



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Maj. Rebecca Steckel, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, Lt. Col. Leslie Martin, 509th Mission Support Group deputy commander, Capt. Christopher Seaman, 509th Medical Support Squadron and Maj. Rebecca Vallejo, 509th MDOS, coordinate information during a major accident response exercise. The base simulated a mid-air collision of two F-15C fighter aircraft.

## Wing prepares for air show

By 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen  
Public Affairs

A simulated aircraft crash Thursday tested the ability of base and local agencies to respond to a major accident.

The exercise was conducted in preparation for the "Wings Over Whiteman" open house and air show June 19-20. This exercise was just one part of the multifaceted preparation process for the air show.

Lt. Col. Ken Lowry, 442nd Logistics Readiness Squadron and air show event coordinator, said he expects more than 80,000 people may attend.

With a large crowd expected and various events scheduled, the air show requires extensive planning and coordination with on and off-base agencies, according to Maj. Keith Reeves, 394th Combat Training Squadron and air show director. Off-base agencies include the Knob Noster and Warrensburg fire and police departments, the Johnson County Sheriff's department, Missouri Highway Patrol and the Red Cross.

Additionally, Major Reeves said almost every unit on base has been involved in supporting and planning the air show.

"Security Forces began planning this year's show as soon as the equipment was put away from last year," said Master Sgt. Mark Kinner, 509th Security Forces Squadron and air show security coordinator.

Traffic flow, entrance to the base, safety and security are priority issues for the air show, and guests should expect tight security measures, such as metal detectors.

"Our number one concern is that the people attending the show are provided a safe and secure environment which allows them to enjoy the day," Sergeant Kinner said.

Measures are in place to get the large amount of people on base and through security with minimal delays. To help ease traffic, guests should follow specific rules posted outside the gates. Some of these rules include no coolers,

large carry bags or weapons. This is a family event so strollers and small diaper bags are permitted.

Major Reeves also encourages guests to arrive early, bring sunscreen and stay all day.

There are a variety of events and displays for guests to see. "Tora! Tora! Tora!" is one of the more popular performances, according to Colonel Lowry. It involves replica Japanese fighters and bombers using smoke, fire and explosions to simulate the World War II Pearl Harbor attack.

Aircraft aerobatics is a large portion of the air show. Many acts are scheduled, including the AeroShell team, the Turbo-Shark SU-26, and an aerobatic showcase featuring the C-21, C-45 and Sampson.

"There will be lots of aircraft filling the sky," Major Reeves said.

Static displays include the F-16, B-52, C-17, A-10, AH-64A and KC-10, and flybys include the F-117, C-5 and the F-15 demo team, in addition to Whiteman's B-2s and T-38s.

While guests may purchase food, drinks and souvenirs, admission is free. Major Reeves said "Wings Over Whiteman" gives the public a chance to appreciate the base and what their tax dollars pay for.

"This is for the public," Major Reeves said. "It gives us the opportunity to say thanks."

Sergeant Kinner advises Whiteman members planning to attend should use the Spirit Gate entrance and park in the designated areas at the base exchange, lots west of Bldg. 706, and between Sixth Street and Spirit Boulevard.

Guest traffic will be directed to the Arnold gate and a parking area nearby with shuttle service, or LeMay gate and two parking areas at the south end of the base. Handicap parking is also available near the commissary and in lots between buildings 53 and 59.

For more information and updates about "Wings Over Whiteman," visit <http://www.whiteman.af.mil/airshow/index.shtml>.

### News in Brief

#### Basewide garage sale set

A basewide garage sale begins 8 a.m. Saturday. The garage sale takes place in base housing for members who live on base and in the Whiteman Elementary School parking lot for members who live off base. Military members and Department of Defense civilians wanting to host a sale can sign up at the housing office. Call 687-1840 or e-mail [carol.descombes@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:carol.descombes@whiteman.af.mil) by 4 p.m. today.

#### National Police Week

The 509th Security Forces Squadron joins military and civilian police units nationwide in celebrating National Police Week Sunday to May 15. Base families are invited to see a weapons display 1:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday in the field next to Vandenberg Avenue, across from the base exchange. There will also be a military working dog demonstration. Kids can also participate in face painting and see McGruff the crime dog. For more details, call 687-5811.

#### Remember to recycle

Base housing residents are reminded to separate their recyclables from regular trash. Residents are responsible for separating these items. Each housing unit is provided containers specifically for recyclable items and trash. Residents who don't have these containers can acquire them by calling the housing office at 563-2477. Recyclable containers with any non-recyclable items will not be collected. For more details, call the 509th Civil Engineering Squadron maintenance office at 687-2627.

#### Post office closed after duty hours

Due to recent vandalism and thefts occurring around the post office, the building will be locked after duty hours until further notice. The new hours are 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. weekdays and 9- 11 a.m. Saturdays. Post office box users will no longer have access to their mail after duty hours. For more details, call Staff Sgt. Cleo Davis, 509th Communications Squadron, at 687-5107.

#### 2004 Whiteman Job Fair scheduled

The 2004 Whiteman Job Fair takes place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday in the Missouri Army National Guard Armory. For more details, call the family support center at 687-7132.

#### Road repairs scheduled

Road repairs on base are currently taking place at the northern housing area on Langley Drive, on Vandenberg Avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets, Summit Drive, and Westover Road. Repairs will also be made in the Bldg. 705 parking lot. Base members are reminded to obey posted road closure and detour signs. For more details, call Gary Hall at 687-6281.

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# Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller

509th Bomb Wing Commander

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS.** After a week in command, it's pretty clear that Whiteman folks are proud to share what they do and why the 509th does our mission so well. From commanders, to NCOs, to the Airmen on the leading edge of our mission, I've been impressed. There aren't enough hours in a day to visit every workplace as soon I'd like, but I look forward to meeting each of you as soon as time permits.

**RITE OF PASSAGE.** Congratulations to Whiteman's new college graduates, many of whom will be recognized at a ceremony tonight at the Knob Noster Middle School gym. It takes hard work and commitment for our Airmen to complete off-duty education. I applaud all who take advantage of the educational opportunities that our Air Force helps make possible. All the best for future success—you earned your "luck!"

**NEXT WEEK IS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK.** In this time of terrorist threat, it's not just the military defending our nation. Many extraordinary men and women are serving in our country's police and law enforcement agencies, and this week we

have a chance to see and say thanks for what they do. Our own 509th Security Forces Squadron joins the celebration Sunday with an equipment display and K-9 demonstration in the field across from the BX. Bring the kids!

**COMMUNITY THANKS.** Some of our civilian neighbors put on a great event for us last Friday with the Military Appreciation Day at the Warrensburg Community Center. Our families had a wonderful chance to relax with civilian and military friends. We're fortunate to have enthusiastic communities around us who value our mission; they recognize what you're doing for our nation, and I deeply appreciate their support.

**WELL DONE.** You're used to working hard to make the wing's flying targets, and that's our gold standard for taking a "goal day." Today, however, the wing takes a well-earned break to recognize the outstanding results you achieved in the ACC Unit Compliance Inspection. The weather is expected to be nice this weekend, so I imagine many of you will be out enjoying beautiful central Missouri. Whatever you do, please BE SAFE. Managing risk is important for you, your family, and friends around you. We need all of our team back on Monday!



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

**Airman 1st Class Brian Schleder and Senior Airman Freddy Munoz, 509th Security Forces Squadron, check a list of contractors approved for entry on the base at the LeMay gate. National police week is Sunday through May 15.**

## Mentoring: every supervisor's responsibility

By Col. Curtiss Petrek

509th Operations Group Commander

All of us are graduates from the school of hard knocks. Throughout our careers we've learned things the hard way. As supervisors, we're afforded the opportunity to pass on to our people those lessons we've learned. If we do it right, we can avoid making our troops go through the same path of hard knocks we went through. I call this mentoring.

To describe the mentoring process, let me first tell you what mentoring isn't.

First, mentoring shouldn't be confused with micro-managing. A micro-manager does the work other people should do and fails to empower others to get things done. Conversely, a mentor not only empowers others to do the task, but equips them with the necessary tools to be successful.

Second, mentoring isn't criticizing others for their shortfalls. Instead, mentoring should always be positive. A subordinate should always look forward to mentoring opportunities.

Destructive criticism tends to make a subordinate avoid contact with his or her supervisor and in the long run makes performance worse.

Third, mentoring isn't telling others how to do their job. However, it's provid-

ing others an enhanced work environment and knowledge base that allows them to determine the best courses of action to meet your conveyed expectations.

There are many more things that mentoring isn't, but I'll leave you with one last thought.

Mentoring isn't a process where you, the supervisor, make all the decisions and then tell your subordinates why that decision was good for them. Instead, mentoring is a process where your expertise and guidance equips others to make decisions for themselves.

Now that I've shared my view of what mentoring isn't, let me give you some tips about mentoring.

First, mentoring is a responsibility that every supervisor should take seriously. It's essential that we pass on our wisdom and experience to our troops to help them be more successful.

Second, to be successful mentors, we need to know our people. It's hard to know how to best equip our troops with leadership tools unless we know their weak areas, strong points and people skills.

Third, mentoring takes time. For most of us, we miss out on good mentoring opportunities because we think we're too busy. Seize every opportunity! You'll be glad you did. Nothing on your schedule is



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

**Col. Curtiss Petrek, 509th Operations Group commander, reviews some effective mentoring techniques with members of the 509th OGS.**

more important than the time you spend with your people making them better supervisors and leaders.

Fourth, you must listen to your people. A supervisor or leader who listens is more apt to develop a relationship with a subordinate by fostering an environment that promotes mentoring.

Finally, work on your own mentoring skills. Think back to all those times you were mentored and adopt those techniques

you thought were most effective.

You may have to adjust some of these techniques to accommodate individual personalities, but this is a good point to start.

Hopefully, I've provided you some insight concerning mentoring. If nothing else, I've helped you think about this supervisor's responsibility. Please take this responsibility seriously. The subordinates we mentor today will be the leaders of the Air Force tomorrow.

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## Extensions set for deploying fishermen

Deployed members eligible for extra time on unused hunting and fishing licenses

WASHINGTON — Service members from Whiteman who purchased a sporting license and were unable to fully use their hunting or fishing privileges due to mobilizations and deployments may qualify for permit extensions.

At its April 26 meeting, the Missouri Conservation Commission voted to approve permit privilege extensions for certain military personnel. The commission action reads:

“Approval to reissue no-cost equivalent permit privileges to any military personnel, including Missouri National Guardsmen and Reservists, who purchased Missouri hunting, fishing, and/or trapping permits on or after January 1, 2002, but were unable to fully exercise the privilege(s) purchased due to mobilization and deployment outside of Missouri.”

Ken Taylor, 509th Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation manager, agreed with the conservation commission’s action. He said he anticipates the large number of outdoor enthusiasts at Whiteman who were unable to enjoy their pastimes would be excited about the legislation. “We sponsor an intramural fishing tournament, the Polar Bear Fishing Classic and a fishing tournament for children on July 4,” he said. Mr. Taylor estimates that during the fishing season, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, the outdoor recreation center rents about 20 boats per week.

Congressman Ike Skelton also praised the Missouri Conservation Commission for approving hunting and fishing permit extensions for certain military members.

“I want to thank the Missouri Conservation Commission for taking this step to recognize the sacrifices of our citizen soldiers. Many of our military personnel are avid sportsmen and women, and it is only right to extend licenses they could not use while fulfilling their military commitments,” said Skelton.

Skelton contacted the Missouri Department of Conservation in March 2004 to urge the Conservation Commission to offer free license extensions to service members who purchased hunting and fishing licenses that they were unable to use due to mobilization or deployment.

New permits would issue upon application to the Department accompanied by appropriate military documentation of qualified deployment.”

“Military mobilizations and deployments disrupt the lives of service members and their families, but still these



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**Ken Taylor, 509th Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation manager, sorts brochures containing information on fishing and hunting license rates.**

men and women answer our nation’s call. I hope that interested service members - Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve - will take advantage of this opportunity to let Missourians thank them for their service,” said Skelton.

For more details, visit the Missouri Department of Conservation Web site at <http://www.mdc.missouri.gov>.



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

**Robin Smith, 509th Mission Support Squadron Family Support Center, briefs how to maintain and build a healthy financial future to troops from the First-Term Airmen Center.**

## FSC sponsors job fair

The family support center’s annual Job Fair takes place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 12 at the Missouri Army National Guard Armory. More than 50 businesses will be on hand for the event.

Robin “Smitty” Smith from the FSC said people who attend the Job Fair should dress for success, have resumes and business cards available and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews.

Job Fair companies include:

- ✓ @ Work Fairway Personnel Services
- ✓ Adecco
- ✓ AFLAC
- ✓ Alliance
- ✓ Allied Security Inc.
- ✓ AutoZone, Inc.
- ✓ Aviation Fabricators
- ✓ Bothwell Regional Health Center
- ✓ Central Missouri State University
- ✓ Children's Therapy Center
- ✓ Cintas Corporation
- ✓ ConAgra Foods
- ✓ Creative Mortgage Consultants, LLC
- ✓ Crete Carrier Corporation
- ✓ DeVry University
- ✓ Edward Jones
- ✓ Excel Corp.
- ✓ Federal Bureau of Investigations
- ✓ Federal Bureau of Prisons
- ✓ Flexible Staffing
- ✓ Fort Scott Community College
- ✓ Four Seasons In Home Service
- ✓ Government Employees Hospital Association
- ✓ Jefferson City Police Department
- ✓ Johnson County Kansas Sheriff's Department
- ✓ Lee's Summit Police Department
- ✓ Lowe's
- ✓ Marshall Habilitation Center
- ✓ Mary Kay Inc.
- ✓ Missouri Army National Guard
- ✓ Missouri Army National Guard
- ✓ Missouri Department of Corrections
- ✓ Missouri State Highway Patrol
- ✓ Missouri Veteran's Home
- ✓ Missouri Welding Institute, Inc.
- ✓ Missouri Department of Transportation
- ✓ Missouri Division of Workforce Development
- ✓ Overland Park Police Department
- ✓ Park University
- ✓ Pathways CBH Inc.
- ✓ Precision Aero Services
- ✓ Primerica Financial Services
- ✓ Reece \$ Nichols Realty
- ✓ Securitas
- ✓ SEI Technology, Inc.
- ✓ Springfield, Mo., Police Department
- ✓ State Fair Community College
- ✓ Tracker Marine
- ✓ Tyson Foods, Inc.
- ✓ U.S. Secret Service
- ✓ Department of Veterans Affairs
- ✓ Whiteman Air Force Base Civilian Personnel Office
- ✓ Webster University

For more details, call the FSC at 687-7132. (Courtesy of the family support center)



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## Thank you!

Dr. Marsha Drennon, State Fair Community College president, and Ken Brown, SFCC board of trustees, present a \$10,000 donation from SFCC to Dana Pearson, Whiteman’s Library director, and Stephanie DeClue, public services librarian April 29, at the base library. The Whiteman base library received the donation from SFCC to acquire materials that support the broad range of programs offered by SFCC. The base library’s mission to support professional and voluntary education is accomplished by providing the kinds of services and resources required for student research. The library also offers access to thousands of books and millions of articles at <http://www.WhitemanAFBLibrary.org>. In addition, students can get professional help with a research project online with the library’s “Ask a Librarian” service. SFCC’s donation will help ensure that the Library’s collections meet the needs of all higher education students on base.

# Severe weather info explained

By Capt. Corey Hummel  
509th Operations Support Squadron

Severe weather season is upon us. Do you ever get confused with various weather watches and warnings from various media sources? Let me take a moment to sort out definitions of watches and warnings issued by the 509th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight for Whiteman when unfavorable weather approaches.

Don't get confused with the watches and warnings the National Weather Service issues and the watches and warnings issued by Whiteman. The NWS' watches and warnings are not valid for Whiteman. The NWS is concerned with a very large area and what they issue may not occur at Whiteman. That's where we come in. We're concerned with Whiteman and are committed to providing the best weather services possible.

We also produce products that the NWS doesn't tailored to the unique needs of Whiteman.

Here's a breakdown of the products you may see:

## Severe Thunderstorm Watch



There is a potential for thunderstorms to produce wind gusts equal to or greater than 58 miles per hour and/or stronger, or hail three-fourths of an inch, or larger, in diameter. This is a time sensitive "heads-up" bulletin. Whiteman Air Force Base Instruction 15-11 requires we have a four-hour lead time on this watch.

## Severe Thunderstorm Warning



Severe thunderstorms are likely to occur on base at the given time. WAFB Instruction 15-11 requires we have a two-hour lead time on this warning so required agencies have sufficient time to take necessary actions. Pay special attention to the valid time of this warning because it's forecast warning. It's very different from a NWS warning which is an observed (already occurring) warning and means take cover immediately.

## Moderate Thunderstorm Warning



Moderate thunderstorm warnings are product unique to the Air Force and mean it's likely there will be thunderstorms on base producing wind gusts from 39 to 57 mph and/or any hail less than three-fourths of an inch in diameter. WAFB Instruction 15-11 requires we have a 90-minute lead time on this warning. There is no watch issued for moderate thunderstorms.

## Tornado Watch



There is the potential for tornadoes on the base. It doesn't mean tornadoes are imminent — just that you need to be alert and prepared to go to

safe shelter if tornadoes do happen and a warning is issued. WAFB Instruction 15-11 requires we have four hours lead time on this watch. Sometimes we may issue a watch for the base and the NWS may not have our area in a watch box (or vice versa). Be careful not to confuse the two. Remember, we're forecasting for a point, and the NWS is covering a much broader area.

## Tornado Warning



This warning is also a forecast warning with an estimated valid time. Treat this warning like a NWS observed warning and take cover immediately. The base sirens will sound (3-5 minute steady tone) preceded by Giant Voice saying, "tornado warning." WAFB Instruction 15-11 requires we have a 30-minute lead time but due to the unpredictable nature of tornadoes, there may be no lead time.

## Lightning (within five and 25 nautical miles) Watch



There is the potential for lightning within five to 25 nautical miles of the base. These are two separate watches. WAFB Instruction 15-11 requires we have 30 minutes lead time on these two watches.

## Lightning (within five, 10 and 25 nautical miles) Warning



This is an observed warning not a forecast one. Lightning has been observed within the prescribed distances. If your agency requires you to take action, do so immediately.

## Heavy Rain Watch



Means there is the potential for rainfall greater than two inches within 12 hours on base. WAFB Instruction 15-11 requires we have four hours lead time on this watch. This is the equivalent to an NWS flood watch.

## Heavy Rain Warning



This is a forecast warning and will have a specific valid time. WAFB Instruction 15-11 requires us to have 90 minutes lead time on this warning. This warning is the same as a NWS flood warning.

If you have any questions, WAFB Instruction 15-11 can be found on our Web site at <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/Weather/index.shtml>.

All current watches and warnings can be found at the same address but under the "local weather" link.

Visit <http://www.spc.noaa.gov/faq/> for more details on how the NWS defines watches.

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*You can never B-2 safe*



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## Good on ya'!

Joshua Bartholomew, son of Christine and Major Bruce Bartholomew, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, has been named Air Combat Command's 2004 Youth of the Year. Joshua was recognized for his school, base and community involvement. The Youth of the Year program is conducted by the base youth center in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year program, and this is the second consecutive year a Whiteman youth won this award. Nominees submit a written package and participate in a video teleconference in front of an ACC panel of judges for their oral presentation competition. Joshua will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from ACC. He said he plans to pursue a doctorate degree to become a pediatric oncologist. Joshua says higher education will allow him to give back to his community. He attributes much of his success to his involvement with the base youth center. "The Teen Center provides an avenue for improving academic proficiency, building self-esteem, developing good social skills, and strengthening leadership abilities," he said. "The teen center has been a second home and because of it I'm a better person and can continue to set an example for others."

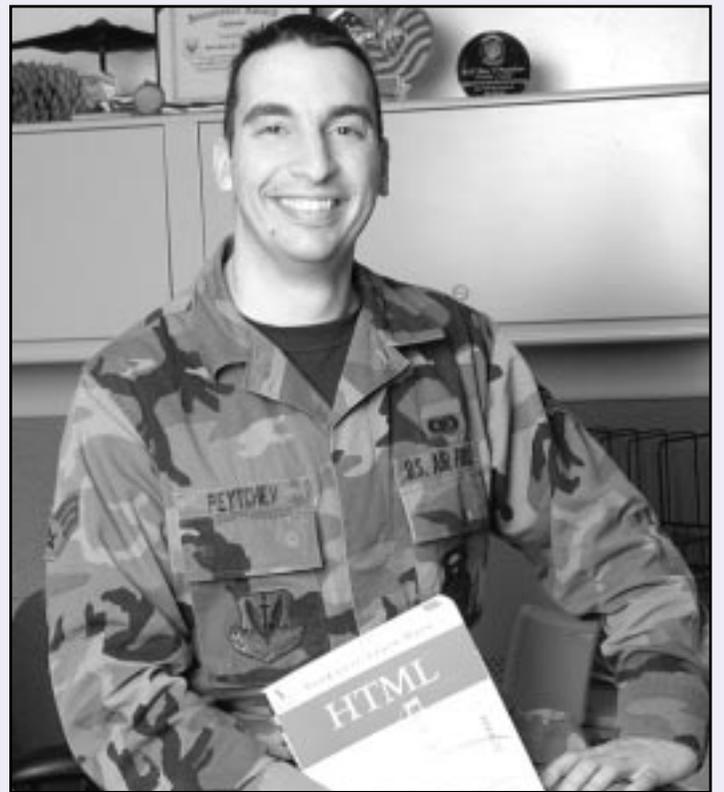


Photo by Tech Sgt. Joan Anderson-Brown

## OTS bound

Senior Airman Slav Peytchev, 509th Communications Squadron, was recently selected for Officer Training School. Senior Airman Peytchev earned a commissioning slot as a chemist. He will attend OTS at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Other Whiteman members selected for OTS were Senior Airman Brian Dela Cruz, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Tech. Sgts. Robert Goeke, 509th Contracting Squadron, Robert O'Day, 509th Maintenance Squadron, Wilburn Poe, 509th MXS, and Master Sgt. Harvey Catchings, 325th Bomb Squadron.

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## Whiteman Spirit Award



**Tech. Sgt. Misti Rude**

509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Misti Rude, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Monday.

Jeffrey Blake, Northrop Grumman logistics engineering specialist, nominated her for the award.

Sergeant Rude supports the Northrop Grumman Material Control Center and Mr. Blake, the interim contract and repair support liaison, by providing the daily documentation needed to accomplish inductions for all B-2 ICS repairs ini-

tiated at Whiteman. She also helps identify and correct record discrepancies, preventing equipment misdirection.

Recently, Sergeant Rude provided research data necessary to identify critical stock deficiencies of power transmission shafts in mobility kits prior to deployments.

"Sergeant Rude is truly a team player," Mr. Blake said. "Her contributions to the Northrop Grumman MCC are critical to accomplishing accurate and efficient ICS repair management activities at Whiteman."

### Personally Speaking

**Duty title:** NCO in charge of the flight service center

**Time on station:** 1 year, 7 months

**Time in service:** 11 years

**Hometown:** Pensilly, Minn.

**Hobbies:** Fishing, golf and camping

**Goals:** To get my degree in business management and retire with as much rank as possible.

**Best thing about Whiteman:** The small town atmosphere.

**Pet peeves:** People who are afraid of change.

**What motivates your winning spirit?** When I see a young Airman succeed at what they do.

**If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be?** Nothing.

## Spirit Spotlights



... on **Senior Airman Michael Jennings**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, for winning Airman of the Quarter.

... **Staff Sgt. Christopher Gresser**, 509th Munitions Squadron, for winning NCO of the Quarter.

... **Senior Master Sgt. Steven Gardner**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, for winning Senior NCO of the Quarter.

... **Capt. Brady Wilkins**, 509th MUNS, for winning CGO of the Quarter.

... **Airman 1st Class Edwin Evans**, 509th MUNS, and **Tech. Sgt. David Bauer**, 509th MXS, for being named Maintenance Professionals of the Quarter.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

As a youth, Senior Airman Kamarudini Raimi dreamed of becoming a pilot while growing up in the West African city of Accra, Republic of Ghana. At 24, the 509th Munitions Squadron member moved to America to chase that dream.

## To America, will fly

*509th MUNS member crosses ocean to reach lifelong goal*

### Continuing the LEGACY

By Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

Public Affairs

His destiny hit him in a flash, as an eight-year old youth watching television in his family's home.

"I just got a push," said Senior Airman Kamarudini Raimi, a 509th Munitions Squadron supply liaison. "It came while I was watching T.V. I saw pilots with their headsets and suits and I thought it was cool. From that day, I started doing everything possible to become a pilot."

The fourth of eight children, Airman Raimi grew up in Accra, the capital and largest city in the Republic of Ghana. Airman Raimi and his siblings knew there were few career opportunities in Ghana. Jobs were scarce and qualifying to attend college in Ghana, or any secondary education was difficult, he said. Tuition costs were high and there were few colleges in the country.

It was even harder to become a pilot, Airman Raimi said. Ghana had no aviation training programs.

Still, his interest in flying continued to grow.

His family worried about his decision. Where did this crazy talk of flying come from? No one in his family ever talked about anything like it before. Too expensive, too risky they would say. Airman Raimi said they thought his dream was out of reach. He didn't listen.

"They said, 'why don't you become a doctor or something?'" said Airman Raimi. "I said 'No, I don't think so.' I just wanted to be in the air."

Airman Raimi wanted it so much, he began studying mechanical engineering at the Poly Technic in Accra so he could get the chance to learn about the engine systems of different air frames. He spoke to Ghana Airways pilots and discovered what he needed to learn to become a pilot. Each pilot he talked to told him the same thing: to become a pilot you must go to America.

"I knew it was going to be expensive," Airman Raimi said. "I didn't care. As long as I was going to fly, I did everything possible to get on planes."

One day Airman Raimi received a letter. He had won a lottery to travel to the U.S. and become a permanent resident. More importantly, moving to the United States would give him an opportunity to fly.

But it would be his first true separation from his family and his father.

### Spiritual mentor

Each time Airman Raimi closes his eyes in prayer, he sees his late father.

Sometimes, when he soars in the western Missouri skies while training to become a pilot at the Central Missouri State University airport, he imagines his dad, who passed away in January of 2001 from natural causes.

Shortly after Airman Raimi arrived at Whiteman in September 2000, his father, Raimi Raji (In Nigerian tradi-

tion, the first name of a father becomes the last name of his children) passed away at the age of 76.

"I know wherever he is he's happy for me," said Airman Raimi, 28. "I know he's seeing me fly."

Despite the doubts of others, the elder Raimi stood by his son. Leave him alone, he knows what he's doing, his father would say.

"He was always beside me and supporting me," Airman Raimi said of his father. "He trusted my judgement totally."

His father also supported Airman Raimi's decision to join the Air Force shortly after he arrived in the U.S. in the fall of 1999.

Airman Raimi and his father also shared a spiritual bond.

"He was attached to me in a funny way," Airman Raimi said.

When Airman Raimi was young, he would develop a fever whenever his father left the house. But when his father returned, he said his illness went away. Subsequently, more than 15 years later, when Airman Raimi left Accra for America, his father became ill.

While Airman Raimi attended technical school in Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, his father lost the use of his legs.

In February 2000, he received a phone call from his sister, Ramata, a nurse living in Kiel, Germany. She told him their father had passed away. Training requirements kept Raimi from returning home until one month after his father's death. When Airman Raimi did return, his father had already been buried.

"I cried a little bit," Airman Raimi said. "It was a hard moment."

The grief from his father's death lingered, but shortly afterward his grief turned into inspiration. In his mind, his father was still somewhere in the world, pushing him through adversity, he said.

"I know he's happy wherever he is," said Airman Raimi, who became a U.S. citizen in April 2003.

From his father, he learned to care for others. His father made sure each of his eight children graduated from high school and had opportunities to attend college. The elder Raimi worked long hours running a transportation service that moved passengers from Accra to Nigeria. When customers couldn't afford transportation, he gave them a free ride.

Like his father, Airman Raimi also has a generous heart. He sends money home to his younger siblings each month. He mentors new Airmen in his squadron and encourages them to take advantage of educational opportunities.

### Goal in sight

One day as Airman Raimi drove west on Highway 50 in the outskirts of Warrensburg, something caught his eye. He saw some aircraft parked at the Central Missouri State University Airport. Excited, he enrolled in the school's aviation program and few weeks later began classes.

Airman Raimi remembers his first training flight well.

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# Commencement: Education center holds all-schools graduation

The base education and training center hosts the 2004 All-Schools Graduation at 6 p.m. today at the Knob Noster Middle School gymnasium. The Whiteman graduates are: **John Abernathy**, Park University

**Michael Addis**, 442nd Fighter Wing, State Fair Community College

**Master Sgt. Terry Addleman**, 509th Mission Operation Squadron, Community College of the Air Force

**Staff Sgt. Annalyn Adriano-Nabor**, 442nd Medical Support Squadron, SFCC

**Steven Ake**, Webster

**Senior Airman Rachel Aliaga**, 442nd Maintenance Squadron SFCC

**Master Sgt. Curtis Allen**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, CCAF

**Staff Sgt. Yaneth Alvarez**, 509th MDSS, SFCC, CCAF

**Tech. Sgt. Scott Armstead**, 509th MOS, SFCC

**Tech. Sgt. Zona Ash**, 509th Bomb Wing, SFCC

**Chief Master Sgt. John Ashe**, 325th Bomb Squadron

**Senior Airman Michael Badilla**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, CCAF, SFCC

**Master Sgt. Ricky Baker**, 509th Maintenance Group, Park

**Amanda Baldwin**, SFCC

**Senior Airman Katina Ball**, 325th BS, CCAF

**Staff Sgt. Jill Bass**, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, CCAF

**Staff Sgt. Dewey Baugh**, 509th AMXS, CCAF

**Tech. Sgt. Dale Baumbach**, 343th USAF Recruiting Squadron, CCAF

**Tech. Sgt. David Beaty**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, CCAF

**Kelley Beck**, 509th Services Squadron, Park

**Master Sgt. John Belt**, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, SFCC

**Staff Sgt. Randilyn Bennett**, 355th Medical Operations Squadron, CCAF

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**Staff Sgt. Timothy Bouseman**, 509th MSS, CCAF

**Staff Sgt. Shawna Brabandt**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, CCAF

**Staff Sgt. Jason Bradley**, 509th MXS, CCAF

**Master Sgt. Jonathan Broadway**, 509th AMXS, CCAF

**Master Sgt. James Brown**, 509th CES, CCAF

**Staff Sgt. Mario Burns**, 509th Security Forces Squadron, Park

**Senior Airman Sheryl Butler**, 509th MDOS, CCAF

**Staff Sgt. Scott Cain**, 509th SFS, Park

**Senior Master Sgt. Charles Canoy**, 509th Munitions Squadron, Webster

**Master Sgt. Gerald Carr**, 509th Mission Support Squadron, CCAF

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**Staff Sgt. Nina Cho**, 509th LRS, CCAF

**Alfred Clark**, 509th MSS, SFCC

**Staff Sgt. Ronald Clark**, 509th MXS, SFCC

**Senior Master Sgt. Mark Cline**, 509th MXS, CCAF

**Bethany Coffland**, SFCC

**Renee Cook**, SFCC

**Staff Sgt. Marcus Cooper**, 509th MUNS, CCAF

**Master Sgt. Keith Copeland**, 509th LRS, CCAF

**Staff Sgt. Kristy Crespo**, 509th OSS, CCAF

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**Master Sgt. Robert Dempsey**, 509th Communication Squadron, CCAF

**Darren Derues**, Webster

**Staff Sgt. Amber Detemple**, 509th OSS, CCAF

**Staff Sgt. Caleb Dick**, 509 CS, CCAF

**Joe Dong**, Webster

**Billie Dunn**, 394th Combat Training Squadron, Webster

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**Melissa Eddy**, Park

**Staff Sgt. Ronald Eddy**, 509th OSS, Park



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**Staff Sgt. Jessica Hill**, 509th MDSS, CCAF

**Tech. Sgt. Eric Holland**, 509th MXS, CCAF

**Staff Sgt. Eric Hopp**, 509th AMXS, CCAF

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**Tech. Sgt. Wesley Howard**, 372nd TRS, CCAF

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**Airman 1st Class Travis Wright**, 509th CONS, SFCC

**Staff Sgt. Heather Yacobozzi**, 509th ADO Squadron, CCAF

**Master Sgt. Thomas Yetzer**, 509th BW, SFCC

(Courtesy of the base education and training service center)

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His eyes widened as his plane rose from the ground. He said his heart skipped a beat the first time his instructor demonstrated a stall. A stall is a maneuver pilots use to pull out of a landing and to a higher altitude.

"I don't know how to describe it," Airman Raimi said. "I was overjoyed."

Between his duties for 509th MUNTS, he's also a full-time student,

currently working towards a degree in aircraft systems design. He takes 6-7 classes per semester in the evenings and weekends. Some days he works 7 a.m.-4 p.m. then takes classes from 5 - 10 p.m. While the schedule may seem lofty schedule for some, don't tell Airman Raimi.

"He has a desire to make something of himself," said Tech. Sgt. Joe Blinn, Airman Raimi's former supervisor.

"He's very well-disciplined. He knows what he wants and he gets it."

Airman Raimi leaves Whiteman today to participate in the Air Force Educational leave-of-absence program and attend school full-time at CMSU to complete his degree. He also plans to apply for officer training school.

Whether he will fly planes for the Air Force or a commercial airline, he'll be happy. The Warrensburg resi-

dent said he's already living his dream today. It took 14 years of hard work, studying and searching.

"I didn't think it was going to be possible," said his sister, Ramata. "But through him (Airman Raimi) I learned no matter how rich or poor a person is, if God wants it to happen, it will happen. God gave him the courage. I'm very proud of him."

Dad would be too.

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Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Scott Norwood takes custom balloon orders from a group of Whiteman youth during the military family appreciation celebration. The Warrensburg Military Affairs Committee sponsored the free event April 30 at the Warrensburg community center. Mr. Norwood is a balloon artist with the Plain Clothes Clown company of Warrensburg. Several businesses donated money, food or materials to support the event.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Caleb Bailey, son of Angie and Capt. Ryan Bailey, 394th Combat Training Squadron, takes a bite of his pizza while his dad asks his brother Joshua what kind of pizza he wants. The Warrensburg Military Affairs Committee bought more than 60 pizzas for the event.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Sparky's looking for a five. Samuel Trent, son of Melissa and Senior Airman Garrett Trent, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, reacts to Sparky's outstretched hand. The event was open to Team Whiteman members and their families. The free activities included swimming, basketball, putt-putt golf, chiropractic services and balloon making.

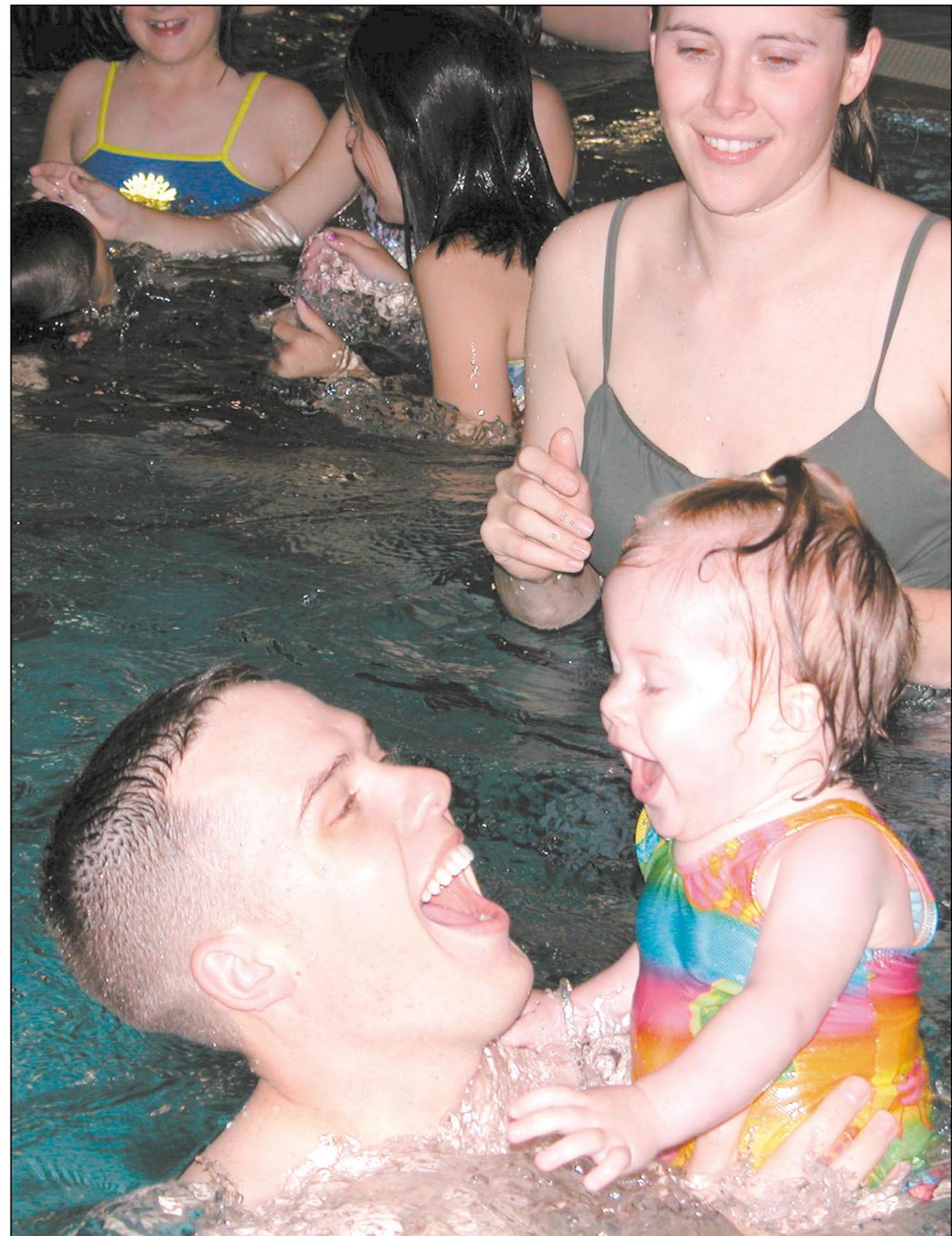


Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Zada Buchi enjoys the free swimming with her dad, Senior Airman Andy Buchi, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, while her mom Sidra looks on. Many families took the opportunity to enjoy the indoor pool at the Warrensburg Community Center. The event was well attended with an estimated 475 military members and dependents participating. This is the second time Warrensburg hosted an appreciation event. The first one was held in 2003 to support families during the increased deployments of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## What's happening

### Education

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

#### Temporary closing scheduled

The education center closes at 11 a.m. today for a staff event. Call for more details.

#### Commissioning briefing set

A commissioning briefing begins at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the education center. This briefing is open to enlisted members seeking an Air Force commission. Call for more details.

#### SAT scheduled

Students may take the Scholastic Aptitude Test at 7:30 a.m. May 14. Only active-duty and Reserve military members are eligible to take this SAT test. Call for more details.

#### Scholarships offered

The Sedalia Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee offers "Get Back to School" scholarships for spouses of enlisted members at Whiteman. Three \$150 scholarships to State Fair Community College are being offered and can be used for books, fees and tuition. Applications are available at the family support center, at the State Fair campus in Sedalia and at the SACC, 600 East 3rd St., Sedalia. For more details, call Mike Haynes at 826-3388.

### Community

#### Tobacco cessation classes set

Tobacco cessation classes begin at 11 a.m. Thursday. For more details, call Tech. Sgt. Monica Botch at 687-2199.

#### Top 3 to award scholarships

The Whiteman Top 3 Association will give away three \$300 scholarship grants to Whiteman members and their families. Scholarship funds come from a variety of Whiteman Top 3 fund-raising activities, such as die cast model sales, POW/MIA bracelet sales and other community events. Applications for the scholarship grant are available at the education center or from the Whiteman intranet at <https://www>

[mil.whiteman.af.mil/top3/Scholarships.shtm](https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/top3/Scholarships.shtm). The application package consists of the application form, transcripts of previous classes and a single-page essay. For more details, call Senior Master Sgt. Teresa Wolfenden at 687-2389.

#### AFA and MOAA dinner set

The Air Force Association and Military Officers Association of America hosts a dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday at Mission's End. The guest speaker will be Mary Posner, director of "Salute to Veterans," Missouri's annual air show. To attend or for more details, call Janet Allen at 747-3634.

#### Hope seminar set at chapel

A seminar called, "Celebrate hope" begins at 6 p.m. Mondays at the chapel and 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the education center. This is an arena for those who are afraid of reprisal seeking help. For more details, call Senior Airman Kiilani Keeter at 687-6090.

### Family Support

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

#### Job Fair scheduled Wednesday

More than 50 employers nationwide will participate in a job fair 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday at the Missouri Army National Guard Armory. Call for more details.

#### Spouse appreciation day set

A spouse appreciation day begins at 8:30 a.m. May 14 at the FSC. Free classes, lunch and child care will be provided. Call for more details.

#### End-of-school party set

Families of military members deployed or serving a remote assignment are invited to an end-of-school party 2:30-4:30 p.m. May 15 at the bowling center.

#### Pre-deployment briefing set

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

## Chapel Corner

#### Catholic

Mass — 5 p.m. Saturdays; 10:45 a.m. Sundays; and 11:30 a.m. weekdays

Confessions — 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and upon request

CCD — 9 a.m. Sundays

#### Protestant

General worship — 9 a.m. Sundays

Gospel — 12:45 p.m. Sundays

Communion — 8:45 a.m. Sundays

Sunday School — 10:45 a.m. Sundays

AWANA Kids — 6 p.m. Tuesdays



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# CES stops SFS in final

Story and photos  
by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan  
Public Affairs

Heading into the Whiteman intramural volleyball championship match April 29, the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron had all the tools to power to the championship.

They had a talented hitter in USA volleyball club player Jeff Martin.

They had players who could play defense and pass efficiently, CES coach Ruben Davila said.

But they had to face Security Forces, a team known for its no-quit attitude.

Although SFS was playing without its top hitter Justin Geers, Security Forces thundered its way to a 25-13, 25-21, victory in the first match. The win forced a second match because SFS won the loser's bracket. However, CES bounced back in the second match behind the hitting of Martin, 25-14, 26-24.

Solid passing and hitting from SFS players Rich Rollins, Drew Hill and Brian Maszka kept the powerful CES offense in check.

"Our philosophy going in was to hustle and play good defense and offense," said SFS coach Donald MacMillan. "It was all about discipline."

SFS (15-4, 4-2 in the tournament) jumped to a 6-1 lead in the second game of the first match, but CES rallied to a 6-6 tie. CES (16-2, 5-1) took a 13-9 lead but errors and poor passing eventually led to a 25-22 SFS win.

Davila admitted nerves were a factor for CES in the first match. CES' loss in the first match marked only the second loss for CES in 17 matches.

"When we first started playing, we weren't passing very well," he said. "We weren't getting our serves in. Our communication improved in the second match."

They also got the ball to Martin in the second match. Martin didn't disappoint the small crowd that gathered to watch the games.

The 6-foot-3-inch Martin peppered Security Force's court with numerous kills and helped lead his team to a victory. Martin hit the ball so hard, the SFS players often didn't have time to react.

"Some of those hits, you couldn't see where (the ball) was going," said SFS set-



Paul Tracy and Ruben Davila, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, celebrate their victory over the 509th Security Forces Squadron in the intramural championship April 29.

ter Carolyn Morgia.

In the first game of the second match, CES stormed to a 21-9 lead. In the second game, CES took a 7-3 lead, but SFS closed the lead to 7-6 behind the serve of Morgia. SFS tied the score at 24-24 in the final game but CES scored the last two points to secure the win.

"The nerves were under control," said Davila said of the second match. "We were more relaxed and more loose."

## Extramural championship

In the extramural championship game April 21, CES beat the 509th Medical Group in consecutive games. 25-18, 25-19.



Drew Hill, 509th Security Forces Squadron, hits the ball over the net as Greg Dolak and Steve Talley, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, try to block.



## Aerobics Schedule

**Mondays** — 6 a.m., 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Spinning, 11 a.m. Tae kwon do, 6:15 p.m. yoga, 5:15 p.m. Core strength, and Cardio kickboxing, 8 p.m.

**Tuesdays** — 4:30 p.m. Yoga

**Wednesdays** — 6 a.m., 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Spinning, 11 a.m., Tae kwon do, and 5:15 Core strength

**Thursday** — 11 a.m. Tae kwon do,  
**Fridays** — 6 a.m., 9 a.m., and 3:30 p.m., Spinning



## Just for kicks

Rafael Cariaga, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron goalkeeper, winds up to unleash a goal kick during a recent game. The 509th LRS intramural soccer team defeated the 509th Munitions Squadron 4-0 Monday. Joe Amegatcher scored two goals. Freddy Raffaelli and Junior Terrie-Louis also scored. LRS was undefeated at 4-0 through that contest.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan



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## Sports & Recreation

### Fitness Center 687-5496

#### Lift the B-2s

The B-2 weighs 336,500 pounds. Multiply that by 21 B-2's and the total is 7,066,500 pounds. This will be the total weight each participant lifts in this program. Impossible? Not if you bench press 100 pounds, 10 reps, for three total sets. This would equal  $100 \times 10 \times 3 = 3,000$  pounds. The participant who lifts the most now through June 30 will win a prize. For more details or to sign up call the fitness center.

### Stars and Strikes 687-5114

#### Mother's Day special

Bowling and rental shoes are free for mothers when bowling with their children on Sunday in honor of Mother's Day.

### Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

#### Pool hours and fees

The base pool is open 1:15-6 p.m. weekdays and noon-6 p.m. weekends beginning May 28. Active duty military, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and dependents can swim for \$1.50 and civilian guests can swim for \$2.

#### Intramural bass fishing

The fourth competition of intramural bass fishing is May 20 at Bucksaw Marina. A one-time entry fee of \$20 must be paid prior to the tournament. Call outdoor recreation for rules and more details.

#### Open water scuba orientation

Get qualified on base to scuba dive at a scuba orientation class 5:30-6:30 p.m. May 26. Scuba classes take place 5:30-10 p.m. June 14-18 at the base pool. The \$190 fee includes instruction, books and use of equipment. Call for requirements of personal equipment use. Sign up by May 26.

#### Katy Trail ride

Take a 27-mile bike ride along the Katy Trail 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. May 15. Bring your bike, water and lunch to travel from Clifton City to New Franklin, Mo. Free bikes and helmets will be provided if needed. Sign up by Thursday for this \$7 event.

#### Niangua River canoe trip

Take a 7-mile canoe trip on the Niangua River 8 a.m.-6 p.m. May 22. The cost of \$15 for adults and \$10 for children includes transportation, canoe rental, lifejackets and paddles. Sign up by May 20 at outdoor recreation.

#### Boater safety class

This required class involves classroom and lake activities for the intended use of rental boats with a 15-horsepower motor or more. Two sessions must be completed to be qualified to rent a boat from outdoor recreation. Session-one classes are available 11 a.m.-noon Thursday or May 27 and a session-two class is available 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. May 20. Learn Missouri state laws, rules about safety and using equipment. Spaces are limited, sign up early.

### Royal Oaks 687-5572

#### Memorial Day four person scramble

Celebrate Memorial Day by competing in the four-person scramble 8 a.m.-1 p.m. May 31 at Royal Oaks. The cost is \$15 per person. Cart and greens fee are not included. Sign up by May 27.

### Whiteman Idol 6 p.m. May 19

**Musicians Wanted!** You could become the first Whiteman Idol! Winners of this talent competition will work with the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus Staff to write, perform and record their own original song and music video on May 25 & 26.

Up to eight service members or dependents will be selected for this unique opportunity. Winners will be decided by a panel of judges and audience vote so bring all your family and friends!

Sign up by calling Jamie Jennings at 7-6525, the Community Center or at the Teen Center by May 14.

For more information call the number above or e-mail: jamie.jennings@whiteman.af.mil.



## Food & Fun

### Mission's End 687-4422

#### Prime rib buffet

A prime rib buffet is offered 5:30-8 p.m. May 21 at Mission's End. Enjoy slow roasted prime rib, vegetables, potatoes and dessert. This is \$13.95 for members and \$16.95 for nonmembers.

#### Mother's Day \$1 Brunch

Treat your mother for \$1 at a members only brunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday. Assorted breakfast and lunch items will be served. Carnations for every mother will be provided courtesy of Crown Ford in Warrensburg, Mo.



## Community Activities

### Ozark Inn 687-5469

The Ozark Inn is closed now through Aug. 1. Alternate locations include Mission's End, Stars & Strikes, Burger King, Anthony's Pizza and Grab & Go (Robin Hood).

### Community Center 687-5617

#### X-treme wheels expo and competition

Everyone is welcome to a skateboarding exhibition beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday. The Ollies Skate Team, from Sedalia, Mo., will perform at the skate park. Sponsored in part by American Ramp\* and Ollies Skate Shop.\*

#### Kansas City Royals bus trip

Travel to a Kansas City Royals vs. Oakland A's baseball game 5:30-11:30 p.m. May 14. The cost of \$10 includes admission and transportation. Sign up at the community center the day of the event.

### Teen Center 687-5819

#### Youth employment skills program

Learn real life work experience through volunteering while earning money toward a college education. Attend a free orientation session to complete required paperwork and learn job sites to volunteer for this summer. Orientation begins at 6 p.m. May 20 at the teen center.

#### Scrapbooking

Make a scrapbook page 3-6 p.m. May 22 at the teen center. Tissue paper, glue, magazines and construction paper will be provided at this free event. Bring other materials if desired. Sign up by May 19.

#### Friday night flick

Teens are welcome to watch a movie beginning at 7 p.m. May 14 at the teen center. Popcorn will be provided. This is free for members and \$1 for nonmembers.

### Skills Development Center 687-5691

#### Elegant decoupage boxes

Learn to make a decoupage box tomorrow 10 a.m.-noon at the skills development center. The cost of \$10 includes instruction and supplies. Sign up by noon today.

#### Stained glass mosaic class

Learn to make stained glass mosaics 1-4 p.m. May 22 at the skills development center. The \$15 fee includes instruction and supplies. Sign up by noon May 21.

### Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

#### Quality pet care

The veterinary clinic offers quality pet care with health exams, vaccinations, microchipping, heartworm testing and feline leukemia testing. Pets are seen by appointments only 10 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays.

### Youth Center 687-5586

#### Part-day specialty camps

Three camps are available for fourth through seventh graders 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 7-10, June 14-17 and June 21-24. The \$30 fee for members and \$38 fee for nonmembers includes lunch. Pick up a registration package at the youth center. Sponsored in part by Fowler's Family Auto.\*

#### Shopping trip

Fifth through seventh graders are welcome to travel to the Independence mall 3-9 p.m. May 15. The cost is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. Sign up begins Monday.

#### Around the world night

Kindergarteners through fourth graders are welcome to around the world night 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 14 at the youth center. Play games and learn about other cultures. The cost is \$5 for members and \$6.50 for nonmembers. Sign up begins Monday.

#### Science adventure Air Force camp

Children ages 7-12 can attend a science adventure Air Force camp 9 a.m.-noon May 28 at the youth center. Build projects, conduct experiments and more. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Sign up by May 19.

#### End of school celebration

Kindergarteners through 12th graders are welcome to a party 6-10 p.m. May 21 at the base lake pavilion. The \$7 fee for members and \$8.50 fee for nonmembers includes food, drinks, games and prizes. Sign up begins May 17.

### Family Child Care 687-5590

#### FCC Orientation Class

Receive free training to become a family child care provider 8 a.m.-4 p.m. May 17-21. Sign up by May 14. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. Stop by the family child care office and pick up a registration package.

#### Base residents

Quality child care for military families is an important concern. 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.

### Child Development Center 687-5588

#### Developmental Enrichment Program

Developmental Enrichment is accepting enrollments for fall pre-school. It's open to 3- to 5-year-olds not requiring full time care. Children must be 3 years old by July 31.

#### Drop-in care

The child development center has drop-in day care for all ages 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on a space available basis.