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Weather



Today

High: 41, Low: 24
Few Snow Showers



Saturday

High: 47, Low: 29
Mostly Sunny



Sunday

High: 47, Low: 29
Rain/snow Showers



Monday

High: 48 Low: 29
Partly Cloudy

News Briefs

President's Day Holiday

Most Columbus AFB offices and services will be closed in honor of President's Day Monday, Feb. 15.

Class 10-13 Track Select

SUPT Class 10-13 will hold their Track Select at 5 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Columbus Club.

Class 10-05 Graduation

SUPT Class 10-05 will graduate in a ceremony Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. in the Kaye Auditorium.

41st FTS Anniversary Event

The 41st Flying Training Squadron will host a 70th Anniversary event next Friday Feb. 19. There will have a P-51 Mustang static display during the day, a T-6 simulator IFT-5 will be open for anyone who wants to use it between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and BBQ will be provided from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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The award winners from the Sports Banquet are featured this week.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tammi Baudoin
Miss. State University Head Football Coach Dan Mullen speaks at the 14th Flying Training Wing Annual Sports Banquet Feb. 8 at the Columbus Club. The event was held to recognize the 2009 sports champions from around the wing.

MSU head football coach speaks at sports banquet

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The head football coach for Mississippi State University recently visited Columbus Air Force Base to speak at the

Annual Sports Banquet.

While on base, Coach Dan Mullen also visited BLAZE Team members, signed autographs and took a ride in a T-6A Texan II.

"The respect I have for the jobs you do every day and the sacrifices you make...is

something I don't even know how you would describe in words," Coach Mullen said.

While Feb. 8's plane ride may have been the coach's first in a Texan, it wasn't

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF			WING SORTIE BOARD				
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (10-13)	1.68 days	-2.48 days	Feb. 24	48th (10-05)	1.32 days	-0.19 days	Feb. 10	49th (10-EB)	-0.33 days	-0.19 days	Mar. 9	T-6	1,156	1,094	11,872
41st (10-14)	4.39 days	-3.49 days	Mar. 10	50th (10-05)	-2.08 days	-1.75 days	Feb. 10					T-1	367	373	3,730
												T-38	380	258	3,398
												IFF	79	54	750

Brig. Gen. Anthony Rock, Commandant, Air Command and Staff College, and Vice Commander, Spatz Center for Officer Education, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. will be the graduation speaker.

MSU head coach flies with Tigers



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens
First Lt. James Wheatley, 37th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, briefs Miss. State University Head Football Coach Dan Mullen prior to the coach's orientation flight in a T-6A Texan II Feb. 8. Coach Mullen was the guest speaker at this year's Annual Sports Banquet.

COACH

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the coach's first interaction with the Air Force. The coach grew up around our nation's air power, with his father serving as a major.
Coach Mullen said that the values he tries to instill into his football program are right in line with the values the Air Force teaches its Airmen. The Coach said it all starts with accountability and trust.
"First, you have to be accountable to yourself," Coach Mullen said. "Are you giving everything you have to being great? Next, you have to be accountable to others.
"If I can be accountable to myself, then I can be accountable to someone else. And if I can do that, then I can hold them accountable to me," he continued.
Coach Mullen said if someone can be accountable to them, be accountable to others and then those others are accountable to them, then that builds a tremendous amount of trust. He also said if people can trust each other, they can achieve almost anything.

The coach also said another thing a great football program and the Air Force have in common is leadership.
"A leader sets a standard and then makes sure everyone around them lives up to that standard," he said.
The coach said as the leader of the MSU football program, his goal is to grow champions. Not just champions in football, but champions in life.
"The reason I coach, is to develop young people," Coach Mullen said. "I have a tremendous responsibility." Coach Mullen said that responsibility is to train and educate young people.
"If you can make a difference in a young person's life... you should be obliged to," he said.
The coach closed by challenging everyone in attendance to think about what they want to do, what goals they want to achieve, and wake up the next day committed to making those goals happen
He said that achieving one's goals is hard work, but if winning and achieving was easy, everyone would be a champion.
"Ask yourself, 'did I reach my potential today? Whatever your job is, be the best at it you can be... today.'"

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For the love of the run

Capt. Nicole Droney
Chief, 14th Flying Training Wing
Equal Opportunity

I was a fat kid for most of my life, the last one picked for sports teams in gym class. My weight continued to increase during college until the beginning of junior year when I finally decided I needed to change. So while I was at the bookstore forking over hundreds of dollars for the next semester's classes and Major Richardson tapped my shoulder, I listened. As an Army brat military service was always in the back of my mind, but I didn't think I had what it would take. After all, I hated running and couldn't do a push up to save my life. "I'll give this ROTC thing a try" I told my roommate. I signed up for Aerospace Studies that afternoon and was told I had to lose 30 pounds to earn my spot as a cadet. I started with a run around the block that afternoon....and today I'm training for a marathon.

I'm certainly not a natural athlete; many would call me 'accident-prone'. I'm a frequent-flyer at the physical therapy office treating running injuries ranging from shin

splints to tendinitis to bursitis. But it's all worth it during a long run with great company; I've accomplished something I never dreamed I was capable of. When I first started training for distances longer than a 5K, I enjoyed the races but hated training for them. I would get so bored running by myself, despite bringing my dog and music. Running on a treadmill was even worse, and to this day I only run on a treadmill if it's less than 10 degrees, there's a tornado outside, and pigs are flying (read: never). One day I gathered the courage to meet up to run with some long-distance runners from 14th Mission Support Group, despite my fears of holding them back on our perimeter run. It was so much fun I decided I could handle the Golden Triangle Sprint Triathlon. Then I got roped into training for a half-marathon, 13.1 miles. Last month I finally signed up for a full marathon in March, 26.2 miles, so I can earn some "street cred" among my running buddies. Except now they are training for an ultra-marathon, 50 miles; I'll never be able to match their abilities. Their encouragement and patience is astounding and their enthusiasm for running is contagious.



U.S. Air Force photo
Members of the Columbus Runners Anonymous Club pause for a photo after a local marathon. The Columbus Runners Anonymous Club meets on Saturdays at the Fitness Center at 10 a.m.

We created a running club here on base so we can share our love of running with others. If you are looking for running partners, mentorship, or just want to try something new – join us! The Columbus Runners Anonymous Club meets on Saturdays at the Fitness

Center at 10 a.m. Most of our club members run the perimeter, but you are free to run as little or as long as you'd like. For more information, please contact Tech. Sgt. Rick Warner at richard.warner@columbus.af.mil. We hope to see you there!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
15 President's Day Holiday	16 Hearts Apart, 4:30 p.m., @AFRC	17 Ash Wednesday CPTS/CON Ceremony, 10 p.m. @ Club SUPT Class 10-13 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club	18 Daedalian's Sweetheart Dinner, 6 p.m. @ Club	19 SUPT Class 10-05 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	20/21 Fly Day (tentative, 20th) 41st FTS Dining In (20th)
22 ALS begins	23 Black History Month Food Tasting, 4 p.m. @ Chapel Annex	24	25	26 Enlisted Promotions, 3 p.m. @ Club Class 10-06 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	27/28 Col. Ross Throws first pitch, MSU vs. St. Louis Baseball, 2 p.m. @ MSU (27th)

Tuesday Intramural Basketball Scores

Game 1: 14th CS 57 W41 CPTS/CONS 36 L
Game 2: 49th/50th FTS 40 L 48th FTS 52 W

Don't Drink and Drive

Long Range Events

March 5: Fun Run
March 9: OSC Social
March 11: Daedalians
March 14: Daylight Savings Time
begins
March 15-19: Night Flying Week
March 18: Dorm Dinner
March 19: Class 10-07 Assignment Night

The H1N1 Weekly Post

14th Medical Group
Public Health

As more people are diagnosed with H1N1 influenza infection, some will be admitted to the hospital. The most severely affected may be treated in the intensive care unit (ICU) and placed on a mechanical ventilator to help them breathe while they recover from the infection.

The following is a story from the Duvall Family found on www.cbsnews.com/

When Luke Duvall arrived at Arkansas Children's Hospital Oct. 7, he was critically ill, his left lung had filled with fluid. CBS News Correspondent Kelly Cobiella reports this healthy, strong 15-year-old football player had the flu for days - then suddenly couldn't breathe. His father, Chad Duvall, told "60 Minutes," "He was panting like a dog, really fighting for his breath." Doctors confirmed Luke had H1N1 and for reasons they don't fully understand, the virus attacked him with an intensity rarely seen in someone who was healthy. "He did have moments when he was really sick enough and there was concern if he didn't improve he could die from this disease," said Dr. Jerril Green of Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Doctors are seeing more cases like Luke's. Seventy-five patients have tested positive for H1N1 at Arkansas Children's Hospital since August. Seventeen of them, like Luke, ended up in the pediatric intensive care unit. Just last month, there were more H1N1 patients in the unit than were admitted all last year for the regular flu. At this particular hospital, three children have died. After 16 days on a ventilator doctors decided Friday it was time for Luke to breathe on his own. In the privacy of Luke's hospital room, doctors removed the breathing tube. 20 minutes later, Luke was trying to talk.

"We can see the end of the road from here. And it's been a long time since we could see the end of the road," said Chad. Doctors say it will take weeks for Luke to build up his strength again. But his dad is predicting his son will be back on the pitcher's mound come spring.

The Immunizations Clinic at the 14th Medical Group has plenty of vaccine on hand for both children (aged 6 months and older) and adults. The Immunizations Clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Thursday 7:30 a.m. to Noon. Please contact the Public Health office at (662) 434-2143 for any questions regarding the vaccine. For reliable information on H1N1 flu, please visit the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1FLU/> and the Mississippi State Health Department at: <http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/>

2010 Air Force Assistance Fund Kick-Off

Capt. Chris Powers
41st Flying Training Squadron

From Feb. 8 to March 19 Columbus Air Force Base will host the annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign. The AFAF drive was established with the purpose of providing financial assistance to charitable organizations that give much needed support directly to Air Force members in need.

Last year, Columbus raised \$48,972 toward this noble cause. The 2010 goal is to raise \$33,184, with over 50 percent participation among all active duty members assigned to Columbus. If Team Columbus donates \$21 per person, a miniscule \$1 per paycheck or \$2 per month through the Payroll Deduction Plan, the base goal will be shattered. However, in order to figure out the fair share donation for each rank, the AFAF developed numbers based on 1/10th of 1 percent of your annual base pay.

Money raised during the AFAF campaign goes directly to four charitable organizations designed to benefit active duty, Reserve, Guard, and retired Air Force personnel and their families: The Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Village Foundation, the Air Force Village Foundation, and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

The Air Force Aid Society is the official charity of the Air Force and was chartered to assist in relieving financial emergencies faced by active duty members and their families. This organization provides interest-free loans or grants during personal and family emergencies, as well as education grants for children and spouses of active duty personnel. Locally, the AFAS funds the "Heartlink", "Bundles of Joy", and "Give Parents a Break" free day care program for families in need. In 2009, the AFAS dedicated roughly \$24 million in monetary assistance to over 45,000 people. Columbus AFB personnel received more than \$61,000 in assistance from the Air Force Aid Society. This includes 97 individuals who received personal assistance in the forms of grants and/or interest-free loans, and more than 400 people who utilized our community programs for new USAF spouses, new or expectant parents, childcare programs, and the car care program.

The Air Force Enlisted Village Foundation was created to care for widows, widowers, and dependents of Air Force enlisted personnel. To accomplish its mission AFEV acquired 379 housing units at two comfortable northwest Florida facilities. Widows of enlisted men live here among peers and share memories of Air Force life without the

stigma normally associated with subsidized housing facilities.

The Air Force Village Foundation was founded to provide surviving spouses of career retired officers with cost-effective living. Since 1970, the foundation has provided over \$10 million in assistance, dedicating nearly \$1 million in 2009 alone.

The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation provides financial support to widows of all retired Air Force personnel, regardless of where they live. Its main source of income is from the AFAF campaign. All money used to support spouses is given gratis with no strings attached.

The goal of the AFAF drive is to raise money so that these charities may thrive and prosper in their missions to help the greater Air Force family. Ultimately, the campaign comes down to Air Force people helping Air Force people. As such, it is purely voluntary.

If you would like to donate to the AFAF campaign, contact your squadron representative to fill out a contribution form. All donations are given directly to the AFAF. For further information check out the website at www.afassistancefund.org. Please contact Capt. Chris Powers at 434-2029 or 1st Lt. Chris Ianni at 434-2380 if you have any questions.

Injured Airman celebrates re-enlistment

Sean Bowlin
502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas —Almost five years and 120 surgeries after his vehicle passed over an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan that exploded, burning more than 80 percent of his body, Tech. Sgt. Israel Del Toro raised his right hand Feb. 8 and re-enlisted in the Air Force.

Maj. Gen Anthony Przybyslawski, the vice commander of Air Education and Training Command, administered the oath of enlistment to Sergeant Del Toro in the nearly packed base theater.

General Przybyslawski told an audience of family members, dignitaries, visitors, friends and many first-term Airmen that the sergeant, who spent three months in a coma after his injuries and was given a less-than-20-percent chance of survival, fought for more than four months to stay in the Air Force. The general said that Sergeant Del Toro's experience and his desire to serve is something the Air Force needs.

"He's bringing back his skills to the Air Force as a tactical air (control) party controller. He's going to be an instructor," General

Przybyslawski said. "He has credibility and the ability to teach from experience. That's why we need him; that's why we want him. He's going to serve us and he's back on the job."

Doctors told Sergeant Del Toro he'd never walk again but he is now running 10K races and lifting weights

The general said Sergeant Del Toro may look different with burnt skin, "but he's not different in here," tapping his heart. "He's got the spirit, the heart and desire to re-enlist. Being in the Air Force is not all about him. It's about what he's going to contribute. So," he said with a smile, "get ready for four more years."

After General Przybyslawski administered the oath to Sergeant Del Toro, the sergeant thanked all the friends, fellow Airmen, family members and the Air Force for supporting him in his quest to get healthier and re-enlist.

"I did it for the guys who'll be following me," he said, explaining that he'll be teaching TACP controllers how to do their jobs and survive on the battlefield. "I fought hard. I didn't always say what I said during that fight correctly. But I appreciate that I get the chance to stay in the Air Force for four more years. I'm not in limbo anymore."

General Rock to speak at Class 10-05 graduation

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Commandant, Air Command and Staff College, and Vice Commander, Spaatz Center for Officer Education, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., will be the guest speaker at the graduation of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-05.

Brig. Gen. Anthony Rock will speak at the graduation, which takes place Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. in the Kaye Auditorium.

As Commandant, he leads the world's premier professional military education college for midcareer officers and civilians which focuses on the development of leaders. Graduates go on to provide significant contributions in developing, employing, sustaining and commanding air, space and cyberspace power in joint and combined operations throughout the world.



U.S. Air Force photo
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General Rock graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio and later earned his Air Force commission through Officer Training School. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Texas, and went on to serve as an instructor pilot and flight examiner at the training base. During his career he has commanded a fighter squadron, a center and fighter wing, with assignments at Air Force installations in Florida, Virginia, Idaho, Colorado and Germany.

His staff duties include serving as the plans and operations officer at the Joint Warfighting Center at Fort Monroe, Va., and Deputy Director of Requirements for Headquarters Air Combat Command. Prior to his current assignment, he was Deputy Director of Operations, Headquarters U.S. Northern Command.

AF releases major, lieutenant colonel selects list

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force recently released the list of those selected for promotion to major and lieutenant colonel.

Columbus Air Force Base had one major selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel and 33 captains selected for promotion to major.

Maj. Robert Hume, 14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate General, was selected for promotion to O-5.

Captains selected for promotion to

O-4 are: Terry Wagner, 14th Force Support Squadron; Kenneth Artz, 14th FTW JAG; William Logan, 14th FTW Chapel; Charles Montoya, 14th FTW Chapel; Ryan Lowe, 14th Operations Group; Sherri Barnes, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Casey Busta, 14th OSS; Jeremiah Dixon, 14th OSS; Edwin Grier, 14th OSS.

Daniel Hoak, 14th OSS; Kevin McMahon, 14th Security Forces Squadron; Robert Diaz, 37th Flying Training Squadron; Paul Farlow, 37th FTS; Lacy Gunnoe, 37th FTS; Stephen Holt, 37th FTS; Joshua Kenyon, 37th FTS; Chad Lessere,

37th FTS; James Long, 37th FTs, Jonathan Magee, 37th FTS; Scot Stewart, 37th FTS; Paul Storm, 37th FTS.

Tracy Schmidt, 41st FTS; Vincent Sherer, 41st FTS; Richard Carter, 48th FTS; Shawn Lowe, 48th FTS; Martin Slovinsky, 48th FTS; Paul Voss, 48th FTS; Jeffery Poplin, 49th Fighter Training Squadron; Richard Schafer, 49th FTS; Brian Walski, 49th FTS; Michael Pugh, 50th FTS; Zachary Stewart, 50th FTS; and Aubrey Venable, 50th FTS.

Congratulations to all the promotees.

Helping to keep our waters clean

Kimberly Davis
14th Natural Resources

Did you know that one gallon of motor oil can contaminate one million gallons of fresh water? Each year, our nation's waterways are continuously polluted with sediment, chemicals, trash, and debris. A major contributor to this problem—storm water pollution. Daily human activities have resulted in pollutants being deposited on land surfaces, roadways, sidewalks, parking lots and lawns. When rainwater and snowmelt flows over these areas, both precipitation and pollutants are transported into storm drains and then directly into rivers, lake and streams. From construction sites alone, an estimated 400 million tons of sediment is carried into waterways every year.

Storm water pollution results in negative impacts to the aquatic environment, human health, and natural resources. These impacts include reduced aquatic organism and plant populations, loss of habitat (e.g., wetlands) for certain birds, fish and mammals, and increased human health risks. In addition to environmental and health impacts, storm water pollution also impacts the economy.

So, what actions can you take to help Columbus Air Force Base stay environmentally friendly and keep Mississippi waters clean? It's simple, the 4R's:

REDUCE storm water contamination- Select water-based household cleaning agents; do not apply pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides before rain events; purchase items in needed quantities to limit waste; use kitty litter or sand to

clean up spilled oil and anti-freeze; properly dispose of hazardous waste.

RECYCLE used items- Eliminate littering by taking paper, cardboard, plastic, scrap metal, batteries, used motor oil, anti-freeze, tires, bulbs, ink cartridges, aluminum cans and glass products to the Columbus AFB Recycling Center. Contact the Qualified Recycling Program Manager at 434-7353 for more information on recyclable products.

RECOGNIZE the polluters- Do not overlook or bypass activities (e.g., construction, industrial) or people that do not appear to be following environmental regulations at Columbus AFB. A short-list of pollutants that should never enter a storm drain include adhesives, sediment (dirt), cleaners, polishes, paints, vehicle fluids, insulation, petroleum products, radiator flushing, pesticides and solid waste. All substances and activities not authorized to be discharged into a storm drain by a Mississippi permit is illegal and may result in fines and/or imprisonment under the law.

REPORT occurrences- Please call 911 or the Fire Department (434-2539) for incidents relating to spills and Natural Resources (434-7974) for incidents of illegal discharge into storm drains and other environmental concerns.

For more information on environmental issues that affect Columbus AFB, 14th CES/CEAN in conjunction with 14th FTW/SEG provides Local Conditions & Environmental Awareness Training the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in Bldg 926. During this briefing, individuals learn about our Environmental, Safety, Occupational Health Management System and other environmental program areas.

Remember to turn off lights and computer monitors when you are done for the day!

Community Volunteer Opportunity of the Week

Disney is offering a promotion where if you volunteer for a day, you get one free pass to a Disney park. The East Columbus Lions Club needs 60 volunteers to help with their Lions Club Phone Book Delivery Drive on Saturday, February 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Last year the East Columbus Lions Club took on a new fund raiser that provided much needed funds to

provide eye examinations, glasses, eye surgeries, and hearing aids. This project requires about 60 volunteers to ensure it is effective. They will have the city broken down into sections and will orchestrate the placement of drivers and volunteers into each area.

To be a driver you must have preferably a truck, SUV, or possibly a car with a large trunk space. Assuming they get the required number of volunteers each driver will have a volunteer in the vehicle with them to help

mark off the map and fill bags. There should also be two other volunteer walkers with each vehicle. The process should begin around 8:00 a.m. and go until finish or 4:00 p.m.

To sign up to volunteer, please visit "http://disneyparks.disney.go.com" http://disneyparks.disney.go.com and follow the instructions on the website. For more information about the program, please call Janie Shields, AmeriCorps*VISTA, with the Community Volunteer Center at 327-0807 or

email her at volunteercolumbus@cableone.net.

Career Booster

East Miss Community College is conducting a Career Booster event on the morning of Thursday, Feb 11. Volunteers will review student resumes and conduct "mock" interviews. If you can volunteer, let MS LL Gates at EMCC (243-1978) know and she will follow up with more details.

BARGAIN LINE

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whirlpool tub, hardwood, carpet and ceramic tile flooring, crown molding, plenty of storage space. Approx one acre fenced yard with large wired shop; many custom extra's plus one year home warranty, \$289,900. (662) 240-0226 FMI.

For sale: 2.1 acres on Wood Road in Caledonia. Ready to build! Call 356-6844.

Transportation

For sale: 2004 Infiniti G35 Coupe--black on black--69,500 miles—power everything including sunroof—asking \$19,600 negotiable! PCSing! Call 662-386-8165.

For sale: 2004 Honda Accord EX-L Nav, 4-dr sedan, Auto Trans. 102k miles, Green w/ tan leather, GPS Nav/LCD trip computer, CD-changer, satellite radio, Sun-roof, 5-spoke alloy wheels. Meticulously dealer maintained, recent tune-up, radiator flush, auto trans fluid; comes w/ complete Mx history. Oil changed every 4000-5000 miles. MXV4 Michellin radial tires. \$8,900.00 firm. Clean Trade-In \$9,275. Clean Retail \$12,025. Call (662) 425-2507.

For sale: 2007 BMW G650 X-Challenge, Enduro Motorcycle, warranty until June 2010. Excellent condition. Price lowered from \$6k to \$5450 obo! 2005 Honda CBR600RR, K&N Exhaust, Integrated Turn Signals, New tires, Lots of extras. \$5450 obo. Must sell! 808-221-2005.

For sale: 2006 Honda Shadow 600 VLX motorcycle, candy apple red, less than 3,500 miles, garage kept. Add-ons include Cobra pipes, saddle bags, windshield, luggage rack, cover, helmets and more, mint condition \$6000. FMI call 662-251-1727 or 662-251-1728.

For sale: Enclosed Sport bike

Motorcycle trailer, \$1900 or trade for flatbed or larger enclosed trailer. FMI call 660-238-3687.

For sale: 1997 White Ford Expedition XLT, hwy miles, great condition \$3800 OBO. 1996 Red Mazda pickup truck B2300, great gas saver, excellent running condition, 4 new tires, standard shift, \$2800 OBO. 2002 Yukon Denali XL, black fully loaded, mint condition 120,000 hwy miles, 3rd row seat \$12,500 OBO. 2005 Nissan Altima S, auto,V6, gold, 132k,hwy miles, excellent running condition, clean and priced below retail; this car won't last long, \$6500,662-295-6634.

Miscellaneous

For sale: XBOX 360, 20 GB, 2-wireless controllers, chargers, and with 3 games, barely used, \$180. Bissell Turbo-brush vacuum cleaner, \$30. Call 662-497-2175 FMI.

For sale: NASCAR Race tickets for Bristol Motor Speedway 19-21 March 2010 race weekend. 4 sets available: include Friday Pole Day, Saturday Nationwide and Sunday Cup tickets. Earnhardt Terrace. Will split into pairs if needed. FMI call 356-6844

For sale: La-Z-Boy big man's fabric recliner, excellent condition, earth tone color, \$125 OBO. Troubadour II electric organ with bench, has accompanying flute, trombone, clarinet, violin, mandolin and banjo, plus plays automatically, excellent condition, \$295, OBO. Wingback chair w/ottoman, in like new condition, beautiful fabric, \$150 OBO. Matching Sofa and Loveseat, Royal blue, beige and wine colored fabric, with matching throw pillows, excellent condition \$450 OBO. FMI call 327-1205.
For sale: Drum Set-Thor drums with

Sabian symbols, Pearl stands, stool, books and video, \$450 o.b.o. Tires and Chrome rims, set of 5 for a Jeep Wrangler, original factory rims, tires have good tread, \$300.00 OBO. Desks- 2 small computer desks with rollers and 2 rolling chairs, black and silver, \$75.00 OBO. for both sets. Fencing- 4x4 treated posts and 1x4 rails, used, all painted white and could use a new paint job; enough fence to do a 5000+ sq. ft. area, \$200 o.b.o. FMI call 662-574-6650.

For sale: 2 CBs w/speakers & antennas, excellent condition; modified to plug into cigarette lighter, no hard wire required, \$100.00 ea. FMI Call Caledonia, 662-356-6957.

For sale: Queen Size mattress, box springs and bed frame, paid \$1200 used 4 months. Sale for \$500 or best offer; two twin-size mattress and box spring for sale- \$50 each, \$100 for pair. FMI Call 423-438-0928, delivery possible.

For sale: Chocolate brown micro suede loveseat, \$300; new in box electric meat grinder, \$70. FMI call 328-4610.
For sale: Winchester model 67A 22 cal single-shot rifle, \$150; High Standard Sport King SK-100 22 cal semi-auto pistol w/holster, \$220; H&R 922 9-shot 22 cal revolver, \$70. FMI call 328-4610.

For sale: IBM ThinkPad R51 laptop, 1.6Mhz, P4, 512rm, 40ghd, DVD-CDRW drive, Wi-Fi, Windows XP, Microsoft Office Suite, w/carrying bag, great condition \$275 OBO. Sunbeam microwave oven asking \$25; two electric handheld blow dryers asking \$15; RCA model J25420 - 27" color TV - excellent working condition, asking \$40. FMI call (662) 386-6981.

For sale: Baby/Toddler bedroom set - Natural finish, 3-in-1 crib with Sealy mattress, two tall five drawer dressers and a chest of drawers dresser; complete set only 3 yrs old, \$500. FMI call 585-

317-1442.

For sale: Emerson 1000W microwave \$50; Sears sport roof cargo carrier, 20 cu ft capacity, \$100; Honda Accord trailer hitch \$50; 6 drawer wooden dresser, \$125. FMI call 660-238-3687 or 660-233-3235.

For sale: Hot Spring hot tub, perfect condition (Rated Best Buy by Consumer Report), seats 4-5, new cost \$7100; firm selling price \$3,500. FMI call 329-1843.

Wanted

410 Gauge shotgun, 38 caliber revolver, & 9 mm pistol, refrigerator, in good condition. Call 662-329-1843/662-329-1843.

Lost

Handheld Radio from Public Affairs: ICOM FM Transceiver (handheld radio), SN: 1518787. (Item is slightly larger than filter king cigarette pack, in black canvas cover w/single volume button at top and "icom" printed on front bottom.) If found return to Wing Public Affairs, Ste 237, Wing HQ Bldg or for more info call PA at 434-7068.

Found

Air Force ring, found at Stateline Country Store, 1200 Hwy 18, Sulligent, AL; believed lost between 21 and 24 January 2010. Call Denise at 662-434-7310 with identity verification of the ring to claim it.

Base News

Social Security benefits

For anyone who served on active duty between January 1957 to December 2002, you may be eligible for a higher social security payment. This is not an automatic benefit. Must ask for it. Bring your DD-214 to the Social security office or go to Soc Sec website: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm> for more information.

Volunteer needed to head up the Retiree Activities Office

The 14th Flying Training Wing commander is soliciting applicants to lead the Retiree Activities Office on Columbus Air Force Base. The Retiree Activities Office Director supports the commander and is the liaison with our retiree community to include retirees, spouses, widows and widowers. The Director publishes local retiree newsletters, coordinates staff for volunteer efforts, maintains pertinent information for our retiree community, and works with the Wing to plan and execute an annual retiree appreciation day. If you are interested in applying to be the Retiree Activities Office Director, please contact Capt Terry Wagner at 434-2616 for additional information.

New legal appointment opportunities

Legal Assistance Appointments now available on Tuesday AND Wednesday call the Legal Office at (662) 434-7030. Also, new website allows you to enter your info ahead of time for a will or POA www.aflegalassistance.com.

Library Story Time

The base library will hold Story Time on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Story Time will continue to be held each week.

Personnel Office Information

The Military Personnel Section (MPS) has gone to a single-point of entry for all customer service actions. Please sign-in at the Customer Support counter located in room 106. Additionally, for Common Access Card (CAC)/ID Card renewals, we request one make an appointment with Customer Support at 434-2624 or 434-2626

POCs and Volunteers needed for special observances

March - Women's History Month (Writing Women Back into History)

If you are interested, please contact the EO

office at 434-2546 or email 14ftweo@columbus.af.mil

Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.)

Pre-Separation Counseling (DD Form-2648)

Mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring. Briefing should be completed at least 90 days prior to separation and may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. Counseling held daily at 8:30 a.m. and takes approximately 30 minutes.

Pre and Post Deployment Tour Brief

Mandatory briefings for active duty personnel who are deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. Briefings are held daily at the AFRC; Pre-deployment at 9:30 a.m. and post-deployment at 1:30 p.m., 434-2790.

Education Grant

The application deadline for the 2010-2011 General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program is March 12. You can get the application from the Air Force Aid Society's web site at www.afas.org. Just look under Education and Arnold Grant. Fill out the application, print it, attach required documents, and put it in the mail today. Don't pass up this chance to help pay for your family's education with a \$2,000 grant.

Kids & Cash

This program held Feb. 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. introduces kids to easy ways to plan for purchases and save money.

Sponsorship Training

Sponsorship Training will be held Feb. 23 from 9 to 10 a.m. for all Unit Intro Monitors and Sponsors. Info on the importance of a good, effective sponsorship program and resources available for both Unit Intro Monitor and Sponsor. To register call 434-2790. In addition, web-based training is offered thru the AF Portal, under Bases-Organizational Area TAB, select My Base and look under Training.

Bundles of Joy w/Military Saves Campaign

This event will be held Feb. 23 from 1 to 3

OSC holds events for BLAZE Team



U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson

Col. David Reth, 14th Operations Group commander, and Lt. Col. J.J. Menozzi, 14th OG deputy commander, serve wine to a guest at the Officer's Spouses Club Social Feb. 8 at the Columbus Club. The COSC is offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors and continuing education students. Each applicant must be a dependent of an active duty, retired, MIA, active duty reservists, or deceased military member associated with Columbus AFB. Applications can be obtained at the Columbus Air Force Base Education Center, Columbus Air Force Base Family Support Center, financial aid/scholarship offices, or high school guidance offices. For more information contact: Brooke Williams, Scholarship Chair, 662-570-4517 or Bridget Peterson, Scholarship Co-Chair, 707-386-7811 or OSC.CAFB@gmail.com. Application Deadline Monday, March 1.

p.m. for active duty military &/or spouses assigned to Columbus Air Force Base who are pregnant or have a child up to 4 months of age. Informative speakers on finances, labor & delivery and infant care will be present. An Air Force Aid Society program.

VA Home Loans for Veteran

The Airman & Family Readiness Center is proud to host the two-hour seminar "VA Home Loans for Veterans," Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Course instructors are from the VA Regional Loan Center in St. Petersburg, Florida. Key topics include eligibility requirements, VA loan guidelines and compromised sales. This seminar is a must for all veterans looking to purchase a home!

For more events see page 14.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant Worship Service

Sunday:

9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service (Children's Church)

All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month.

Catholic Services

Ash Wednesday Mass — 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:

3:30 p.m. — Religious Education, grades K-9

3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice

4:30 p.m. — Confession

5:00 p.m. — Mass

6:00 p.m. — RCIA

FSS ACTIVITIES

Base families offered a variety of activities

Year of the Family Essay Contest

The Air Force is a great place to live, work and play! Show the world through your story, just what living the Air Force life means to you, your family and your friends. Compete for a chance to win a Grand Prize computer package valued at \$2,000 and have your story featured in Military Spouse magazine! There are two categories of competition: youth: ages 12 to 12; adult: ages 18 and up. Deadline for submitting an essay is Feb. 14. Additional information on this and other Year of the Air Force family initiatives at: www.myairforcelife.com.

Home Décor Workshop

The Arts and crafts center's home décor workshop this month is at 10 a.m. Feb. 20. Class project is a child's refrigerator. The stove

and sink will be in coming weeks. Cost is \$25 and includes all supplies. Participants must register and pay by Feb. 12 at the center. For more information, call 434-7836.

Chocolate and Roses couples paintball tournament

Register by Feb. 17 for this tournament scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 20. Cost is \$29 per couple. The winning couple wins a dozen roses. For more information, call 434-2507.

No Tap Bowling Tournament

The Strike Zone Lanes offers this fun tournament starting at 7 p.m. Feb. 26. Cost is \$10 and includes 3 games, shoes and prizes. Register by 6:30 p.m. the day of the tournament. For more information, call 434-3426.

Air Force Space Camp

Teens, ages 12 to 18, may apply to the Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. Applications may be picked up at the Youth Center but must be returned by April 8. This year's Space Camp is open to dependents of active duty, Air Force retired military, Air Force civilian employees and activated Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve. The camp will be divided into two age divisions: ages 12 to 14 and 15 to 18. Interested youth must have a 2.8 GPA. Lodging, meals and activity fees are paid by the Air Force. Transportation to the Space Center will be the individual's responsibility. For more information, call 434-2503.

Valentine Gourmet Dinner

This five-course, five-star meal is prepared

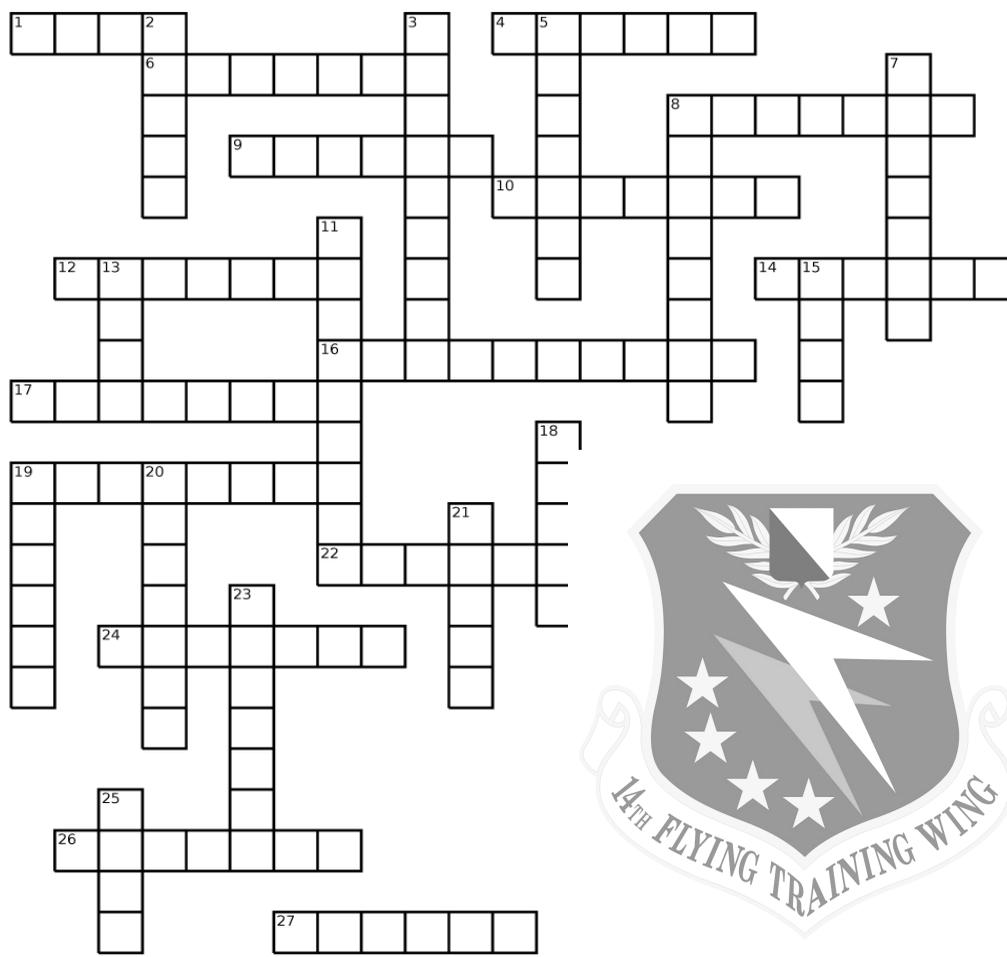
by Chef Carla at the Columbus Club from 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 13. Cost is \$45 per person for members and \$50 per person for nonmembers. Reservations required by Feb. 10. Menu includes assorted canapés, crab cakes on spring greens with sun ripened tomatoes drizzled with balsamic vinaigrette, lemon sorbet, filet mignon stuffed with sautéed spinach and provolone cheese in port wine mustard sauce, chocolate treasures in a pool of ganache. For more information, call 434-2489.

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BLAZE Leaders

See answers to last week's puzzle on page 15.



Across

- 1 14th FTW Vice Wing Commander
- 4 43rd Flying Training Squadron Commander
- 6 48th Flying Training Squadron Commander
- 8 14th Medical Group Superintendent
- 9 14th Medical Support Squadron Commander
- 10 14th Mission Support Group Superintendent
- 12 41st Flying Training Squadron Commander
- 14 Acting SARC
- 16 14th Operations Group Vice Commander
- 17 14th Medical Group Commander
- 19 14 FTW Command Chief Master Sergeant
- 22 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander
- 24 14th Operations Group Deputy Commander
- 26 14th Operations Support Squadron Commander
- 27 37th Flying Training Squadron Commander

Down

- 2 14th Operations Group Superintendent
- 3 49th Flying Training Squadron Commander
- 5 14th Security Forces Squadron Commander
- 7 14th Flying Training Wing Commander
- 8 Wing IG
- 11 50th Flying Training Squadron Commander
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- 19 14th Mission Support Group Commander
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- 21 14th Mission Support Group Deputy Commander
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- 25 Nick-name of 14th Director of Staff Bill Sherr

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Join FitFamily

Air Force Services family fitness and wellness initiative, FitFamily is an integral component of the Year of the Air Force Family. Families can register as a team at www.USAFFitFamily.com to earn points and achieve levels for participation in Family Fun activities, family sports and fitness and family nutrition. Recognition is provided at each level to encourage families to continue on the path of wellness. The FitFamily program encourages Air Force families to make healthy lifestyle choices and provides resources and tips in an effort to promote overall family fitness. For more information, contact the Youth Center at 434-2504.

Space A lodging

The Magnolia Inn usually has openings for Space A family and single units. Contact the lodging desk at 434-2548.

New Year Family Reading Program

The Child development Center invites children and families to share books brought home each week by the child until Feb. 19. The titles of the books are annotated on book jackets and placed in the hall for everyone to enjoy. On the last day, the children will receive recognition for participation in the program and parents will be recognized for their part as well. For more information, call 434-2479.

Crafts Classes

The Arts and Crafts Center offers crafts

classes for both youth and adults every Thursday. There are three times available – 10:30 a.m.2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Class projects can be viewed in the lobby of the center. Crafts “to go” are also available. For more information, call 434-7836.

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Teen Aviation Camp

Air Force Services in conjunction with the US Air Force Academy invite teens to experience the Air Force Academy firsthand during the 11th Annual Teen Aviation Camp. Camp is held in Colorado Springs, CO, from June 5 to 10. The camp is for high school students entering their sophomore or junior year in the fall of 2010. Eligible applicants include teen dependents of active duty military assigned to or living on an Air Force Base, AF retired military, AF civilian employees, or activated Air National Guard or AF Reserve. Teens who participated in the 2009 camp are not eligible to apply this year. Attendees are selected based upon information included in their application. Contact the youth center for more information. Deadline for application is March 15. For more information, call 434-2504, or visit www.afyouthprograms.com.

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Tickets available

The information, ticket and travel office has discounted tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Six Flags Over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Alabama Adventure, the Dixie Stampede, Geyser Falls, and more. Call 434-2507 for more information.

Youth Center sponsorship program

Moving is hard, but it is also a time to meet new friends, find new hangout spots, get involved in fun and different things and go on trips to interesting places. The Youth Sponsorship Program at Columbus was created by and just for youth. To help make your transition from your old base on to your new base, contact the Youth Center and join in the fun of the youth sponsorship program. For more information, call 434-2504.

Casino trip

Register at outdoor recreation for this monthly trip the first Friday of every month to the Silver Star and Golden Moon casinos. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation and \$25 in player money. For more information, call 434-2507.

One Page at a Time

This program is open to youth, ages 3-13. The desired outcome of this program is to offer literacy enrichment opportunities for

youth and to create a passion for reading. It is a motivational program where children read books, document their literary accomplishments and earn incentives for each level of their literary successes. Participants select books from required readings lists at school, the library, selected by their family members or from a list of 15,000 suggested titles located on the www.afyouthprograms.com website. Parents of children, ages 3-5 years, who read a minimum of five books to their child's class in the child development center will earn a book at the conclusion of the program. The program concludes March 19. For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

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Chapel Events

Pioneer Club

The CAFB Chapel has begun registration for the children's program Pioneer Club. The program will be held each Wednesday evening 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This program is open to children ages three years thru seventh grade. This is an ecumenical religious program geared to teach children about Christ in every aspect of life. A pot luck dinner will be served each week at 5 p.m. parents must join their children at dinner.

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

The CAFB Chapel will be holding a variety of Adult Bible Studies from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A Pot Luck dinner will be served at 5 p.m., please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able. Please call the Chapel at 434-2500 for a list of studies.

RefresHer

Please join us at the Base Chapel for RefresHer at 6 p.m.:
Feb. 25 – Game Night/ Bring a Finger Food to Share
March 25 – Movie Night Casablanca/Bring a side dish or dessert to share
April 29 – TBA

Protestant Worship Service

Sunday:

Altus officials temporarily relocate aircrew training

Staff Sgt. Clinton Atkins

97th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — Altus Air Force Base officials temporarily ordered three KC-135 Stratotankers and three C-17 Globemaster IIIs along with 67 aircrew and maintenance members to Lackland AFB, Texas, Feb. 4 to resume limited aircrew training operations.

Aircrew training at Altus AFB came to a halt when a severe ice storm swept through the base Jan. 28, knocking out power to the base.

“This ice storm has had a major impact on our training operation,” said Col. Ty Thomas, the 97th Air Mobility Wing commander. “Our first challenge was to get power back to our housing areas and ensure our families were stable, then we had to get started on a return to training.”

The aircraft and Airmen returned to the Altus AFB Feb. 8 after just a few days of training at Lackland AFB.

There were four aircrews for each airframe, which permitted four sorties on each of the three flying days at Kelly Field, next to Lackland AFB. Flying a total of 24 sorties allowed the wing to make up almost a day's



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Myles T. Stepp
A C-17 Globemaster III takes off Feb. 4, 2010, from Altus Air Force Base, Okla. The C-17 is relocating to Lackland AFB, Texas, to continue flight training for Altus AFB aircrews because of the severe ice storm that swept through Altus AFB Jan. 28.

March C-17 crew completes mission to Haiti

Capt. Ashley Norris

452nd Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif. — A March Air Reserve Base C-17 Globemaster III aircrew returned home Feb. 1 after flying a five-day humanitarian mission to Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

The nine-member crew from the 729th Airlift Squadron took 171,400 pounds of cargo and 25 Army and Air Force servicemembers into Haiti and airlifted 263 evacuees and aid workers out in a C-17.

March ARB officials have sent six missions and 40 Airmen to help move cargo into and evacuees out of Haiti since Jan. 15 as part of Operation Unified Response. They have evacuated more than 900 American citizens and legal aliens to the United States and flown in more than 1.5 million pounds of equipment and supplies to Haiti, following the 7.0 earthquake which struck there Jan. 12.

The first March ARB aircrew was put on alert early Jan. 26 and left the next day with seven media in tow to document the mission.

Three pilots, two loadmasters and two aircraft mechanics made up the crew. Two security forces Ravens -- the Air Force's equivalent to sky marshals -- were also onboard to provide

security for the crew and plane.

The crew flew to Louisville, Ky., and picked up several Army vehicles, a pallet of supplies and 15 Soldiers from Fort Knox, Ky. The plane landed smoothly at midnight at Port-au-Prince, and the waiting aerial porters were able to unload the cargo bay on a quiet, uncrowded ramp.

The sun rose as the C-17 backed up and prepared to taxi and takeoff for the United States. Eight aid workers were on board to return home after working for a week in Haiti.

Forty-two hours after leaving March ARB, the crew landed at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 28 at Orlando Sanford International Airport, Fla. Agents from U.S. Customs and Border Patrol boarded the plane to process the passengers while the crew went through its final checklists to shut down the plane. The crewmembers had 14-hours of crew rest and waited to hear details of their next mission.

The aircrew next left Orlando for Pope Air Force Base, N.C., Jan. 29 at 3 a.m., to pick up 41,000 pounds of cargo. Packed on 16 pallets, the cargo contained insect nets, tents, office supplies and 10 decontamination units, which had been partially converted into showers. Two Soldiers trained in converting the units to showers joined the crew for the 3.5-hour flight to Port-au-Prince.

Ramp space at Port-au-Prince is at a premium, so there is a

lost training.

“We sent our students who are the closest to finishing their training so they can get back to their units,” said Lt. Col. Shawn Teagan, the 97th Operations Group deputy commander.

Losing a week of flying at Altus AFB, one of the Air Force's premiere aircrew training locations, will have a ripple effect through the Air Force, Colonel Teagan said.

“The impact to the mobility forces is huge,” he said. “Every day we don't fly negatively impacts the C-17 and KC-135 crew force and even our allies, who have sent students here for training.”

“It will take us months to regain the training days we lost,” Colonel Teagan said. “We will increase flying ops to six days a week and work closely with maintenance to surge our schedule to make up lost training as soon as possible.”

The Altus AFB training mission may be hindered at present; however, the long-term future is bright.

“The Airmen of the Mighty 97th have truly risen to the challenge this past week to recover from the storm,” Colonel Thomas said. “And we'll do the same to overcome the training backlog. It's why we're all here.”



U.S. Air Force photo/Capt. Ashley Norris
Aid workers and evacuees with U.S. passports and visas wait in line to board a C-17 Globemaster III from March Air Reserve Base, Calif., Jan. 29, 2010, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The C-17 flew three missions as part of Operation Unified Response into Haiti, before returning to March ARB Feb. 1.

40-minute window for each airplane to arrive. Problems on the ground with cargo or passengers can easily bottleneck and cause mid-air delays. The buzz of daytime activity delayed the C-17 for 20 minutes.

UK officer joins Predator squadron through exchange program

Ashley M. Wright
96th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — The first remotely piloted aircraft exchange officer stationed at the 556th Test and Evaluation Squadron at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., is not bothered by the 5,000 miles between the state of Nevada and her native England.

"It has been an opportunity that money can't buy," said Royal Air Force Sqn. Ldr. Adele Stratton. "This post is the only exchange job within the rapidly evolving RPA community, and as the first incumbent, I have found it to be an interesting couple of years."

As the first exchange officer at the RPA operational test and evaluation squadron, Squadron Leader Stratton -- her RAF rank is the equivalent of a major -- serves as the squadron's assistant director of operations, a test director and unit project officer. She began her assignment with the squadron in June 2007 and it will wrap up in the next few months.

Squadron members execute MQ-1 Predator unmanned aircraft system tests and evaluations for the Aerospace Command and Control Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Center and tactics development for Air Combat Command. The Airmen in the 556th TES provide operational expertise to developmental test and evaluation for new sensors, hardware, weapons and software upgrades. The 556th TES is part of the 53rd Wing headquartered at Eglin AFB.

"Integrating our closest allies with our daily operations ensures that when a crisis aris-

es, we will have built a strong and continuing relationship that will pay significant dividends for both countries," said Col. Michael Gantt, 53rd Wg commander. "We are excited to have all of our exchange officers partake in 53rd Wg operations, pulling talent together from partner nations and sharing ideas that allow for the development of tactics, techniques and procedures for our warfighters."

Squadron Leader Stratton said she would take lessons learned back the United Kingdom and her experience brought several firsts for her and the Air Force.

"This was a very rewarding experience and I appreciate the faith the U.S. Air Force put in me to accomplish the job," she said.

Squadron Leader Stratton said she had an easy time adjusting to life in the U.S. with the help of squadron and computer communications specialists to keep up with her family on the other side of the globe.

"It has been easier than I thought," the 16-year RAF veteran said. "I was surprised how quickly I settled in. It is all down to the people you work with. The thing I miss most about the UK is my mum, dad and brother. The thing I love most about America is the people. I have been made very welcome here and have made some very good friends."

Settling into her job in the squadron meant managing one or two tests at a time, she said. The tests ranged from basic software upgrades to the mission system to testing new weapons for combat viability. The information gathered effect both the U.S. and British warfighting forces around the globe.

"The Air Force and the RAF work close-



Courtesy photo
Royal Air Force Sqn. Ldr. Adele Stratton with the 556th Test and Evaluation Squadron at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., stands beside an MQ-1 Predator. She is here as the first remotely piloted aircraft exchange officer.

ly together when it comes to RPA operations, and the ability to combine operational testing to reduce pressure on assets in theatre is something I would like to see in the future," she said.

The benefits of a coalition prospective are already visible. In addition to her stint as an exchange offer, she works with an Air Force officer stationed in the UK UAS test squadron

to try to provide mutually beneficial information.

"The ability to get a UK point of view during an U.S. Air Force test has proved valuable in the past as we all bring different skills to the table," Squadron Leader Stratton said. "Although we think we are the same, you have to experience life in a different environment to appreciate it."

Kirtland munitions squadron decertified

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — The 898th Munitions Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base was decertified Jan. 27, according to Air Force Materiel Command officials at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Decertification means temporarily suspending maintenance activities in order to complete corrective actions and ensure operations comply with the highest standards.

Decertification was at the request of Brig. Gen. Everett H. Thomas, the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center commander at Kirtland AFB.

The decision to decertify was not made lightly, said Gen. Donald J. Hoffman, the AFMC commander. He said that in this

case; however, decertification was the right action to take in order to give the unit time to identify and implement necessary changes. He also noted that it's a clear indication of both the Air Force's and AFMC's commitment to excellence in the nuclear enterprise.

Squadron officials had already undergone multiple evaluations, including a nuclear surety inspection and, as a result, they had begun an in-depth process of root cause analysis based on findings from these evaluations. They, and AFMC officials, continue to address every aspect of the mission, which includes documentation, maintenance processes, management and technical skills.

General Hoffman has emphasized that maintaining nuclear surety is the Air Force's top priority.

In addition, General Thomas has said the reliability and accountability of the Air Force nuclear stockpile is not affected and there is no risk to security, safety or health associated with the decertification.

The Air Force Is "A Great Place to Live, Work, and Play"

Chaplain (Capt.) Rick Montoya
14th Flying Training Wing Chaplain

I never thought I would say "the Air Force is a great place to live, work, and play." However, during the Air Force's Year of the Air Force Family, I am more than willing to spread the word based upon my experiences.

Early on in my Air Force career as a Security Specialist, I would not have thought I could say the Air Force was "a great place to live."

During many shifts of sitting in a gate shack looking at a tab-vee, a hardened aircraft shelter that housed an alert aircraft, I was more concerned with adjusting to my new way of life in a country far from my home state.

I did not have a good first impression of the Air Force. While still in technical training, I remember receiving a letter from my sponsor at my first duty assignment. I was told little about the 'job', the base, and the local area. The thing I remember the most was a comment on taking the 'white swan' from Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, to Hahn Air Base. I had no idea what the white swan was much less where to get on. Luckily, there was someone from my base picking up another

newcomer. I was offered a ride and from there my journey began of knowing the Air Force as a great place to live.

It was not the fact that I had lived in five countries, four states, and three continents. No, it was the people not the location. I have had neighbors connected with the Air Force who lent a hand when I needed help. They were there to offer support during the joys and the tragedies of life. They were my family away from home. They made all the difference in my career and in the lives of my family.

I would have to say the Air Force is also a great place to work. I am sure we all could talk about the professionalism of our coworkers. Whether military or civilian, many professionals support the mission of the Air Force. I have had many positive experiences in my career. I will never forget one such memory. I was waiting to retrain out of the Security Specialist career field. I was detailed from my flight to work with one of the back offices. I spent about three months writing parking violations. As my time in the career field came to a close, I was reassigned to the base education office until I moved. The Senior Master Sergeant I had worked for had me come into his office. He wanted to say thank you for my time working for him

and for the squadron. He presented me with a plaque that said "thanks for a job well done." He was under no obligation to give me anything, but he did what was right to him. It made an impression on me even to this day.

Lastly, I would have to say the Air Force is a great place to play. Though I have never used all of the recreational services offered at my assignments and deployments, I can tell you I have missed them when they were gone. When assigned to a geographically separated unit in Turkey, my family enjoyed visiting our main operating base. We would call it our 'Disneyland' trip. We would take advantage of the recreational and services related opportunities not available to our GSU.

The biggest part of the Air Force being a great place to play is the people who share in the fun. I will never forget the number of barbecues, air shows, and Fourth of July celebrations I have spent with my Air Force family. The memories I will carry with me are priceless.

In celebrating the Year of the Air Force family, remember that the Air Force is great place to live, work, and play. You might need a little reflection in order to understand how true the statement is.

Combat controllers recognized for heroic actions

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HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. — Nine 23rd Special Tactics Squadron combat controllers were awarded 12 medals during a ceremony at Fresques Auditorium inside the Special Tactics Training Squadron here Feb. 5.

A standing-room-only crowd was on-hand to witness the presentation of 10 Bronze Star medals, one with Valor, and three Air Force Combat Action medals by the commander of Air Force Special Operations Command, Lt. Gen. Donald Wurster.

"Today is a day to recognize the heroes among us, and I am here to tell you that you are making a difference," said General Wurster. "I am proud of each of you and respect what you do for our country."

Technical Sgt. Christopher Grove was presented two Bronze Stars, one with Valor. The Bronze Star is awarded to a person who distinguishes himself by heroic or meritorious service performed in ground

combat.

According to the citation, Sergeant Grove directed overhead aircraft to engage the enemy as close as 120 meters from his position, with six 500-pound bombs during a recent deployment to Afghanistan. With 15 insurgents closing in on his position, he called for strikes without regard for his own personal safety at "danger close" range, executing his duties with professionalism and calm.

Danger close range is when friendly forces are within 600 meters of the target when calling for fire.

Other Bronze Star recipients included Lt. Col. Brett Nelson, 23rd STS commander, Maj. Gregory Mallon, Capt. Julio Terrero, Chief Master Sgt. Antonio Travis, Senior Master Sgt. Carlos Neris, Master Sgt. Donald Stevens, Tech Sgt. Joseph Hepler and Staff Sgt. Ryan Carter.

Air Force Combat Action Medals were presented to Captain Terrero, Chief Travis and Sergeant Stevens.

The Air Force Combat Action Medal is awarded to an individual who actively participates in combat

under direct and hostile fire while operating in unsecured space, or physically engaging hostile forces with direct and lethal fire.

Colonel Brad Thompson, 720th Special Tactics Group commander, spoke briefly about the men and their commitment to serve.

"You do it for your brothers and you do it for your nation," he said. "We're thankful and grateful to you."

Combat controllers are trained special operators and certified Federal Aviation Administration air traffic controllers. They deploy, undetected, into combat and hostile environments to establish assault zones or airfields, while simultaneously conducting air traffic control, fire support, command and control, direct action, counter-terrorism, foreign internal defense, humanitarian assistance and special reconnaissance in the joint arena.

Their motto, "First There," reaffirms the combat controller's commitment to undertaking the most dangerous missions behind enemy lines by leading the way for other forces to follow.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 68 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



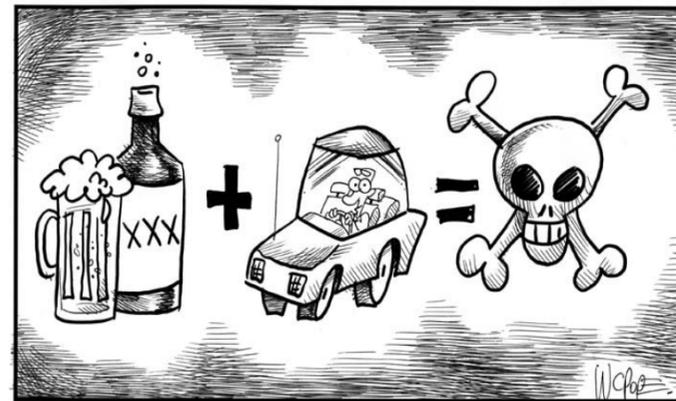
MQ-1 Predator crashes in eastern Afghanistan

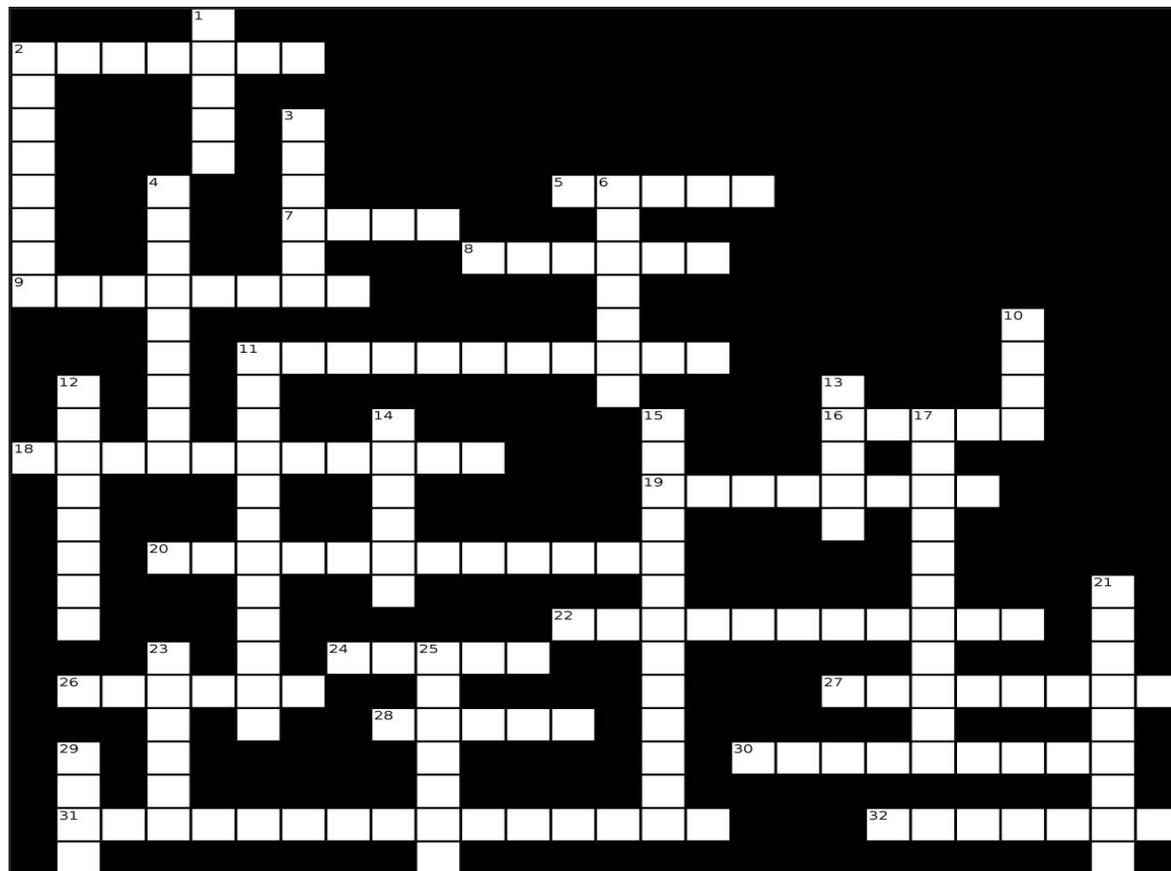
SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) -- An Air Force MQ-1 Predator unmanned aircraft crashed on takeoff in eastern Afghanistan Feb. 9 at approximately 1:50 a.m. local time.

The crash was not due to hostile fire. The crash site has been secured and there were no reports of injuries or property damage.

The aircraft is a medium-altitude, long-endurance, remotely piloted aircraft. The MQ-1's primary mission is conducting armed reconnaissance.

A board will be convened to investigate the incident.

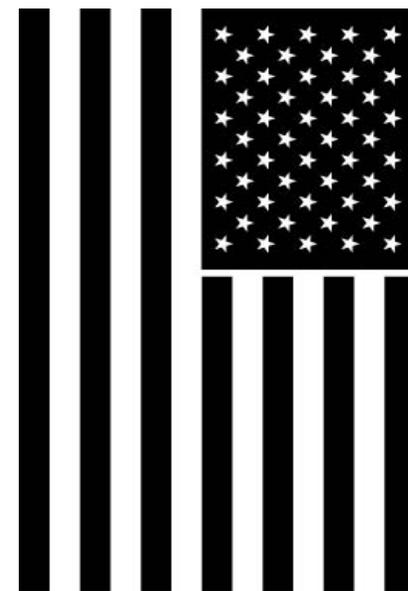




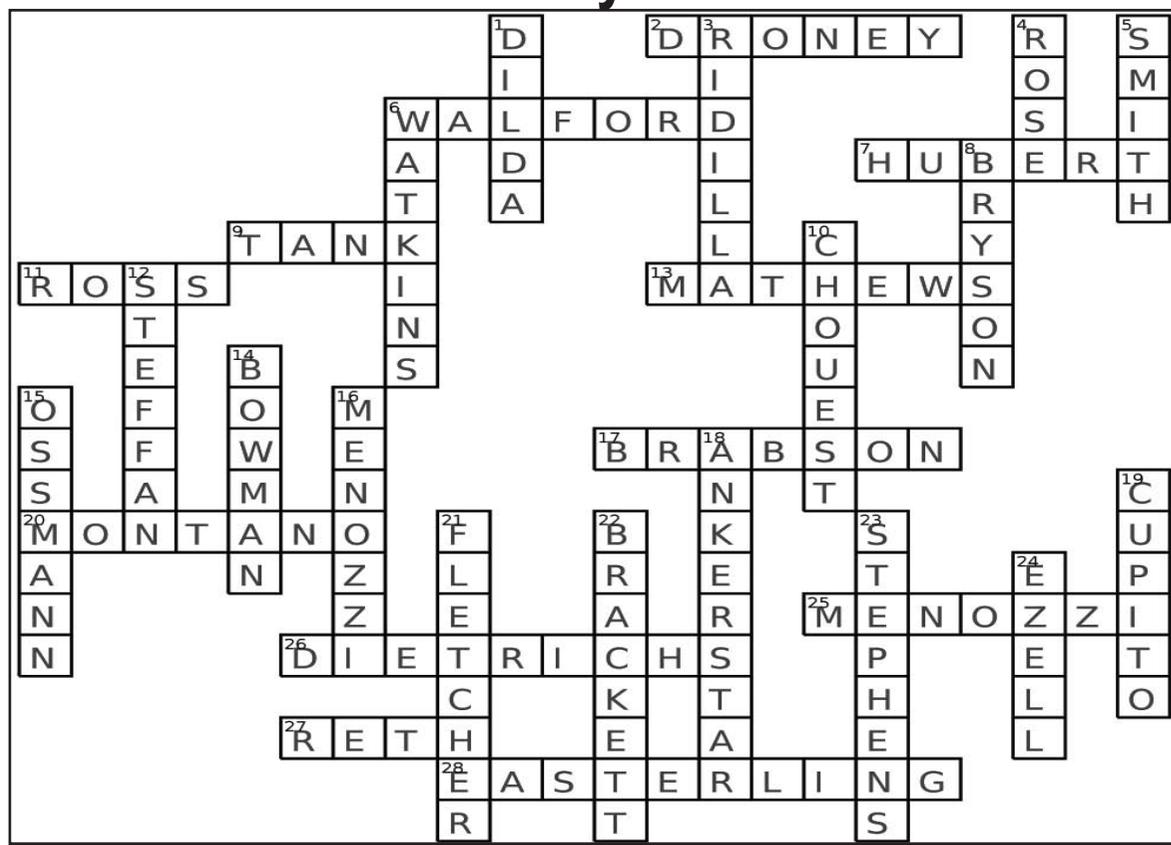
This week's puzzle: Aircraft Nicknames

Given the airframe numeric designator, write in the nickname.
 This puzzle includes current and retired inventory.

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| 2 | P-51 | 1 | F-86 |
| 5 | T-37 | 2 | B-25 |
| 7 | UH-1 | 3 | F-15E |
| 8 | B-2 | 4 | F-35 |
| 9 | P-38 | 6 | A-10 |
| 11 | P-47 | 10 | B-1 |
| 16 | F-15 | 11 | F-105 |
| 18 | U-2 | 12 | C-130 |
| 19 | MQ-1 | 13 | T-6 |
| 20 | KC-135 | 14 | F-22 |
| 22 | RQ-4 | 15 | B-29 |
| 24 | F-16 | 17 | C-17 |
| 26 | MQ-9 | 21 | HH-60 |
| 27 | KC-10 | 23 | C-5 |
| 28 | T-38 | 25 | F-4 |
| 30 | F-117 | 29 | B-52 |
| 31 | B-17 | | |
| 32 | T-1 | | |



Last week's answer key: 14th FTW Leaders



**Make The
 Right Choice..
 Don't Drink
 And Drive**

BLAZE Team members recognized for sports excellence

Golf Champions



14th Logistics Readiness Division



Capt. Kristi Contardo, 43rd FTS, and 2nd Lt. Rachael DeRoche, 14th OSS, receive a certificate for representing AETC at the 2009 AF Marathon. Maj. Brian Joseph also represented AETC, but was not available for a photo.



Col. George Ross III, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, and Coach Dan Mullen, head football coach of Miss. State University, present 1st Lt. Lucas Freudenberg with the Most Outstanding Tournament Player Award at the Annual Sports Banquet Feb. 8.

Volleyball Champions



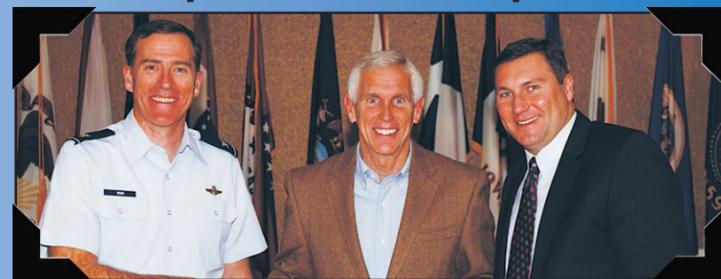
14th Operations Support Squadron

Commander's Trophy Champions



14th Medical Group

Raquetball Champions



Bob Penar, Lier Sigler Industries

Softball Champions



DynCorp

Bowling Champions



14th Force Support Squadron

Flag Football Champions



14th OSS RAPCON

Golf Champions



14th Logistics Readiness Division



Second Lt. Rachael DeRoche, 14th OSS, is awarded the 14th FTW Female Athlete of the Year Award at the Annual Sports Banquet Feb. 8 by Colonel Ross and Coach Mullen. Lieutenant DeRoche will go on to compete at the AETC level.

Award winners not pictured are:

-Male Athlete of the Year, Capt. Ben Payne

-Sportsmanship award recipient, Senior Airman Kyle Graves

-AETC AF Marathon Team Member, Major Brian Joseph

-Selected to try out for the AF Softball Team, Airman 1st Class Blake Sherrill

-Members of the Columbus AFB AF Marathon team members, Senior Airman Chad Callendar and Airman 1st Class Christopher Keith



Tech. Sgt. Richard Warner, 14th SFS, Senior Airman Nathan Milan, 14th CES/CEF, Master Sgt. Mark Millen, 14th FSS, 1st Lt. Johnathan Murphy, 14th FSS, Airman 1st Class Matthew Smiht, 14th FSS, are presented a certificate for their having represented Columbus AFB in the Air Force Marathon. Unable to attend, and not pictured, are Senior Airman Chad Callendar and Airman 1st Class Christopher Keith, 14th SFS.



Colonel Ross and Coach Mullen present 2nd Lt. Nick Kellenbence with the Most Outstanding Player of the Season Award at the Annual Sports Banquet Feb. 8.