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News in Brief

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Munitions conducts inventory

The munitions storage area staff will conduct an inventory Aug. 30-Sept. 3. Requests should be scheduled by Aug. 24 so the staff can prepare for the inventory. Only valid emergency issue requests will be processed during the inventory. For more details, call 687-4465.

Stare Fair offers appreciation day

The Missouri State Fair offers Military Appreciation Day Tuesday. Military ID card holders get free admission, family members get \$1 off admission and carnival ride wrist bands are discounted \$3. Youth 12 and younger get in free.

Parking is free. Gates open at 7:30 a.m., exhibits open at 9 a.m. and carnival rides begin at noon.

The fair ends Aug. 22 at the fairground in Sedalia. For more details, visit the Web site at <http://www.mostatefair.com>.

Families Connected party set

Families of those serving on a remote assignment or who are deployed are invited to a special "Back-to-School" party 6-8 p.m. Aug. 27 at the family support center. Reservations required. For more details, call the FSC at 687-7132

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Weather

Saturday

Partly cloudy



H 80 °
L 56 °

Sunday

Partly cloudy



H 83 °
L 60 °



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Tech. Sgt. Jeff Thomas shelves supplies in a newly built storage area at the Ozark Inn. Sergeant Thomas is a member of the 509th Services Squadron.

Ozark Inn reopens Monday

By 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen
Public Affairs

After nearly three-and-a-half months of renovations, the Ozark Inn dining facility reopens Monday with new and improved additions.

Customers may not see many of the changes, but will notice quality products and programs from the back-of-the-house kitchen renovation upgrades.

"Internally, we're looking at an increase in productivity," said Master Sgt. Mark Hamrick, 509th Services Squadron food service superintendent. "A lot of it (renovations) is superficial, but the overall efficiency and quality of life for our service folks will improve."

The facility underwent extensive transformations including a new air conditioning and drainage system, and added storage space. New fryers, steamers, ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers and more replaced old equipment which was nearing its five- to seven-year life span.

"The new equipment is for my people to do their job more effectively and properly feed everyone," said Master Sgt. Gary James, 509th SVS and Ozark Inn manager.

Sergeant Hamrick said the renovations were necessary to accommodate the 1,100 people who visit the dining hall daily.

Another concern addressed was the lack of food and non-food storage space. With limited storage space before the renovations, items such as paper goods were stored in various available areas on base.

"It was a time-consuming process for employees to travel across base when they needed certain goods, not to mention trying to find other agencies on base with available space," Sergeant Hamrick said. Now, items are locat-

ed in the extra storage areas. Because of the constant orders placed throughout the week, a new unloading area was added to make it easier for suppliers to unload goods into the new storage areas.

There's more room in the kitchen, too. A small area for all food preparation was replaced with more spacious and comfortable, sectioned-out spaces for salad preparation, baking, frying, steaming and more.

"This will make us more efficient to produce a better product," Sergeant Hamrick said. "Our ultimate goal is to please the customer, but these changes really benefit our workers."

"The renovations are good because we have a lot more useful equipment that will help us to cook food faster," said Airman 1st Class Kristen Piper, 509th SVS. "I'm looking forward to using the new equipment because it will make my job a whole lot easier."

There are some changes customers will notice in the serving area including refinished floors, ceiling and a new serving line with carving station. The "Grab and Go" area is also more conveniently located for customers to purchase to-go meals.

"The teamwork involved in this project is a testament of hard work and dedication in the support of our Airmen and Whiteman personnel," Sergeant Hamrick said.

The Ozark Inn's official grand opening is at 11 a.m. Aug. 23. For this occasion, first sergeants will serve lunch in combination with local vendors offering product samples. Customers on the meal card will see their basic allowance for subsistence return to \$8.48 a day. This change takes effect in the Sept. 1 paycheck. Members should review their leave and earnings statements to ensure they receive the correct entitlements.

Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller
509th Bomb Wing Commander

JOGGER vs. AUTOMOBILE

I'm impressed with the number of people who are out getting "fit to fight." It's clear that many Airmen are taking physical fitness seriously!

We're working hard to get the base running track constructed, but it'll take a while before we have a traffic-free place to run and test.

Until then — or anytime you're out on the roads — you need to use good safety sense: run against traffic, wear reflective gear if jogging at dawn, twilight or at night, and don't wear headphones if you're on a road.

Drivers — watch for joggers! Joggers — you'll lose if you tangle with a car, so stay alert.

DWI: WHY? — Recently, someone who agreed to be a designated driver left his buddy in a bar ... when that Airman decided to drive home, he was arrested.

Fortunately, he didn't hurt himself or anyone else, but his life is changed. If you're a designated driver, be one.

If you're drinking, don't ever cross the line where you can't take care of yourself. It's important.

NORE — This weekend we'll begin practicing for one of our wartime missions.

A sense of urgency is important — but a sense of emergency isn't what you want to feel.

Know and apply the procedures, checklists and training you have — ask for clarification up your chain if in doubt — and let's use this as an opportunity to lock in lessons we've learned in the past.

Thanks in advance for your hard work.

BACK TO SCHOOL — As kids start classes again, please be careful as you drive near crosswalks and routes that kids take to get to school.

These young and inexperienced bicycle riders and pedestrians need us to look out for them!



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

First Lt. Nathan Hogan, 509th Communications Squadron, runs near the fitness center.

Mentoring: lessons from my 4-year-old

By Maj. Chase McCown
509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander

Feedback is one key ingredient to becoming a better leader and developing leaders. Feedback can sometimes be tough to give, especially when it's not positive. It can also be challenging to get if you're not sure where to look or how to ask.

I found over the last couple years that if you want a great source of honest feedback about how you're doing as a leader, all you need to do is listen to your kids. My 4-year-old son, Garrett is more than willing to provide me daily feedback and, if I listen, he gives some insight that can make me a better leader and Airman.

The other day we had a test of wills. I wanted him to clean up a mess he made and he wasn't jumping into it like I hoped. I explained my position a couple times, but he never budged from his non-interested stance. Finally, right before I got upset and blew my cool, he looked at me and said, "Dad, you never said please — that's all you had to do, Dad." After I said please and he cleaned up, I walked away feeling like a loser as a parent.

I thought about what he said and realized there was a lot of truth to it. It made me think: how many times have I been ineffective at work because I didn't approach something the right way? As a commander, I don't always need to say please to make things happen, but am I communicating with my folks in a way that they know I respect them and that I want to be courteous to them regardless of their rank or position? Evidently, my 4-year-old didn't think so.

A couple days later my 2-year-old, Riley, was using his newfound vocabulary to try and tell me something. By the decibel level he had cranked his voice up to and the redness of his face, it was clearly an important topic. He pumped up the volume a little more when he per-



Courtesy photo

Maj. Chase McCown, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, with his sons and mentors, Riley, 2, and Garrett, 4.

ceived that he wasn't making his point to me.

Frustrated, I replied back to him in a loud voice to please be quiet. About that time, Garrett stepped in and told me that if I had listened to Riley the first time, he wouldn't be yelling at me. I stopped what I was doing and let Riley take me by the hand to the freezer. I then understood the critical communication issue,

and got him the popsicle he desperately needed.

Garrett's point was well made, and when they went down for naps that day, I transferred the scenario over to work.

Do the folks in my unit have to yell and scream at me to get their points across? Am I focused on the right things to make sure we have good communication up and down the chain? Am I catching all the subtle indicators about what is important to the warriors I'm responsible for? Another lesson from Garrett.

The last feedback example I'd like to share is somewhat indirect. When things aren't going well with my two boys, I've learned to try and look deeper than just the issue at hand.

When Garrett gets upset about something small, or tries to talk my ear off instead of going to bed at night, what's the real reason? Last week, it was a bad dream that he was afraid would keep coming back if he closed his eyes.

When we catch him hitting his little brother, is it because Lisa and I raised a mean little boy, or is it because Riley just whacked him with a toy and Garrett is still learning to handle his temper? I'm hoping the latter. Often these daily occurrences give you insight into changes you can make to be more effective.

As leaders, we must look at our units, recognize what's going well and not so well, and see what we can do to change for the better. We can view problems as feedback for what areas of responsibility need our attention. We just need to realize that the real problem might lay deeper than the surface.

A wise chief once told me that we get feedback all the time from the world around us. This is true, as I've learned from my 4-year-old. Hopefully I can use these lessons to become a better leader and Airman.

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Col. Davis takes command of 509th Mission Support Group

By 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Public Affairs

Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, met the newly inducted 509th Mission Support Group commander, Col. Connie Davis, three years ago when they were both involved in a fellowship training program.

At the 509th MSG change of command ceremony Tuesday, Colonel Miller said he knew he'd remember Colonel Davis because she stood out among the rest. "She was clearly energetic and clearly professional," he said.

Colonel Davis, who assumed command in a ceremony at the 442nd Fighter Wing's five-bay hanger, took over for Col. Gary Finchum, who served as the 509th MSG commander since January 2003.

Colonel Davis' last assignment was at Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va. She was chief, performance programs branch, directorate of personnel. Colonel Davis said she's looking forward to working here and using her previous experience to command the group.

"I'm excited to be joining a great team with an excellent reputation for supporting the warfighting mission," Colonel Davis said. "This is a great opportunity to get back into command at wing level. My previous job in ACC promotions was valuable and it's important for everyone to spend a tour at the MAJCOM in order to bring that expertise back to the field."

While stationed at Langley, Colonel Davis was deployed as the commander of the 384th Expeditionary Mission Support Group in Southwest Asia.

Before her tour in Virginia, Colonel Davis was deputy commander of the 437th Support Group at Charleston AFB, S.C.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tia Schroeder

Col. Chris Miller hands the 509th Mission Support Group guidon to Col. Connie Davis at the change-of-command ceremony. Colonel Miller is the 509th Bomb Wing commander.

From July 1997 to June 1999, she was commander of the 24th Mission Support Squadron at Howard AFB, Panama, and in 1998, was recognized as ACC's Outstanding Senior Base Level Personnel Manager of the Year.

Colonel Davis said her goal is to deliver combat effects where they are needed around the globe and she has a personal mission statement: "Keep focused on the things that impact life, limb and aircraft."



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Housel Street honors WW II Navy hero

Jewell Lowry and Marie Dabner accept honorary Housel Street signs from Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, at a street renaming ceremony Monday. Mrs. Lowrey and Mrs. Dabner are sisters of Petty Officer John Housel, a Sedalia, Mo. native who lost his life aboard the *USS Arizona* on Dec. 7, 1941, during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Petty Officer Housel was one of 1,176 people who lost their lives aboard the *USS Arizona*. To honor his sacrifice, 11th Street was renamed Housel Street. The street is located next to the Navy Reserve building on Whiteman, which houses the Mobile Inshore Underwater Unit 114 and the Joint Fires Network Unit. On Dec. 3, 1955, Sedalia Air Force Base became Whiteman AFB in honor of Lt. George A. Whiteman, also a Sedalia native who lost his life in the attack on Pearl Harbor. During the attack at Bellows Air Field, Oahu, Lieutenant Whiteman managed to reach his fighter aircraft. While attempting to take off, enemy fighters attacked his P-40, fatally injuring the Airman.

199 base members selected for staff sergeant

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — The Air Force selected 13,625 of 33,306 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant, a 40.91 percent selection rate. Of those, 199 are from Whiteman.

In Air Combat Command, 4,444 were selected for a 40.24 selection rate. The Whiteman selection rate for 438 eligible senior airmen was 45.89 percent.

The average score for those selected was 272.33 points, with the following averages:

- ✓ 130.85 enlisted performance reports,
- ✓ 58.23 promotion fitness exam,
- ✓ 54.29 specialty knowledge test,
- ✓ 16.43 time in grade,
- ✓ 10.88 time in service and
- ✓ 0.79 decorations

The average selectee has 1.77 years time in grade and 4.39 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant from September to August 2005.

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices by the end of August, allowing them to see how their PFE and SKT test scores rank against others within their Air Force specialty. Airmen can also get an electronic copy of their score notice Monday by logging onto the virtual military personnel flight Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>.

Whiteman's staff sergeant selects are:

509th Bomb Wing: Neoklis Martin and Lejade Menchavez.

509th Maintenance Group: Chasidy Bowen, Erik Powell and Antaeus Silas.

509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: Jonathan Barfield, Katty Beuttenmuller, Steven Bobbitt, William Brady, Fernando Capellan, James Casselman, Gabriel Craig, Nathan Custer, Bryan Donner, Graham Durall, John

Eaton, Peter Engebretsen, George Gibson, Jose Gutierrez, Jimmy Hardwick, Michael Hull, Chad Imes, Gerald Karkiewicz, Brian Kelley, Andrew Martin, Herman Mejia, Joseph Morgan, Nathaniel Oglesby, Michael Parks, Brian Perez, Justin Petree, Virginia Piringer, Jeremy Pratt, Michael Sands, Ben Simmons, Bruce Smith, Jonathon Snyder, William Steinke, James Trudell, Percy Wallace, Benjamin Weisensel and Randy Wicher.

509th Munitions Squadron: Matthew Adler, Ryan Baum, Bradley Coombs, Jennifer Hargett, Cory Monson, John Phillips, Kamarudini Raimi, Charles Schillaci, Angela Smith, Janiece Smith and Heath York.

509th Maintenance Squadron: Michael Badilla, Jeffrey Bailey, Aaron Baldwin, Joseph Barnard, Clinton Berry, Matthew Bult, Leah Calahan, Wesley Cantrell, Victor Chavez, Freddy Davis, Gabriel Deverney, Manley Eubanks, Mark Farrar, Jesse Fenton, Robert Fitzke, Ronald Jacobs, Christopher Kirkland, Jason Lewis, Jerry Moffitt, Jason Quadros, Noel Ragan, Christopher Roegler, Phillip Rogers, Andrew Rood, Adam Scott, Anthony Shepherd, Antaeus Silas, Donald Timon, Dennis Valerio, Riley Walton, Amon Yargee and Matthew Zakrajsek.

509th Maintenance Operations Squadron: Jamey Ballew, James Davell, Kathryn Liter, Porscha Pellom and Christopher Wagoner.

325th Bomb Squadron: Jeremy Collins.

393rd Bomb Squadron: Joseph Marsala and Jason Serpa.

509th Operations Support Squadron: Gregory Blakley, Carl Brocchi, Brandy Cannedy, Khaalis Hall, Greg Jacobs, Mandy Johnson, Trisha King, Justin Martin, Jeffrey Miller, Patrick Nicks, Dorian Settles, Brett Tillman, Garrett Trent and Alexander Young.

509th Civil Engineer Squadron: Michael Berkey, Noah Bolton, Andrew Buchi, Jorge Grant, Christopher

Gunn, Shawn Hardiman, Kendra Hoventemple, Joshua Hunt, Christopher Manns, Kraig McFadden, Larry Nor-sworthy, Jonathan Osborne, Alejand Rodriguez, Jeffrey Schroeder, Kevin Steinke, Joshua Turner, James Veit and Manuel Ybarra.

509th Comptroller Squadron: Charles Simmons.

509th Communications Squadron: Ryan Peck, Steven Richards, Amber Euman, Robert Kerezsi, Robert Lee and Jon Powell.

509th Logistics Readiness Squadron: Natalie Balancier, Mayco Batres, Jennifer Brown, Maurice Caton, Christy Erler, Carlos Espada, Jose Garcia, Robert Hamilton, William Heyder, Raymond Kennard, Gregory Mills, Ladaryl Murchison, Sandra Roberts, Paul Santos, Xia Thao, Jamil Perez Vazquez, Christina Vrentas, James Williams and Edward Yacobozzi.

509th Mission Support Squadron: James Horr and Kendra Huber.

509th Security Forces Squadron: Steven Fines, Bronta Prophet, Phillip Blascoe, Michael Bradshaw, Eddie Brown, Ryan Burke, Trevor Casebolt, Ashanti Charles, Christopher Dempsey, Justin Devaney, Marcus Equevilley, Zack Goodfield, James Guidry, Daniel Harvoth, Cody Inman, Corin Krieger, Maria Lino, Joshua Lyons, Angelia Martinez, Joshua Miner, Nathaniel Petersen, William Pleasants, Mark Prokop, James Richey, Karrie Ruehl, Bradley Sears, Phillip Shelite, Joseph Shields, Kyle Smith, Joshua Spears, Steven Taylor, Robert Turner, William Waidner, Steven Walton and Joshua White.

509th Services Squadron: Joe Angeles, Shawanda Draper, Rebecca Geiger, Grant Rogers, Kevin Wansing and David Winchell.

509th Medical Group: Joyce Baum, Margaret Blodget, Kerri Kellner, David Mendezprieo and Kelly Ruffo.

72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron: Jason Redding.

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Veteran recalls historic World War II bombings

By John Ingle
82nd Training Wing Public Affairs

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The beginning of the end of fighting in the Pacific during World War II began 59 years ago with a thunderous roar.

Some people thought there was another way to get Japan to the peace table. Others thought the drastic measures taken by the United States saved more lives despite the cost.

Whatever the rationale or thought, Aug. 6, 1945, the day the crew of the Enola Gay delivered their payload to Hiroshima, Japan, was a turning point in the war and began the future of airpower.

Bill English, a P-51 pilot in the Army Air Corps during the war, was resting after completing a mission the day before.

"We strafed one of the airfields near Tokyo (the day before)," he recalled. "We had missions (where) we'd go up and strafe the airfields and look for aircraft."

At that time, the 23-year-old native from Abilene, Texas, was part of the first land-based fighter groups to complete bombing missions over the once-thought-unreachable Japan. He said they had spent weeks flying the missions without knowledge that something bigger was about to happen.

Col. Paul Tibbits, the Enola Gay's pilot, had cancelled all flying missions to mainland Japan on Aug. 6. Mr. English said that did not appear too odd because the pilots usually did not fly consecutive days.

What was different was a heavily guarded B-29 Superfortress sitting on the tarmac.

"The plan was if there was a malfunction on the Enola Gay, the Enola Gay would land there and they would transfer the bomb to this other plane," he said.

The spare plane did not leave the tarmac, said Mr. English, now a military historian.

The military men went about their business, unaware that soon a bomb would completely destroy thousands of homes and buildings in a town hundreds of miles away.

"We didn't have CNN and FOX and all of those things," Mr. English recalled about the slow travel of news. "We just didn't know what was going on in other places."

When news began to arrive that Hiroshima was bombed Aug. 6 and later Nagasaki, Japan, on Aug. 9, he said no one had heard of the term "atomic bomb." Although the two bombed sites had been on the list for strategic bombing, they had never been hit.

Mr. English said he believes the two cities were not bombed together Aug. 6 because it would be more devastating, physically and emotionally, if they were bombed days apart.

Although much of the world looked at the act as barbaric and horrendous, Mr. English said the fighting men on the front lines were relieved. The fighting would surely end, and it did the following month.

"I have yet to encounter anyone who was in the military that was against the dropping of the bomb or thought we were doing the wrong thing," he said. "That saved millions of lives — Americans, our Allies and many Japanese."

If the bombs had not been dropped, he said there was a plan in place to invade Japan on Nov. 1, 1945. The loss of human life, Mr. English said, would have been far greater than the final total.

Mr. English said his mission to keep military history alive, particularly significant events such as using the atomic bombs, is so people do not forget the lives lost, not only as a result of the bombs, but also those lost before the bombings.

"There's just not much thought about it," he said. "I want to do everything I can to keep it in the memory of the young people."

Breaking down official 509th Bomb Wing emblem

The 509th emblem, adopted in 1952, is a heraldic device using symbols to represent the bomb wing's past.

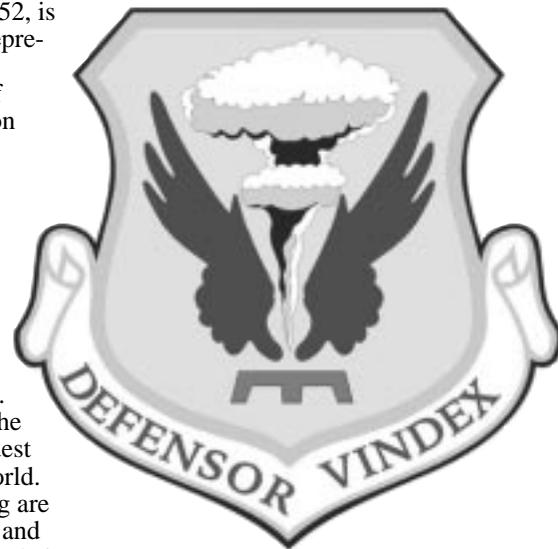
The wings represent the branch of service and in the upstretched position represent peace.

The motto "Defensor Vindex," or defender avenger, means the 509th's mission is to protect and retaliate for any infringement on peace.

The atomic cloud burst represents two things: the 509th dropped the only two atomic bombs during wartime, and it still uses atomic power to deter war and defend peace.

Finally, the eldest son symbol, the red tripod, shows the 509th is the oldest atomic trained military unit in the world.

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Photos by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Lee Bodenhamer talks with Chief Master Sgt. Terry Douglas and Master Sgt. Steve Poole during breakfast. The chief shared his experiences and talked about how the Air Force has changed since he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943. As one of the first of 625 Airmen promoted to chief on Dec. 1, 1959, Chief Bodenhamer and others are called Charter Chiefs. Chief Douglas is assigned to the 509th Medical Group and Sergeant Poole is assigned to the 509th Munitions Squadron.



Retired Chief Master Sgt. Jim "Flasch" Flaschenriem talks about his Air Force experiences with Chief Master Sgt. Vicki Orcutt, Senior Airmen Thomas Board and Matt Bult. Chief Flasch enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1946. He earned his chief stripe in 11 years, five months and seven days, and was 31 years old. Chief Orcutt is the 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, Airmen Board and Bult are members of the 509th Maintenance Squadron.



Retired Chief Master Sgt. Jim "Flasch" Flaschenriem talks with Col. Chris Miller at the 509th Bomb Wing Quarterly Awards luncheon. Chief Flasch was here touring Whiteman July 23. The day's activities included breakfast with Airmen, the lunch, Oscar-01 and B-2 tours, and speaking at the First-Term Airmen Center. Chief Flasch was the guest speaker at the 509th's Senior NCO Induction ceremony. Colonel Miller is the 509th BW commander.



Ellen Bazemore hangs a Charter Chief medallion around her husband's neck. The Bazemores were here to help recognize Whiteman's newest master sergeants at the 509th Bomb Wing's Senior NCO Induction ceremony. Chief Bazemore was 17 when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps Nov. 6, 1939, as an aircraft mechanic. He was promoted to master sergeant Oct. 28, 1942, senior master sergeant in September 1958 and chief Dec. 1, 1959.



Charter Chief Oliver Loudy, Chief Master Sgt. Vicki Orcutt, and Charter Chiefs Jim "Flasch" Flaschenriem and Turner Bazemore pose with Airman Adam Champion at the First-Term Airmen Center graduation. The Charter Chiefs talked with the FTAC graduates about the importance of doing a job to the best of their ability. Chief Orcutt is the 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant. Airman Champion is a member of the 509th Munitions Squadron.



Retired Chief Master Sgt. Lee Bodenhamer wears his "whites" at the Senior NCO Induction ceremony. Chief Bodenhamer enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943 as a B-17 gunner. Chief Bodenhamer bought his white ceremonial dress in 1965.

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Games are played Sunday afternoon and evenings.
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LRS lost locks

Staff Sgt. Andrew Finan shaves Airman 1st Class Chris Leach's head. Both are 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operations members. Seven people in vehicle operations shaved their heads as a tribute to deployed members and those who are returning home. The section recently deployed 10 members and seven others returned Aug. 5. To show their camaraderie, some vehicle operations members are also wearing string bracelets until everyone in the section returns. Maj. Bruce Bartholomew, 509th LRS commander, said vehicle operators at deployed locations are in high demand. "This is a total force effort," he said. "With many of these guys gone, we have 442nd members, as well as other sections in LRS, helping with vehicle dispatch."



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Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Stephanie, Leeann, Steve, Julie, Shannon and Vincent Binder enjoy weekend time together in St. Louis.

Air Force family shows spirit



By Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole
 Public Affairs

ST. LOUIS — Visiting the Binder family is like taking a trip back in time. Card and board games, puzzles, hugs and laughter abound when the family is together indoors. During quieter times, the mother reads Harry Potter novels aloud.

But, there's not too much that keeps the six-member family inside.

Roots planted 10 years ago in Leeton, Mo., keep the family busy in local government, volunteer events and sports.

Tech. Sgt. Steve Binder works in the 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron Maintenance Operations Center. He tracks aircraft status and flight line operations, and briefs the 509th Bomb Wing and 8th Air Force senior leaders on daily operations and wartime contingencies.

His Air Force skills of keeping his fingers on the pulse of daily operations serve him well as the head of his family.

Currently, the family is split between two homes — one in Leeton and one in St. Louis. On weekends, Steve packs up Stephanie, 15, Vincent, 13, and Shannon, 8, and drives to St. Louis to visit his wife, Julie, and daughter, Leeann, 9.

When Leeann's health deteriorated in May to the point she needed to be closer to specialized medical attention to wait for a lung transplant, she and Julie moved across the state to wait for a donor.

For eight years, Steve's family has made these types of trips. Leeann was born with an arterial septal defect — a small hole in the upper chambers of the heart — and she developed pulmonary hypertension which caused her to have her first lung transplant at 15 months. Leeann's long wait for the second transplant ended Tuesday when she received a new lung. She's doing well, Steve said.

Permanently tied to an oxygen tank, Leeann stays inside as much as possible.

During the week, she fills her time with doctor's visits and physical therapy. Leeann makes bead gifts for friends and family members, puts puzzles together and watches videos. She also likes to write, a talent that earned her a Young Author's award. And, she waits for the weekly visits by the rest of the family.

Leeann's fragile health is readily absorbed by the family who loves her so much.

For instance, Steve said Stephanie has given up a lot of her personal life.

"I'm inspired by my boyfriend," Stephanie said. "He understands and knows the situation. That helps a lot."

The family agrees that support is the key ingredient to their successful transition to long-distance togetherness and the daily challenges of keeping the family strong.

"A lot of support from our families, the community and base help us through this. There are good people who have helped with the kids (when Steve and I have had to be away)," Julie said. "Through the week we deal with it through phone calls and look forward to the weekends."

Steve agreed.

"We see a lot of the good that's still out there. On the

news you don't always see that," he said. "People are doing things for us out of the kindness of their heart and we don't always know who it is at the time. But, they're always there when we need them.

"Sometimes, we get support from people we wouldn't expect and it humbles us," Steve said.

For instance, someone mowed the Binders' lawn one weekend. And while the work was appreciated, Steve laughed that Vincent lost out on some of his allowance money for the week.

And while Leeann gets a lot of attention these days, Julie said the goal is to treat each child as equal as possible. "This may seem impossible, but we hope they all feel they get the attention they need when they need it," Julie said. "For instance, when one of the children is involved in something, we support it and we're there for it."

Vincent said he feels included and connected. "It's good to be from a big family. And though I'm the only boy, I'm used to the extra responsibility," he said.

"We have fun and do fun things together," Leeann said. "They (our parents) have faith in us. Like they say, 'We know you can do it, when we know we can't.'"

Escape from the stress of a separated family and Leeann's health problems is an important part of the equation.

Steve restored a 1974 Javelin, is a city alderman, Leeton's mayor pro tem and is active with the Leeton Fair.

Stephanie said she writes to release her emotions, stays busy with homework during the school year, cheerleads and plays the clarinet.

Vincent rides his bike, builds models and plays baseball.

Shannon plays softball and is a cheerleader. At cheer camp, she earned the Most Team Spirit Award and was co-captain of the cheerleading team.

Until the move across Missouri, Leeann managed the Blue Diamonds, Shannon's softball team. In fact, Leeann designed the jerseys, named the team and the players chipped in to buy her uniform, which is emblazoned with a 1 1/2 on it. The team finished 12-1 this year.

Meanwhile, Julie reads books to the family and coordinates events for the St. Louis get-togethers. The family recently celebrated Shannon's birthday in the adopted hometown.

"I'd read with Leeann and Shannon on each arm and the goal would be one chapter" of the Harry Potter novels, Julie said. However, at times the reading was so interesting that stopping at one chapter was tough to do.

Stephanie said one time everyone was so tired they all fell asleep. "We had to have Mom read the chapter again the next day," said Stephanie, causing the other family members to laugh and remember the occasion.

With Steve's military career and Leeann's continuing health problems, separation is nothing new for the family. However, this is the first time the family has been separated for this long in seven years.

But no matter the event — a broken arm, a softball game or chores around the house — Steve and Julie equate teamwork with success.

"Everyone's in charge of something and their age determines what they need to do to help," Julie said.

"We're a well-oiled machine. We come together to make it through a crisis," Steve said.

Shannon summed it up this way, "We have lots of fun and caring" in our family.

Knob Noster R-VIII School District announces school bus routes

The district will begin the school year with the bus routes covering the streets and county roads indicated. There may be changes later as the student population changes. Pick-up times listed are for the first stop.

A = First Run B = Second Run C = Third Run

WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE TO KNOB NOSTER BUS ROUTES

<i>Grades</i>	<i>Bus Number</i>	<i>Driver</i>	<i>Approximate time for first pick up</i>	<i>Streets and locations covered</i>
9-12 Stops:	1-A Int. Langley/McConnell Bus Shelter; 759, 845, 826 Westover Rd.; Int. Westover/March Bus Shelter; N. Carswell; Int. Titan Loop/N., Carswell Bus Shelter; TLF & Lodging at Forbes Bus Shelter; Int. Minuteman/Barksdale Bus Shelter; Houx/Selser Bus Shelter Int. Summit/Skybolt; 833 Summit	D. Buzzanga	6:50 a.m.	McConnell, Langley, Westover, Travis, N. Carswell, Titan Loop, March, Forbes, Houx, Ellsworth, Selser, Dow, Minuteman, Altus, Mace, Skybolt, Summit
9-12 Stops:	4-A Int. Chennault/Marshall Bus Shelter; Int. Marshall/Kelly; Wright Bus Shelter; 850 Chennault; 758, 734 Post; 707, 742 Earhart; 718 Lindbergh; Int. Burge/Scott Dr.; Ints. Symington Ave. w/Bullard Manor, Scott Dr., Libby Manor, Chapman Ct. and Law Manor	P. Buzzanga	7 a.m.	Atlas, Marshall, Chennault, Kelly, McGuire, Wright, Post, Lindbergh, Earhart, Burge, Scott, Bullard, Ward, Blake, Libby, Chapman, Law
6-8 Stops:	2-A 707, 723 Lindbergh; 704 Earhart; 715, 743, 770 Post; Int. Burge/Scott Dr.; Ints. Symington Ave. w/Bullard Manor, Scott Dr., Libby Manor, Chapman Ct. and Law Manor	R. Carnes	6:55 a.m.	Lindbergh, Earhart, Post, Burge, Scott, Bullard, Ward, Blake, Libby, Chapman, Law
6-8 Stops:	9-A Int. N. Carswell/Titan Loop Bus Shelter; Int. Chennault/Marshall Bus Shelter; Wright Bus Shelter; 820 McGuire; 822 Kelly; 831 Marshall	J. Clarence	7:10 a.m.	Titan Loop, Chennault, McGuire, Kelly, Marshall, Wright, Atlas
6-8 Stops:	11-A 806 Summit; Summit Bus Shelter; 920 Skybolt; 835 Summit; Int. Houx/Mace; Altus Bus Shelter; Houx and Minuteman; E. Dow and Minuteman; Minuteman and Barksdale Bus Shelter; Forbes Shelter (TLF); youth center; child development center; Whiteman Inn	B. Chaffin	7:20 a.m.	Forbes, Gray, Ellsworth, Summit, Skybolt, Mace, Houx, Altus, Minuteman, Selser, Dow, youth center, CDC, Whiteman Inn
6-8 Stops:	7-A Int. Travis/March; 759, 826 Westover; Int. McConnell/Langley Bus Shelter; 711, 739 McConnell	M. Akers	7 a.m.	Carswell, Travis, March, Westover, McConnell, Ramey, Langley

WHITEMAN ELEMENTARY BUS ROUTES

<i>Grades</i>	<i>Bus Number</i>	<i>Driver</i>	<i>Approximate time for first pick up</i>	<i>Streets and locations covered</i>
K-5 Stops:	13-A 726, 714, 702 Earhart; 723, 747, 766 Post; Int. between 847 Chennault and 770 Post	S. Cunningham	7:30 a.m.	Wright, Earhart Cir., Earhart Post, 835-862 Chennault
K-5 Stops:	13-B 831, shelter next to 805 Chennault, 817, 832, 846 Marshall; 831, 815 McGuire; 803 Atlas	S. Cunningham	7:45 a.m.	Marshall, Kelly, McGuire, Atlas, 835-862 Chennault
K-5 Stops:	5-A 728, 710 Lindbergh; 701, 725, 755 Scott; Int. Bullard Manor/Symington Ave.; Ints. Symington w/Law Manor, Chapman Ct. and Blake Ridge	K. Woods	7:25 a.m.	Lindbergh, Burge, Scott, Bullard, Ward, Law, Chapman, Blake, Libby
K-5 Stops:	5-B 814 Summit; Int. Summit/Skybolt Bus Shelter; 914, 919, 929 Skybolt; 833 Summit	K. Woods	7:45 a.m.	Summit, Skybolt

KNOB NOSTER AND VICINITY, RURAL BUS ROUTES

<i>Grades</i>	<i>Bus Number</i>	<i>Driver</i>	<i>Approximate time for first pick up</i>	<i>Streets and locations covered</i>
K-12 Stops:	4-B 404 Sunset; SE 971; SE 25; Lakewood Trailer Court (office); Garton's Trailer Court; Country Kid's Academy	P. Buzzanga	7:20 a.m.	Sunset, SE 25, SE 971, Lakewood Trailer Ct., Garton's Trailer Ct. Country Kid's Academy,
K-12 Stops:	1-B Int. Angus/8th St. Terrace; Int. Angus/6th St. Terrace; Ready, Set, Grow; Forest Trails; Deer Run (Int. 791 by dumpster)	D. Buzzanga	7:20 a.m.	Forest Trails, Deer Run, Huntington Estates
K-8 Stops:	9-B Deerbrook; Apple Ridge; State Park office; Parkside (Div. Rd); Division; Summit and Dogwood; Int. Summit/Sunset; Int. Salem/McFee; City Park; 630 and between 612/614 Hillcrest; East Iny. Hillcrest/Summit	J. Clarence	7:25 a.m.	Deerbrook, Apple Ridge, State Park, SW Knob Noster
K-12 Stops:	17-A E 1301; Crystal Springs; SE 100; Villages at Whiteman SE 1171, 1181	R. Harms	7:05 a.m.	East Rural and Villages at Whiteman except SE 1151, (second run for take home.)
K-12 Stops:	6-A FF Hwy. (N. of NE 175); NE 310, 1201, 500, 925 N. Hwy; E Hwy (East of 23 Hwy); NE 625, NE 1131, NE 400; NE 1011; NE 700 (East of 23 Hwy); NE 250; Rainbow Connection Day Care; E-W part of 23 Hwy N. of Knob Noster	L. Vick	6:45 a.m.	Rural: Northeast of Knob Noster, Rainbow Connection, FF Hwy
K-12 Stops:	10-A SE Y Hwy (East of D); SE 1151, 450, 475, 725, 1251, 600, 1051, Rainbow Acres; Villages 1151; NE 75 West of D (except KN Trailer Ct.)	D. Malizzi	6:55 a.m.	Rural Southeast, Villages 1151, Rainbow Acres, NE 75 West of D, (except Knob Noster Trailer Ct.)
K-5 Stops:	17-B Shady Meadows at Monroe, Int. Adams/Lucas Streets, Marge's Day Care and Chief's Tr. Ct.; Boyd's Tr. Ct.; 107 S. Washington	R. Harms	7:35 a.m.	First run for take home: Shady Meadows Tr. Ct.; Marge's Day Care and Chief's Tr. Ct.; Boyd's Trailer Ct.; 107 S. Washington
K-12 Stops:	8-A (West of D) SE 350, 951, 425, Y Hwy, SE 725, 600, 1051, 23 Hwy; Oak Grove Trailer Ct.; Patrick's; Whiteman Trailer Ct. off Div. Rd.; Wooded Hills (SE 951)	H. Draper	7 a.m.	Rural South and Southwest, Oak Grove and Whiteman Trailer Cts., Wooded Hills
K-12 Stops:	18-A SNE 200, 521, 400, 601, P Hwy; NE 250 (East of P); NE 501, Division Rd. (West of Montserrat); NE 115 (Montserrat); SE 641, 591, State Park off DD	G. Tull	6:50 a.m.	Rural: West and Northwest
K-12 Stops:	16-A NE 600, 621, 851; NE 700 (West of 23 Hwy); Valley City; NE 750; MM Hwy; NE 500 (West of 23); NE 900 (off MM); E Hwy (West of 23 Hwy); 23 Hwy (N. of E); NE 175 (West of MM)	D. Gilman	6:55 a.m.	Rural: North and Northwest
K-12 Stops:	7-B Knob Noster Trailer Ct.; NE 75 and West bound 50 Hwy East of D; Smith Parkway Apartments; 6th and NE 981; 7th and NE 981; 8th and NE 981; 10th and NE 981; Int. 6th/old 23 Hwy; Town & Country Trailer Ct.	M. Akers	7:25 a.m.	Knob Noster Trailer Ct., NE 75 East of D; Knob Noster housing north of Hwy 50 to 23, N. Adams, Town & Country Trailer Ct.
K-12 Stops:	2-B East Lucas; SKV; East bound 50 Hwy East of Knob Noster; Country Acres; NE 200; NE 175 (East of 23 Hwy).	R. Carnes	7:20 a.m.	Lucas Street, Country Acres, NE 175 (E. of 23), NE 200
K-5 Stops:	11-B From Knob Elem. to Whiteman Elem. Take home from WE to addresses in Knob Noster.	B. Chaffin	8:05 a.m.	Delivered to homes in Knob Noster starting at 3:35 p.m.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPEC. ED: Bus 3 route will be arranged as children enroll based on their addresses and section.

VO-TECH: Route will adjust to meet class and work study requirements.

Water they doing?



Airman 1st Class Joseph Booker, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, takes a sample from the base pool. Water treatment plant members test the pool for chlorine and pH levels to help ensure the safety of

Whiteman members. The water treatment plant controls the three water towers on base. The water towers are used to back-feed and supplement the system during times of high water use.



Photos by Melissa Klinkner

A water sample is tested for alkalinity. More than 250 tests are performed daily to ensure Whiteman's water is safe and meets Missouri's standards. The water samples undergo tests for hardness, alkalinity, turbidity, pH and chlorine. Bio-tests are also performed to ensure water is free of harmful micro-organisms.



Airman 1st Class Deanna Summers, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, tests a water sample for hardness. The water used around base is aerated to remove hydrogen sulfide, treated with alum and lime to soften the water, and re-carbonated in outdoor basins before being pumped into the plant's filter gallery. The gallery is capable of filtering 450 gallons of water per minute, removing 98 percent of all solids. Throughout the filtration process, samples are taken and tested to ensure the filter system is functioning properly. Any discrepancies in the process are corrected by members of the 509th CES.



Roy Surprise, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, checks the supervisory control and data acquisition system. The water treatment plant dispenses more than 1.4 million gallons of water per day for base use during the summer. The water is drawn from nine wells, up to 450 feet deep, controlled by the automated pump system and monitored by 509th CES members.



Airman 1st Class Joseph Booker, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, adjusts the amount of chlorine in the base pool. Members of the 509th CES Water Treatment Flight are certified by the state. There are more per capita certified plant workers at Whiteman than any other Missouri city. The certification process consists of training and examination.

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Staff Sgt. Brian Coffel
509th Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Brian Coffel, 509th Maintenance Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Monday.

Senior Master Sgt. David Giesen, 509th MXS, nominated Sergeant Coffel for the award.

Sergeant Coffel started a collection box in the duty section to send care packages to military members who are deployed to Iraq. He also collected cash donations from co-workers and purchased items such as toothbrushes, notepads, magazines, pens and pencils.

Sergeant Coffel involved 20-30 people in collecting donations for the deployed troops. He is doing all the research and packaging legwork for this project, Sergeant Giesen said.

"Sergeant Coffel is a former Marine with buddies deployed in Iraq — two of whom have been wounded in battles," Sergeant Giesen said. "Letting the deployed troops in Iraq know that the people back home care for them is very near and dear to him."

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Government Purchasing Card purchaser

Time on station: 2 years

Hometown: Blue Springs, Mo.

Spouse: Samantha Coffel

Hobbies: Playing on the computer and collecting movies.

Goals: To become a training instructor.

Best thing about Whiteman: Close to home.

Pet peeves: Undisciplined Airmen.

What motivates your winning spirit? Remembering that there are people out there in harm's way.

If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be? Improve housing.

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.

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*Be sure to include why this person
is being nominated.*



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Car wash blues

Senior Airman Yamilet Kerezsi, 509th Communications Squadron, washes a car to raise funds for Hispanic Heritage Month events. Members of Whiteman Tier 2, Airmen's Council and the Hispanic Heritage Committee raised more than \$450. Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated Sept. 15-Oct. 15.

Around the Air Force

One-stop site helps members, families

Military One Source is a one-stop place to go when service members or family members need help with any kind of problem anytime, worldwide. Military One Source provides information on situations such as: needing a plumber in the middle of the night, to needing veterinary service. It also helps families new to an area find childcare, or information about the school system and summer jobs.

Military One Source toll-free numbers are 800-342-9647 in the United States, 800-342-6477 outside the United States (where available) and 484-530-5747 to call international collect.

Reimbursement available for R&R leave

Service members who traveled on rest and recuperation leave while deployed supporting operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom between Sept. 25 and Dec. 18, 2003, may be eligible for reimbursement of airline costs.

Reimbursement for airline costs is retroactive for those people who paid for commercial airline tickets from the port they flew into from overseas, such as Baltimore-Washington International Airport, to their final leave destination. According to records, about 40,000 service members traveled during the period. More information is available at www.armyg1.army.mil/WellBeing/RRLeave/index.HTM.

Rules restrict political activity

With election activity steadily picking up, defense officials remind service members and Defense Department civilians that they are subject to rules regulating their involvement in political activities.

Two sets of rules help protect the integrity of the political process: a DOD directive for active-duty service members and the Hatch Act for federal civilians. These rules keep the military out of partisan politics and ensure that the workplace remains politically neutral. While the restrictions concerning political activity may vary, the basic rules hold true for all DOD workers. They cannot use their position to influence or interfere with an election, and they can never engage in political activity on the job, in a government vehicle or while wearing an official uniform.

FormFlow deleted from publishing site

After replacing FormFlow software with the Information Management Tool viewer, officials at the Air Force's departmental publishing office recently sealed the deal by officially removing FormFlow forms from its online Web site repository.

Established at www.e-publishing.af.mil, users will no longer find "forms" as they once knew them. Instead, they can find IMTs, the new name for forms in the Air Force. As of June, FormFlow products were replaced with their corresponding IMTs.

Exercise your freedom to VOTE!

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Tech. Sgt. Shane Hagemeier and Senior Airman Brett Walker talk with Capt. Evan Watkins about digging a trench to protect communications cables at a forward location. They are deployed as part of the 438th Expeditionary Communications Flight. Sergeant Hagemeier and Airman Walker are members of the 509th Communications Squadron. Captain Watkins is deployed from the 1st CS at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Wired to the world 509ers improve connectivity

(Editor's Note: Senior Master Sgt. Glen Heacock is deployed from the 1st Communications Squadron at Langley Air Force Base, Va. He and members of the 509th CS deployed in June. They are expected to return in September.)

By Senior Master Sgt. Glen Heacock
438th Expeditionary Communications Flight

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Members of the 509th Communications Squadron are improving the communications quality of life for Air Force members deployed with the 438th Expeditionary Group supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Deployments to this region are never easy and for the 13-member Whiteman communications team, this deployment is no exception.

The computer network infrastructure at this forward operating location has suffered the pain of an uncertain future.

Long-term improvements haven't received the necessary attention, and the harsh landscape and rugged terrain have taken their toll.

As a result, the communications team had a tough job keeping the network alive. They respond daily to fiber and cable breaks making long-term planning even harder, and taxed resources and time.

Despite the heavy workload, the Whiteman team initiated a plan to eliminate single points of failure across the base local area network and to increase its survivability and reliability.

Armed with pickaxes and shovels, the team trenched through road and rocks on days with temperatures soaring more than 100 degrees to clear trenches up to 30 feet long and 18 inches deep. They then buried



This networking device was found in a marsh pit covered with a plastic lid. The power was tripped because it was found under 8 inches of water.

conduit to help protect the fiber-optic cable that runs under the heaviest traveled roads. The benefits paid off almost immediately.

In areas normally plagued with daily breaks, not one has occurred since. Increases in the data transfer rate and network reliability have been realized.

With one problem solved, another one emerged. Delicate networking devices are found in places that would make a network technician cringe. When they're found, the technicians wonder how the networking devices have worked for so long.



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Absentee ballot process improved

Department of Defense and U.S. Postal Service officials recently announced initiatives to improve the absentee ballot process for military people overseas.

The goal of the new processes is to move the ballots faster and with greater control. Under the initiatives, the Postal Service will:

- ✓ Use special sorting procedures to segregate the voting materials.

- ✓ Send them by Express Mail to the military mail 'gateways' in San Francisco, New York and Miami.

- ✓ Have airlines give the materials the highest priority in getting them to their destinations.

The military postal system will, in turn, give the materials priority as they travel to service people in theater.

Ballots will flow back to the United States with the same special handling, but will also receive postal cancellations at the APO or FPO to accurately record the date and time the ballot is received.

DOD and Postal Service officials recommend military members and their families follow Federal Voting Assistance Program guidelines and:

- ✓ Request absentee ballots by the week of Sept. 6

- ✓ Mail completed ballots back the week of Oct. 11.

Whiteman's voting officers are:

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2nd Lt. Jennifer Pickett	
509th BW	687-3445
1st Lt. Ed Gulick	
509th BW	687-6122
Master Sgt. Christine Fausnight	
509th CPTS	687-1154
Gwen Clarence	
509th CPTS	687-7910
Capt. Bryan Wickersing	
509th OSS	687-3549
Capt. Corey Hummel	
509th OSS	687-6120
Staff Sgt. Kristy Crespo	
509th OSS	687-6134
Staff Sgt. Heather Tegard	
509th OSS	687-3101
Senior Airman Jessica King	
509th OSS	687-1704
Senior Airman Rosemarie Morelli	
509th OSS	687-1677
Airman 1st Class Steve Poettker	
509th OSS	687-167
Master Sgt. James Sales	
393rd BS	687-1761
2nd Lt. James McCue	
325th BS	687-3251
Airman 1st Class Christopher Mills	
394th CTS	687-6450
1st Lt. Ryan Baker	
509th MXS	687-7113
1st Lt. Eric Jagers	
509th AMXS	687-3288
Master Sgt. Mike Jones	
509th MOS	687-2369
Master Sgt. Troy Sharp	
509th MUNS	687-3081
Master Sgt. Keith Keen	
509th MUNS	687-3087
Tech. Sgt. David Gillingham	
509th MUNS	687-4465
Tech. Sgt. Eric Goewey	
509th MUNS	687-1217
Staff Sgt. Alfredo Arvizo	
509th MUNS	687-2318
Tech. Sgt. Eric Lang	
509th MUNS	687-3109

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509th CS	687-6180
1st Lt. Nathan Hogan	
509th CS	687-7085
1st Lt. Andrew Heo	
509th CS	687-1841
1st Lt. Brian Wolken	
509th CES	687-6036
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509th CES	687-1996
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Crannick	
509th CES	687-4259
Master Sgt. Marcus Gray	
509th CES	687-6260
Master Sgt. Michael Fusaro	
509th CES	687-6142
Master Sgt. Charles Hoskins	
509th CES	687-4735
Tech. Sgt. William St. Peter	
509th CES	687-4548
Master Sgt. Arthur Roy	
509th CES	687-1057
Tech. Sgt. Robert Waldorf	
509th CES	687-3014
Tech. Sgt. Glen Simons	
509th CES	687-1161
Staff Sgt. Michael Becker	
509th CES	687-4223
Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Thomas	
509th SVS	687-5470
Staff Sgt. Adrienne Mimms	
509th SVS	687-6532
Staff Sgt. James Aselstine	
509th SFS	687-6665
Airman 1st Class Daniel Barrios	
509th SFS	687-3888
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Turner 5	
09th SFS	687-6659
Senior Airman Robert Turner	
509th SFS	687-6665
Tech. Sgt. Gordon Severs	
509th MSS	687-6422
Staff Sgt. James Keeter	
509th MSS	687-6090
Senior Airman Shelton Watson	
509th CONS	687-1841
Senior Airman Travis Register	
509th LRS	687-5695
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509th MDSS	687-5544
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509th MDSS	687-4324
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509th MDOS	687-3937
Staff Sgt. Jesse Stroot	
509th MDOS	687-2128
Staff Sgt. Ed Caffrey	
509th MDOS	687-2212
Staff Sgt. Ashley Motley	
509th MDOS	687-1191
Lt. Col. Roxanne Williams	
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'Dirt boys' get get down, dirty

By Master Sgt. Andrew Gates

455th Expeditionary Operations Group

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan (AFPN) —

Although their primary mission is to maintain the runway here, the heavy-equipment Airmen find much of their work involves dirt — moving, smoothing and grading it.

It's a dirty job, but someone has to do it.

"We're here to make sure the runway stays open," said Staff Sgt. John Wininger, one of the "Dirt boys" of the 455th Expeditionary Support Squadron Civil Engineer Flight. "When we don't need to make repairs, we work on projects to build up the base's long-term infrastructure."

The Soviet-era runway here is somewhat cobbled together, said Airman 1st Class John Renner, deployed from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. "We do the best we can to keep it under control."

The CE flight has a team on call around the clock to fix the runway, or repair any damage to it from attack. Since civil engineers own the real estate, they become rather protective of it.

"A lot of people don't like to hear us say this, but we own the runway," said Sergeant Wininger. "We just let other people use it."

For the most part, though, the day-to-day activities of the heavy equipment section are upgrading the Air Force compound and providing people with needed necessities.

Some of their key responsibilities involve pouring concrete, or more specifically, preparing the ground to pour concrete, removing debris and leveling the ground.

So far, projects have included pouring 800 cubic meters of concrete for a petroleum, oil and lubricant parking area, and setting up the ground for a new communication tower for an air traffic control radar system.

Often, this means working with various base agencies. The Airmen have worked with a Korean concrete pouring team as well as with the Slovaks, Polish and the Army civil engineers.

"This helps everyone out on bigger projects," Sergeant Wininger said. "We have the heavy equipment and they have the manpower. The opportunity to work with other nations is enjoyable."

Nevertheless, digging in the dirt in Afghanistan can be somewhat risky. In the past two months, the heavy equipment team has found nearly a dozen old munitions, ranging from old fuses to rocket payloads and bombs, Sergeant Wininger said.

A long-term plan, such as that for the runway repair military construction project, allows the heavy equipment Airmen to remain focused.

"If we know what the base will 'look' like in five years, we can more accurately plan what our priorities should be," Sergeant Wininger said.

To bring that plan into fruition, the Airmen use more than 20 different pieces of ground equipment. Each Airman has different favorite equipment.

"I like the backhoe," Airman Renner said. "You can do a lot of different operations with it, it's very versatile. Each time you climb in the cab, it's a different task."

On the other hand, Sergeant Wininger prefers the grader.

"It's more challenging, precision work. You have to get the grade level for roads and pads. You need to set the foundation correctly for a building or road."

Setting that foundation can be somewhat difficult for the team. The ground is mostly shifting sand, so getting down to solid ground can be challenging.

"You think you have it graded one day, and you come back and find a soft spot," Airman Renner said. Additionally, the arid climate and dry ground tend to pull the water out of the curing concrete quickly.

"We use curing compound and water the ground extensively before we pour to keep it from (drying out) too quickly and becoming weak. After we are done pouring, we keep the concrete hydrated," Airman Renner said.

Whether building foundations or keeping the runway operational, team members realize how important they are to the mission.

"The planes couldn't go anywhere without a runway," Airman Renner said. "I know everyone says it, but I don't think there's any more important job in the Air Force."

"I'm glad to be here and supporting the mission," he said. "I'm just out here doing my best to get the job done here."

Sergeant Wininger agrees.

"It's such an honor to be here," he said. "This will probably be the last deployment I have before I retire. This has been a great opportunity to support ongoing operations."



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Humming along

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Senior Airman Carlos Espada, 438th Expeditionary Group, works on a humvee at a forward location. Airman Espada helps ensure an 80 percent vehicle in-commission rate. He's deployed from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.



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Award winner

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Staff Sgt. Kenneth Kline receives his 438th Expeditionary Group NCO of the Month certificate from Col. J. Bradford Lynn, 438th EG commander. Sergeant Kline is a firefighter with the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. At the forward location, Sergeant Kline performs facility inspections to improve living conditions. He has torn down tents, built up the base by hauling in rock and gravel to prevent flooding, and built protective shelters for the fire department assets. Sergeant Kline was NCO of the Month for July.

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Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles he has overcome while trying to succeed.

Booker T. Washington
American educator 1856-1915

What's happening

Community

Girl Scout registration set

A Girl Scout registration and pool party takes place 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the pool. Kindergartners through 12th graders may sign up. The cost is \$1 per person or \$3 per family. The national registration fee is \$10.

Top 3 meeting set

The Whiteman Top 3 meets at 3 p.m. Thursday at Mission's End. For more details, call Master Sgt. Steve Poole at 687-4461.

Discount tickets for military

People who have a valid military ID card can get discount concert tickets for Y'allapalooza. This military appreciation event begins at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at Verizon Wireless Amphitheater in Bonner Springs, Kan. People can show their military ID or uniform at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater Box Office and purchase their first Y'alla lawn ticket for \$12.50. People can buy additional lawn tickets for \$5 with no limit and no service charge.

OSC meets Aug. 26

The Officers' Spouses' Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at Mission's End. Attendees can meet the new board members.

Reserve openings available

The Air Force Reserve offers opportunities to people separating from active duty. The reserve offers most active-duty bene-

fits, pay and retirement. For more details, call Master Sgt. Kim Halstead at 687-6483.

Family Support

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

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. This briefing covers information about preparing for deployment and programs available to family members who are left behind.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Air Force Reserve and finance will provide information. The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing. For more details, call 687-1500 or 687-6720.

TAP helps departing members

A three-day transition assistance program for people separating or retiring from the military begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Attendees will learn basic resume writing skills, interviewing skills, salary negotiation, and receive information on education and Veterans Administration benefits. Reservations are required.

Menus

Knob Noster Elementary School

Monday: Bean burrito, carrot and celery sticks, pears and cookie
Tuesday: Mr. Rib on bun, spinach, pineapple chunks and cake
Wednesday: Chicken patty, mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, fruit snack and roll
Thursday: Beef ravioli, salad, green beans, apple and bread
Friday: Chicken and rice, peas, orange, pudding pop and bread

Whiteman Elementary School

Monday: Hamburger, pork & beans, salad and yogurt
Tuesday: Pizza, salad, corn and cake
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, fruit and roll
Thursday: Corn dog nuggets, potato wedges, carrots and cookie
Friday: Open faced pizza burger, broccoli, fruit and cake

**The Whiteman Top 3's
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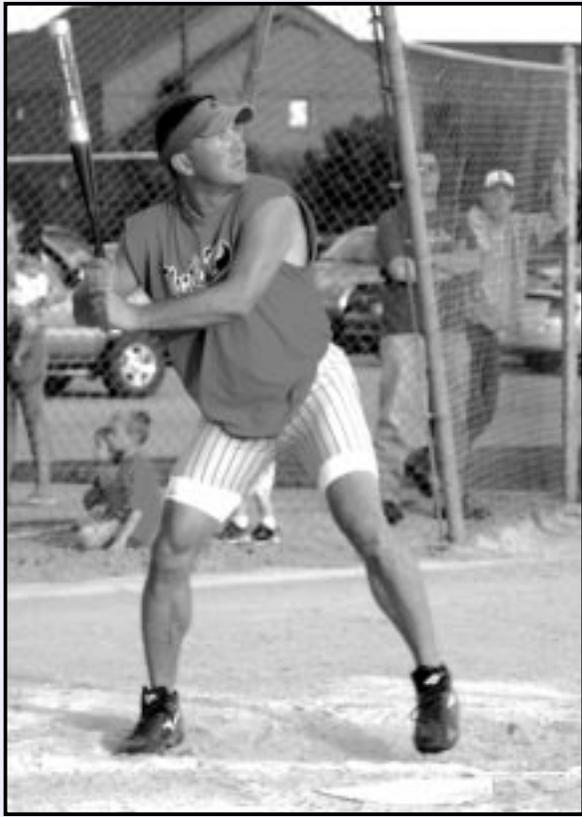


Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Swing, batter!

Shawn Groder, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, prepares to swing. The 509th LRS softball team won the intramural championship against the 509th Munitions Squadron team Tuesday. In the final inning, 509th LRS led 13-3, but 509th MUNS scored eight runs to win 13-11.

Sports shorts

Youth center team takes 1st in league

The Whiteman Phillies, youth center pony baseball team, and coaches **Kevin Brisley** and **Robert Bonk** placed first in the regular season games of the Tri County League and placed second in the tournament for their division. The Phillies are **Bradley Angel, Christopher Bonk, Zachery Brisley, Curtis Gary, Justin McCoy, Dustin Piper, Matthew Stern, Zach Stern, Brandon Smith, Mitchell Carroll, Josh Land, Matthew Ware, DJ Forman, Timothy Fuller** and **Michael Ketchen**.



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Greg Hauser congratulates Joseph Amagetcher, who lifted 4.5 B-2s in the "Lift the B-2" program.

LRS member 'lifts' 4.5 B-2s

Joseph Amagetcher, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, completed the "Lift the B-2" incentive program. Amagetcher lifted 4.5 B-2s which equals more than one million pounds between April and June. A B-2 with a

full tank of gas weighs 350,000 pounds. He lifted the most weight during the three-month program.

Marathon becomes official AF event

By Brett Turner
88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — The U.S. Air Force Marathon has been flying high for eight years and Air Force Services Agency officials recently approved it as an official Air Force event.

"The official endorsement has always been kind of understood, it's just never been written formally; now it will be," said Steve Carlyon, the 88th Mission Support Group's services division director here. "This is just part of the evolution of the Air Force Marathon."

The marathon was initiated in 1997 as the base's tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Air Force. It's run on the third Saturday in September each year in recognition of the anniversary.

Event officials said the Air Force Marathon offers unique touches to make the experience stand out for all participants, not just competitive runners. For instance, aid stations along the course and volunteers being involved are event hallmarks.

It also differs in that it's run through much of the base, as well as through such historic sites such as the U.S. Air Force Museum and the area where the Wright Brothers made early experimental flights. Also, participants are given eight hours to complete the course, which is more time than other marathons permit.

Although the 26.2-mile marathon is the main focus, there is more to the event, Mr. Carlyon said. Also offered are a 13.1-mile half marathon race; a four-person relay race (26.2-miles with team members running different parts of the course); a 5k race (3.1 miles); and a 26.2-mile wheelchair race.

In recent years, the Air Force Marathon has drawn more involvement, according to Mr. Carlyon. A record 3,500 people participated last year, while about 7,000 others volunteered or were spectators.



"We want to grow the event and make it bigger, and (so we) needed to put an endorsement on it," he said. "Our vision is to attract 20,000 runners."

"Becoming the official Air Force Marathon brings that credibility to it. Plus it ties in resources from the Air Force Services Agency for marketing and promotional support; it ties in resources from public affairs and other areas, and brings us up to that next step."

One of the steps will be tying the marathon into the Air Force's official calendar of sporting events.

This could entice more athletes to participate.

Another potential boost will be in drawing name runners to the event. Unlike many major sports, runners here may be able to compete alongside top professional runners.

Mr. Carlyon said the upside to this would be competitors could see how they compared to a world-class runner at various mile markers, and those top marathoners would be available to speak to competitors and offer tips.

The Air Force Marathon is already a qualifying race for such world renowned races as the Boston Marathon and the New York Marathon.

The Air Force Marathon is not just open to military people but the general public as well. It's an open event.

Even though much of it's run on a military base, anybody who enters will be allowed to participate, regardless of age. A new awards category was added this year to recognize runners age 12 and younger in the 5k race.

A question Mr. Carlyon hears periodically concerns leave for active-duty people. He said permissive temporary duty is authorized, entitling individuals to submit a request through their commander in lieu of taking leave. All lodging and other expenses are the individual's responsibility.

The 2004 Air Force Marathon still has openings in all events. For more information, call DSN 787-4350, commercial 937-257-4350 or 800-467-1823, or go online to <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.

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Sports & Recreation

Fitness Center 687-5496

SPINNING* across America

Participate in the spinning quarterly incentive program until Sept. 30. Spinning classes are available at 6 a.m., 9 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call the fitness center for more details and to sign up. Sponsored in part by Life Fitness.*

Dodgeball

Dodgeball is here! Participate in a six-person dodgeball tournament 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 23-26 at the fitness center. Call the fitness center for more details and to sign up.

Stars and Strikes 687-5114

50-cent days

When the base pool is closed, people with pool passes can bowl 11 a.m.-4 p.m. for only 50 cents per game and 50 cents per shoe rental. Offer ends Sept. 6. Call Stars & Strikes for more details.

'Bowl for the Stars & Strikes'

Bowl a game or purchase a large Coca-Cola to receive a punch card until Aug. 31. Each purchase receives a punch. When the card is complete and turned in, patrons will receive two free games of bowling, a medium Coca-Cola, a completion reward and eligibility to win monthly prizes at Stars & Strikes. Call Stars & Strikes for more details. Sponsored in part by Coca-Cola.*

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Pool parties

Parties can be held at the base pool 6-8 p.m., 8-10 p.m. or 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays, or Fridays-Sundays until Aug. 21. The fee ranges from \$25 to \$45 depending on the number of people. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call outdoor recreation for more details or to make a reservation.

Boater safety class

A mandatory boater safety 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 qualify to rent a boat from outdoor recreation. The Session I class is available 11 a.m.-noon Thursday. Session II classes are available 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Aug. 26 or 1-4:30 p.m. Aug. 28. A combined session class is available 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sept. 9. Learn Missouri state laws, rules about safety and using equipment. Spaces are limited; sign up early.

Katy Trail adventure

Bring your family outdoors for a 30-mile bike ride along the Katy Trail 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 11. Riders in the Air Force base-level cycling program will bike from Hartsburg to Mokane, Mo. The \$7 fee includes transportation and bike if needed. Call outdoor recreation for more details and to sign up by Sept. 9.

Royal Oaks 687-5572

Labor Day four-person scramble

Celebrate Labor Day by competing in a four-person scramble 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 6 at Royal Oaks Golf Course. There is a \$15 entry fee plus cart and greens fee. Call Royal Oaks for more details and to sign up by Sept. 1.

Ozark Inn 687-5469

Ozark Inn reopening

Look for Ozark Inn reopening this month! The ribbon cutting will take place 11 a.m. Aug. 23. Call Ozark Inn for more details.



Community Activities



Youth Center 687-5586

Babe's Family Fun Center

Kindergartners through fourth graders can visit Babe's Family Fun Center in Warrensburg 6:30-9:30 p.m. today. A \$6 fee for members and \$7.50 fee for nonmembers includes transportation and admission. Call the youth center for more details; spaces are limited.

Oceans of Fun trip

Fifth through seventh graders are welcome to Oceans of Fun 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. The \$28 fee for members and \$30 fee for nonmembers is due at the time of sign up. The fee includes transportation and admission. Call the youth center for more details.

Back-to-school lock-in

Fifth through seventh graders are welcome to the back-to-school lock-in 10 p.m.-7 a.m. Aug. 20-21. The \$10 fee for members and \$12 fee for nonmembers includes snacks and breakfast. Enjoy games, movies, crafts and more. Call the youth center for more details and to sign up.

Back-to-school bash

Kindergartners through fourth graders are welcome to the back-to-school bash 6:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 20. The \$6 fee for members and \$7.50 fee for nonmembers includes an ice cream sundae bar. Enjoy games, movies, crafts and more. Call the youth center for more details; sign up begins Monday.

Family Child Care 687-5590/1180

Extended duty care

Register now for the extended duty care program. It is available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty hours and child care emergencies. Care is provided in a contracted, licensed family child care home to augment regular care arrangements. An application must be completed before participation.

Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

Fleas and ticks

Fleas and ticks can be a year-round problem but the summer months are a period of high risk for pets. Warm temperatures and humidity can quickly lead to flea and tick infestations. Pets can contract tapeworms from ingesting fleas. Ticks are common in this area and may carry Lyme disease. The veterinary clinic has an assortment of products to protect pets. For more details, visit or call the veterinary clinic.

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Framing class

Take a beginners framing class 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 21 at the skills development center. The \$40 fee includes instruction and supplies. Call the skills development center for more details and to sign up.

Stained glass panel class

Take a beginners, six-week stained glass panel class 6-9 p.m. Thursdays beginning Sept. 2 at the skills development center. A \$45 fee plus supplies includes instruction to learn the copper foiling method to assemble a stained glass panel. Call the skills development center for more details and to sign up.

Oil change special

Get an oil change with NAPA Premium oil now until Aug. 31 at auto skills. The \$21.95 special includes 5 quarts of oil, Micro Gard filter, all under-the-hood fluids checked and topped off, hoses and belts inspected, and tire pressure checked and adjusted if needed. Call auto skills for more details; some restrictions may apply.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Openings for full-time care

The child development center has care available for children 3 to 5 years old in need of full-time care. The CDC is accredited through the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.

Drop-in care

The child development center has drop-in care 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on a space-available basis. Call for more details.

Community Center 687-5617

Loafer's convention

Children can goof around at the community center 1-6 p.m. Saturday. Play pool, cards, board games, video games, watch a movie or just do nothing at all. Refreshments will be provided. Call the community center for more details.

Precious pets picture contest

Submit a precious picture of your pet to the community center by today or stop by to vote for a pet. Prizes are awarded to first, second and third places. Votes will be counted Aug. 27; call the community center for more details.

Back-to-school swap shop

Take a moment to clean out your closet and swap treasures with your friends 1-4 p.m. Sept. 4. Some ideas include: clothes, CDs, videos, toys, collectibles, cards, etc. Light refreshments will be provided. Call the community center for more details.

Teen Center 687-5819

Movie night

Teens can enjoy a movie with their friends 8-10 p.m. today at the teen center. Popcorn is provided at this free event. Call the teen center for more details.

Kansas City Royals bus trip

Enjoy the Kansas City Royals vs. Tampa Bay Devil Rays baseball game 5-10 p.m. Sept. 10. The \$10 fee includes admission and transportation. Call the teen center for more details and to sign up by Sept. 8.



Travel & Leisure



Tickets & Travel 687-5643

Chiefs lottery

Sign up for a lottery to purchase Kansas City Chiefs tickets at outdoor recreation. The drawing takes place at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Mission's End. Call Tickets & Travel for more details.

Renaissance Festival

Tickets & Travel offers an additional \$1 off the ticket price to customers who make their Renaissance costume at the skills development center. The Renaissance Festival takes place Sept. 4-Oct. 17 in Bonner Springs, Kan. Contact Tickets & Travel for more information and to buy a ticket.



Food & Fun



Mission's End 687-4422

Karaoke

Enjoy karaoke 8 p.m.-midnight Aug. 20 in the Lavene Lounge at Mission's End.

College football

The University of Southern California vs. Virginia Tech college football game begins at 6:45 p.m. Aug. 28 at Mission's End.

NFL Sunday Ticket

Members only, the NFL Sunday Ticket begins at 11 a.m. Sept. 12 at Mission's End. Come watch your favorite team and enjoy the food and beverages on our menu.

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