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Weather



Today

High: 88, Low: 56
Mostly Sunny



Saturday

High: 80, Low: 51
Isolated T-storms



Sunday

High: 77, Low: 51
Partly Cloudy



Monday

High: 79, Low: 53
Mostly Cloudy

News Briefs

Quarterly Awards

The 14th Flying Training Wing Quarterly Awards Luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. April 22 at the Columbus Club.

Class 11-01 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-01 will hold their Track Select ceremony April 23 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

BCC Luncheon

The next Base Community Council meeting will be held April 23 at 11:30 a.m. at the Columbus Club. RSVP to the Public Affairs office at 434-7068.

Enlisted Promotions

Enlisted Promotions will be held at 4 p.m. April 29 at the Columbus Club.

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Feature 10

The delivery of locally made helicopters by C-17 Globemaster is featured this week.



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan
Col. Bobby Page, Command Chaplain for Air Education and Training Command, speaks at the 14th Flying Training Wing's Annual Prayer Breakfast April 12 at the Columbus Club. Over 230 BLAZE Team members attended the event.

AETC command chaplain speaks at Annual Wing Prayer Breakfast

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The command chaplain for Air Education and Training Command recently offered words of wisdom, encouragement and advice at the 14th Flying

Training Wing Annual Prayer Breakfast April 12 at the Columbus Club.

"Thank you for who you are and what you do for America, it is so essential and it is awesome," said Chaplain (Col.) Bobby Page.

The chaplain began his time by telling a story from his life to the assembled

attendees. Colonel Page said he once met a young man on a flight, and soon learned not only was he also in the Air Force, but he was currently on his way to his first deployment. The young Airman said he was excited to go, but upset because he was leaving his pregnant wife at home.

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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 (11-02)	3.92 days	2.55 days	May 13	48th (10-08)	5.36 days	-0.45 days	Apr. 30	49th (10-GB)	3.39 days	1.81 days	May 11	T-6	1,356	1,571	18,470
41st (11-01)	4.82 days	1.59 days	Apr. 23	50th (10-09)	3.72 days	1.48 days	May 21					T-1	480	490	5,817
												T-38	488	493	5,696
												IFF	96	123	1,206

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Robert Kane, commandant, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Air Force uses C-17 to deliver Army assets overseas

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

It is unusual to see a C-17 Globemaster III airlifter on the ramp of Columbus Air Force Base in northeast Mississippi – but it was a history making, Mississippi heavy, event.

The C-17, assigned to the Mississippi Air National Guard's 172nd Airlift Wing in Jackson, Miss, loaded helicopters manufactured nearby for the U.S. Army for delivery overseas. This marked the first time the new light utility helicopters, which are manufactured by American Eurocopter, in Columbus, Miss., near Columbus AFB, were transferred directly overseas via Air Force transport. The C-17 and it's payload of five Lakota's departed Columbus AFB April 12 after several days of on-site preparation.

Traditionally, after being accepted by the Army, pilots will self-deploy the helicopters from their manufacturing area to locations around the contiguous United States, said Chief Warrant Officer Five John Jones, acceptance pilot for the Army Light Utility Helicopter Program.

Chief Jones said this group of Lakota's was different because they were being sent directly to their service locations overseas due to a combination of timing and need.

"Fortunately, there is an Air Force Base close by, and everyone has come out to help us with this," Chief Jones said.

The chief said the help of the Air Force and other services is crucial for some missions.

"(The mission) flat can't be done if all the services don't work jointly," he said.

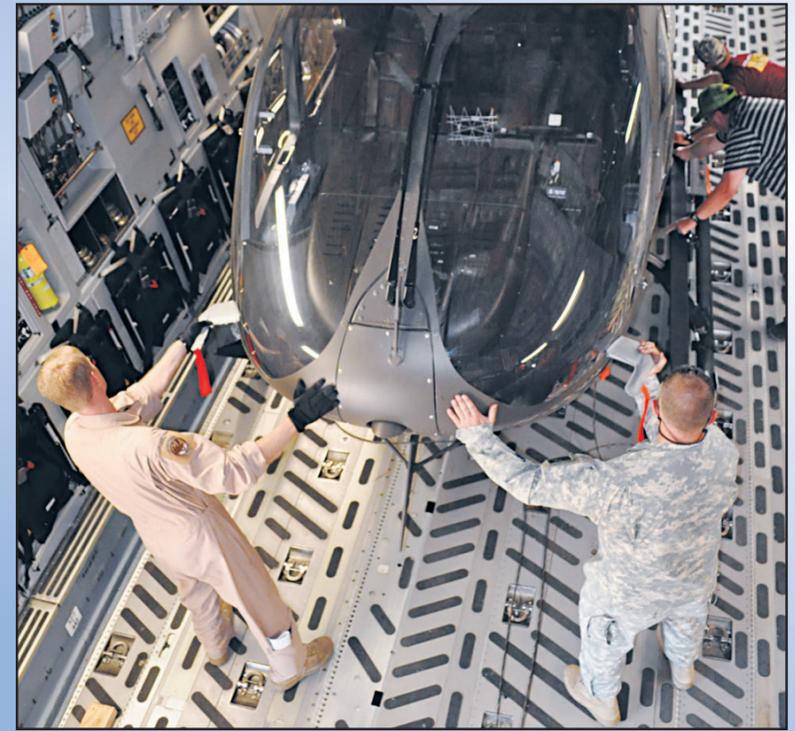
The UH-72 Lakota is a light utility helicopter used for medivac, wartime support and field training, and is stationed at locations all over the U.S. and other locations worldwide.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
LEFT: Lakota's, the Army's new light utility helicopter, are prepped for transport aboard a C-17 Globemaster to Europe from Columbus AFB, Miss., April 9. This marked the first time the new light utility helicopters, which are manufactured by American Eurocopter, in Columbus, Miss., near Columbus AFB, were transferred directly overseas via Air Force transport.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Representatives from American Eurocopter, Columbus, Miss., ride a UH-72 Lakota into the hold of a C-17 April 12. The Army's new light utility helicopters are manufactured by the local American Eurocopter and were transported by C-17 to Europe.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Army Chief Warrant Officer Five John Jones, and Tech. Sgt. Charles Boulton help guide a UH-72 Lakota light utility helicopter into a C-17 Globemaster III at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., April 12. This marked the first time the new light utility helicopters, which are manufactured by American Eurocopter, in Columbus, Miss., near Columbus AFB, were transferred directly overseas via Air Force transport. Chief Jones is the acceptance pilot for the Army Light Utility Helicopter Program and Sergeant Boulton is a C-17 loadmaster assigned to the Air National Guard's 172nd Airlift Wing in Jackson, Miss.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Robert Wilson removes a UH-72 Lakota helicopter blade in preparation for transport aboard a C-17 Globemaster April 9. Mr. Wilson is an employee of American Eurocopter, Columbus, Miss., the manufacturer of the Army's new light utility helicopter.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
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U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
ABOVE: Representatives of the Air Force, Army and American Eurocopter help push a UH-72 Lakota light utility helicopter up the ramp into a C-17 Globemaster April 12. Lakota's are manufactured by American Eurocopter, in Columbus, Miss., near Columbus AFB, and were transferred directly overseas via Air Force transport for the first time.



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Tech. Sgt. Charles Boulton operates the winch on a C-17 Globemaster to pull a UH-72 Lakota into the aircraft April 12. Sergeant Boulton is a C-17 loadmaster assigned to the Air National Guard's 172nd Airlift Wing in Jackson, Miss.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
James Wagner and Terry Teer help pack UH-72 Lakota helicopter blades for transport from Columbus AFB, Miss., to Europe, April 9. Mr. Wagner and Mr. Teer are employees of American Eurocopter, Columbus, Miss., the manufacturer of the UH-72 Lakota.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Karaoke's Best

The Columbus Club is hosting this ten-week contest every Thursday from 7 to 11 p.m. until June 10. Contestants will be judged by audience response and guest judges. First second and third place winners will be decided each night. Winners will receive \$25, \$20 and \$5 plus a \$5 Indy's coupon, respectively. First place winners each week will automatically compete in the finale June 25th. Second and third place winners may continue to compete throughout the ten-week run. Grand prize for first place winner at the finale will be \$300, second place is \$100 and third place is \$50. For more information, call 434-2490.

Outdoor Family hiking and camping trip

Today is the last day to register for this fun adventure trip to Rocky Springs on the Natchez Trace, south of Jackson April 24 and 25. A good trip for families. Cost is \$49 and departs from outdoor recreation at 6:30 a.m. April 24 and leaves at 3 p.m. April 25 from Rocky Springs. For more information, call 434-2507.

Youth Center Lock-In

The youth center will host a lock in April 24 to 25 from 9 a.m. to 7 a.m. The sleep over will start Saturday night and end early Sunday morning. Cost is \$10 per person. Must have 15 registered by April 20 to offer. Volunteers needed to work various shifts. Lots of food, games and prizes throughout the night. For more information, call 434-2504.

Youth Center mini-seminars

There will be several mini education seminars to educate our youth. Children under the age of 9 must be supervised by an adult, if attending. Seminars are: Eating Healthy; April 21 at 2:30 p.m. - 4-H Nutrition Class; April 27 at 4:30 p.m. - Job Ready Seminar and April 29 at 3:45 p.m. - Coping with Stress. For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

Bench Press Competition

The Fitness Center is offering this competition from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday. There are male and female divisions in two events: max reps and one rep. Free t-shirts to all participants. Commanders trophy points will be awarded. For more information, call 434-2772.

Spring Challenge Perimeter Run

April 23 - free to all base personnel - this 10 plus mile run around Perimeter Road involves individual and team relay competition. For more information, contact the Fitness Center at 434-2772.



Bryan Holliness came in second with a self-penned song at the Karaoke's Best competition at the club Thursday night. Karaoke's best is every Thursday starting at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Club. U.S. Air Force photo

Month of the Military Child bowling special

The bowling center offers a free game to youth who bowl with a paying adult from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 23. For more information, call 434-3426.

No tap bowling tournament

This fun tournament is at 7 p.m. April 30. Entry is \$10 per person and includes 3 games of bowling and prize fund. Register by 6:30 p.m. the day of the event. For more information, call 434-3426.

Youth Summer Day Camp Registration

The youth center is accepted registrations for the summer day camp program until all slots are filled. A \$10 nonrefundable deposit is required for each week to hold a space. Cost is based on total family income. All meals, educational entrance fees, supply costs, etc. are included in cost. For more information, call 434-2504.

Ladies golf clinics

Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering a

free golf clinic for women every Monday in April starting at 4:30 p.m. with a golf scramble immediately following the clinic. Greens fees and cart fees still apply for the scramble. For more information, call 434-7932.

Family child care homes needed

Ever dreamed of owning your own business? Are you willing to work out of your own home? Do you enjoy working with children? Then family child care might be for you. Please contact Kat Savage, Airman and Family Services at 434-3602 for more information.

DePLAYment Tag Passes available

Passes are at the Airman and Family Readiness Center until the program's end in July 2010. Air Force active duty members with children and/or spouse are eligible for the tag pass who have been deployed in support of an active operation anytime after July 2009. Deployment is described as TDY for 30 days or more; or 365-PCS in support of an active Operation and documented on official orders. Family members must bring in a copy of their sponsor's orders and register for their tag passes for such items as free

instruction classes, youth sports, youth events or hourly child care.

T-ball, baseball and girls softball registration

The youth center begins registration for these programs starting until April 9. Cost is \$35 for ages 5 to 18 and \$25 for ages 3-4 in the start smart program. Physicals are required. For more information, call the 434-2504.

Zumba fitness classes

The fitness center now offers these classes Sundays from 3 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person per class but the first class is free. For more information, call 434-2772.

Lunch and Bowl

The Bowling Center offers two free games of bowling with the purchase of an adult lunch combo, Monday thru Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and all day Sunday. For more information, call 434-3426.

Cosmic Bowling Special

Every Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. - \$5 per person unlimited bowling and that includes shoe rental. For more information, call 434-3426.

Mommie and me crafts classes

Stop by the Arts and Crafts Center to check out the display of upcoming projects during March for both youth and adult. Classes are held Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 434-7836.

British Soccer Registration

Register online at www.challenger-sports.com for this annual soccer camp for children ages 3 to 18. The camp dates are June 7 to 11. Free jersey if registered by April 23. Late fee of \$10 assessed after May 28. Call the youth center at 434-2504 for details.

Squadron DUI-Free Bowling Party

The bowling center is offering a free squadron bowling party from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday for those squadrons who have been without a DUI for three months. Shoe rental, food and beverage charges still apply. For more information or to reserve the center, call the Bowling Center at 434-3426.

Lifeguards/Instructors needed

Outdoor Recreation is looking for swim instructors and lifeguards for the coming summer season. For more information, call Steve Bocek at 434-2507.

Compact helps military children transition into their new school

Monica Mendoza

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — In four years, Cait Horner, a Peterson Air Force Base family member, attended four different schools in two different states and one foreign country. Each time she moved, she was retested for placement in the gifted and talented program. Sometimes she was placed in the gifted program, sometimes she wasn't.

"We didn't know what to expect at each school or with each gifted program," said Lynne Horner, her mother.

It all worked out for Cait, who is now in eighth grade and will be enrolled in honors classes when she enters a Colorado Springs, Colo. high school next fall.

Her moves to different schools in different states, however, would have been easier under the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, which aims to help military students transition into new schools every time they move.

The compact was developed in 2008 by Department of Defense and the Council of State Government officials. Its goal is to replace the varying policies of each state and school district when it comes to military students including the key issues of enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility and graduation.

To date, 28 states have adopted it.

The compact was designed for children like Cait. It recognizes the unique situation of military children who, through no fault of their own, move many times during their school years, said Cheryl Serrano, the Fountain-Fort Carson School District superintendent and Colorado commissioner for the compact.

According to Department of Defense Education Activity officials a military family moves three times more often than a non-military family. Each time a child moves into a new school, there are new rules, new tests and new programs.

Compact highlights:

- The compact allows parents to present their child's unofficial records to the new school to expedite classroom assignments until official records reach the new school.
- A child who was enrolled in special programs, like gifted and talent or International Baccalaureate, can automatically be placed in similar programs in the new school.
- High school students will receive credit for similar course work, exams and graduation requirements at their new school.
- Children will be given an opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities, regardless of deadlines to tryout or train.
- Military children can have extra time off to spend with their family, without penalty,

when a deployed parent comes home.

"I think it's important that parents know about this, that we are a part of this agreement," said Lisa Ballard, the 21st Space Wing school liaison officer.

"Parents may be dealing with issues at the school that I'm not aware of and they don't realize that the compact exists."

The compact does not give favor to military children, Ms. Ballard said. It makes things equal. Under the compact, for example, a child who was in a gifted program in one state is automatically accepted into the gifted program in a new state. If the child does not perform at the level with the rest of the class, then the teacher can request that the child take a placement exam to determine continued eligibility.

"At least the compact will give the child the benefit of the doubt so they don't have to wait, they are not missing out and there is no gap," Ms. Ballard said.

Prior to the compact, Ms. Serrano, who also serves as chair of the compact commission, heard horror stories about military children who were kept out of athletic programs, special academic programs and even graduation because they had missed an enrollment date or had not taken a certain exam.

"It was ridiculous, the things that prevented some kids from going to college and graduating on time," Ms. Serrano said.

In her school district, more than 70 percent of the students enrolled are military family members. She has been working on transition issues for years, she said. And, although the compact was approved in Colorado in 2008, it is still unknown to some school officials and parents.

In April, Ms. Serrano was invited to Fort Carson to meet with school liaison officers and area school district officials. For some school officials, it was the first time they heard about the compact's details, Ms. Serrano said. Across the state, about 18,000 children are military affiliated. In Colorado Springs School District No. 11, where many Peterson AFB children attend schools, there are about 1,525 family members.

"We have got to be better about the way we treat military kids, about the way we treat all kids," Ms. Serrano said.

Beyond the compact, Ms. Serrano hopes area school officials will continue to talk about how they can help military children transition into their new schools and get comfortable in their new setting.

The compact also covers issues of immunizations and children living out of school district when a parent deploys. Find out more about the compact at, <http://www.csg.org/index.aspx>, click on programs, then policies and then interstate compacts.

impressive," Chief Neuharth said. "I really look forward to continuing our partnership with the schoolhouse. I'm interested in seeing where these wonderful kids find themselves in the years to come."

The children spend the morning and early afternoon hours each school-day learning mathematics, geography, history and the other lessons that go into an early education. However, when 2 p.m. rolls around, the student's race to the mailbox in anticipation of letters and packages that may await them.

Children have a sense for when someone is "real" or not, Ms. Nette said. Chief Neuharth and his Airmen treat the children with respect, dignity and honor, and they appreciate that.

Recently, Ms. Nette and her students decided to plant a tree on Arbor Day in honor of each of the deployed Airmen who has bonded with the students.

Even though the students will be on summer break when their deployed pen-pals return to South Dakota, the Airmen said they look forward to the next time they get to meet with their pen pals face-to-face.

"Even after school is out, I intend to continue writing," Airman Thomas said. "After we return, I look forward to seeing how our partnership will grow, and where we will go from there."

Children deserve our full attention

Paula Tracy

Family advocacy outreach manager

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — April is Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. You probably know by now that 2010 is also the Year of the Air Force Family.

That's a lot of recognition of children, isn't it? Maybe that's because we realize the children of today are the parents, teachers and leaders of tomorrow.

We understand that when children are raised with love, safety and guidance, they flourish.

Conversely, children who are neglected, abused or overly-indulged, but ignored, won't.

Lately, I have been paying closer attention to parents with their kids, both on and off base. Essentially, there appears to be less and less direct interaction between parent and child, and more parental communication and "guidance" from behind a cell phone, mp3 player or computer.

The best way to explain my concern is to relate my experience at a local mall a couple of weekends ago. I had taken my soon to be 16-year-old daughter (and all my cash) to go "pre-birthday shopping" (a phenomenon not yet discovered when I was 16).

As I sat on a bench outside a store waiting for her, I couldn't help but smile at a little girl, maybe 4 years old, who was busily "practicing" the skill of shoe-tying. She was very close, but hadn't quite mastered it, and as she sat across from me with her mother, she was completely absorbed in the task.

Biting her lip, she worked on tying, then untying, tying, then untying -- while her mother texted on a cell phone.

Suddenly, she called out "Mommy, look!! I did it!! I tied my shoe!"

Grinning up at her mother, she

waited with a totally open, shining face from her mom to acknowledge the hard work and mastery of this new skill.

Never breaking eye contact with her cell phone, mom absently replied, "That's great, honey."

The little girl persisted. "No, mommy, look. Look at my shoe!"

Still mom texted, this time offering a less interested, "Uh huh, that's great."

Needless to say, the little girl's joy had evaporated, and for what? A text message?

I didn't know that little girl, but I wanted to scoop her up and tell her what an awesome job she had done, and that I was very proud of her.

That's just one example. I regularly see otherwise good parents — great parents, even — who are making a big mistake by parenting their children from behind their cell phones. I realize I may be ruffling some feathers out there, and that's OK with me.

But think about it: What possible validation can a small child feel each time she or he tries to look into mom or dad's eyes, but can't make contact because the Internet or a text message is more important?

Think hard, because your child, that same child who it seems will be in diapers forever or will never learn to talk or is just so clingy, will one day be independent.

Form the bond of your relationship now, and realize that you build the foundation of her self-esteem right then, when she is learning to tie her shoes. It won't wait until you finish that text message.

Some grandmotherly advice: Do the right thing. Put the cell phones down. Stop texting. Turn off the computer. Turn to your children and look at them, face to face.

Be the parent who is "there" if and when you are needed. I promise, you don't get a second chance.

Lorenz on Leadership — Motivation

Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz
Commander, Air Education
and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — These are challenging times for our Air Force. We have been engaged in combat operations since 1990 and are balancing limited resources against an aggressive operations tempo. We are once again adjusting to maintain our authorized end strength while juggling priorities within a leveling budget. Many of our aircraft are beyond expected service lives and current operations are aging them even faster. Handling all these demands will be challenging - it will not be fun.

This is where leadership comes into play. Whether at work or at home, everyone has issues. As some issues are resolved, others are always waiting in line to take their places. The "pay me now or pay me later" mindset is exhausting. It is up to each organization's leadership to set the tone, motivate the workplace and create a sustainable culture of success. After all, we want our Airmen to invest themselves in our service and our mission.

So, how can a leader attack such challenges and create sustainable excellence? We all know that it isn't easy to do. It will take dedication and objectivity ... and a lot of patience and perseverance. Along the way, tough decisions will be required and each will call for a tailored approach. In other words, leaders must adapt differently to each situation. Situational leadership is how we keep our organizations motivated and headed in the best direction.

We all have unique leadership styles. Some of us probably smile a little too much while others not quite enough. We all fit somewhere along a leadership continuum, where the ends are defined by the extremes. Although you may feel most comfortable in one region of that continuum, realize that every leader will have to utilize approaches from the full range of the continuum in response to different challenges. A career brings many leadership challenges and leaders must adapt to meet each one.

After all, some challenges will require leaders to soften their approaches. For example, someone in the organization may be directly affected by our end strength reductions. Maybe the unit will suffer the loss of one of its members. Other situations will require a stern approach. This may be necessary when accountability and disciplinary challenges confront the organization or some of its personnel. Effective leaders must be able to approach difficult decisions or situations with the entire continuum at their disposal.

In the end, a leader must approach a challenge with an eye toward crafting a solution to meet their organizational needs. They should consciously select a leadership style or customized approach in order to create a certain effect. For most situations, mission accomplishment will be the effect, the end goal. However, before one can achieve such an effect, situational leadership must be used to motivate others toward success. After all, a motivated force can move mountains.

Motivation is an interesting concept. In some situations, motivation is more spontaneous and flows from the heart. In others, motivation is far from intrinsic and needs a little added emphasis from the top. I call it "added emphasis" because sometimes your organization won't be too thrilled with the changes after they're announced. It may feel like you are marching your team uphill and into the wind.

A leader must look at each challenge, develop a plan and push for success. As part of their plan, leaders must develop the motivation necessary to assist their organizations through the challenges. In the end, people don't quit their jobs (despite all the challenges we face each and every day) - they quit their bosses. The art of motivating organizations through challenges is one of the keys to any leaders' success.

Today, more than ever before, we need leaders of intellect who value the power of thought and innovative approaches. After all, having leaders who think, assess challenges objectively, and motivate their teams to succeed is what makes us the formidable fighting force we are today.

For your own safety and others on the road....please don't drink and drive.

Reporting Sexual Assault



There are three different methods people can use to report sexual assault.
It's vital you know the difference!

1. Unrestricted

- ◆ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is contacted and victim receives medical care
- ◆ Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement **are notified** immediately
- ◆ Investigation initiated
- ◆ SARC Victim Advocate provides supportive services for victim
- ◆ Victim receives counseling
- ◆ No confidentiality. Commander will determine course of action in cases of bilateral misconduct after investigation

2. Restricted

- ◆ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is contacted and victim receives medical care
- ◆ Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement **are not notified**
- ◆ SARC Victim Advocate provides supportive services for victim
- ◆ Victim receives counseling
- ◆ Victim can make unrestricted reporting decisions afterward
- ◆ Victim has confidentiality even if there is bilateral misconduct on his or her part, such as underage drinking

3. Independent

- ◆ Third-party reporting is an inherit responsibility of all military personnel. If you tell anyone who subsequently notifies OSI or Law Enforcement, or if someone observes the assault and notifies Law Enforcement, an investigation may be launched. This can occur in conjunction with or regardless of restricted reporting.

If Law Enforcement is contacted, the report is automatically unrestricted.

*Call the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at
Office: (662) 434-2875 or (662) 434-1130 Cell: (662) 386-0811
24/7 On-Call Hotline: (662) 364-0822*

Global Hawk flies first operational mission over Canada

Tech. Sgt. Luke Johnson
9th Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — An RQ-4 Global Hawk remotely piloted vehicle flew its first operational mission over Canadian airspace.

The aircraft was flown April 8 by pilots and sensor operators from the 12th Reconnaissance Squadron here.

According to Capt. Kyle Blaikie with the 12th RS, this was first time a Global Hawk flew over Canada on a nontraining mission. A Global Hawk previously participated in the Canadian exercise Maple Flag.

"We used to fly from Beale to Naval Air Station Patuxent River and then down range from there," he said. "This new route utilized the great circle instead of the old rhumb line navigation, which reduces flight time by 37 percent."

Captain Blaikie explained it's more efficient to fly a northern route than to fly in a straight line when traveling long distances.

"When you fly from California to New York, instead of flying straight across the U.S., aircraft will take a northern route because it's less distance due to the curvature of the earth," he said.

The use of the new route over Canada will reduce the time it takes to ferry aircraft back and forth from forward operating locations.

"We need to bring the aircraft back and forth from the desert so that we can perform critical maintenance at Beale." Captain Blaikie said. "The process of taking aircraft from Beale to forward operating locations used to take months, and now we have streamlined this process into a single 26-hour flight."



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class David Tracy
An RQ-4 Global Hawk taxis down the runway at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., April 8, 2010, on an operational mission. During the flight, the aircraft flew over Canadian airspace for the first time in non-training status.

For this historic flight to take place, 12th RS officials worked closely with those from other countries to obtain the necessary clearances to utilize their airspace.

"I can't say enough good things about our neighbors to the north," he said. "Everyone that I worked with from the Canadian air force to NAV CANADA, the Canadian version of

the FAA, were very cooperative in allowing us to accomplish this mission."

This mission showcases the capacity of the Global Hawk to fly long distances.

"No other remotely piloted aircraft can take off and fly 26 hours around the world without midair refueling," he said.

Defense secretary discusses new nuclear posture, U.S. relations with Afghan president

John J. Kruzal
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — While the new U.S. Nuclear Posture Review removes some of the intentional ambiguity from the country's nuclear policy, "all options are on the table" for countries like North Korea and Iran, the Defense secretary said April 11, here.

In a round of interviews, Secretary Robert M. Gates, appearing alongside Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, also discussed the U.S. relationship with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, whose reliability has been called into question recently.

Unveiled last week, the Nuclear Posture Review states that the United States will not deploy or threaten use of nuclear weapons against a country that possesses no nuclear weapons of its own and complies with the nonproliferation treaty and its obligations.

"Because North Korea and Iran are not in compliance with the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty," Secretary Gates said

on CBS' "Face the Nation," "for them, all bets are off. All options are on the table."

The Nuclear Posture Review, which culminates a year of Defense Department-led efforts involving top interagency officials, is the first overarching look at U.S. nuclear strategy since the end of the Cold War. It codifies the new U.S. nuclear stance, which includes a policy to not use nuclear weapons against a non-nuclear state, even if the state attacks with chemical and biological weapons.

Secretary Gates said policymakers could not find a credible scenario where a chemical weapon could have the kind of consequences that would warrant a nuclear response, but that President Barack Obama has flexibility in a U.S. response to biological attacks.

"We were concerned about the biological weapons," Secretary Gates said. "And that's why we were very clear in the Nuclear Posture Review that if we see states developing biological weapons that we begin to think endanger us or create serious concerns, [the president] reserves the right to revise this policy."

The Nuclear Posture Review articulates a roadmap for cutting the American nuclear arsenal, edging the country toward President Obama's stated long-term goal of a world free of nuclear weapons, and ceases U.S. testing of nuclear weapons and the development of new nuclear weapons platforms.

Speaking on ABC's "This Week" about the U.S. relationship with President Karzai, who has come under fire recently for a series of comments that reportedly have strained relations, Secretary Gates urged more sensitivity in dealings with the controversial leader.

"I think we, frankly, have to be sensitive in our own comments about President Karzai," Secretary Gates said, "in terms of being mindful that he is the embodiment of sovereignty for Afghanistan also in the way we treat him."

On NBC's "Meet the Press," Secretary Clinton expressed "sympathy" for Karzai and the "extraordinary stress he lives under every single minute of every day."

Secretary Gates agreed. "When there are attacks on him, on his

family and what he perceives to be on Afghanistan itself, or insults to the sovereignty of Afghanistan," he said, "he's going to react, and he's going to react strongly."

Secretary Gates gave an upbeat assessment of President Karzai's relationship with U.S. Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top American commander in Afghanistan. Secretary Gates said the two continue to meet regularly and have a "very positive relationship."

The secretary said President Karzai has been a cooperative partner by attending "shuras," or peace meetings with influential tribal elders, in Kandahar, the Taliban's spiritual homeland, which is slated to be the focus of the next major U.S. operation in Afghanistan, according to military officials.

"I think that the day-to-day working relationship, certainly on the military side and between General McChrystal and President Karzai, is working well," Secretary Gates said.

Base News

Eco-Friendly Car Wash

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department and Environmental Section will be holding an Eco-Friendly Car Wash April 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the base fire department.

Notice and Consent General Notice:

The Air Force uses information technology such as telephones, cellular phones, radios, facsimile, information systems, networks, and other wired or wireless electronic devices to conduct day-to-day official business. All DoD telecommunications systems and information systems are subject to monitoring for authorized purposes as prescribed by DoDI 8560.01. The Air Force, as mandated by DoD policy, must provide authorized users of telecommunications systems and devices general notice that monitoring is conducted and that use of the system or device constitutes consent to monitoring.

1.) Notice and Consent Banners must be displayed (at Login) on all Govt. Network Computer Systems, including Stand-Alone computers.

2.) DD Form 2056s (red stickers) must be on all Govt. Telephones/Fax Machines.

The AF Notice and Consent program is covered in AFI 33-219. For questions/concerns please contact your Unit's IAO or Wing Information Assurance (IA) Office at 434-3194.

DeDeployment Tag Pass Pack

Families of deployed members are eligible for our special DeDeployment Tag Pass Pack. Provide a copy of deployment orders, and simply pick up your Deployment Tag Pass Pack at the Air Force Family Readiness Center, then log onto the www.myaiforcelife.com website to register. Once registered, you may use your tag-pass for discounts and free programs identified by the installation. For more information on benefits and how to use contact AFRC 434-2790.

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.

School Liaison Officer

The Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Officer works with local school districts, schools, parents and students on issues related to elementary and secondary education for the children of ALL personnel (civilian, military and contractor) assigned to the installation. As

parents of school age children are aware, there are many unique issues our children face as they transition to new schools. The role of the School Liaison Officer is to assist families ensure their children receive the best possible education regardless of where they attend school. For assistance, please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at slo@columbus.af.mil.

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.

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

Saint Leo U. Military Spouse Discount

Military spouses seeking a degree at Saint Leo U. can enroll in two classes and take a third class for FREE. Contact Dew White at 434-8844 or stop by the Saint Leo U. office in the Personnel Bldg., Room 120.

Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or

once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

DRMO as a source of supply

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call the Inspection Section at extension 434-7233 to review the property, Stock Control at 434-7198 to check for authorization and Customer Support at 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at: www.drms.dla.mil.

Do you have a supply problem?

Do you need status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Support section is the single point of contact when requiring assistance on supply related matters. For assistance, you may contact Customer Support at 434-7178.

Zero overpricing program-incentive awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness (IDEA) Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Support section of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Attention supply customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at extension 7233 or 7234.

Legal Hours

The legal office offers legal assistance on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. Notary and/or power-of-attorney are done as a walk-in during normal business days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., arriving no later than 3:45p.m. Participants must be eligible for assistance to receive service. For more information, call the base legal office at 434-7030.

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 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.

Chapel Schedule

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.:
April 29 – TBA

See Chapel service times on page 19.

Base celebrates National Library Week



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Col. George Ross III, 14 FTW vice commander, listen to Bernadette Roche, the base library director, during the Library Open House April 12.

Airmen get first-hand insight to favorite meal

Tech. Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
386th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — The fragrant smells of shrimp curry, Biryani rice, chicken Tikka and Aloo Gobi, drifted from the Falcon Café kitchen here April 6 as staff members taught some of their patrons how to make their favorite Indian dishes.

The class, a first for the staff, gave members of the 387th Air Expeditionary Group a chance to unwind while getting a taste of a different culture.

"Our Indian meal is one of the most popular meals we offer, so we decided this would be a good opportunity to showcase what we do back here in the kitchen and teach our patrons how to cook some great Indian cuisine," said Tech. Sgt. Jason Brandy, the 387th Expeditionary Support Squadron NCO in charge of services. "Everyone seemed to have a good time and left with some great recipes they can use back home." During the class, Airmen piled into the kitchen to

watch the live demonstration as Sergeant Brandy and his staff talked participants through the process of creating four menu items: a chicken dish, seafood dish, rice dish, and potato and cauliflower dish called Aloo Gobi.

Senior Airman Andrea Thompson of the 387th ESPTS said she really enjoyed the event and would gladly attend another cooking class in the future.

"I wanted to come out here just to see how it's done," she said. "I like to cook and it was something different that they offered. It was fun to see what goes on (in the kitchen here) and how they actually cook our food. The food was great too. It's good to switch it up and try something different from another country."

With a class of satisfied customers, Sergeant Brandy said the staff may offer another class for the deployed Airmen in the near future.

"Maybe we'll change up the menu next time, incorporate some different flavors, maybe some Filipino flavors," he said. "We'll definitely do it again."

The Airman's Creed

I am an American Airman.

I am a warrior.

I have answered my nation's call.

I am an American Airman.

My mission is to fly, fight, and win.

I am faithful to a proud heritage,

A tradition of honor,

And a legacy of valor.

I am an American Airman,

Guardian of freedom and justice,

My nation's sword and shield,

Its sentry and avenger.

I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman:

Wingman, leader, warrior.

I will never leave an Airman behind,

I will never falter,

And I will not fail.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
Members of the 387th Air Expeditionary Group watch as the Falcon Cafe staff prepares their favorite Indian food menu items April 6, 2010, during a cooking class at an air base in Southwest Asia.

Columbus AFB Youth of the Year Competes in Statewide Competition

Jana Hall
14th Force Support Squadron

Poised, perceptive, pretty and perpetually in service – a brief description of Columbus Air Force Base's recently named Youth of the Year, LaChardonnay Johnson.

Ms. Johnson will travel to Gulfport, Miss., April 22-24, where she will compete against representatives from other military installations and Boys and Girls Clubs in the state for the title of Mississippi YOY. As reigning YOY for Columbus AFB, she also will be traveling to Washington, D.C., in July to contend in the Air Force-wide competition. Both competitions will involve interviews, speeches and judging of poise and appearance along with accomplishments and future goals of the entrants.

"I'm extremely excited about the opportunity to represent our base to the best of my ability and to meet other youth with similar interests and goals," Ms. Johnson said.



LaChardonnay Johnson is the Columbus AFB Youth of the Year.

Ms. Johnson, 16, is a junior at Caledonia High School, and is heavily active in service both on base and in the community. Her involvement on base includes serving as president for both the Youth Program's Keystone and 4-H clubs, helping other youth with their homework and volunteering for just about anything where she can be of assistance, according to Youth Programs Director Kayline Hamilton.

"A key part in winning YOY is service to the club (Youth Center)," Hamilton said. "This sharp young lady certainly fits the bill."

In the community, Johnson's service resume and list of extracurricular activities is extensive and includes playing clarinet in the marching band and serving on the band's color guard; member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; member of Future Career Community Leaders of America; member of the National Honor Society; and plays piano, acts as president of the youth department, is a member of the dance team and serves as usher at First Canaan Baptist Church in Aliceville, AL.

When asked what "service" means to her, Johnson simply states, "I think about what I can do to make a difference in someone else's life. Serving others is one of the many things that attract me to the YOY program."

Base stables under reconstruction



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Lt. Col. Michael Harner speaks to Conny Boyd about the state of the reconstruction of the base stables April 12. Colonel Harner is the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron commander and Mr. Boyd is the 14th CES heavy repair manager.

Ramstein Airmen provide 'boot camp' for military children

Senior Airman Tony R. Ritter
86th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — A group of Airmen organized "Boot Camp Week" for 3 to 5 year olds April 5 through 8 at the child development center at Rose Barracks in the Vilseck Military Community in Germany.

Tactical air control party Airmen from the 2nd Air Support Operations Squadron, whose normal mission is to direct combat aircraft onto enemy targets in a combat zone, volunteered several hours with these children in honor of the "Month of the Military Child."

The training schedule for these children included physical training, first aid, land navigation, tactical vehicle familiarization and even a graduation ceremony.

The Airmen are stationed at a geographically separated unit belonging to the 435th Air Ground Operations Wing here.

"The CDC director called the squadron and asked us if we'd be interested in getting involved with this year's boot camp, so of course we jumped at the opportunity to support some of local kids," said Staff Sgt. Andrea Byers, a 2nd ASOS knowledge operator. "We started on Monday, getting the kids involved with some PT that included stretching, jumping jacks, push-ups and even some running."

The 2nd ASOS team mapped out a land navigation course using colorful maps and hidden camouflage eggs with helpful clues inside. They also brought in various military vehicles for the children to explore and get an idea of some of the equipment their military parents might work with on a daily basis.

"We thought this Boot Camp Week would be a wonderful opportunity for our kids to gain more awareness of what mommy and daddy are doing everyday when their away from home," said Hilsa Gomez, the Rose Barracks CDC director. "With the servicemembers' busy schedule and an increasing number of deployments, this is just one more way to help our children feel more connected with that military parent and more a part of their life."

Many of the Airmen involved had no children of their own, but quickly discovered the unique challenges and joy of working with children.

"I was excited to volunteer for this week and, as I have no kids of my own, I was a little surprised at how challenging it could be to train with 3 to 5 year olds," said Senior Airman Truman Smith, a 2nd ASOS TACP. "It's been a great experience interacting with them. There have been plenty of laughs, lots of fun and hopefully they even learned a few things along the way."

Citywide Unity Picnic

The Mayors Annual Unity Picnic will be April 17 from 5-8 p.m. at the Columbus Riverwalk.

The MUW Department of Continuing Education is announcing the Community Life Enrichment Program!

Courses taught by volunteer professionals who will share their knowledge and experience via workshops, lectures, tours and field trips. Course selection includes:

- Bridge: Playing and Strategy - taught by Frank Stewart

- Putting it on Paper: How to get started with your novel - taught by Deborah Schumaker
- Spanish for Beginners - taught by Kathy Vance
- Scrapbooking, Photo Management and Photography - taught by Pam Bromley
- Social Communication Media Update - taught by Peter Imes
- Personal Computer: Update-Utilization Intro-History - taught by Claude Simpson
- Birds, Bees, Toothache Trees: Natural History of Plymouth Bluff - organized by Dr. Harry Sherman with multiple lecturers including Birney Imes, Jim & Diane Patterson, Jessica Tegt, Harold Alexander and George Phillips
- Easy Entertaining 101 - taught by Anne

Segrest Freeze

- The Use of 19th Century Records in Research and Genealogy - taught by Rufus Ward
- Planning My Future - taught by Dr. Robert Gilbert

- The Practice of Poetry - taught by Elizabeth Simpson
- The Criminal Justice System: How does it work? Is it broken? - taught by Elizabeth Unger Carlyle

Spring semester begins April 30. The cost is \$35 and permits attendance to as many courses in a given semester. Membership is open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Barbara Moore at (662) 329-7150 or email bmoore@edhs@muw.edu.

EMCC Job Fair

The EMCC Job Fair will be April 22 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., in the Lyceum on the EMCC-GT campus. The job fair is a part of the Governor's Job Fair Network, and it has been consistently rated as one of the best job fairs in the state.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day

The YMCA Healthy Kids Day will be April 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Frank Phillips YMCA. Join the YMCA for free this day only. Numerous fun, family events and displays.

BARGAIN LINE

The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@columbus.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves the right to limit ads based on content, space and frequency of requests. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Commercial Dispatch, 328-2424.

Homes

FSBO: Must see! 3 Br, 2 BA, one-owner brick home on 1 + ac in Caledonia SD, great neighborhood; 1850 + sq ft CH/A, walk-in closets, French door, 2-car garage, covered patio, fenced back yard; some hardwood & tile; several outdoor storage

bldgs: \$139,900 negotiable. FMI call 356-6543, after 5 p.m. for apt. FSBO: Beautiful Home situated on 3.8 acres in a very desirable New Hope neighborhood. Approx 2,800 sqft, 13 rooms to include 3 spacious bedrooms, bonus room, living room, office, huge den/ in laws quarters, 2 and one half bathrooms, whirlpool tub. Hardwood, carpet and ceramic tile flooring, crown molding, plenty of storage space, approximately one acre of fenced yard with large wired shop, many custom extra's, plus one year home warranty. Serious enquiries only: \$289,900. FMI call (662) 240-0226.

For sale: 135 Scarlet Dr., Sherwood Forest: 4 bath, 2.5 bath w/new kitchen, all new stainless steel appliances; formal dining room, living room, sun room w/hot tub and bonus room (2714 sq ft). 2 car garage, with a large back yard/6 ft privacy fence completely enclosed; 10 minute drive from CAFB. \$187,900. FMI call 662-242-0776.

For sale: Completely remodeled, affordable home in Oakdale: 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage offers new flooring throughout (tile and carpet), tumbled marble countertops and backsplashes in

kitchen and bath, new lighting fixtures, sinks, faucets, toilets, etc., 2.2 mi from CAFB, 155 Green Hollow Cir, \$122.5k, FMI call 254-715-1498.

FSBO: 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1844 square foot brick home in Caledonia, \$175,000. Vaulted ceilings, huge master suite, ceramic tile and appliances included. Call 574-9764 or 574-9763 for more information.

For sale: 2003 HUMMER H2-Orig owner, low miles, all service records, many extras, heavy duty brush guard, lights, 12,000lb winch (never used). Currently on the resale lot with original window sticker & long list of extras. Priced for quick sale, \$19900 o.b.o. FMI 618-558-0789.

For sale: 2007 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic FLSTC, black cherry/pewter, 7700 mi, Screaming Eagle exhaust, factory security system, profile laced wheels, many other extras, excellent condition; \$14,900. FMI call 662-245-0493.

Transportation

For sale: 05 CBR600RR, 7k miles, excellent condition, lots of extras,

devil exhaust, integrated/flush turn signals, k&n oil and air filter, new tires - price lowered - \$4950 obo. 808-221-2005

For sale: 08 DUCATI 1098, Prestine condition, 4500mi, 70mm Full Termi exhaust + chip, custom Desmo paint, Lots of carbon fiber, over \$25k invested! \$13,500 obo. 808-221-2005

For sale: 07 KTM 450 EXC, street legal enduro bike. Only 20hrs, 650miles! Excellent condition. \$5450 obo. 808-221-2005

Miscellaneous

For sale: Black metal framed Futon, with cushion cover and 2 throw pillows; \$75. work out bench; \$15. 18'X20' outdoor canopy, great for backyard parties; \$35. FMI call 434-8776.

For sale: Antique, full size Singer sewing machine w/wrought iron base; purchased new in 1949; has several accessories; w/original receipt & catalog, \$150.00 o.b.o. antique mahogany sofa/hall table 28"h x 28"w x 43"L. \$450.00 o.b.o. Resqladder, emergency

fire escape ladder, 15', 1000 lb. tested. \$30 o.b.o. electric organ with bench, Troubador II, has accompanying flute, trombone, clarinet, violin, mandolin and banjo, automatic accompanying, excellent condition, \$295 o.b.o FMI call 327-1205.

For sale: 30 gallon fish tank with storage \$50. Call 253-592-3627.

For sale: Swarovski crystal collection -- over 20 large pieces including several rare and discontinued. Most are Members Only Pieces of the Year. Sold as a group or individually. Call 574-3218 for more info and a listing of pieces.

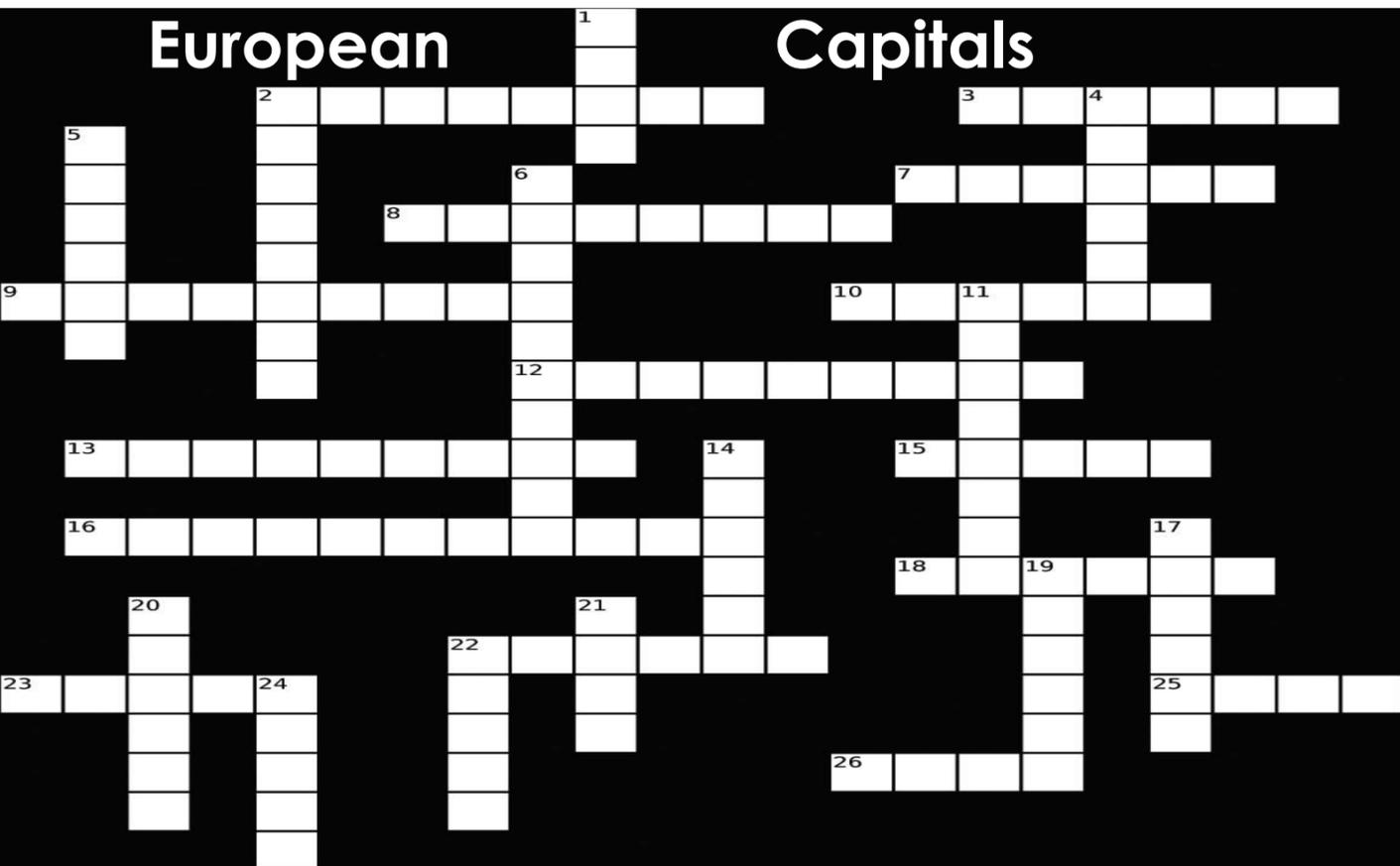
For sale: Hot Spring hot tub, perfect condition (Rated Best Buy by Consumer Report), seats 4-5, new cost \$7100; firm selling price \$3,500. FMI call 329-1843.

Wanted

Wanted: 38 caliber revolver, & 9 mm pistol, refrigerator, in good condition. Call 662-329-1843/662-329-1843.

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



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Safety: Top Dead Center

Lt. Col. Chris R. Stricklin
14th Flying Training Wing Safety chief

From the BLAZE Safety Office, thank you to each and every member of the BLAZE Team. Last year ended as one of the safest years in Air Force history, and this year is sizing up even better. This is not due to the Wing Safety office, or any safety campaigns promoted. This is due to the actions and attitudes of every one of you! The BLAZE Team has truly embraced our Safety motto, "BLAZE Safety: Not a Program...an Attitude!"

The Critical Days of Summer are about to begin and we need to maintain this high level of safety awareness. As the safety team looked at how to best promote safety during this period, it was determined the BLAZE Team did not need any adjustments...we are on the correct track. Instead, let's just continue to focus on safety the way we have for the past year. In order to do this, let's clarify where safety fits on this base and how it is viewed.

Top Dead Center is a mechanical term relating to the position of the number one piston in an engine. More specifically, it is the critical point from which engine adjustments are made. As any weekend mechanic knows, finding TDC is critical to tuning an engine, and can be a bit tricky to find. TDC is also the point in which a piston must rely on the previously stored energy to continue movement. For a clear visualization, bicycle cranks have dead centers at 12 and 6 o'clock where a simple pushing down of the pedal will not turn the sprocket. Momentum is used to pass this point when the bike is in motion.

How does this relate to safety? The BLAZE Team has found Top Dead Center for Columbus AFB...it is safety. All adjustments to our mission, whether on or off duty, should be made in reference to safety...or more clearly, with 'Safety: Top Dead Center.' When you are performing your duties or just cutting your lawn at home, safety should be the overarching factor in your mind, propelling you with the safety momentum created on our base and in our team. This is encapsulated in the concept of placing "Safety: Top Dead Center." To demonstrate this concept, and to provide a reminder to us all, every computer monitor on Columbus AFB should have a safety sticker located at Top Dead Center of your monitor.

Together, let's ensure the safety of our base, our mission, and our team by continuing to keep "Safety Top Dead Center." As always, if you see any way to operate or live safer, let us know at 434-SAFE.

We All Can Play a Part in strengthening Families

April Is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

14th Medical Operations Squadron

In 2007, U.S. child protective service agencies investigated 3.2 million reports of abuse and neglect. In that same year, 1,760 children, ages 0 to 17, died from abuse and neglect. In an effort to prevent child abuse and neglect, we must remember the positive influence each of us can have by being supportive and encouraging to families in our communities.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Columbus Family Advocacy Program (FAP) encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Columbus Air Force Base and the surrounding community a better place for families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening families and communities.

Research shows that five important factors are present in healthy families. Promoting these factors is among the most effective ways to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. These protective factors are:

* Nurturing and attachment: When parents and children have strong, warm feelings for one another, children develop trust that their parents will provide what they need to thrive, including love, acceptance, positive guidance and protection.

* Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development: Parents who understand how children grow and develop can provide an environment where children can live up to their potential.

Discipline is more effective when parents know how to set and enforce limits and encourage appropriate behaviors based on the child's age and level of development. Parents can benefit from mentoring, coaching and advice from another parent who has successfully parented their child through difficult stages.

* Parental resilience: Resilience is the ability to handle everyday stressors and recover from occasional crises. Parents who are emotionally resilient maintain a positive attitude, creatively solve problems, effectively address challenges, and are less likely to direct their anger and frustration at their children. Additionally, these parents are aware of their challenges and are willing to accept help and/or counseling when needed.

* Social connections: Social isolation and perceived lack of support have been linked to child maltreatment. Trusted and caring friends can provide needed emotional support to parents who are facing the daily challenges of raising a family. Supportive adults can model alternative parenting styles and serve as a resource when parents need help.

* Concrete supports for parents: Factors beyond the parent-child relationship also contribute to a family's wellbeing. Basic resources like food, shelter, clothing, transportation, healthcare and childcare are essential. Families may also need supportive counseling to improve parenting or marital skills. Your local FAP offers Family Advocacy Strength-Based Therapy (FAST) to help parents and spouses improve their family relationships through counseling that is individualized to a fami-

ly's particular needs. "April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children," said Traci Aldridge, Family Advocacy Intervention Specialist. "Everyone's participation is critical. Focusing on ways to promote the five protective factors, in every interaction with families, is the best thing our community can do to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect, which in turn enhances mission readiness."

To help raise awareness about the importance of child abuse and neglect prevention, the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is providing reading materials and information centers at various locations around Columbus Air Force Base throughout April. The FAP also has a good selection of books, videos and CDs on parenting techniques that are available for lending.

In support of these efforts, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, its Child Welfare Information Gateway, and the FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention have created Strengthening Families and Communities: 2010 Resource Guide. The guide, designed for service providers who work throughout the community to strengthen families, is available online at www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/res_guide_2010.

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities during the month of April and throughout the year or to report suspected abuse, contact the Family Advocacy Program at 434-2197.

Park It If You Pour.

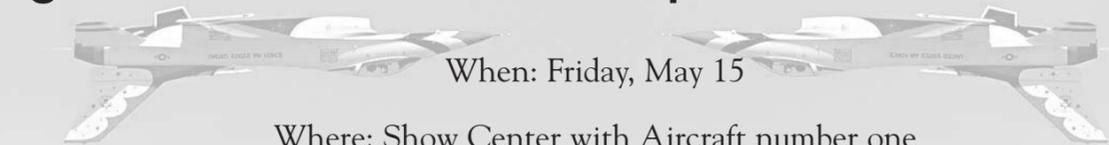


Even a little alcohol can affect your judgment, balance and coordination. The fact is, almost half of the riders who die in solo motorcycle crashes have been drinking. Play it safe. Don't start drinking until you've finished riding.



Last week: American Presidents

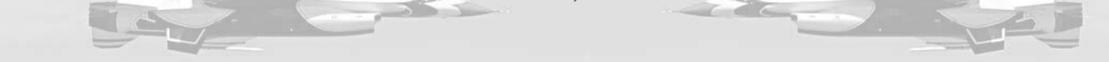
Eligible to re-enlist? If so, re-up with the Thunderbirds!



When: Friday, May 15

Where: Show Center with Aircraft number one

For more information contact Master Sgt. Brian Bailey, Columbus AFB Career Assistance Advisor, 434-7004.



BLAZE Team congratulates newest promotees at promotion party



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin

Tina Franklin and Lois Brabson "pin on" their husband's new ranks at the lieutenant colonel and colonel promotion party April 9 at the Columbus Club. Lt. Col. Andrew Brabson, 41st Flying Training Squadron commander, and Maj. Benjamin Franklin, 14th Medical Operations Squadron optometrist were both selected for promotion to their next rank, colonel and lieutenant colonel, respectively.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 72 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



PRAYER

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Colonel Page coined the young man but said "I wanted to give him something more than a coin as he went off to war." So, the chaplain handed the young man his bible and asked if he would read a passage from the book of Psalms with him. The passage was about God watching over him and protecting him.

The colonel then told the story of how he as a young man was inducted into the Boy Scout's Order of the Arrow, whose induction ceremony is based on a Cherokee rite of passage. In the right of passage, young Cherokee

would be taken into the woods and left alone through the night. Colonel Page said the young man would be left with the sounds of the wild and be afraid, but come sunrise, they would see their fathers had been by their sides all day.

Colonel Page then said he sometimes wondered what it would be like had those young men had night vision goggles and been able to see their fathers. He said they would probably not have been afraid.

"Faith is like night vision goggles," Colonel Page said. "Everybody needs help at sometime, whether you're a base commander or a one-striper, everyone needs help."

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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

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

Cancer survivor to compete in Warrior Games

Bekah Clark

375th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — It's been two years and three months since Senior Master Sgt. Michael Sanders overcame an aggressive form of cancer.

Despite undergoing extensive treatment and recovery efforts, Sergeant Sanders has made sure to keep fitness a part of his lifestyle, achieving perfect scores on physical training tests, running races, and participating in fitness programs since his recovery began in January 2008, earning him not only one, but two distinct honors.

On March 26, Sergeant Sanders, Air Force Network Integration Center, was selected as one of only 20 athletes who will represent the Air Force at the Department of Defense's first-ever Warrior Games May 10 through 14 in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was also named Scott Air Force Base Athlete of the Year.

Sergeant Sanders initially applied to be a coach for the Warrior Games, a sports competition hosted by the U.S. Olympic Committee, for wounded, ill or injured warriors, but was chosen as an athlete instead. He'll compete in the 1,500-meter run event and may also compete in the Ultimate Warrior Challenge, an event made up of a 50-meter swim, a

100-meter sprint and 1500-meter run, as well as shooting an air rifle and throwing shot put.

"It's a great opportunity for wounded, ill or injured Airmen to come out and compete in events that many had great skill in before, as well as inspire and encourage other people and show that you can overcome challenges," Sergeant Sanders said.

"It is extremely humbling to know of all the athletes on the base that God has bestowed this honor on me," the sergeant said. "He has allowed me to work with so many people when it comes to fitness that I am forever grateful. There are so many people who are a part of this award especially at the (618th Tanker Airlift Control Center), and around the world, who helped motivate and encourage me to get back out there. I hope my journey encourages others as well."

His faith and setting goals have allowed him to persevere in his post-cancer physical conditioning, Sergeant Sanders said.

"It was difficult to be on the couch or on the bed every day, with the tons of emotions you go through, wondering if you're going to live or not, so you try to set sights out," he said. "At first, they're little goals because the first step is to get out and run just a little bit and then run a little bit more. For someone who was used to running 30 to 45 miles per week, and starting back at a quarter-mile run, I thought I

was never going to get back to where I was, but God's grace is abundant, and I'm grateful that He still allows me to take part in that passion that I had."

Sergeant Sanders also gave credit to his help on the ground, his fitness wingmen, for his success.

"Having wingmen who are into fitness and will rally around and coach you along and motivate you helps tremendously," he said.

His attitude and willingness to share his story contributes to his success as well.

"Mike has an outstanding sense of humor and can often be found smiling," said Bernie Honsberger, Sergeant Sanders' supervisor. "He never misses an opportunity to pass on life's lessons he has learned by telling his story to high school students, teenagers in trouble, and adults alike."

Sergeant Sanders has been running for more than 30 years and cycles as well. His current fitness routine includes working out four to five times a week with his co-workers as well as on his own, and incorporates running and strength training. Sergeant Sanders' next immediate goal is to give his best in the Warrior Games, and maybe another half marathon this fall.

Despite the challenges, "it doesn't matter how tough it is, because it's a blessing to still be alive," he said.

NCO/SNCO vs Airmen Softball Game

Airman 1st Class Elena Stoffle

14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate's Office

You are invited to the First Annual 2010 Airman vs NCO/SNCO Softball Game on April 16. The Airman's Activity Council, BLAZE 56, and Top 3 are hosting this fun and free event.

Come out and support you fellow BLAZE members as the Experienced SNCO/NCOs take on the Energetic Airmen. This is a free event, so if you would like to come and watch or play with us, there is no cost to borrow equipment or to be a spectator.

If you would like to play, Airmen can contact Airman 1st Class Ashley Chatman at 434-1669, NCOs can contact Tech. Sgt. Amy Pringle at 434-1649, and SNCOs can contact Tech. Sgt. Chin Keomanila at 434-2141. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to play.

And we won't be discouraged if the weather lets us down, the game will be moved to the gym for an intense volleyball game. The game will be held on April 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Freedom Park located in Field 2, it the perfect way to start baseball season.

Long Range Events

May 3-8: Night Flying Week
May 6: National Day of Prayer
May 7: Class 10-09 Assignment Night
May 11: IFF Grad

May 11: OSC Social
May 13: Asian Pacific American Heritage Food Tasting
May 13: Class 11-02 Track Select
May 14: OG Career Day
May 14: Fun Run
May 15-16: Air Show

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
19	20 Newcomers Briefing, AFRC	21	22 Earth Day Quarterly Awards Luncheon; 11:30 @ Club	23 Class 11-01 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club	24/25 24: Daedalions Golf Tournament
26	27	28	29 Enlisted Promotions, 4 p.m. @ Club	30 Class 10-08 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	1/2 May 1/2: Autocross