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NORI Countdown: 27 days

Red Carpet Rollout

This week Whiteman welcomes ...

Chief Master Sgt. Charles Collins

53rd Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant

News in Brief

Claims Notice

Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, regretfully announces the death of Airman 1st Class James Hodgens, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to Airman Hodgens' estate should call 2nd Lt. Jeremy Bolin, 509th CES summary courts officer, at 687-2530.

Warrior Run scheduled

The Warrior Run begins at 7:30 a.m. Thursday at the S-6 alert facility; however, participants should be in place at 7:15 a.m. Water and gatorade will be provided.

BCC luncheon set

The base community council luncheon begins at noon on Oct. 7 at Mission's End. The menu is beef stroganoff with noodles and peas. The cost is \$8.50. Base members interested in attending must R.S.V.P. to the public affairs office by 12:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at bcc.rsvp@whiteman.af.mil or 687-6151.

Virtual Assistance Training available

A Military Spouse Virtual Assistant training workshop is scheduled Oct. 18-21 at the family support center. Classes take place 8:30-2:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

The class size is limited to 10 and people must apply online at http://www.msvas.com/application_whiteman.htm by Oct. 4. Attendees must commit to attend each session to apply for the training slot. For more details, call 687-7132.

Mizzou honors military members

The University of Missouri offers discount tickets to the Nov. 6 football game vs. Kansas State.

Game time has not been determined, but the \$12 ticket includes admission to a free pregame tailgate party for Whiteman members. Tickets must be pre-purchased and picked up through first sergeants. Transportation will be provided, sign up through your first sergeant.

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CFC begins

Airman 1st Class Daryle Braswell and Staff Sgt. Tim Bayes, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, move the Combined Federal Campaign sign into place. The annual CFC drive began Wednesday and ends Oct. 19. This year's wing goal is to raise \$140,000. CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. The fundraising campaign helps support a variety of health, human and other services provided by more than 2,000 charitable agencies.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Jumper: Terror threat greater than any other

By Kathleen Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The threat of terrorism is greater than any threat this nation has ever faced, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. And he said he believes today's Airmen are up to the challenge.

The threat of terrorism is "greater than Nazism, greater than communism," General Jumper said.

"This threat that we have of terrorist zealots is the most dangerous because these are people who care nothing about life," he said. "They care nothing about our lives, for sure, and they care nothing about their own lives."

However, today's Airmen make up the best Air Force the world has ever seen, and they are the best equipped to battle this threat, General Jumper said.

The service is leveraging technolo-

gy in new and exciting ways, he said. Specifically, the Air Force is making leaps and bounds in leveraging space technology. It is also working with the other services in areas unheard of just a decade ago.

The general said surveillance and network capabilities were showcased in Operation Iraqi Freedom. During a dust storm while the main fighting was still going on last year, military leaders saw the Air Force's ability to track Iraqi forces as they tried to send reinforcements to ground forces outside of Baghdad, Iraq.

He said the military services are not operating as jointly as well as they hope to be, but they have come a long way.

"It's in much more of a cooperative spirit than it was even in (1991 during Operation) Desert Storm," he said.

General Jumper recalled how air-tasking orders had to be flown from the Air Force out to Navy carriers

every day.

"We didn't even have the simple communication that it would take to transmit the air-tasking orders out to the carriers by radio or telephone," he said.

But for all the advancements in technology and doctrine, the thing that makes the Air Force — and all the U.S. military services — strong is the people who raise their right hand and commit themselves to a cause greater than themselves, General Jumper said.

In a message directed to Airmen everywhere, the general said they should be proud when they look in the mirror every morning.

"You are the greatest Airmen on our planet," he said. "You've earned the respect of everybody throughout the world. Saddam Hussein buried his airplanes in the sand rather than come up and face the air power of the United States of America."

Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller
509th Bomb Wing Commander

Campaigns

Your unit representatives are in the process of contacting each of you, so that you know how to contribute to this year's Combined Federal Campaign.

Look for the CFC information and consider whether and how you will help.

Also by now, you should have received all the information you need to register to vote. I encourage you to exercise your privilege as a citizen to vote!

Emergency Response — Well Done!

Recently, a visitor to the base suffered a medical emergency.

One of our Air Force spouses, Melissa Johnson, used previous training to promptly and correctly perform CPR on the visitor.

This incident points out the importance of taking first-aid training seriously so we can respond when others need our assistance. It is also important to know that dialing 9-1-1 on a cell phone, even on base, will contact *Johnson County, Mo.*, emergency dispatch.

To contact *Whiteman's emergency dispatch program*, dial 687-4507 on your cell phone.

Rumor Control

It must be a full moon because I've heard some wacky things lately about our base — things I've never heard before!

No, the B-2 is not moving to

Scott Air Force Base, Ill., next week; and we are not moving to the other side of the planet either.

Base Realignment and Closure, or BRAC, decisions — which might or might not even affect Whiteman — will be made on a schedule that is a matter of public record and not until 2005 at the earliest.

If you hear any more rumors, the best thing you can do is squelch them!

(We can avoid) Tragedy on the road

This past weekend, Air Combat Command suffered two fatal motorcycle accidents.

Two Airmen lost their lives, and a third was gravely injured. One of those who died was a member of the Whiteman family.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Col. (Dr.) Richard Bachmann, 509th Medical Group commander, asks Maj. Charlene Reith, 509th MedGp, a question about donating to the Combined Federal Campaign. Major Reith is the CFC coordinator for the group.

Please remember: if you ride a motorcycle, you're at greater risk than if you have steel around you. If you are not careful, you're taking your life in your hands. I'll talk more about this in the future.

Check attitude at door, make adjustment

By Lt. Col. Stephen Moulton
394th Combat Training Squadron Commander

Let's face it; some of us are naturally "glass-half-full" people while others of us have a hard time just finding the glass. Being positive, particularly in the workplace, can be the farthest thing from our minds. It's much easier to grumble, complain, or whine when things aren't going our way, or the people we live and work with are getting on our nerves.

If you find yourself as a "glass half-empty" type, consider what author John Maxwell calls the five Ps and Rs of a positive attitude.

I think of them simply as good personal and professional relations. First, a positive attitude leads to positive results — it's infectious. Positive people propel others toward great things. On the other hand, negative people tend to suck the life out of the people they interact with and eventually the organizations they work in.

A positive attitude also leads to positive reactions. Positive people tend to have long fuses. It

takes a lot to set them off while negative people are like time bombs ready to explode with the slightest spark.

Positive attitudes lead to positive rejoicing. That simply means our inner well-being should not be based purely on our happiness or current state of affairs. We need an inner peace and joy to carry us through when the going really gets tough. Ask any former prisoner of war, and I think they'll emphatically agree.

As tough as this "PR" sounds, consider this. Even though bad things do happen to good people, we can't always control our environment and the events of our lives. However, we have total control over our attitudes. We can choose how we react to our external environment and those who tend to set us on edge. A person who chooses to remain positive when facing the trials of life will prevail and inspire others to do the same — positive attitudes are infectious.

The last two PR's are related. Positive attitudes lead to positive reinforcement and positive relationships. Positive people are

encouragers. They reinforce the good and not the bad when dealing with others. They're the first to offer a word of praise or a pat on the back — even when they didn't get the early promotion or the enviable job in the unit.

When it comes to relationships, author Willard Harley describes it like this; each person has an emotional bank account. Positive people continue to make deposits in our account. Negative people continuously make withdrawals. How do you feel when the negative attitudes of others continue to deplete your patience and understanding? Do you want to be the one who overdraws your boss' emotional bank account?

Now for that attitude check. Ponder these questions and thoughts:

1. Do you see the good in people and situations or only the bad?
2. Do you give others the benefit of the doubt? If not, here's a good rule of thumb: When dealing with yourself, use your head. When dealing with others, use your heart.
3. Are you always on the

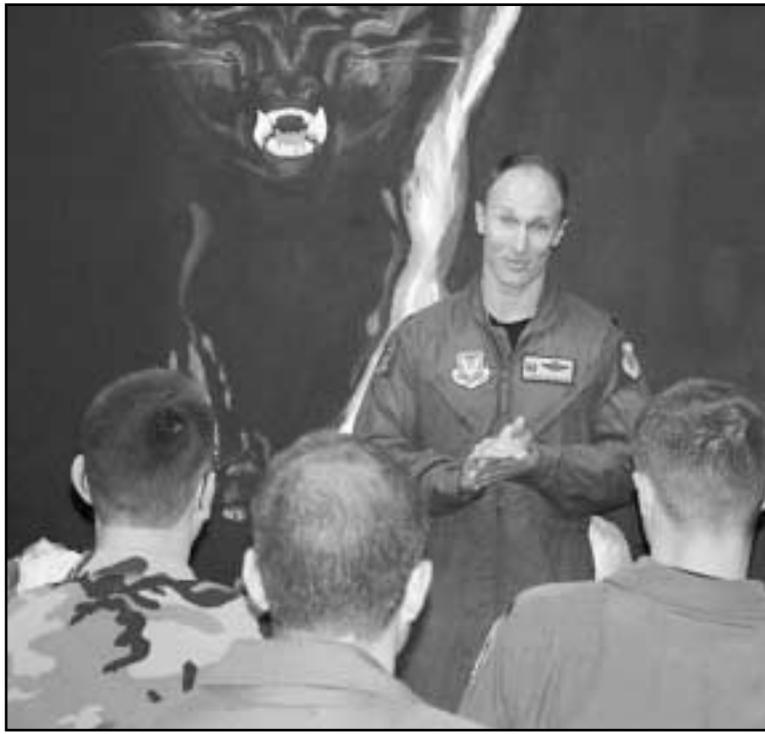


Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

During a morning roll call, Lt. Col. Stephen Moulton speaks with other 394th Combat training squadron members about having a positive attitude.

defensive? Do you use the word

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Thirteen years later, Air Force dedicates its memorial

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Soaring 270 feet into the sky over America's capital, three stainless-steel spires forming an equilateral triangle will memorialize the U.S. Air Force.

The groundbreaking ceremony and site dedication for the Air Force Memorial was Sept. 15, in Arlington, Va. The ceremony included speeches by Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper, Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche, Chairman of the Air Force Memorial Foundation Ross Perot Jr., Virginia Congressmen James P. Moran and Senator Ted Stevens from Alaska.

Dozens of air power legends attended the ceremony, some who served shoulder-to-shoulder with the founding fathers of the Army Air Corps.

The ceremony ended three days of events surrounding the Air Force Association's 2004 Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition.

General Jumper explained the significance of the memorial's site.

"That first (test) flight demonstrated (to the Army) by the Wright Brothers took off right over there on the ridge at Fort Myer, and they flew around a pylon ... and returned," General Jumper said, gesturing to the Army installation a few hundred feet to his right.

"It was a demonstration of the most meager capability, but it turned into what we have today that we're most proud of, as we went higher, faster and farther through the decades that have intervened," he said.

The secretary expanded on the symbolism.

"Human beings need symbols," Secre-



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

ARLINGTON, Va. — Hundreds of people attended the unveiling of a dedication marker for the national Air Force Memorial site here Sept. 15. The 270-foot tall memorial is designed to honor all those who have served in the U.S. Air Force and its predecessor organizations.

tary Roche said. "Symbols are important to us — anyone in the armed forces recognizes that. The beauty of this structure will be like that of all good art: It will mean different things to different people. To young people who know nothing of air power, it will be a focal point to learn about air power. To others, who are not so young, it will be a memorial to the many accomplishments and deeds of Airmen. To those on active duty, it will be a sign of pride that they walk in the footsteps of great men and great women and that they have an obligation to build upon that. And to others, this edifice will be a symbol of

the reaching of American air power, of American space power and of the men and women who make up the U.S. Air Force."

Senator Stevens wrote the legislation that began the Air Force Memorial process 13 years ago. The Air Force is the only service without a memorial in the capital.

"At the request of the Air Force Association, I authored the original legislation to begin this memorial," the senator said. "But I'm sure they had no idea that we'd be standing here some 13 years later. It's been a long process, but we never doubted we'd achieve this goal.

"As I recall from my old Army Air

Corps days, we all had mottoes," he said. "The motto of my squadron was: 'We do the impossible immediately — miracles take slightly longer.' This is one of those miracles, because we've succeeded and brought about a memorial to all of those who have served a nation as part of the various air forces."

Following the dedications, the official party evoked another symbol by digging their spades into the ground. Officials then unveiled a marble stone; however, a fly-over of modern and historic aircraft was canceled because of rain.

The memorial site lies in a parking lot of the current Navy Annex Federal Office Building south of the Pentagon and next to Arlington National Cemetery. From this point, people can look over the top of the Pentagon and across the Potomac River to see the national capital.

The Air Force Memorial design will capitalize on this vantage point.

The array of arcs against the sky will evoke a modern image of flight by jet and space vehicles. At the same time, it will enshrine the past in permanent remembrance of the pioneers of flight who came before and pay homage to those of the future. The three spires will represent the core values: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. The spires will be asymmetrical and of uneven height so that the view of the memorial changes from every angle. Each spire will be illuminated.

The memorial's design team featured architect James Ingo Freed, of Pei, Cobb, Freed and Partners Architects, and sculptor Zenos Frudakis of Glenside, Pa.

The Air Force Memorial Foundation is still accepting donations. To make a tax-exempt contribution, or to learn more about the memorial, visit <http://www.airforcememorial.org>.

Whiteman loses one of its own in accident

Airman 1st Class James Hodgens, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, died Sept. 18 from injuries sustained during a motorcycle accident on U.S. 50 Highway.

He joined the Air Force Jan. 7, 2003, and after basic training attended Construction Equipment School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He reported for duty here July 7, 2003.

"James was a very bright, highly energetic young man, who loved his job and the Air Force. It didn't take long for him to become a proficient heavy equipment operator and skilled concrete finisher," said Master Sgt. Edward Lukitsch, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. "He eagerly handled any task without any hesitation, no matter how difficult."

Off duty, Airman Hodgens enjoyed spending time with his friends, watching movies and sporting events.



The 22-year-old Airman hailed from Greeneville, Tenn. He was a big fan of college football and his favorite teams were the Tennessee Volunteers and Alabama Crimson Tide. Airman Hodgens was heavy into physical fitness, riding his motorcycle and spent much of his off time in the weight room.

He enjoyed assisting a farmer in the local community and used the skills he learned in the 4-H club.

Airman Hodgens' awards include Military Basic Training and National Defense ribbons.

He is survived by his parents, Daryl and Sharon Hodgens, two sisters, Melissa and Elisha, and younger brother, Charles.

The memorial service begins at 3 p.m. today at the base chapel.

CLIP & SAVE: Who are you going to call if you have a medical emergency?

Emergencies (threatens life, limb or eyesight):

Dial 911 or go to closest emergency room
If using a cell phone on-base, call the Ambulance Dispatch at 687-4507
(Cell phone 911 calls go to civilian system)

For urgent medical problems or questions:

During Duty Hours: call the 509th MedGp at 687-2188
After duty hours, providers are on call 24/7
Primary Care Medicine provider: 660-238-5944
Flight Medicine provider: 660-238-5991
If unable to connect, call 687-2188

(People who visit an emergency room for a non-urgent medical problem without calling for approval, may result in the patient having to pay a portion of the ER bill.)

15 earn BTZ stripe

The September senior airman below-the-zone board results were announced Monday.

The airmen first class who were selected are:

Central BTZ Base Board

Sharath Venkatachalapathy, 509th Comptroller Squadron
Yasir Ali, 509th Medical Group
David Everett, 509th Communications Squadron
Jeffrey Klein, 509th Operations Support Squadron
Keith Chase, 509th Medical Support Squadron

Large Unit BTZ results

Jesse Lockett, 509th Security Forces Squadron
Joshua Williams, 509th SFS
Lindsay Trotter, 509th Munitions Squadron
Alejandro Rivas, 509th Maintenance Squadron
Melissa Lambright, 509th MXS
Mark Owens, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
George Smith, 509th AMXS
Craig Rios, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Benjamin Hokanson, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron
Joshua Kulinski, 509th CES

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States list ballot return dates

This list provides state-by-state deadlines for returning the voted ballot and/or postmark requirements for the Nov. 2 General Election. States that allow using the Federal Voting Assistance Program Electronic Transmission Service for the voted ballot will also be noted (remember to mail the original ballot).

Visit <http://www.fvap.gov> for state updates and read Appendix C of the Voting Assistance Guide for instructions on ETS, including a fax cover sheet. Follow state requirements (such as notary and witnessing requirements) in the guide before returning the voted ballot.

Alabama: The voted ballot must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Nov. 1 and received by the county absentee election manager by noon Nov. 2.

Alaska: The voted ballot must be postmarked by Nov. 2 and sent by mail service equal to first class. Voted ballots mailed from outside the United States, including APO and FPO addresses, must be received by Nov. 17. Voted ballots mailed stateside must be received by Nov. 12. If voting by fax, voted ballots must be received by 8 p.m. (Alaska time) on or before election day.

American Samoa: The voted ballot must arrive by 1:30 p.m. Nov. 2.

Arizona: The voted ballot must arrive by 7 p.m. Nov. 2. You may return the voted ballot by fax.

Arkansas: The voted ballot must be executed by Nov. 2 and arrive by 5 p.m. Nov. 12.

California: The voted ballot must arrive by the close of polls — 8 p.m. Nov. 2.

Colorado: The voted ballot must arrive by 7 p.m. Nov. 2. You may return the voted ballot by fax.

Connecticut: The voted ballot must arrive before the close of polls Nov. 2.

Delaware: Voted ballots arriving by noon Nov. 1 will be counted in their entirety (full ballot). Ballots for Federal offices received after noon Nov. 1, but before the close of polls Nov. 2 will be counted.

District of Columbia: The voted ballot must be postmarked by midnight Nov. 2 and arrive by Nov. 12. Faxing is allowed only when military service prevents the applicant from receiving an absentee ballot and returning the voted ballot within 45 days. See Guide for further instructions.

Florida: The voted ballot must be received by the close of polls Nov. 2. The federal office portion of a ballot mailed from outside the United States will be counted if it is dated or postmarked by Nov. 2 and received by Nov. 12. Overseas uniformed services members may return the voted ballot to the fax number provided by the local supervisor of elections.

Georgia: The voted ballot must arrive by 7 p.m. Nov. 2.

Guam: The voted ballot must arrive by 8 p.m. Nov. 2.

Hawaii: The voted ballot must arrive by the close of polls Nov. 2. You may return the voted ballot by fax if you requested the blank ballot be sent to you by fax. A waiver of secrecy and ballot must be received by 6 p.m. (Hawaiian Standard Time) on election day.

Idaho: The voted ballot must arrive by 8 p.m. Nov. 2.

Illinois: The voted ballot must arrive in sufficient time for it to be delivered to the polling place by 7 p.m. Nov. 2.

Indiana: Ballot must arrive in sufficient time for it to be delivered to the precinct election board before the close of polls on Nov. 2. It's recommended that the ballot should be received by Oct. 29. You may return the voted ballot by fax.

Iowa: Ballot must be postmarked by Nov. 1 and arrive by Nov. 8.

Kansas: Ballots must arrive by close of polls Nov. 2. Voters may return the voted ballot by fax.

Kentucky: Ballots must arrive by the close of polls Nov. 2.

Louisiana: Ballots must arrive by Nov. 2. Voters may return the voted ballot by fax.

Maine: Ballots must arrive by 8 p.m. Nov. 2. In certain emergency situations, such as combat, uniformed service members may fax the voted ballot.

Maryland: Ballot must be postmarked by Nov. 1. Ballots mailed from outside the United States must be received by 4 p.m. Nov. 12. Ballots mailed stateside must be received by 4 p.m. Nov. 3.

Massachusetts: Ballots mailed from within the United States must arrive by 8 p.m. Nov. 2. Ballots mailed from outside the United States must be postmarked by Nov. 2 and received by Nov. 12 to be counted.

Michigan: The voted ballot must arrive by 8 p.m. Nov. 2.

Minnesota: The voted ballot must arrive by the close of polls Nov. 2.

Mississippi: The voted ballot must arrive by 5 p.m. Nov. 1. You may return the voted ballot by fax.

Missouri: The voted ballot must arrive before 7 p.m. Nov. 2.

Montana: The voted ballot must arrive by 8 p.m. Nov. 2. See the guide for counties that allow return of voted ballot by fax.

Nebraska: The voted ballot must be received by the close of polls Nov. 2.

Nevada: The voted ballot must arrive at the local election office by 7 p.m. Nov. 2.

New Hampshire: The voted ballot must arrive by 5 p.m. Nov. 2.

New Jersey: The voted ballot must arrive at the county board of elections office by the close of polls on Nov. 2, 2004. If you are overseas, you may return the voted ballot by fax, not later than 8 p.m. EST on election day. You must also submit the original ballot by airmail together with certification.

New Mexico: The voted ballot must arrive before the close of polls on Nov. 2. You may return the voted ballot by fax.

New York: The voted ballot must be postmarked by Nov. 1 and be received by Nov. 9. For active duty military, the 2004 deadline for receipt of ballots is Nov. 15.

North Carolina: The voted ballot must be returned by 5 p.m. Nov. 1. Military and civilians serving with U.S. Armed Forces outside the U.S., and Peace Corps members may return the voted ballot by fax.

North Dakota: The voted ballot must be postmarked by Nov. 1. Ballots received before the canvassing board meets will be counted (canvassing board meets beginning three days after the election). You may return the voted ballot by fax.

Ohio: The voted ballot must arrive by the close of polls Nov. 2. Ballots mailed from outside the United States will be counted if signed and postmarked by the close of polls Nov. 2 and received by Nov. 12.

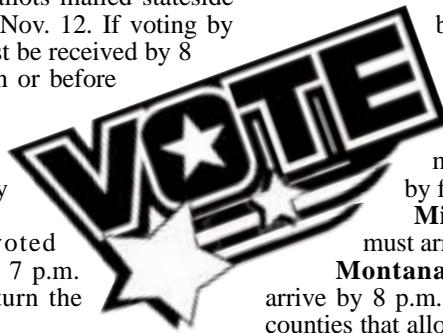
Oklahoma: The voted ballot must arrive by 7 p.m. Nov. 2. Under certain limited circumstances, you may be able to return the voted ballot by fax.

Oregon: The voted ballot must arrive by 8 p.m. Nov. 2.

Pennsylvania: Voted ballot must arrive by 5 p.m. Oct. 29.

Puerto Rico: Voted ballot must be postmarked by Nov. 2 and be received before 3 p.m. Nov. 2.

Rhode Island: Voted ballot must arrive by 9 p.m. Nov. 2. Military and overseas citizens except for "Other" U.S. citizens resid-



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Tricare referral process changes with new contract transition

Tricare beneficiaries living in Region 7/8 (Central) will transition to the Tricare West Region Oct. 1.

"The transition to the new Tricare contracts will make a strong program better and result in higher patient satisfaction. However, beneficiaries will experience some changes in the current referral process," said Tech. Sgt. Sherry Odett, 509th Medical Group Tricare Element Chief.

Under the current process, some specialty appointments are made by the 509th MedGp's Tricare office. Under the new process, referrals will be faxed to and processed through a hub in Colorado Springs, Colo. The hub will review referrals for eligibility, benefit status and medical necessity.

Once approved, an authorization letter will be mailed to the beneficiary with the provider's name and telephone number for the patient to call and schedule an appointment.

After making the appointment, the beneficiary calls the toll-free number provided in the letter with the appointment information to activate the referral, Sergeant Odett said.

Emergent or urgent referral appointments will be made by the primary care manager team before the beneficiary leaves the clinic.

"Even though the process is changing, it's the ultimate goal of Tricare and TriWest to make this transition as seamless as possible for the beneficiary," Sergeant Odett said.

For more details, call TriWest at 888-TriWest (874-9378). *(Courtesy of the 509th Medical Group)*



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Thank you

Airman Alexis Agnew, 509th Medical Group, prepares to check retired Tech. Sgt. Adolphus Butler's blood pressure during Retiree Appreciation Day. In spite of the rain, Mr. Butler and more than 300 other retirees attended Saturday's events. "The Retiree Activities Office offers its heartfelt thanks to the participating units that were there to give up-to-date information to those attending," said retired Maj. Robert Bawden, the retiree activities director. "You all did a fine job and your efforts were recognized by the attendees."

Whiteman Spirit Award



Penny Schmutz

509th Services Squadron

Penny Schmutz, 509th Services Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Monday.

Judy Van Boening, 509th SVS, nominated Mrs. Schmutz for this award for her accomplishments working in the child development center.

Penny helped institute American Sign Language in the center's infant toddler rooms, something for which the center was recognized Air Forcewide. Mrs. Boening said Mrs. Schmutz also trained others to use sign language including parents of children who attend the CDC, family child care providers and parents with special needs children on base.

In addition, Mrs. Van Boening said Mrs. Schmutz coordinated for her Girl Scout troop to paint a mural on the wall at the Women, Infant and Children office. The project also included getting new toys, furniture, equipment and a cleaning the area.

"The girls were able to help a community organization, and create a fun and safe area for the WIC patrons and their children," Mrs. Van Boening said. "Penny uses her creative abilities to help make her classroom and the center more child-like and inviting."

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Child development program technician

Time on station: 6 years

Hometown: Detroit, Kan.

Spouse: Tech. Sgt. Michael Schmutz, 509th Communications Squadron

Children: Brett, 12, and Megan, 10

Hobbies: Dallas Stars hockey, watching my husband and son play hockey, going to Girls Scouts with my daughter, and watching the Kansas City Chiefs play.

Goals: To take a college course in sign language.

Best thing about Whiteman: I like the "small town" atmosphere, while still being close enough to go to a larger city.

Pet Peeves: People who speed in front of the CDC on Gray Lane.

What motivates your winning spirit? personal satisfaction — knowing something I did, made someone happy or made something better.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? I wish there was enough interest in hockey and roller hockey on base to have a league.

Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed by the person 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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***Civilian Employee
of the Week***

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

**Civilian Employee
of the Week**

David Gorecki, 509th Communications Squadron, was nominated for this award by Staff Sgt. Michael Russell, 509th CS. "Mr. Gorecki is an instrumental part of our network maintenance team here. He volunteered to work overtime assisting our command and control shop in providing SIPR-net capability to the 509th Munitions Squadron," Sergeant Russell said. Mr. Gorecki identified and corrected faulty modem settings that were preventing this essential circuit from being operational. Staff Sgt. Sean Murray, 509th CS, added, "Mr. Gorecki's knowledge and dedication to the mission played a major role in restoring connectivity to MUNS."



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“you” when you should be saying “I”? Try using the word “sorry” a little more.

4. Do you love people more than your own opinion? Or, do you have more strong opinions than you have strong friendships?
5. Are you constantly in conflict?
6. Do you provide an escape for the defeated?
7. Are you flexible? It's the key to air-power you know! In the words of Thomas Jefferson, “In matters of principle, stand like a rock, in matters of taste, swim with the current.”
8. Do you tend to overreact? Do you fight a slingshot war with a nuclear weapon?
9. Do you use the 101 percent rule? Find 1 percent you have in common — give your relationships 100 percent.

10. Finally, is your problem really your problem, or is your problem you? Remember, your attitude is the only thing you truly have total control over. It makes all the difference in the world!

I want to leave you with these final thoughts on attitudes. Since we have the power to choose what type of attitude we have in our lives, we must realize that those who have been poor investors in our emotional bank accounts can also change. Let them! People can and do change. I can think of no worse attitude in the world than unforgiveness and harbored bitterness. If this describes one of your personal or professional relationships, see attitude check questions 1-3.

Finally, give yourself attitude adjustments early and often. Just like a pilot needs to re-cage and adjust his or her gyros to maintain a good attitude reference, so we must continually remind ourselves to keep our attitudes positive and upright. We can do this by filling our minds with positive thoughts and our lives with positive friends. So start investing in others and you will soon find that your own emotional bank account will remain full!

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ing outside the U.S. (FPCA, 8d) may fax the voted ballot.

South Carolina: Voted ballot must arrive by the close of polls Nov. 2. You may return the voted ballot by fax only in declared emergency situations.

South Dakota: Voted ballot must arrive by the close of polls Nov. 2.

Tennessee: Voted ballot must arrive by the close of polls Nov. 2.

Texas: Voted ballot must be received by the close of polls Nov. 2. Ballots mailed from outside the United States will be counted if placed in delivery by 7 p.m. Nov. 2 and received by Nov. 7 (no rollover to Monday). Active duty military overseas or spouse or dependent of the member in hostile fire pay, imminent danger pay or combat zone area may fax voted ballot.

Utah: Voted ballot must be postmarked Nov. 1 and be received by the county by Noon on the day of canvassing. Canvassing takes place seven-14 days following election. Some counties allow you to return the voted ballot by fax in emergency situations.

Vermont: Voted ballot must arrive by the close of polls Nov. 2.

Virginia: Voted ballot must arrive by the close of polls Nov. 2.

Virgin Islands: Voted ballot must be



postmarked by Nov. 2 and be received by Nov. 12. You may fax the voted ballot.

Washington: Voted ballot must be postmarked Nov. 2 and be received by November 17, 2004. Some counties allow you to return the voted ballot by fax. Visit <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections>, select County Auditors & Election Departments to find out which counties accept faxing.

West Virginia: Ballot must be voted, signed, dated and mailed by Nov. 2 and arrive by Nov. 8.

Wisconsin: Voted ballot must arrive by the close of polls Nov. 2.

Wyoming: Voted ballot must arrive by the close of polls Nov. 2. (Courtesy of the Federal Voting Assistance Program)

Commissaries help raise voting awareness

By Bonnie Powell
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. (AFP) — Commissaries worldwide are joining forces with the Federal Voting Assistance Program office and the Defense Department to encourage service members, retirees and their families to register and vote.

“Since commissaries are among the busiest locations on any installation, we can make a significant contribution toward increasing awareness among military families of the importance of registering to vote,” said Patrick Nixon, Defense Commissary Agency chief executive officer.

Worldwide, commissary employees are working directly with installation voting assistance officers, making space avail-

able for voter information and registration tables.

“Our store directors are reporting that as many as 40 to 60 people register to vote during commissary events,” Mr. Nixon said. “When you have commissaries (holding) multiple registration events, there is a great potential to net very impressive results.”

The agency operates 273 commissaries worldwide.

The effort intensifies throughout September, when all citizens under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act are specifically encouraged to register to vote or request an absentee ballot, officials said.

For more voting information, visit the Federal Assistance Voting Program Web page at <http://www.fvap.gov/>.



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Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Staff Sgt. Arnold Gardner, 509th Communications Squadron, performed a dual rendition of "Taps" with Tech. Sgt. Bradley Case, 509th Bomb Wing, during the POW/MIA ceremony Sept. 17.



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

There were 43 former POWs, their family members and family members representing those still listed as MIA in attendance at the closing ceremony Sept. 17. All together, more than 200 people attended the event.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander and presiding officer of the POW/MIA closing ceremony, spoke to the families of former POWs and families representing those still listed as MIA. Staff Sgt. Keith Taylor, 509th Communications Squadron, stands by to hold the wreath at the bottom of the flag pole.



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

Whiteman members render salutes for the playing of "Taps" during the Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Remembrance Day ceremony.



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

The Central Missouri Sedalia Chapter of the Harley Owner's Group, many of whom are veterans, rode to the afternoon ceremony in honor of POW/MIA Remembrance Day.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Tech. Sgt. Charles Howell, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, Staff Sgt. Cheryl Allen, 509th Security Forces Squadron, and Senior Airman Daniel Endris, 509th Operations Support Squadron, ran the final leg of the 24-hour vigil run from Skelton Park. The run began at 4 p.m. Sept. 16 and ended 4 p.m. Sept. 17, at Bldg. 509. The Airmen each have a family member who was a POW or is still listed as MIA.



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

The Whiteman Honor Guard was present at the POW/MIA ceremony and rendered a 21-gun salute. T-38's flew in a "missing man" formation over the event, following the 21-gun salute.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia

After giving blood, 1st Lt. Ken Myers, 509th Munitions Squadron, poses for a photo with "Buddy Blood Drop."

Blood drive draws large donation

The American Red Cross blood drive event, which took place Sept. 16 -17, proved to be a huge success.

The blood drive event, sponsored by the Whiteman Officers' Spouses Club, collected more units of blood than any previous Red Cross blood drive held on base.

On the first day of the event, the ARC collected 107 units of blood from 149 people who came to the community center to donate blood. On the second day, 104 units of blood were collected from 157 potential blood donors for a total collection of 211 units of blood from 304 people who tried to give the gift of life.

Since the ARC blood program began on base in July 2003, the men and women of Whiteman Air Force Base have donated 817 units of blood. Each unit of blood can be split into three products: red blood cells, platelets and plasma; thus, they have potentially saved up to 2,451 lives through blood donation to the American Red Cross.

"I'm pleased beyond words at the incredible success of our latest event with Whiteman Air Force Base," said Hayley Batterson, American Red Cross donor recruitment account manager. "The American Red Cross is most fortunate to have Whiteman as a partner, and I feel most fortunate to be a part of the excitement. The (W)OSC has set the bar high with their support and dedication. I can't wait to be a part of the January event.

"I want to thank Michelle Hunt, base blood program coordinator with the (Whiteman) Officers' Spouses Club, and the (W)OSC for their dedication and extremely hard work. I'd also like to thank the Whiteman Elementary School for recruiting more than 30 blood donors into the event and my many POCs on base who help educate and recruit potential donors. Finally, I would like to thank the (First-Term Airmen Center students) and all other base volunteers who came together to make the event run smoothly."

The next American Red Cross blood drive is planned for Jan. 20-21, 2005, and will be sponsored again by the WOSC.

Potential donors should weigh at least 110 pounds, be 17 years old and be in good health. Donors can donate blood every 56 days. *(Courtesy of the American Red Cross Missouri-Illinois Blood Services Region)*

Niner Line

Dial 687-3119 or e-mail
9r.Line@whiteman.af.mil

Whiteman's Niner Line provides a communication channel for you to obtain information and assistance in making Whiteman a better place to live and work.

Before calling the Niner Line, please try to resolve your particular problem with the responsible base agency.

If you've exhausted all the normal avenues to resolve the situation, then feel free to call Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, at 687-3119 or e-mail 9r.Line@whiteman.af.mil.

Community

WESC schedules events

✓ The Whiteman Enlisted Spouses Club has a membership drive at 7 p.m. today at the family support center. Participants will play Bunco and attendees should bring a \$10 gift and snack. For more details or to R.S.V.P., call Jennifer Phillips at 563-4091 or e-mail her at wesnews@charter.net.

✓ WESC's annual Fall Craft Show takes place Nov. 13 at Knob Noster High School. To rent booth space, call or e-mail Mrs. Phillips.

Families get together

A Caring Adults-Special Kids family fun day potluck takes place noon-2 p.m. Saturday at the youth center. Attendees will have access to the gymnasium, toys and equipment. The cost is \$3 per family, less if more than 10 families attend. To R.S.V.P., call Jeanette Bachmann at 563-3303.

CGO hosts paintball games

The Company Grade Officers Association invites CGOs to paintball games 11 a.m.-5p.m. Saturday at Paint Game Plus in Holden, Mo. To R.S.V.P., call 2nd Lt. Tom Hamlyn at 687-3183.

Women's Health Fair set

A Women's Health Fair takes place 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Warrensburg Community Center on Gay Street. The free event includes hourly educational seminars, health screenings, food demonstrations, more than 40 information-

al booths and vendors, and a fashion show. Free child care is also available.

Wheelmobile spins onto base

All valid Department of Defense ID card holders will receive a chance to audition for "Wheel of Fortune." The Wheelmobile comes here Oct. 18. People can attend a show anytime between 2-6 p.m. that day at the Missouri Army National Guard Armory, 1 Attack Ave. Applications will be distributed beginning at 1 p.m.

In April 2005, Pat Sajak and Vanna White will tape 15 episodes in Kansas City, Mo., which begin airing in May. Watch for more details in the base newspaper and on the Commander's Access Channel, Ch.99 on base only.

Education

VFW offers scholarship

The Veterans' Tribute Scholarship is available to 16- to 18-year-old children and grandchildren of military veterans, active duty, reserve and national guard members.

First place is \$10,000, second place is \$5,000 and third place receives \$3,000. Awards are given to entrants based on points from their personal academic achievement, family Veterans of Foreign War involvement and their parents' or grandparents' military service.

Applications are available at <http://www.vfw.org/pdf/vettribscholarentry.pdf>. Scoring sheets are available at <http://www.org/pdf/vettribscholarscoringsheet.pdf>. Applicants must complete the form, attach documents verifying the facts on the entry form and send the packet to Veteran's

National Scholarship, VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th St. Suite 902, Kansas City, MO, 64111. The deadline is Dec. 31.

Family Support

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

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.

Class helps new parents

Expectant parents can gain information and resources at the Bundles for Babies class at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Participants will receive free Time Life books and layette bundles. Reservations are required.

WIC representative visits base

A Women's, Infant's and Children representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 747-2012.

FREE CONCERT TICKETS AVAILABLE for Travis Tritt Oct. 7 and .38 Special Oct. 8 at Verizon Wireless Amphitheater. Get tickets from the public affairs office in Bldg. 509, Room 111.

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Photo by 1st Lt. Lanourra Gillmaster

Posing for a photo after completing the marathon are Andy Heo, Christina Mitchell, Nathan Hogan, Jerry and Lisa Brandau, and Hassain and Tyron Wright. They are members of the 509th Communications Squadron.



Photo by 1st Lt. Adrienne Michele

Sam White, 509th Operations Support Squadron, approaches the third relay exchange point, about 19.5 miles into his full marathon.

AF officials announce marathon results

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — Helped by cool temperatures and a sunny sky, more than 3,800 runners from 48 states and 10 foreign countries ran in the eighth annual U.S. Air Force Marathon here Sept. 17, with about 2,000 spectators and more than 1,800 volunteers assisting.

Wheelchair competitors began the 26.2-mile race at 7 a.m.; relay teams at 7:20 a.m.; half-marathon (13.1 miles) runners at 7:40 a.m.; and 5k runners at 10 a.m.

Of that, more than 30 Team Whiteman members participated in the event. Their official times were:

Todd Cook, 509th Communications Squadron, 3 hours, 30 minutes, 57 seconds for the relay with Hogan's Heros

Jennifer Dolak, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, 23:40 for the 5K

Gregory Dolak, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, 3:44:08 for the full marathon

Jason Ellis, 394th Combat Training Squadron, 3:37:28 for full the marathon

Gary Fields, 442nd Civil Engineer Squadron, 5:27:58 for the full

marathon

Nathan Hogan, 509th CS, 3:30:57 for the relay with Hogan's Heros

Luke Jayne, 394th CTS, 4:12:28 for the full marathon

Alex Mezynski, 509th Operations Support Squadron, 3:21:58, for the full marathon

Craig Mockler, 394th CTS, 4:56:14 for the full marathon

Bart Oaks, 509th Bomb Wing, 4:04:57 for the full marathon

Ricky Roane, 509th CS, 3:30:57 for the relay with Hogan's Heros

Todd Berge, 394th CTS, 3:29:20 for the full marathon

Jonathan Eckerman, 325th Bomb Squadron, 4:27:112 for the full marathon

Sam White, 509th OSS, 3:28:57 for the full marathon

Matt Brechwald, 509th BW, 1:34:30 for the half marathon

James Edmonds, 509th Medical Support Squadron, 2:45:57 for the half marathon

William Frost, 509th CES, 5:15:32 for the full marathon

Andy Heo, 509th CS, 4:56:49 for the relay with I Think I can ... I Think

Kerri Kellner, 509th Medical

Operations Squadron, 2:36:50 for the half marathon

William Knight, 509th CES, 5:26:24 for the full marathon

Christina Mitchell, 509th CS, 4:56:49 for the relay with I Think I can ... I Think

Brandon Pfannenstiel, 509th CES, 4:22:10 for the full marathon

Alejandro Rodriguez, 509th CES, 4:23:11 for the full marathon

Andres Alvarez, 509th Maintenance Squadron, 2:10:03 for the half marathon

Roy Erickson, 509th BW, 1:44:43 for the half marathon

Tyron Wright, 509th CS, 5:19:40 for the full marathon

Hassain Wright, 509th CS, 5:36:07 for the full marathon

Jerry Brandau, 509th CS, 4:53:56 for the full marathon

Lisa Brandau, 509th CS, 4:56:49 for the relay with I Think I can ... I Think

Jon Langdon, 509th CS, 3:30:57 for the relay with Hogan's Heros.

Complete race results can be found on the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.

The 2005 Air Force Marathon is scheduled to take place Sept. 17.



Bowling Standings

Tuesday Night Mens League (Week 2 of 34)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 10	14	2
Elliot Electric	12	4
Warrensburg Chrysler	10	6
Team 8	10	6
T.N.L.	8	8
Gutter Dusters	8	8
Dilligas	6	10
Bastages/R	4	12
Team 4	4	12

Wednesday Intramural League (Week 2 of 34)

Team	Won	Lost
SVS	14	2
AMXS	12	4
CES A	12	4
SFS	12	4
CES C (Fire Dept)	8	8
MDG A	8	8
MUNS	8	8
MSS/BW	8	8
MXS A	8	8
CPTS	6	6
OSS	6	6
MXS B	6	6
CES B	6	6
COMM	6	6
MDG B	4	12



Intramural Flag Football (As of Wednesday)

Team	Won	Lost
LRS	1	1
Tigers	1	1
Delta	1	1
AMXS B	1	0
OSS	1	0
MUNS	1	0
MED	1	0
AMXS A	1	0
MXS	0	1
CPTS	0	1
CS	0	1
442	0	1
BW/MSS	0	1
CES	0	0
Alpha	0	0

He's at the 10, the five, touchdown!

Michael Tucker, wide receiver for the 509th Communications Squadron, runs past the defense of the 509th Operations Support Squadron for the first touchdown of the game Tuesday. The 509th OSS team triumphed 16-12 over the 509th CS team in the first intramural flag football season game. In other action, it was the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron 21-14 over the 509th Comptroller Squadron; the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron B 15-14 squeezed out the 509th Maintenance Squadron; and Delta dominated 30-7 over the Tigers. The league consists of 15 teams and is scheduled to run through Nov. 11.



Photo by Airman Jason Burton



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Sports & Recreation

Fitness Center 687-5496

Pilates class

Pilates is back! Participate in a pilates class at 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the fitness center. Call the fitness center for more details.

Get fit on Route 66

Participate in the quarterly incentive program to get fit on Route 66 Oct. 1-Dec. 31. Each participant will travel the distance from Chicago to Santa Monica, Calif., using the following designated cardio equipment: cross trainer, treadmill, stationary bike (up right or recumbent) or the stair climber. Call the fitness center for more information.

Stars & Strikes 687-5114

Steak and bowling special

Bowl 6-9 p.m. Fridays and have a steak dinner at Stars & Strikes. This \$12 special includes steak dinner, three games of bowling and shoe rental. Call Stars & Strikes for more details.

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Rock climbing

Learn how to rock climb the 20-foot wall 9-11 a.m. Saturday or Oct. 2 at outdoor recreation. Call outdoor recreation for more details and to sign up for this free class.

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. A combined session class is available 1-5 p.m. Oct. 2. Learn Missouri state laws, rules about safety and using equipment. Spaces are limited; sign up early.

Katy Trail adventure

Take your family outdoors for a 25-mile bike ride along the Katy Trail 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Oct. 9. This Air Force base-level cycling program will bike from Rocheport, Mo., to Hartsburg, Mo. A fee of \$7 includes transportation and bike if needed. Call outdoor recreation for more details and to sign up by Oct. 7.

Royal Oaks 687-5572

Columbus Day four-person scramble

Celebrate Columbus Day by competing in a four-person scramble at 9 a.m. Oct. 11 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 Oct. 7.

Travel & Leisure

Tickets & Travel 687-5643

Worlds of Fun special

Tickets & Travel offers Worlds of Fun tickets for \$20 until Oct. 31. Take advantage of this fall special and receive nearly half off regular ticket price. Fall special tickets are valid at Worlds of Fun Saturdays and Sundays. Contact Tickets & Travel for more information and to purchase a ticket.

Crescent Hotel & Spa vacation

Enter a drawing and win two nights at the Crescent Hotel in Eureka Springs, Ark. Sign up Oct. 1-31 at Tickets & Travel, the drawing takes place Nov. 1. Contact Tickets & Travel for more information.

Community Activities

Youth Center 687-5586

Instructional karate class

Children can sign up for a free karate class at 5 p.m. Thursday at the youth center. Regular classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Oct. 5. There is a \$25 fee for members and a \$32 fee for nonmembers. Call the youth center for more details.

Star search night

Kindergartners through seventh graders can participate in comedy, singing and dancing 6:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 1 at the youth center. There is a \$5 fee for members and a \$6.50 fee for nonmembers. Call the youth center for more details.

Basketball registration

Kindergartners through seventh graders can register for basketball 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 1-Oct. 15 at the youth center. There is a \$30 fee for members and \$38 fee for nonmembers. Children must be 5 or older to be eligible to register. Call the youth center for more details.

Start smart soccer

Parents and their 3- to 5-year-olds can enjoy eight, one-hour sessions to teach their children soccer basics 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Oct. 5 at the youth center. This program is \$20 per parent/child team. Call the youth center for more details.

Family Child Care 687-5590/1180

Extended duty care open house

The extended duty child care and returning home care programs are for Air Force parents needing care beyond their typical 50-hour requirement or when returning home from deployment. This service is free for the parents. People who need these programs are invited to visit the contracted provider and two substitutes at their homes 5-7 p.m. Oct. 7 on base:

Jackie Parmenter, 704 Scott Drive
Jill Hunter, 919 Skybolt Circle
Alicia Timmons, 123 Titan Loop

Call family child care for rules, restrictions and other information about these programs.

Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

We have Greenies

The veterinary clinic now carries Greenies dental chews to reduce tartar and plaque, strengthen gums and diminish oral bacteria. Designed specifically to reduce dental calculus, Greenies freshen breath, control oral bacteria and reduce odors. They provide nutritional and antioxidant benefits. Pets are seen by appointment only. Call or visit the clinic to check out the new line of dental care.

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Framing class

Take a beginners framing class 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday at the skills development center. The \$40 fee includes supplies. Call the skills development center for more details or stop by and sign up.

Stepping stone class

Take a beginners three-session stepping stone class 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays beginning Oct. 2 at the skills development center. There is a \$35 fee plus supplies. Call the skills development center for more details or stop by to sign up.

Scrapbooking sale

Visit the skills development center during October for 25 percent off scrapbooking materials. Call the skills development center for more details.

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

Hop n' shop

Airmen who don't have vehicles can benefit from the short hops to Sedalia or Warrensburg to shop the mini-malls and Wal-Mart* 12:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 2 and Oct. 18. There is a \$3 fee and is limited to 10 passengers. Call the community center for more details and to sign up.

Reptile scout badgework

Scouts are invited to work on requirements for the reptile badge 2-4 p.m. Oct. 2 at the community center. This program includes a live snake presentation. Call the community center for more details and sign up by Monday.

Teen Center 687-5819

Free membership

The teen center offers free membership for teens in October. Enjoy everyday activities free of charge; call the teen center for more details.

Power hour

Teens can do homework, research and use the computer lab 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays at the teen center throughout the school year. Enter a drawing for a free boom box. Call the teen center for more details.

Hip-hop culture

Teens can analyze lyrics of popular songs and talk about slang terms influencing society trends 6-7 p.m. today at the teen center. Call the teen center for more details.

Worlds of Fun

Teens can travel to Worlds of Fun 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 2. The \$25 fee includes admission and transportation. Call the teen center for more details.

Movie night

Teens can watch 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.

Library 687-5614

Cyber safety

Learn about Internet dangers and how to keep your family safe when surfing online 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the base library. Call the base library for more details and to sign up by Wednesday.

Food & Fun

Mission's End 687-4422

Karaoke

Enjoy karaoke 8 p.m.-midnight today and Oct. 1 in the Lavene Lounge at Mission's End.

NFL Sunday Ticket

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

Whiteman Base Theater

Today

Collateral 7 p.m. R
Starring — Tom Cruise & Jamie Foxx

Saturday

Princess Diaries 2: The Royal Engagement 7 p.m. G
Starring — Anne Hathaway & Julie Andrews

Sunday

Yu-Gi-Oh! The Movie 5:30 p.m. PG
Animated

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

Movies are subject to change due to availability.
For current and future movie listings log on to
<http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>.