

Teens take steps toward AF career

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Public affairs

High school students wishing to attend the Air Force Academy after graduation can apply to attend a weeklong Teen Aviation Camp June 5 to June 11 at the Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The program gives teens a brief overview of what an Air Force career would be like, and teens participate in a wide variety of classroom and outdoor activities.

"This program is very important for young people who have a desire to join as officers or become pilots in the Air Force," said Kayline Hamilton, youth center director.

Teens whose parents are active duty, guard, reserve or civilian contractors at Columbus AFB are eligible to apply.

"This year we are accepting students who will be sophomores or juniors during the 2004-2005 school year," said Pam Wickham, 14th Services Division marketing director.

Interested teens must complete an application form and familiarization exam. They must submit the package to the youth center by March 1. Applicants must list their extracurricular and school-based activities for the past two years only.

The youth center director or a designated youth staff member will conduct interviews until March 12. Appointments for interviews must be made by then.

Thirty-six participants Air Force wide will be selected to attend this year's camp. Final selections will be announced through major command channels by April 9.

If selected, the youth center funds airfare to Colorado Springs. All lodging, meals and activity fees are at no cost to participants.

Parents and guardians must allow their teens to travel unaccompanied or make other personal arrangements. Teens are not accompanied by an adult chaperone from the youth center. The Air Force Services Agency and major commands provide chaperones for the camp only.

For more information, call Ext. 2504.

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates Lt. Col. John Davidson, 41st Flying Training Squadron commander, and Lt. Col. Kathryn Hall, 14th Medical Operations Squadron commander, on being selected for promotion to colonel.



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Amazing Grace

Senior Airman Timothy Vidal, 14th Flying Training Wing, plays "Amazing Grace" at the chapel for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration Jan. 15. More than 100 people attended the celebration.

New tax relief act aids service members, families

K.L. Vantran
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Legislation signed by President Bush Nov. 11 increases the death gratuity payment to \$12,000 and provides that the full payment is tax-free.

That portion of the Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003 is retroactive to Sept. 10, 2001, to provide for service members who died in the terrorist attacks the following day and in the ongoing global war on terror, said Army Lt. Col. Janet Fenton, director, Armed Forces Tax Council.

"If you are killed on active duty, regardless of whether you're in theater, or in a training accident or die from disease, your family receives \$12,000 death gratuity that is not taxed," Colonel Fenton said. "That's a big change. In addition, any future increases to the death gratuity will remain tax free."

The death gratuity has been \$6,000 since 1991, with half of it being taxed. "It just didn't seem to be fair for the military family who was left grieving for their service member to get hit with a tax bill," she added.

Capital gain exclusion for home sales is one of the most common areas people were looking for tax relief in. "This act will allow members to suspend the period of time in which they have to sell their homes and take the tax exclusion so they won't have to pay that capital gain," Colonel Fenton said. "It's retroactive to 1997 so military members who have sold their homes since 1997 have one year from Nov. 11, 2003, to request a refund for any tax they did pay."

Since 1997, when the law was previously changed, if service members who owned homes were reassigned more than 50 miles from that home or were ordered to move on post, they were no longer able to roll over the gain from that sale to the next home they purchased.

Also since 1997, individuals could exclude up to \$250,000 (\$500,000 for married couples) of gain from the sale of a home if they resided in the home for two of the five years preceding the sale.

Under this act, military and Foreign Service personnel can suspend (for up to 10 years) the time transferred away from home on official extended duty for purposes of applying the five-year portion of the two-out-of-five-year rule.

The 2003 act also includes above-the-line deduction for overnight travel expenses of military reservists and



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Airman 1st Class Brandon Johnson, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, receives help from Carolyn Jones, base tax center director, with his tax return. Tax season has begun, and free tax assistance is available for base personnel. Walk-ins are accepted. For more information or to make an appointment, call Ext. 7613.

National Guardsmen who have to travel more than 100 miles to attend drills or meetings.

"The act allows for an above-the-line, which means you don't have to itemize your taxes to take advantage of this deduction," Colonel Fenton said.

She added that service members will be able to deduct unreimbursed travel expenses such as lodging, 50 percent of meals and any transportation costs. This part of the act is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2003.

When the tax code changed in 1986, it said that any military benefit existing in September 1986 would remain tax-free, Colonel Fenton said.

However, it was always unclear whether military child care was included in that, she added. "This act merely makes it clear that those provisions of child care were intended to be tax-free to military members."

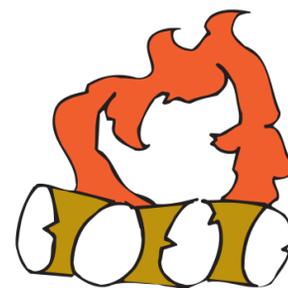
The tax act also provides for extra tax-filing time for

troops serving in contingency operations.

The internal revenue code allows service members who are serving in combat zones or hazardous duty areas to have an extension of time — usually 180 days from the time the person leaves the combat zone — to file taxes.

"A lot of military operations don't rise to the level of being declared by the president as 'combat,'" Colonel Fenton said. "But there are several contingency operations where service members are outside the continental United States."

The act also includes modifying eligibility criteria of tax-exempt veterans organizations; tax-free treatment of homeowners' assistance program payments; suspension of tax-exempt status for designated terrorist organizations; and extension of victims' tax relief to astronauts who die on space missions.



No open flames, burning on Columbus AFB allowed

In accordance with Columbus AFB Instruction 32-2001, no open flames or burning on Columbus AFB, to include aircraft parking areas, unless authorized by the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron fire chief, are allowed. If deployed or permanently-stationed units require some type of special cooking or barbecuing needs, they need to request this in writing to the fire chief at the fire department, Bldg. 830. Call Ext. 2269.

48th FTS highlights history in heritage room

Airman Cecilia Rodriguez
Public affairs

The 48th Flying Training Squadron opened the doors of its newly renovated heritage room for the first time after a ribbon-cutting ceremony Jan. 16.

The opening commemorated 63 years since the World War II stand-up of the 48th FTS and its all-eyecat squadron patch, designed by Walt Disney.

“The new heritage room is important because the squadron needs a place that’s not a formal briefing room to gather and talk,” said Lt. Col. Paul Judge, 48th FTS commander. “It’s the perfect place to gather at the end of a long flying day.”

Heritage rooms within the flying training squadrons are dedicated to the history of the units, highlighting past achievements and events with walls of plaques, photographs and other squadron memorabilia.

Inspiration for the 48th FTS heritage room was drawn from an original 40 & 8 Club photo noticed at a 48th Association reunion October 2002.

The club’s trademark was derived from French railroad boxcars that were used to transport men and horses to and from the fighting fronts during World War I. On the side of the boxcars was stenciled the capacity of each, holding either 40 men or eight horses.

“Our heritage room restoration is as close as possible to the original 40 & 8 Club photo,” said Capt. Chad Hewins, 48th FTS historian. “We even recruited a known antique dealer on base to find an antique wine jug identical to the centerpiece in the photo, in hopes of including the piece in the remodeled project.”



First Lt. Sean Callahan and Capt. Chad Hewins, 48th Flying Training Squadron, lay flooring in their new heritage room. Courtesy photo

Gina Neal, an antique dealer who also works at the Columbus Club, was contacted in late 2002 and asked to research the wine jug.

“For a steady week, I researched the jug online, e-mailed bottle clubs and visited about 20 different auctions sites before I finally found what I was looking for,” Ms. Neal said. “I’m just as excited about the opening of the new heritage room as the pilots are.”

The bare walls, linoleum flooring and ordinary appliances that once defined the refurbished heritage room are no more.

“The old room doesn’t even compare to what we have now,” said 2nd Lt. Tony Aponte, 48th FTS. “In addition to having a nice place for the squadron to get together, it’s a great way for students and instructor pilots, alike, to gain a perspective on time-honored squadron history.”

NEWS BRIEFS

Bowling parking lot

The bowling center parking lot on the Simler Boulevard side is closed due to the road construction. Patrons may still park on Harpe Boulevard in front of the center. For more information, call Ext. 2426.

NCO retraining

Air Force officials have announced the start of the fiscal year 2004 NCO Retraining Program. The program will target about 1,100 NCOs from staff to master sergeants to retrain from Air Force Specialty Codes with NCO overages to AFSCs with NCO shortages. The voluntary phase of the program runs through Feb. 23. If necessary, an involuntary phase will run from March 8 to April 26. Some restrictions do apply, depending on grade and AFSC. For more information, call Ext. 2607.

Thunderbirds accident report released

LANGLEY AFB, Va. — Pilot error caused a U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds F-16 aircraft to crash shortly after takeoff at an airshow Sept. 14 at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

The pilot ejected just before the aircraft hit the ground.

According to the accident investigation board report released Wednesday, the pilot misinterpreted the altitude required to complete the “Split S” maneuver. He made his calculation with an incorrect airfield altitude. The pilot incorrectly climbed to 1,670 feet above ground level instead of 2,500 feet before initiating the pull down to the Split S maneuver.



Staff Sgt. Chris Gish
A Thunderbird F-16 aircraft crashed Sept. 14 at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. The crash was the result of pilot error.

ejected when the aircraft was 140 feet above ground — just eight-tenths of a second before impact.

The pilot sustained only minor injuries from the ejection. The aircraft, valued at about \$20.4 million, was destroyed. There was no other damage to military or civilian property.

Also, the board determined other factors substantially contributed to creating the opportunity for the error including the requirement for

When he realized something was wrong, the pilot used maximum back stick pressure and rolled slightly left to ensure the aircraft would hit away from the crowd should he have to eject. He

demonstration pilots to convert mean sea level and above ground level altitudes, and performing a maneuver with a limited margin of error. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

BRAC: Columbus AFB gathers information

Lt. Col. Mike Martel
14th Flying Training Wing



For the last three weeks, Columbus AFB and all other military installations in the United States have been gathering information in support of the base realignment and closure process.

While the Department of Defense already has a significant amount of data on file, public law requires fresh, certified data for use during the BRAC analysis. This approach ensures that the department collects and uses the most currently available data and, in so doing, ensures all bases are treated equally throughout the

comprehensive BRAC analysis.

There are no plans to seek public input to data calls, as the current process is a strictly controlled, comprehensive and auditable certification process internal to the DOD.

Information obtained from the general public would not be certified and is not appropriate for inclusion within the department’s BRAC analysis. While the questions and data are not currently available to the public, the data call responses and resulting recommendations will be made available to the Defense BRAC Commission no later than May 16, 2005.

In fact, the commission will solicit responses and inputs regarding the department’s BRAC recommendations as it holds public hearings throughout the review process. Official sources of

information include <http://www.dod.mil/brac/> and the public affairs office.

BRAC’s goal is transformation — reconfiguring the current infrastructure and creating joint organizational and basing solutions so that the operational capacity maximizes war-fighting capability, efficiency and effectiveness.

It facilitates multi-service missions and supports our transformation of the force structure through the elimination of excess physical capacity and aligns DOD infrastructure with our defense strategy. BRAC’s primary consideration is military value to optimize military readiness. (Editor’s note: This is part one in a series of articles to inform and educate base personnel on the Base Realignment and Closure process. The public affairs office is the base point of contact for BRAC activities at Ext. 7068.)

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.

People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Scheduling medical appointments late in duty day

Question: I called the medical clinic at approximately 4:20 p.m. on a Monday to schedule an appointment because my infant had an ear infection. The appointment personnel told me that they could not see my child that late in the day. I ended up going to the emergency room at Baptist Memorial Hospital, which then required me to spend another hour at the local pharmacy off base. I am working 12 hours a day. I don’t think it’s right that the clinic can’t see a sick child because it is close to the end of the “duty day.”

Answer: You’re right! We made a mistake in addressing your need for medical care. I say that because we’re all in this together, especially when it comes to your job impacting your children.

Whenever an active duty or Tricare Prime patient calls our clinic with an acute medical issue, one of the following things should happen:

— They should be given an appointment within the next 24 hours.

— They should be able to speak with one of our clinic nurses who can help them take care of the problem at home.

— One of our nursing staff can make arrangements to get them seen in the clinic during clinic hours (but sooner than 24 hours out).

Our clinic staff can authorize an Emergency Room visit for that patient if their acute need is beyond what we can provide care for in a clinic setting.

Obviously that’s not what happened at 4:20 p.m. on a Monday and we apologize for the breakdown. We have taken this opportunity to discuss your situation with our entire clinic staff. In the future, if you call the clinic for an appointment and the answer “doesn’t seem quite right,” please request to speak with the assigned team nurse to get the issue resolved. Thanks for helping us improve our clinic process.

Col. Steve Schmidt
14th Flying Training Wing commander

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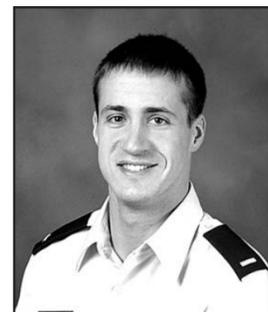
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SUPT Class 04-04 earns silver wings

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 04-04 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

Twenty-four officers completed a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Robin Scott, Deputy Director for Force Application, Directorate of Force Structure, Resources and Assessment, the Joint Staff, Washington D.C. As Deputy Director, he is responsible to the Director for conducting studies and assessments of programmed, projected, and potential U.S. warfighting capabilities required to carry out the national military strategy.

Students received their silver pilot's wings at today's ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks were recognized.

Second Lts. Derrick Franck Jr., T-38, and Pete McElvain, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lts. Joshua Houck, T-1, and Peter Yule, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Second Lt. Eric Blakely, T-1, Lieutenants McElvain and Franck were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency

procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet.

T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

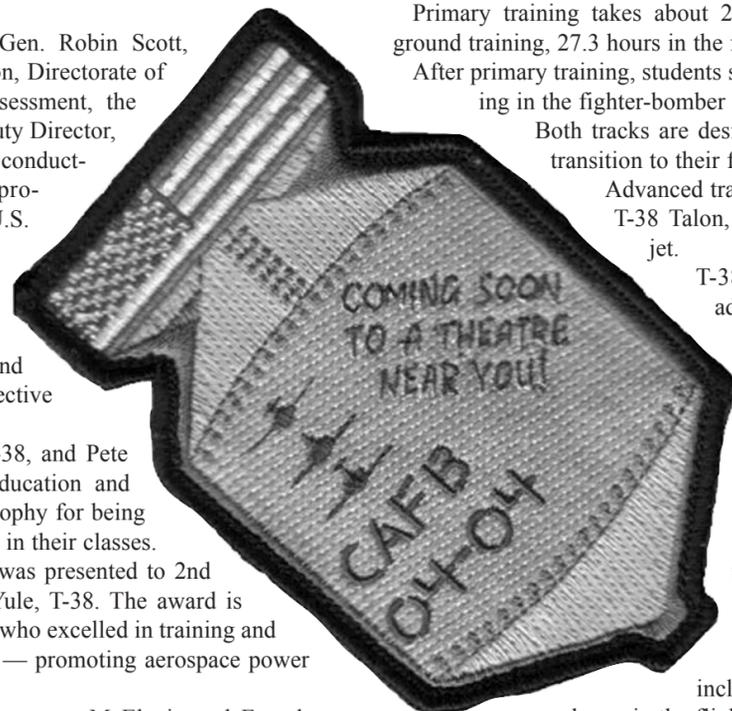
The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots.

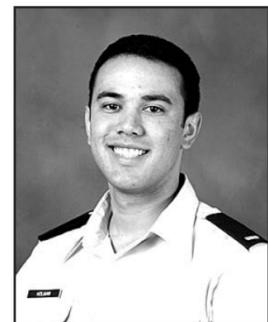
(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are Aberdeen Ford and Eutaw Construction.)



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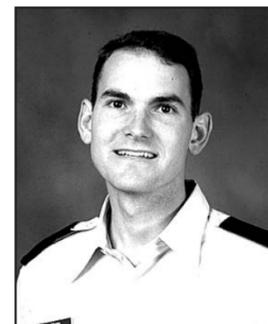
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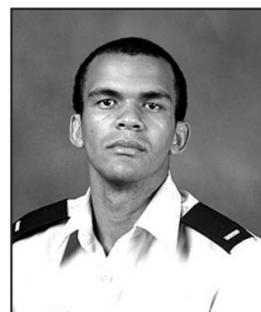
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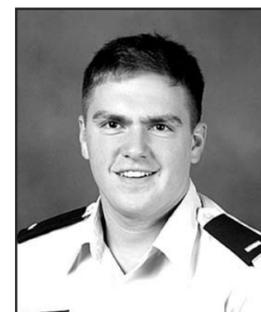
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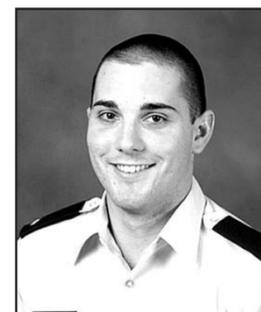
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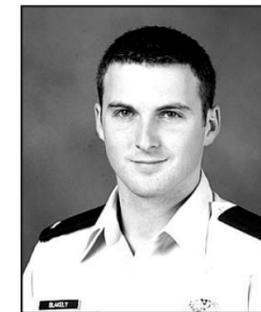
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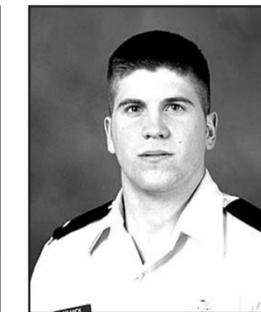
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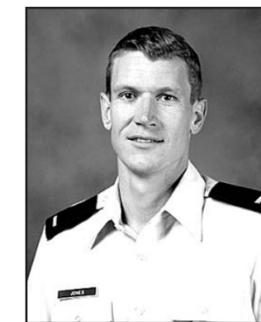
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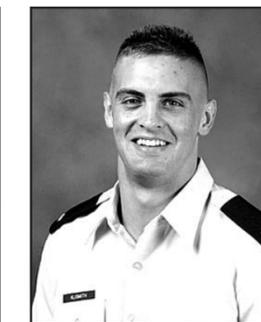
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AT THE CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday activities:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:
9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

Tuesday

Noon — Lunch and Bible study

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. — Dinner and Bible study
7 p.m. — Choir rehearsal
For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the theater.

Today

“*Stuck on You*” (PG-13, for crude and sexual humor and some language, 119 min.)

Starring: Matt Damon and Greg Kinear.

Saturday

“*Last Samurai*” (R, strong violence, battle sequences, 154 min.)

Starring: Tom Cruise and Timothy Spall.

Jan. 30

“*Something’s Gotta Give*” (PG-13, sexual content, brief nudity and strong language, 119 min.)

Starring: Jack Nicholson and Diane Keaton.

For more information about movies, visit www.cafbgrapevine.com.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call public affairs for more information at Ext. 7068.

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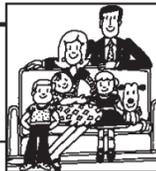
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

College Level Examination

Program Tapes:

English Composition

FAMILY SUPPORT



Time management: A seminar to help with time management is from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Jan. 28 at the family support center. The class will help people learn how to manage their time, break large projects into smaller ones, set priorities to meet overall goals and make more time for themselves. Deadline to sign-up is Jan. 27. For more information or to register, call Ext. 2790.

Remote/deployed briefing: Military people who are going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing offered at 9 a.m. daily at the family support center. For more information call Ext. 2794.

Video phone: The family support center offers video phones for people who have spouses deployed, TDY or on a remote assignment. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Jamey Coleman at Ext. 2794.

Hearts Apart social: Family members of deployed or remote personnel are invited to a social gathering with refreshments, games, information and special valentine gifts Thursday. To sign up, call Ext. 2794.

Panic disorder: There is a discussion and video about panic disorder awareness and its symptoms as well as effective treatments. A minimum of five sign-ups is required no later than Feb. 2.

Building self-esteem: Parents and caregivers can attend a class that examines present communication patterns and interaction. It teaches positive quality reinforcement skills to increase self-esteem. A minimum of five sign-ups is required no later than Feb. 2.

BASE NOTES



Change of command: Lt. Col John Davidson is handing over command of the 41st Flying Training Squadron to Lt. Col. Jeffrey Kindley in a change-of-command ceremony at 2:41 p.m. Feb. 6 at Hangar 4. A reception will follow at the Columbus Club.



Airman 1st Class Boto Best

Blood drive

Tech. Sgt. Cory Santos, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, watches LaTonya Cole, United Blood Services donor care specialist, while she prepares to take samples of his blood. More than 70 units of blood were collected at the drive.

Bible study: A midweek Bible study is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel annex. The focus of the study is the video series “The Measure of Spiritual Maturity,” and dinner is provided.

A Bible study is held at noon Tuesdays in the chapel annex. The focus of the study is the Fruit of the Spirit Bible series: Building Healthy Relationships.

A teen Bible study is held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel annex for ages 12 to 19. “Crossroads” is the focus of the study, and dinner is provided. For more information, call Ext. 2500.

OSC social: The Columbus Officers’ Spouses’ Club’s next social is at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Columbus Club.

The menu is a wine and cheese tasting and heavy hors d’oeuvres, and cost is \$8 per person.

Members are invited to bring their spouses. Deadline to sign up is by noon Feb. 3. For reservations or more information, call 434-8723 or e-mail airtex60@yahoo.com.

OSC scholarships: The Columbus Officers’ Spouses’ Club offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors and continuing education students.

Each applicant must be a dependent of either an active duty, retired, missing-in-

action, active-duty reservist or deceased military member associated with Columbus AFB. Applications are available at the education center, family support center or high school guidance offices.

Deadline to enter is Feb. 6. For more information, call 240-1519.

Commissary scholarship: A \$1,500 academic scholarship is offered to children of active-duty, retired, guard and reserve military members.

The deadline to submit an application is Feb. 18.

The goal is to award at least one scholarship at every commissary location, depending on the number of qualified applicants and funding. For more information, call Ext. 7106.

IDEA Program: Members can submit their ideas to the Air Force Innovative Development Through Employee Awareness Program from any Air Force desktop computer.

The IDEA Program Data System is available 24 hours a day at <http://ideas.randolph.af.mil>.

People can help the Air Force save money and can earn money for their ideas. For more information, contact the base IDEA Program manager, Tech. Sgt. Nancy Burgess, at Ext. 2398.

Base people provided choices with services

Catfish buffet: The Columbus Club offers an all-you-can-eat catfish buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for non-members.

Customers may still order off the a la carte menu. Call Ext. 2490.

Silver Star casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip today. Cost is \$15 per person and includes transportation and \$15 in coins. For reservations, call Ext. 7861.

Youth center dance: The youth center offers this dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members. Preteens must leave at 9 p.m. Call Ext. 2504.

Adult and youth crafts classes: The skills development center offers classes for adults on Tuesday and for youth on Wednesdays. A display of the crafts projects are available in the center. Call Ext. 7836.

Italian lunch buffet: The Columbus Club offers this special lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2490.

Keystone Club: The youth center offers this program at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Keystone Club focuses on building productive teens, leaders and citizens. Some of the other areas are education, leadership, life skills and many other related topics. Call Ext. 2504.

Club membership night: The Columbus Club offers its semi-annual membership night from 5 to 8 p.m. Jan. 30. A mechanical bull is available for entertainment.

A waiver must be signed prior to riding the bull. Free food and beverages is available for this members only event. Call Ext. 2490.

Youth member appreciation night: The youth center offers this program to youth center members from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30. Call Ext. 2504.

Youth/adult college basketball trip: The youth center offers a trip to the Alabama versus Louisiana State University men’s college basketball game at 7 p.m. Jan. 31. Space is limited and parent/child combinations are required.

The bus departs at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (15 and younger).

Price includes ticket and transportation to the game. Call Ext. 2504.

All-ranks brunch: The Columbus Club offers a brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 1. Cost is \$8.95 for members and \$10.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2489.

2004 Air Force Worldwide Talent Search: Active-duty military interested in competing in the Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest and available to tour with Tops In Blue 2004 may submit an application as an entertainer or for technical positions by Feb. 2.

For those submitting an application as

an entertainer, a video tape must accompany the application. For applications and additional information, call Ext. 7450.

Midday bingo: The Columbus Club offers this program starting Feb. 2.

Three games will be played starting at noon every Monday.

Two \$25 games and one \$50 progressive game will be played that start at 48 numbers.

Cards are \$1 each for the two \$25 games and \$1.50 for the \$50 jackpot game. Call Ext. 2490.

Harlem Ambassadors: This exhibition basketball team plays the Possum Town Trotters at 7 p.m. Feb. 5 at Columbus High School. Advance tickets are \$4 each at the information, ticket and

travel office. Tickets at the door are \$5 each. Call Ext. 2337.

Sweetheart day: The Columbus Club and Whispering Pines Golf Course are offering a package deal for Feb. 14.

Make reservations for the Sweetheart Dinner at the club for \$40 a couple and receive a \$10 discount on the couples golf scramble at noon Feb. 14. Regular entry is \$30 per couple. Call Ext. 2490 or Ext. 7932 for more information.

Mardi Gras trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip to New Orleans Feb. 14 to Feb. 16. Cost is \$165 per person and includes transportation and two nights lodging at the Holiday Inn. A deposit of \$50 is required when registering. Call Ext. 7861.



Pam Wickham

Rockin’ the boat

Child development center caregiver, Angie Jackson, rocks the see-saw for (from left) Bayleigh Graves, Kyle Hamacher, Shelby Blake and Gavin Gilder as Madison Smith looks on. The child development center has spaces available for all age groups and hourly care can be booked up to 30 days in advance. Call Ext. 2479.

Science fair: Heritage Academy hosts a science fair March 2 and is looking for volunteer judges. Volunteer forms are available at the public affairs office. People are needed to sign up by Feb. 13. The judges are needed from 9:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Ext. 7068.

Racing: The Fourth Annual Mississippi Winter Classic racing series at Columbus Speedway is Saturday. The pit opens at 8 a.m., and stands open at 11 a.m. Racing starts at 1 p.m. Admission is \$15 per person, and pit passes are \$25 per person. Children under 10 years old are free when accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 241-5004 or 574-2572.

Music therapy: Group music therapy is available Tuesday to March 2. It will provide students with the opportunity to work on a variety of non-musical goal areas (motor

skills, communication skills, and social skills) through the creative medium of music. The group is for children ages 6 to 9. For more information contact Heather Rowland at (662) 328-2728.

Weekly events: Every night is military identification card night with a 10-percent discount at the Princess Theatre and the Stage Door Coffee House.

Tuesdays are Ladies' Nights with specials all night at the Stage Door Coffee House.

Thursdays are Open Mic Nights at the coffee house at 9 p.m. For more information, call 327-6789.

Horse park: The Mississippi Horse Park in Starkville, Miss., features many events. The park has an indoor motorcross Jan. 31 for \$12 for adults and \$10 for children.

An intercollegiate rodeo, the Block and Bridle

Bulldog Stampede, is Feb. 5 to Feb. 7. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children and free for children 6 and under. For more information, call (662) 325-9350.

Bluegrass: A bluegrass concert featuring Rhonda Vincent and the Rage is at 7 p.m. Jan. 31 at Rent Auditorium on the Mississippi University for Women campus. The Golden Triangle's own Nash Street, Mississippi State Fair and Neshoba County Fair talent winners, will open. Tickets are \$20 per person. For more information, call 328-2787.

Overseas returnees: A local Columbus eating establishment, Fleet's Eats, offers a free lunch to the sponsor and family when a military member returns from overseas. The restaurant is open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is located at 576 West Lowndes Drive. For more information, call 328-5747.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher: 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one): Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

Print advertisement: _____

Name: _____

Home Telephone #: _____ Duty Telephone #: _____
(in case we need more information)

Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:

Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes No

What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News Sports Photos

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

SHORTS

Holiday fun run/walk

A 1.5-mile run or walk is at 11 a.m. Feb. 3 at the fitness center. The event is in honor of African-American Heritage Month. Participants of all ages are welcome. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Caledonia sports

Youth baseball and fast-pitch softball registration for Caledonia Sports Association begins Jan. 31. Registration is held every Saturday through Feb. 28 at the Caledonia Community Center from 8 a.m. to noon. Fee is \$40, and a copy of a birth certificate is required. Ages for registration are 4 to 6 for T-ball, 7 to 8 for coach pitch, 9 to 12 for baseball, and 10 and under and 11 to 12 for fast-pitch softball. For more information, call (662) 386-0336.

Skeet range

The skeeting and trap range has open shooting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The range is located next to the golf driving range toward the SAC Alert Facility. For more information, call outdoor recreation at Ext. 2507.

Spin class

Spin classes are at 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the fitness and sports center. The class is a one-hour self-paced training session of sprinting, resistance climbing and jogging all on a stationary bike. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Nine-pin no-tap

A nine-pin no-tap tournament is scheduled every Friday except when cosmic no-tap is happening. It starts at 7 p.m. at the bowling center.

Sign up by 6:30 p.m. The center will pay for one place for every four entries and there will be a men's and women's division. Entry is \$10 per person. For more information, call Jennie Hodges at 434-6723.

Kindergym childcare

Kindergym is offered from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the fitness and sports center. This program is for people with friends who can take turns watching each other's children while working out.



Airman 1st Class Boto Best

Straight dribblin'

Josh Houck and Jeremiah Camp, 48th Flying Training Squadron, shoot hoops at the basketball court. Houck and Camp graduate today at 10 a.m. at the theater with Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 04-04.

This is an opportunity for mutual motivation and free childcare. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Personal trainers

Personal trainers are available at the fitness and sports center to spice up a workout routine or help a person get more out of their workout. For more information, call Ext. 2773.

Fitness 101

People who want to get in shape but aren't sure how to use all the fitness and sports center's machines can schedule a Fitness 101 class.

The center shows people how to find their target heart

rate and to use all of the equipment. Classes are by appointment only. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Aerobics classes

Aerobics classes ranging from beginning step, kickboxing, spinning and yoga are offered every week at the fitness and sports center. There are 15 different classes every week. For information on class times, call Ext. 2772 or stop by the center for a schedule.

Tumbling tots

A class for ages 18 months to 4 years is offered at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays at the youth center. The first class is free. The cost is \$40 for the first child and \$35 for the second. For more information, call Ext. 2504.