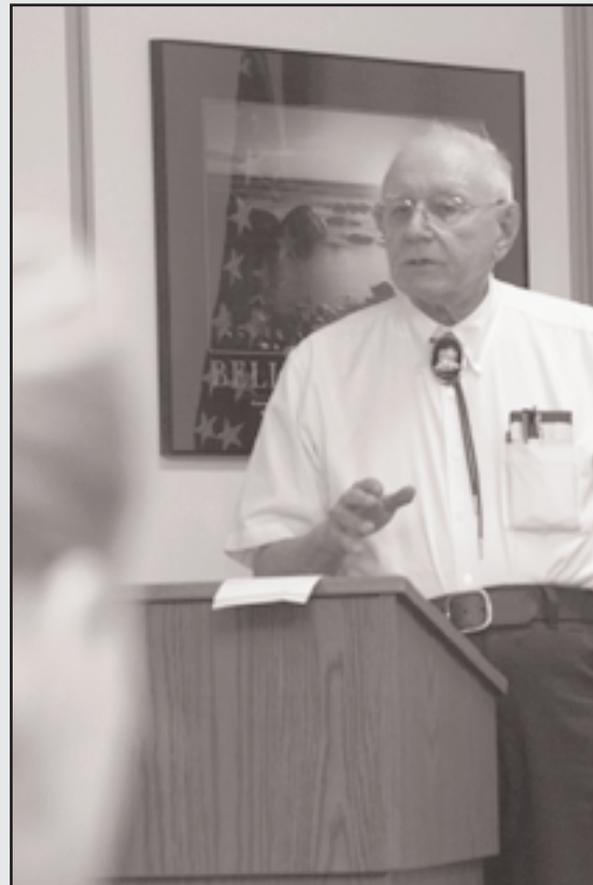


Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Passing experience

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Mel Bockelman talks to a class of first term airmen at the Professional Development Center Feb. 27. Chief Bockelman, who joined the Army Air Corps in 1947, discussed his views of how the Air Force has evolved over the past 56 years.



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

History continues

Col. Ronnie Hawkins, director of communications operations, office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for installations Logistics Headquarters Air Force, Washington D.C., speaks with Barbara Bratton of Knob Noster, who was one of the 128 people, gathered to celebrate African-American Heritage Month at Mission's End Feb. 27. Col. Hawkins received a standing ovation after his speech highlighting the accomplishments of African-American patriots. The members of the African-American Heritage Month committee began planning the event in January.



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

This doesn't hurt a bit

Gearo and Speedy attack Airman 1st Class Mike Shelite, 509th Security Forces Squadron, during a military working dog demonstration at the youth center. The MWD section supports community events educating people about the role of MWDs in the Air Force.

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Education

For more details, visit <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm> or call 687-5750.

Tuition assistance requests now online

Students can request tuition assistance by logging onto the education center Web site at <https://intranet.whiteman.af.mil/units/509mss/educ/homepage.htm> and clicking on the "request tuition assistance" link. For more details, call Cathy Brogan at 687-5754.

AFSA offers scholarship

The Air Force Sergeants Association and the Airmen Memorial Foundation offer their annual scholarships to help eligible dependent children of active-duty, Reserve, and Air National Guard retired or veteran status enlisted members. Some scholarships require membership in the AFSA, while others do not. Currently, there are three programs:

- ✓ The AFSA Scholarship
 - ✓ The Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force Scholarship, and
 - ✓ The AMF Scholarship.
- Amounts awarded and the number of awardees vary depending on the scholarship. Applications must be received by March 31. For applications, visit the AFSA Web site at <http://www.afsahq.org> and click on the "Airmen Memorial Foundation" link. Call the education center for more details.

Community

New Web site to help PCS moves

To ease the strain of relocation, Air Force officials recently launched "AF Move," a Web site designed to put as much

moving-related information as possible at one location. This site aims to give people Air Force-level guidance. The site links users to everything from making permanent-change-of-station moving arrangements to tracking a personally owned vehicle shipment. The user can also see local laws on certain items that may be restricted.

The site also contains links to a toolbox full of technical information that Air Force personal property specialists can reference.

Chapel sponsors movie trip

The chapel is sponsoring a trip to see the film, "The Passion of Jesus Christ," March 13. Buses will leave the chapel parking lot at 11:30 a.m. Participants must sign up by Wednesday. The cost is \$4.75 per person and payment is due March 13. Attendants under 17 must have permission slips signed by parents. Permission slips are available at the chapel and are due by Wednesday. Refreshments will be available during a discussion following the trip. For more details, call 563-6022.

Awards ceremony scheduled

The 509th Maintenance Group annual Maintenance Professional of the Year Awards banquet begins at 5:30 p.m. March 26 at Mission's End. Attire is battle dress uniform for military members and business casual for civilians. The cost is \$12.35 for members and \$14.35 for non-members. To purchase tickets or for more details, call Tech. Sgt. Scott Simpson at 687-1217, Master Sgt. Michael Hayward at 687-1435 or Senior Master Sgts. Scott Savage at 687-7126 and Richard Harken at 687-1918.

Stress management available

A stress management class begins at noon Tuesdays in the life skills support center conference room. Students will learn strategies and skills for coping with life's stresses. For more details or to register, call family advocacy at 687-4342.

SHARP class set

A Shifting Angry Response Patterns anger management class begins at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the life skills sup-

port center conference room. This four-week class is for people interested in learning effective strategies for understanding and managing anger. For more details or to register, call family advocacy at 687-4342.

Boys Town program set

A common-sense parenting class begins the first Thursday of each month. This three-week class offers parents of children ages 6-17 proven methods for reducing unwanted behavior. This class will demonstrate how to give clear messages, stay calm, teach children self control and prevent misbehavior. For more details or to register, call family advocacy at 687-4342.

Video seminar for parents available

The 1-2-3 Magic! program is a two-week videotape seminar that teaches parents easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children ages 2-12 without yelling, arguing or spanking. Parents also learn techniques for handling misbehavior in public, and dealing with testing and manipulation. For more details or to register, call family advocacy at 687-4342.

Special needs meeting set

A forum for parents, teachers and others who care for special needs children is set for Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Whiteman Elementary School library. Learn about the support and community services available and meet others who understand the challenges facing special needs families. Free child care will be provided. Contact Jeanette Bachmann at 563-3303 to R.S.V.P. for child care.

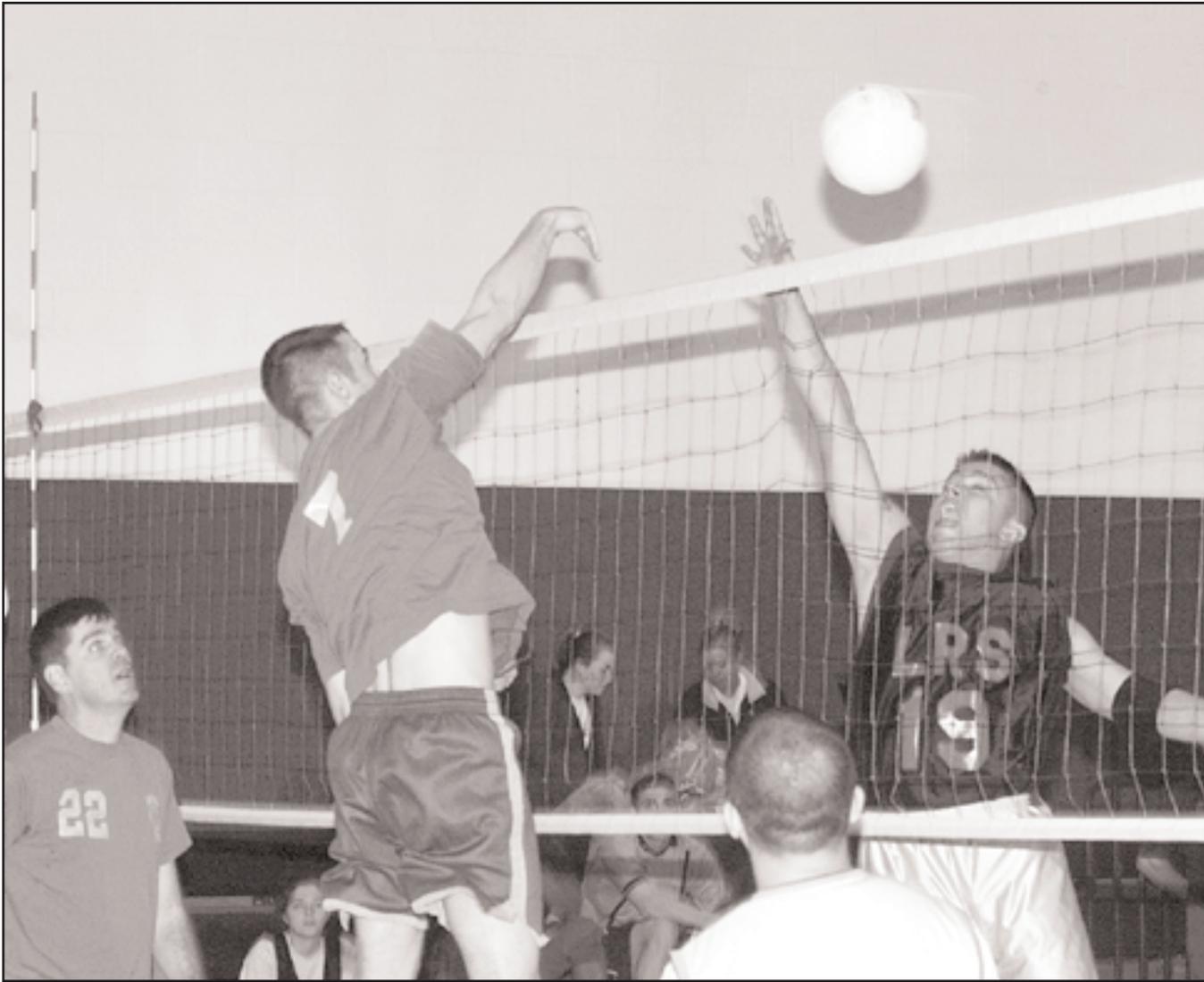
Autism Society of America meeting set

A Central Missouri Chapter Autism Society of America meeting is scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m. at the Warrensburg Community Center 445 E Gay St. Warrensburg, Mo 64093. The meeting is open to parents, teachers students, people with autism and their relatives.

Meetings are also set for April 12 and May 10 at 7 p.m., and June 14 at 6 p.m. Free child care will be provided. For more details, call Lisa Dyer at 660-429-6409.

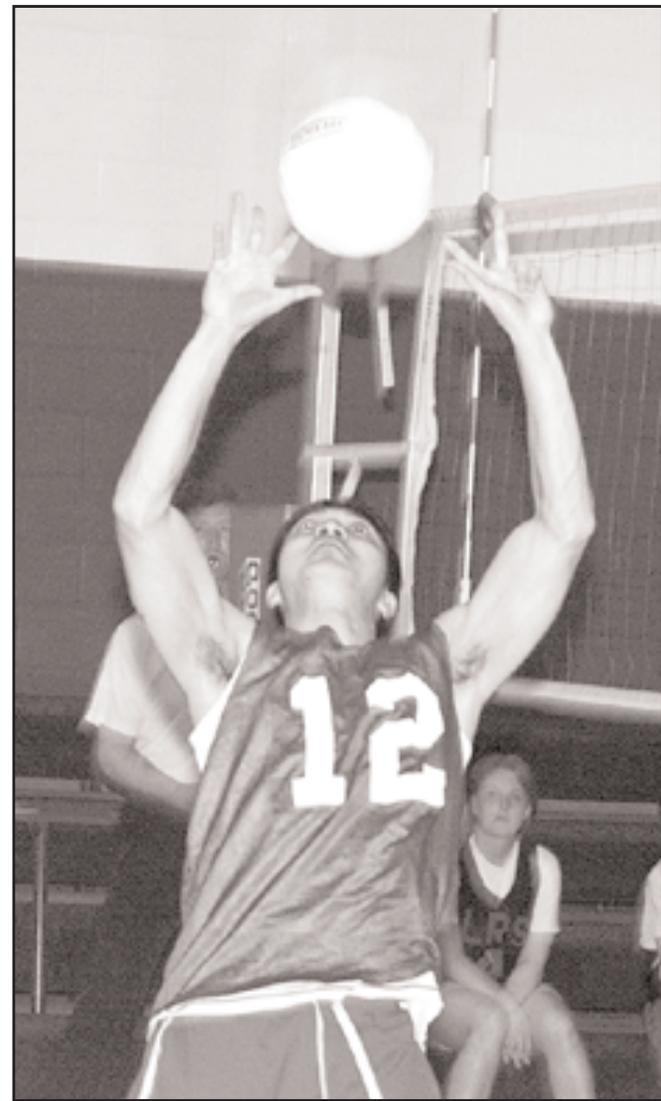
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CS beats LRS in consecutive games

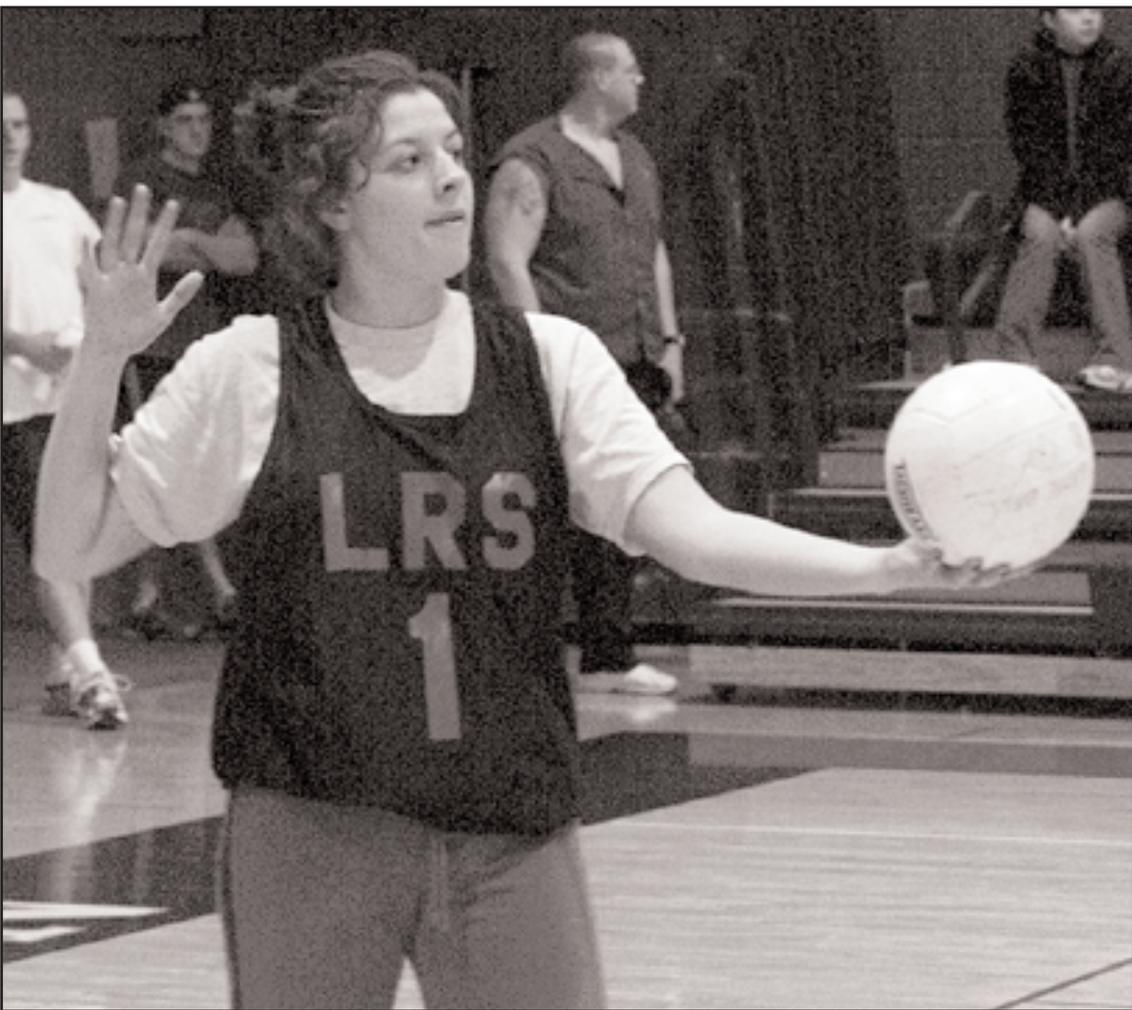


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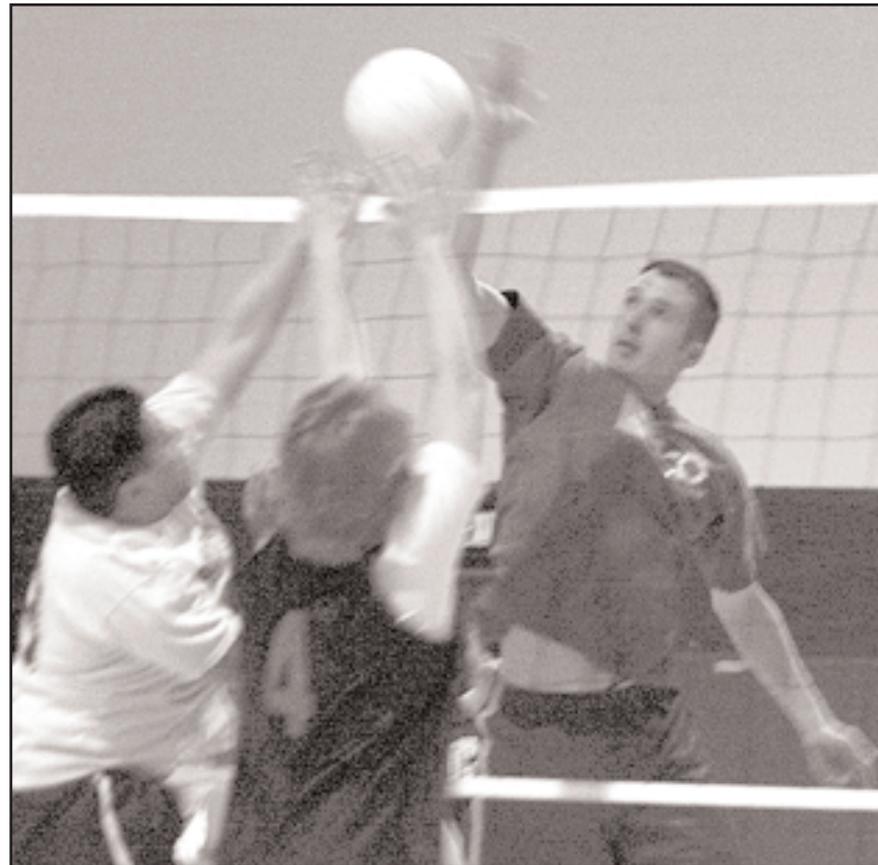
Mike Tucker, 509th Communications Squadron, spikes the ball over the head of Raul Garcia, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Tucker helped lead CS to a 25-8, 25-17 sweep of LRS Tuesday night.



Mike Rivera, 509th Communications Squadron, sets the ball during the 509th CS intramural volleyball team's two-game victory Tuesday.



Liz Gould, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, eyeballs the other side of the court before serving to the 509th Communications Squadron.



Rene Allende and Amber Brown, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, try to block the spike of Mike Tucker, 509th Communications Squadron. In other games Tuesday, the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron beat the 509th Munitions Squadron, 25-22, 25-22. The 509th Security Forces Squadron defeated the 509th Operations Support Squadron by forfeit. The 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron beat the Ladies Varsity Team, 25-23, 25-16.



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Travel & Leisure

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Boater safety class

Get qualified to rent a boat from outdoor recreation 9-11 a.m. Saturday at a boater safety class. Learn Missouri state laws, rules about safety and using equipment. Special classes for squadron functions and hands-on training are also available. Spaces are limited; sign up today.

Wall class

Take a wall climbing class 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Sign up at outdoor recreation for this free event.

Ice skating

Enjoy ice skating 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. March 13 at the Ice Sports Arena in Shawnee, Kan. An \$8 fee includes transportation and skating. Bring money for lunch and snacks. Sign up by Wednesday at outdoor recreation.

Katy Trail ride

Begin spring with a 25-mile bike ride along the Katy Trail 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. March 27. Bring your bike, water and lunch to travel from Clinton to Green Ridge, Mo. Outdoor recreation will provide free bikes and helmets if needed. There's a \$7 fee for transportation. Sign up by March 24.

Tickets & Travel 687-5643

Mardi Gras

Take a trip to Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla., for Mardi Gras anytime now through March 27. The party begins at 5 p.m. Saturdays. There will be concerts, street performers, Cajun and Creole dinners, and more. Mardi Gras festivities are included with Universal Studios admission. Call Tickets & Travel for more details.

Salute the troops

The Fairmont Hotel on the Plaza in Kansas City, Mo., offers specially priced packages now through March 29 in honor of our troops' service. Packages start at \$88 per night and are available through Tickets & Travel. Call for more details.

Food & Fun

Mission's End 687-4422

Mongolian barbecue

Enjoy Mongolian barbecue 5:30-8 p.m. Today at Mission's End. Chicken, beef, shrimp, egg rolls, rice and more will be offered. The cost is \$10.95 for members and \$12.95 for nonmembers.

Club and pub crawl

Members are welcome to a club and pub crawl 4-8 p.m. March 13 at Mission's End. Hang out at seven different themed pub areas with food and drinks to match. Enjoy Irish, German, country, 70s and more.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday
My Baby's Daddy 7 p.m. PG-13
Starring - Eddie Griffin & Anthony Anderson

Saturday
The Butterfly Effect 7 p.m. R
Starring - Ashton Kutcher & Amy Smart

Sunday
Cold Mountain 7 p.m. R
Starring - Nicole Kidman & Renee Zellweger

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50
Movie recording line 687-5110.
Movies are subject to change due to availability.
For current and future movie listings log on to
<http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>.



Sports & Recreation

Fitness Center 687-5496

Women's Health Week

Monday	Spinning class	Noon
Tuesday	Aerobics class	11 a.m.
Wednesday	Equipment training	11 a.m.
Thursday	Circuit training	11 a.m.
March 12	Nutrition & fitness class	1 p.m.

Blood pressure checks are available 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Sign up by Monday for classes at the fitness center.

Stars & Strikes 687-5114

Bonanza Bingo

Play Bonanza Bingo during open hours at Stars & Strikes. Cards are \$1 each for participants 18 and older. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Luck of the Irish

For every three games bowled in March, receive a ticket for a chance to win a new bowling ball. Drawing is held April 1; you don't need to be present to win.



Community Activities

Skills Development 687-5691

Clay sculpting class

Learn to sculpt clay in a beginners three-session class noon-2 p.m. Saturday, March 13 and 20 at the skills development center. There's a \$30 fee plus supplies. Tools are provided. Today is the last day to sign up.

Coiling pottery class

Learn to coil pottery in a three-session beginners class 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, March 17 and 24 at the skills development center. There's a \$30 fee plus clay and glaze. Sign up by noon Tuesday.

Kaleidoscope class

Learn to cut, grind and assemble a kaleidoscope in a two-session beginners class 1-3 p.m. March 13 and 27 at the skills development center. There's a \$30 fee plus supplies. Sign up by noon the day before the class.

Glitter Easter eggs

Use glitter and different kinds of embellishments to design an Easter egg 10 a.m.-1 p.m. March 13 at the skills development center. The \$20 fee includes supplies. Sign up by noon the day before the class.

Community Center 687-5617

CMSU chess challenge

Central Missouri State University is challenging Whiteman to a chess tournament at 10 a.m. Saturday at the community center. The cost is \$5 for each contestant. There's no sign up deadline for this event.

4x4 club

An informational meeting about the 4x4 club begins at 1 p.m. Saturday. Members can participate in fun runs, trail rides, compete against other clubs and get a chance to attend a 4x4 jamboree in Springfield, Mo., in May.

Halo tournament

Compete in a Halo video game tournament 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. March 13 at the community center. There will be a competition for individuals and for teams. There's a \$5 fee per individual and \$10 for a team of four. Participants must be 16 or older. Sign up by March 12.

Beautiful baby contest

Enter your baby's picture into a beautiful baby contest Monday through March 13. Babies must be 12 months or younger. Pictures will be displayed March 20-29 at the community center for everyone to vote. This is a free event. Call for more details.

Trading card swap

Trade Pokemon, Nascar, baseball and other cards 2-4 p.m. March 13 at the community center. Refreshments will be provided at this free event.

Spring Safari

See the new baby rhinoceros at the Kansas City, Zoo. All ages are welcome to take a bus trip 10 a.m.-6 p.m. March 20. The \$12 fee includes transportation and admission. Sign up at the community center by March 19.

Library 687-5614

I love chocolate

Youth ages 10-18 are welcome to learn the history of chocolate 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the library. Learn about chocolate, play chocolate trivia, make chocolate crafts and eat chocolate. There's no sign up for this free event. *Sponsored in part by the Whiteman enlisted spouses club



Teen Center 687-5819

Indoor rock climbing

Teens are welcome to travel to Metamorphic Form in Columbia, Mo., noon-7 p.m. March 12 for indoor rock climbing. The cost of \$15 includes two hours of rock climbing, shoes, instruction, climbing equipment and transportation. Bring money for dinner. Sign up by Wednesday.

St. Patrick's Day bash

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with games, green food and green punch 5-7 p.m. March 17 at the teen center. This event is \$2 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. Sign up by March 16.

Did you know?

Teens can join an educational discussion about the power of choice 7-8 p.m. March 19 at the teen center. Teens can watch a video and discuss guidelines to making choices that are right for them. There's no sign up for this free event.

Family Child Care 687-5590/1180

FCC Orientation Class

Receive free training to become a family child care provider 8 a.m.-4 p.m. March 15-19. Sign up by Friday March 12. Pick up a registration package at the family child care office 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Base residents

Guidelines in Air Force Instruction 34-276, Family Child Care Programs, requires anyone providing in-home child care for 10 hours or more a week on a regular basis to be licensed. If you are currently unlicensed, you must cease care and apply for a family child care license. Call for more details.

Youth Center 687-5586

St. Patrick's party

Children in kindergarten through seventh grade are invited to a fun night 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 12 at the youth center. Play bingo, get your face painted, challenge your friends to a game and more. There's a \$5 fee for members and \$6.50 fee for nonmembers. Punch and cookies will be provided. Sign up begins Monday.

Baseball and T-ball registration

Register for baseball and T-ball 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. now through March 19 at the youth center. This event is \$30 for members and \$38 for nonmembers. Late registrations will be taken if space is available with an extra \$10 fee. Children must be 5 years old to be eligible. Current physicals and shot records on file at the youth center are required for participation.

Freaky Friday

Children in kindergarten through seventh grade are welcome to freaky Friday 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 19 at the youth center. Watch the movie "Freaky Friday," wear freaky clothes, play freaky games and more. This event is \$5 for members and \$6.50 for nonmembers. Sign up begins March 15.

Spring has sprung

Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to a night of crafts, bingo and more 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 26 at the youth center. There's a \$5 fee for members and \$6.50 fee for nonmembers. Sign up begins March 22.