



## News in Brief

### CV retirement parade set

A retirement parade for Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, will start at 10 a.m. on June 4 at Base Ops. For more details, call public affairs at 687-6126.

### Memorial day remembrance set

Warrensburg American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts invites members and their families of Whiteman to attend the Veterans Day Remembrance at 11 a.m. Monday at the Johnson County Court House. The featured speaker is Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander. A free lunch will be provided on the court house lawn after the remembrance. For more details, contact Lt. Col. Fred Niblock at 687-6962.

### Med Gp sets temporary closing

The 509th Medical Group and base clinic will be closed for all services today for a group event.

### Road repairs scheduled

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

### Detour near base scheduled

Route D east of Whiteman will be closed Monday to replace the bridge over Long Branch Creek. Traffic will detour until the bridge is complete and the roadway reopens in September. For more details, call Steve Porter at 816-622-6329.

### Airman's attic open to all ranks

The Airman's attic is open to all ranks now through June 16. Donators are reminded to donate items at 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or when a staff member is present. Don't leave items outside the building. For more details, call Ann Beem at 687-2647.

### Commission briefing scheduled

The next commissioning briefing begins at 1:30 p.m. June 10, at the education center. This briefing is open to all enlisted members seeking a commission in the Air Force. To make a reservation or for more details, call the education center at 687-5750.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson

## Beast Walk

One of 10 B-2s taxis into position for a mass launch of aircraft, as a second B-2 lifts off. Seven aircraft flew Thursday morning as a conclusion to the weeklong Nuclear Operational Readiness Exercise. The NORE tested the 509th Bomb Wing's ability to support missions for U.S Strategic Command and is one of several events in preparation for an operational readiness inspection in September. For more photos from the exercise, see next week's issue of the *Whiteman Spirit*.

# 'We are honored to serve with you'



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

**First term Airmen, Airman Thomas Robinson and Airman 1st Class Stephen Daniel, salute the flag. Air Force members are encouraged to pay tribute this Memorial Day to fallen veterans at 3 p.m. Monday by observing a minute of silence.**

### WASHINGTON, AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS —

The following is a Memorial Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper:

"This Memorial Day beckons us once again to remember and reflect on the selfless sacrifices of members of America's armed forces.

"While stories abound on the origins of the Memorial Day observance, one aspect remains abundantly clear — since it was first proclaimed officially in May 1868, Americans continue to enthusiastically honor the enormous sacrifices of all the service men and women who have paid the ultimate price for freedom, as well as thanking those who serve today.

"As the war on terror continues, our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our Airmen and their families. This year, we are more thankful than ever for your noble service, around the world and at home stations. America is forever indebted to you and your families for your commitment to the high calling of defending our nation.

"We encourage you to join us Monday at 3 p.m. local time to observe the National Moment of Remembrance as America honors those who have served so honorably and bravely as uniformed members of the armed forces. A White House resolution in 2000 designated the National Moment of Remembrance as an opportunity for all Americans to commemorate the true meaning of Memorial Day by observing one minute of silence, driving with their headlights on or participating in another appropriate activity honoring our fallen veterans.

"We thank you for what you do every day for America and America's Air Force. You and your families are among our nation's greatest treasures and we are honored to serve with you.

"May God bless you and your service, and may God continue to bless America."

## Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller  
509th Bomb Wing Commander

### THE COST OF FREEDOM.

Monday is Memorial Day. At places all across the globe, American Airmen, soldiers, sailors, Marines who were just like us — fathers, mothers, sons and daughters — lie in hallowed ground. They gave their lives that we might live in this great country, free and prosperous. We can never truly measure their loss ... can never know the children they didn't have ... the achievements torn from their reach ... the good they could have done if they had lived.

The Apostle John wrote "greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." The men and women who have died bearing arms for America have done so for their comrades in arms, their families, their friends, and their nation. The men and women we remember this weekend

did not think of themselves as heroes; they were simply Americans.

We owe them much. Let's remember them with dignity and gratitude.

### ETERNAL VIGILANCE.

Another way we honor past patriots is by carrying the torch they passed to us. This week's Nuclear Operational Readiness Exercise was a good test for the 509th Bomb Wing and it validates a critical mission we must be able to accomplish 24/7/365. I saw a lot of hard work from 509ers — it's work that will pay off. We learned a lot in this exercise, and we'll exercise again in the summer to sharpen the skills we just practiced. Thanks for the energy and dedication you showed!

**CRITICAL DAYS.** Memorial Day begins the summer season, traditionally a dangerous time for Airmen. **Stop — think — avoid risks you don't need to take — and don't be a statistic!**



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson

**Pilots burst out of the S-6 building before being taken to their B-2s Thursday morning during the Nuclear Operational Readiness Exercise. The NORE tested the 509th Bomb Wing ability to support missions for U.S Strategic Command, and is one of several events in preparation for an operation readiness inspection in September.**

# Stop, think and assess health emergencies



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

By Col. (Dr.) Rick Bachmann  
509th Medical Group Commander

I sat down to pay some bills recently and was struck by the fact that I hardly ever write checks any more.

A bunch of pay allotments make sure my life insurance policies, mutual funds, Combined Federal Campaign gift and Thrift Savings Plan are funded every month without me lifting a finger. My credit card bill and car insurance bill are deducted from my bank account automatically. As long as I make sure the numbers are right and I keep sufficient funds in the bank, everything runs on autopilot.

In many ways, we tend to look at our health care system the same way. The cost of health care is invisible for most of our patients. The providers can make treatment recommendations without worrying about whether the patient can afford the test or prescription. Either the 509th Medical Group provides the care directly or refers the care into the Tricare network, at minimal or no cost to Prime enrollees. We all like it that way.

For value in a health plan, as a customer you can't beat Tricare! In fact, you can't buy health insurance that's anywhere near as comprehensive. Unfortunately, health care is never really "free." Whether the bill is paid directly by the patient, through an insurance company or by tax dollars, salaries have to be paid, drugs purchased, clinics built, equipment modernized and staff trained.

The Air Force Medical Service budget for fiscal 2004 is \$6.9 billion. This funding comes directly out of the overall \$91 billion Air Force budget and all that money spent on medical care could buy a lot of firepower!

The rate of inflation for medical care has far exceeded

the overall economy's rate of inflation for decades. The time is rapidly approaching when the rising cost of health care will seriously impinge on our ability to sustain the military, field new weapons systems and continue to provide such a comprehensive medical benefit.

The next generation of Tricare contracts comes on line for Whiteman in October, with some significant changes in how we manage our budgets, phased in over the next five years. Fundamentally, we'll earn our budget in two ways: capitated funding (we'll get a fixed amount of money annually to take care of each Prime enrollee) and a fee for service reimbursement for care we provide for each non-Prime enrollee.

Every time we send a Prime enrollee into the civilian sector for care, we have to "write a check" for it out of the 509th Med Gp funds, instead of the big Tricare pot in the sky. One of our biggest concerns is the increasing use of local emergency rooms for non-emergency care. Obviously folks with life-threatening illnesses or injuries should not hesitate to call 911 or go to an ER. However, Tricare is spending more than \$300,000 a year on Whiteman patients who went to the ER for minor illnesses. We can't afford to keep doing that.

The Whiteman clinic is open for acute and routine care every duty day and Saturday mornings. After duty hours, we have a primary care manager available on call through an answering service to discuss concerns by phone. Unless the medical problem is clearly life-threatening, patients should seek out our care or call and talk to our medical team before going to an ER. The on-call PCM can autho-

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Observing road signs and pedestrians is one of many ways Air Force members can practice safety. The 101 Critical Days of Summer begins Monday.

## 101 critical days of summer begins

By Lt. Col. Thomas Bussiere  
509th Bomb Wing Chief of Safety

This weekend Memorial Day marks a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. It also begins Whiteman's 101 critical days of summer safety campaign. Tragically, last year's 101 critical days of summer resulted in 29 fatalities in our Air Force family; more than any recent year.

As we reviewed Air Combat Command's most recent fatal accidents, contributing factors in these mishaps aren't new. We see them repeatedly — excessive speed, fatigue, darkness, loss of control, distraction, and alcohol. Failure to follow both Air Force policy and society's laws is unacceptable and sometimes kills our Airmen.

What's truly tragic is the majority of these accidents could have been prevented with simple precautions such as wearing seatbelts, obeying the posted speed limits, and not drinking and driving. At a time when we should be celebrating our freedoms and the beginning of summer with family and friends, we continue to mourn the loss of members of the greater Air Force family.

All of us — officer, enlisted, civilian partners and family members — have an obligation to keep our Air Force family safe. Be proactive, not reactive. If you see something unsafe, stop it. Lead by example and help the Air Force eliminate the wrong notion that there is a distinction between on-duty and off-duty when it comes to safety. These mishaps are preventable—this mishap trend is reversible!

As we make plans for this holiday weekend, do some personnel risk management and build safety into your gameplan. As Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright, ACC vice commander, stated in a recent letter to all unit commanders, "Every Airman is a leader on and off duty."

Think about seatbelts. Think about helmets. Think about life preservers. Think about designated drivers. Think about cause and effect. Be forceful and don't allow friends or family to make the same mistakes that have ended so tragically in summer accidents.

Our goal is zero mishaps this weekend! It will take everyone's effort to achieve it — be safe!



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

### It's a horse, of course

Senior Airman Jennifer Rollins, 509th Security Forces Squadron, pets a Clydesdale horse. The Clydesdale horses paraded around the base May 20, making stops at Mission's End, the shopette, the base exchange, Stars & Strikes and Bldg. 509.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Airman 1st Class Daniel Rivera, 509th Comptroller Squadron, shows Tech. Sgt. John Binder, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, how to use the myPay Web site.

## Easier access to pay information now online

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN) — Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials announced May 12 that Airmen can receive personal identification numbers for myPay through their official Air Force e-mail accounts.

Airmen can expect to receive a new or updated PIN within two hours of requesting it on the myPay Web site.

The e-mail PIN delivery process is a simpler, faster alternative to the direct mail and in-person request methods previously available, DFAS officials said. This capability is especially timely as more people are realizing the

benefits of accessing myPay from remote and deployed sites.

Customers can view, print and save leave and earnings statements, make adjustments to federal and state tax withholdings, update bank account and electronic transfers and change address information, all online at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

The Web site is available to all service members, military retirees and annuitants, and Departments of Defense and Energy civilian employees.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tia Schroeder

## PC doctor

Staff Sgt. Michael Tucker, 509th Communications Squadron network administrator, installs a compact disk drive while performing maintenance on a computer at the Network Control Center. Network administrators, like Sergeant Tucker, maintain the base network daily and perform routine computer maintenance.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

## Good on you

Fifteen-year old- William Ketchen, son of Lt. Col. Gavin Ketchen, 393rd Bomb Squadron commander, was selected to attend the Air Force Academy's Aviation Camp in Colorado Springs, Colo. William was selected from more than 160 applicants Air Forcewide. The weeklong camp begins June 5.

# Spotlight on justice

In April, six people received an Article 15, eight people were discharged and one person was court-martialed.

## Articles 15

A staff sergeant from the 509th Operations Support Squadron received an Article 15 for willful dereliction of duty. The punishment was suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

A senior airman from the 509th Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for failure to go and negligent dereliction of duty. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman first class and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for negligent dereliction of duty. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months, restriction to the base for 45 days and 30 days extra duty.

An airman from the 509th Communications Squadron received an Article 15 for willful dereliction of duty. The punishment was reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$373 pay, restriction to the base for 30 days and 12 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th MXS received an Article 15 for making a false official statement. The punishment was reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty.

A senior airman from the 509th OSS received an Article 15 for writing a bad check. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$200 pay and 15 days extra duty.

## Discharges

An airman first class from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An airman from the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An airman from the 509th Munitions Squadron received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An airman first class from the 509th LRS received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

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An airman basic from the 509th CS received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

## Court-martial

Staff Sgt. Adam McAiley, 509th AMXS, was tried and convicted by a general court-martial for indecent acts or liberties with a minor under 16. The judge sentenced him to reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for 10 years and a bad conduct discharge.

## Line for lots

Customers wait in line for the commissary's bi-annual case lot sale held May 14-15. Sale items were set up in a tent and in the commissary warehouse. Carol Lakey, commissary manager, said the sale allows customers to purchase bulk items at a low price.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacadan

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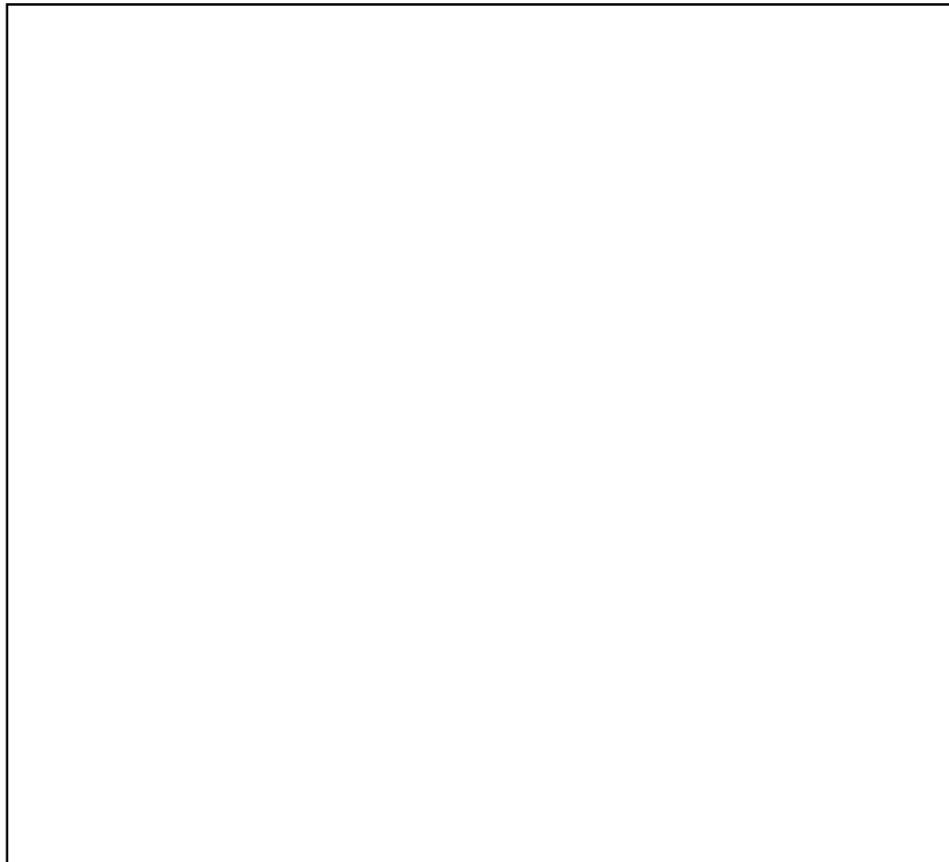


Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

**Tech. Sgt. Sam Stewart, 509th Contracting Squadron, refuels his truck at the shoppette while on duty. Wearing the battle-dress uniform for quick stops like vehicle refueling are acceptable under Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Appearance. BDUs can't be worn for off-duty activities for excessive amounts of time.**

## *1st Sergeant's View*

**By Master Sgt. James Delap**  
509th Medical Group First Sergeant

Have you ever worn your battle-dress uniform into the grocery store on your way home from work? Do you frequently stop to fill up your vehicle with gas on your way to or from work? Do you stop at the donut shop to get a dozen of the office's favorites on the way in.

All these stops are OK. Air Force Instruction 36-2903 Military Dress and Appearance, Table 2.7 states it's alright to make short convenience stops on your way to or from work. It's alright to eat lunch at local restaurants where people wear comparable civilian attire. It's not OK to eat lunch where the normal civilian attire is business. It's not OK to go to establishments where they operate primarily to serve alcohol.

Let me tell you about some places I've seen folks in BDUs lately. About a month ago, the Warrensburg Rotary Club hosted a "Taste of Johnson County." This was a charity event where there was an auction, and several local food establishments gave

out menu samples at Central Missouri State University.

When I arrived at this event, the first thing that caught my eye wasn't all the food samples or auction items, it was the two folks sitting and eating in BDUs.

I also attended the Warrensburg High School graduation ceremony this past Saturday. Just before the ceremony began, I saw a young man walk in wearing BDUs.

As happy as I was to see folks from Whiteman supporting local community activities, I wasn't very happy to see young NCOs improperly following the rules of uniform wear. The BDU is a utility work uniform and should only be worn at work, and to and from work. The short stops for gas, a gallon of milk, or to pick up a part at the auto parts store on the way is fine, but don't wear BDUs if it's more than a five to 10 minute trip.

If you aren't sure about which uniform to wear, or when you should wear one in the local community, refer to AFI 36-2903, ask your supervisor or ask your first sergeant. Let's represent the Air Force the right way.

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alize an ER visit if required.

ER visits which were not authorized by a PCM and not found to be an emergency after medical review are not fully covered by Tricare. Patients will have to pay a deductible and co-pay, even active-duty members! This isn't a new policy, but it hasn't been receiving the attention it deserves — that's changing now. This article is the beginning of our education campaign.

Just like your personal checking account, the medical care checkbook is limited. If we don't spend our funds wisely, we may have to cut back on the benefits we currently offer if we're to provide any health coverage at all.

So, use your self-care book (get one at medical inprocessing or from your PCM), come to the clinic when needed, and, after hours, talk to the PCM on call before going to the ER unless it is a dire emergency. Most of the time, for most of our patients, the ER should be your last resort, not your first choice. We're here to help you figure out what's an emergency, what's not and what to do to get well again. Our central appointments number is 687-2188 and our after hours answering service number is 687-2186. Put these numbers by your phone!

# 'You are the Whiteman I dol'

## Singers, bands and musicians battle for pop supremacy



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Bethany Wesley performs her solo rendition of "His Eye is on the Sparrow," during the Whiteman Idol contest May 19 at the community center. There were five solo acts, one duo and three group performances at the event.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Audience members cheer after Kavius' performance.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Members of Phoenix Productions perform their original rhapsody, "When U C us." Phoenix Productions was named the Whiteman Idol and met with the John Lennon Educational Tour bus staff Tuesday. They also won a chance to record a song and produce an amateur music video. Phoenix Productions consists of: Airman 1st Class Shereka McCracken, 509th Operations Support Squadron, Demetrill Newman, 509th Communications Squadron, Timothy Stanford, 509th Bomb Wing, Derrick Malone, 509th Security Forces Squadron, and Darnell Holyfield, 509th Mission Support Squadron.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Matt Bridges and Mike Stone of Hennessy perform "Elle." The group won the most original award.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Airman 1st Class Pat Neavin, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, performs the song "His Eyes."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Josh Twidwell and Senior Airman Nick Martin, 509th Bomb Wing, of Kavius performed "A letter to you my love," an original song written by the band members. The group won an award for best stage presence.

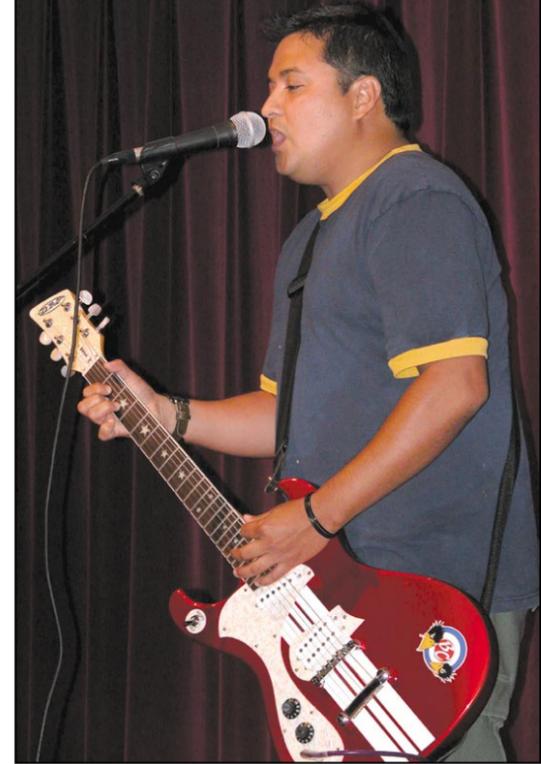


Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Lando Martinez, Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 114, performs "I really love you." The Whiteman Idol contest took place May 19 at the community center and was sponsored by the 509th Services Squadron. The winner for best solo performance went to Amanda Avent for her performance of "At last," originally sung by Etta James. Other solo performances included "A moment like this," by Sharon Brown, "XXs and OOs" by Jessica Williams and "Disappear without a trace," by Staff Sgt. Scott Cain, 509th Security Forces Squadron. There was also a guitar and vocal duet sung by Blayne McCandless and Daniel Knott, entitled "Shipwrecked."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Judges observe an act during the Whiteman Idol contest. The judges were Army Sgt. Adam Jennings, 203rd Engineering Battalion, Angela Williams, Stacey Schindler, 509th Services Squadron, and 1st Lt. Jordan Schindler, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.

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## Whiteman Spirit Award



**Cheryl Preuitt**

509th Mission Support Squadron

Cheryl Preuitt, 509th Mission Support Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Tuesday.

Brig. Gen. Stephen Miller, Air Combat Command inspector general, nominated Mrs. Preuitt for the award.

During the unit compliance inspection Feb. 12-17, the ACC inspector general team identified Mrs. Preuitt as an individual worthy of special recognition.

She was presented with an ACC inspector general coin from General Miller.

"I reserve these coins for individuals who are performing above and beyond the level expected of their rank and experience," the general said. "And less than one percent of the personnel we inspect receive such recognition."

General Miller said Mrs. Preuitt's handling of the Labor Management Relations Program here has resulted in improved relations between the union, manager, supervisors and the civilian personnel flight. Her accomplishments and dedication in handling alternate dispute resolutions has resulted in a decrease in the Union filing

unfair labor practices, General Miller said.

### Personally Speaking

**Duty title:** Human resources specialist

**Time on station:** 28 years

**Time in service:** 30 years

**Hometown:** Sedalia, Mo.

**Hobbies:** Reading, boating, antiques, cross-stitching.

**Goals:** Advancement to retirement eligibility.

**Best thing about Whiteman:** People.

**Pet peeves:** Gum-smacking and popping, and slow drivers

**If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be?** To establish a full-time Equal Employment Opportunity manager/specialist position to manage EEO complaints, EEO managers, the Alternate Dispute Resolution Program, Special Emphasis Programs and managers, and to conduct pro-active education of employees and supervisors — a visible partner to the wing commander, Civilian Personnel Flight and Military Equal Opportunity Office.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

### They're 'Inn'

Staff Sgt. Janet Allende and Mike Porter, 509th Services Squadron, won the small base Innkeeper Travelers' award. These awards are presented to military or civilian lodging team members who exemplify the highest standards of professionalism, attitude, customer service and job knowledge as determined by an evaluation team. Sergeant Allende and Mr. Porter will receive the award on Nov. 13 at the Javits Convention Center in New York City.

## What's happening

### Education

#### Scholarships offered

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

### Community

#### Airmen Against Drunk Driving meet

Airmen Against Drunk Driving meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the First Term Airmen Center. For more details, call Senior Airman Kelly Ruffo at 687-4324. The next meeting is this Thursday.

#### Host families needed

The DOD Education Activity program is looking for two host families to open their homes for two young

men while they attend the Missouri Boys State program at Central Missouri State University. One boy from Kadena, Spain will attend the program June 10-11 and one from Rota, Spain, will attend June 19-20. If you are available to help, call Jack Bryant at 687-7132.

#### Toastmasters boosts speaking skills

Learn how to improve public-speaking skills at a Toastmasters meeting 6:30 p.m., June 7 in the Warrensburg Community Center. For more details, call Staff Sgt. Keneethia Kennard at 429-2188 or 687-5737.

#### Vacation Bible school set

A vacation Bible school, Camp Moosefeather Falls, takes place 1:30-4:30 p.m. June 21-25. This camp is for children age three through children in sixth grade. Bus service will also be available on base. For more details, call the chapel at 687-3652.

#### Mom's, Pop's and Tot's schedules events

The Mom's, Pop's and Tot's Play group scheduled the following April events:

- ✓ — Field trip to the Kansas City Zoo Thursday,
- ✓ — Free play June 10
- ✓ — Father's day party and crafts, June 17, and
- ✓ — "Stroller strut" at Veteran's Memorial Park.

For more details, call Stephanie Zink at 687-4342.

### Family Support

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

#### Skills seminar offered

A seminar that addresses the skills needed to make the transition from the military to the civilian job market begins at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the community center. It's open to all DOD military members, spouses and retirees. Call for reservations.

#### Tap class canceled

The three-day transition assistance program seminar scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday has been cancelled. Call for a new class date.

#### Writing workshop set

A hands-on workshop that helps people through the resume writing process begins at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday. Reservations are required.

#### Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

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## Chapel Corner

### **Catholic**

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

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

CCD — 9 a.m. Sundays

### **Protestant**

General worship — 9 a.m. Sundays

Gospel — 12:45 p.m. Sundays

Communion — 8:45 a.m. Sundays

Sunday School — 10:45 a.m. Sundays

AWANA Kids — 6 p.m. Tuesdays



Airmen Against Drunk Driving  
Call 687-RIDE or 877-518-6802

## Housing hints of the week

✓ Air conditioner service calls to housing maintenance are classified as urgent. Urgent calls are deficiencies that don't immediately endanger house occupants or threaten to damage property. Urgent calls are responded to in five days.

✓ Air conditioners work harder during hot weather, and may be able to keep your house only 10 degrees cooler than the temperature outside. After cutting grass, ensure the grass clippings don't clog the outside unit of your air conditioner.

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# Fishing spots available at Whiteman



Courtesy photo

Jessica Kowalczyk enjoys a day of fishing. Her father is John Kowalczyk, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.

By Neil Bass

509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Whiteman has five ponds with fishing opportunities. These ponds were sampled on April 15 in a collaborative effort between the Missouri Department of Conservation and the base Natural Resource Planner. The results indicated that several of these ponds provide good fishing opportunities.

The results of the survey focused on largemouth bass and bluegill numbers. Other species were observed but the electric current being used was targeting the sunfishes. The rates of capture are for electrofishing and not for standard hook and line rates. Since the same electrofishing techniques were used on all lakes, the numbers work well for comparison of fish densities.

Skelton Lake while receiving, the greatest use, also has a very good population of fishable species. Largemouth Bass numbers were 54 fish per hour with some fish in the 18-inch range. Bluegill numbers were 91 per hour with some in the six to seven inch size class. Black Crappie and catfish were also collected.

William's Pond had the best fish densities, with largemouth bass densities at 64 per hour. Some of these bass were more than 16 inches in length. Bluegills were also plentiful at 150 per hour. Bluegill and redear sunfish were captured that were over nine inches in length.

Eldon Springs had capture rates of 60 per hour for green sunfish and 32 per hour for channel catfish. While neither of the numbers are outstanding, they do not address the full potential of this pond. Many green sunfish were probably missed because of water clarity at the time of sampling and the channel catfish were captured at high numbers even though the electric field was not set for channel catfish. This suggests that catfish numbers are probably much higher than indicated. The density of green sunfish makes this a good location to take young children fishing. Be sure to use the smallest hooks possible though.

The New North Lake had several small bluegill and green sunfish. This lake is only two years old and has not been developed yet for a fishery. In the next twelve

months there will be stockings that will start the development of this pond for a small recreational fishery.

Bear Lake is the newest addition to fishing at Whiteman. This lake has a good supply of largemouth bass and bluegill. The lake is silted and therefore very shallow. This will lead to even more vegetation that impedes fishing. No management will be done on this lake until after construction proposed for its shoreline is completed. Then the lake will be drained, dredged to increase its average depth, and the fish population renovated.

The Conservation Frontiers Program, a club sponsored by the Youth Center, recently took a fishing trip to Eldon Springs. This fishing trip was part of the program which introduces the club members to the natural resources of Missouri. There were seven kids in the group. They used forty worms in about 30 minutes.

Five of the seven members landed fish. Jessica Kowalczyk caught the most at six. Jessica's dad is John Kowalczyk, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron. Tynedria Forrest caught the largest fish of the day, a stout green sunfish. Tynedria is the daughter of Denise Forrest, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. The other Conservation Frontiers members present were Drew Atherton, Destiny Hall, Bryton Kendall, Kyle Moore, and Kaitlan Norton. Drew's parents are Neil and Diana Atherton, 509th Maintenance Squadron. Destiny's parents are David and Danielle Hall, 509th Security Forces Squadron. Bryton's parent's are James and Sharon Kendall 509th SFS. Kyle's mom is Shannon Moore, 509th Mission Support Squadron. Kaitlan's mom is Crystal Norton, 509th CES.

For their efforts, every member received points that can be applied toward attaining a higher level of achievement and cool prizes. They will also receive a certificate acknowledging the catching of their first fish. In a couple of weeks the club will work with Outdoor Recreation and use paddle boats to explore one of the base ponds.

The ponds at Whiteman hold recreational opportunities that are not utilized to their fullest. For more details on the recreational and natural resources at Whiteman call Neil Bass at 687-2014.

## Sports shorts

### Softball slam scheduled

The 2004 Whiteman Softball Slam takes place June 12 at the fitness center field. The team entry fee for the tournament is \$50 and is due by Thursday. There will also be a home run contest with a \$5 entry fee and participants must provide their own pitcher. There is no sign up deadline for the home run contest. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams and the home run contest winner. The tournament's start time will be determined at this meeting. This event is sponsored by the 509th Civil Engineer intramural softball team. There will be a coaches meeting at noon Thursday in Bldg. 705. For more details, call Staff Sgts. David Ball at 687-4228 or Jason Keane at 687-4507.

### Aerobics Schedule

**Mondays** — 6 a.m., 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., spinning, 11 a.m. Tae kwon do, 6:15 p.m. yoga, and 5:15 p.m. Core strength  
**Tuesdays** — 4:30 p.m. yoga  
**Wednesdays** — 6 a.m., 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Spinning, 11 a.m. Tae kwon do, and 5:15 Core strength  
**Thursday** — 11 a.m. Tae kwon do, 4:30 p.m. yoga, and 5:15 p.m. Step interval  
**Fridays** — 6 a.m., 9 a.m., and 3:30 p.m., Spinning

### Quality tread

Jennifer Shnorenberg, fitness center patron, uses a treadmill. The fitness center recently received new equipment to upgrade the quality of service. The new equipment includes nine new ellipticals and 10 new treadmills.



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## Food & Fun

### Mission's End 687-4422

#### ACC \$1 traditional BBQ buffet

Members only, bring your families out for a traditional barbecue buffet 6-8 p.m. June 4 at Mission's End. For only \$1, enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw and dessert.

#### Karaoke

Enjoy karaoke 8 p.m.-midnight June 4 in the Lavene Lounge at Mission's End.

## Sports & Recreation

### Fitness center 687-5496

#### Whiteman Triathlon

Fowler's Family Auto\* is sponsoring a triathlon June 26 which includes swimming 475 meters, a 10K bike ride and a 5K run. Men and women individual divisions, over 40-year old divisions or team divisions are welcome. Teams can be co-ed. Call the fitness center for more details and to sign up by June 23.

### Stars and Strikes 687-5114

#### "Bowl for the Stars & Strikes"

Bowl a game or purchase a large Coca-Cola to receive a punch card (valid June 1 to 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 hours and fees

The base pool opens today! Summer hours are 1:15-6 p.m. weekdays and noon-6 p.m. weekends. Active duty military, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and dependents can swim for \$1.50 and civilian guests can swim for \$2. Free admission for ID card holders today-Monday.

#### Boater safety class

This mandatory 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. Session-one classes are available 11 a.m.-noon June 10 or June 22. Session-two classes are available 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday or 1-4:30 p.m. June 5. A combined session class is available 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. June 17. 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 50-mile bike ride/camping trip along the Katy Trail June 12-13. We bike from Mokane to Dutzow, Mo. and pitch a tent in McKittrick, Mo. A fee of \$12 includes transportation, camping, one dinner, bike and helmet if needed. Call outdoor recreation for more details and to sign up by June 10.

#### Intramural bass fishing

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

#### Gasconade River canoe trip

Experience a 6-mile canoe trip on the Gasconade River 8 a.m.-7 p.m. June 19. The cost of \$12 includes transportation, canoe rental, lifejackets and paddles. Call for more information and sign up by June 17 at outdoor recreation.

## Splash Bash 2004

Lots of prizes, food and music! Come out and join the fun 6:30-9 p.m. June 11 at the base pool. Ribbit Race and Build-A-Boat are sponsored in part by Speedway Chevrolet.\*



### Build-A-Boat

At 6:30 p.m., Build-A-Boat at the community center and race it at the base pool for \$1 to kick off the summer. For rules and registration about Build-A-Boat, call the community center at 687-5617.

### Ribbit Race

To participate in the fifth annual Ribbit Race at 8 p.m., purchase a frog today and race it at the event for \$3, or multiple frogs for a discounted price from the youth center. For more information about the Ribbit Race or to purchase a frog, call the youth center at 687-5586.



## Community Activities

### Family Child Care 687-5590

#### 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 prior to participation.

### Child Development Center 687-5588

#### Developmental Enrichment Program

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

### Community Center 687-5617

#### Dogs on 'pawade pawty'

Tomorrow at 2 p.m., dress yourself and your dog in your party best for an afternoon of games, contests and prizes. Enter for a chance to win a bike. Refreshments for you and your pets will be provided at this free event. Sponsored in part by Speedway Chevrolet\* and Diamond Pet Foods.\*

#### "Halo Free For All"

Ages 16 and up are invited to compete in a video game tournament 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. June 12. The cost for a team of four is \$10 or singles is \$5. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Call the community center for more details and to sign up by June 11.

### Library 687-5614

#### Summer reading club

Discover new trails at the base library in a summer reading club June 4-July 30. A kickoff party takes place 6-8 p.m. June 4. Ages 6-18 are welcome to join this program and read as many pages as they can. Grand prizes will be awarded to one child in each age group. Sponsored in part by Scholastic, Inc.\* and Pizza Hut.\*

## Travel & Leisure

### Tickets & Travel 687-5643

#### Complimentary Colorado Resort

A service member from any branch of the military who has served on active duty for more than 30 days in Iraq or Afghanistan is eligible to receive up to three consecutive nights of complimentary lodging at a Vail Resort hotel in Breckenridge or Keystone, Colo. Offer valid now through December 16, 2004. Stop by tickets and travel for more information.



Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® kicked off their tour May 13 by visiting the child development center.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® are performing at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia tomorrow-Monday. Call tickets & travel for more information and to purchase a ticket.

### Youth Center 687-5586

#### Part-day specialty camps

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

#### K.C. Wizards fun day

Youth will learn the importance of teamwork, communication and sportsmanship through visiting the K.C. Wizards soccer team. Third through sixth graders are welcome to join the fun at Arrowhead Stadium 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. June 4. The cost of \$15 includes transportation, breakfast and lunch. Sign up begins Monday, spots are limited.

### Skills Development Center 687-5691

#### Framing class

Take a beginners framing class 9 a.m.-12 p.m. June 10 at the skills development center. The cost of \$40 includes instruction and supplies. Sign up by noon June 9.

#### Skills craft fair

Welcome crafters, the skills development center is hosting a craft fair 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 19. There is a \$10 venter fee. Sign up by June 16 to reserve a table; spaces are limited.

### Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

#### Microchip Clinic

The veterinary clinic is offering a discounted microchip to help you protect your pet. This safe, simple and effective method ensures your pet can be permanently identified for life. The microchip cost \$13.50 and will be given 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 25 by appointment only. Quickly stop by or call the veterinary clinic to make an appointment!

### Teen Center 687-5819

#### Soccer Jams

This fitness event will give teens the opportunity to participate in pick-up soccer games and drills to improve their soccer skills. Teens are welcome for an evening of fun and games 6-8 p.m. June 7, 14 and 21. Call the teen center for more information.

#### Kansas City Royals bus trip

Travel to a Kansas City Royals vs. Montreal Expos baseball game 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. June 10. The cost of \$5 includes admission and transportation. Sign up by June 8 at the teen center.

## Whiteman Base Theater

### Friday

**Hellboy** 7 p.m. PG-13  
Starring- Ron Perlman & John Hurt

### Saturday

**The Girl Next Door** 7 p.m. R  
Starring- Emile Hirsch & Elisha Cuthbert

### Sunday

**Walking Tall** 5:30 p.m. PG-13  
Starring- Dwayne Johnson & Johnny Knoxville

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

Movies are subject to change due to availability.  
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<http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>