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Dyess presented humanitarian award

By Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson and 1st Lt. Ben Gamble
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess' Family Support Center was recently presented with a humanitarian award from by an organization that knows something about humanitarian work.

The American Red Cross, a worldwide leader in the field, presented the award to representatives from the FSC in a ceremony downtown last week.

"We wanted to recognize the individuals working in the Dyess Family Support Center for all the help they provide to servicemembers and their families and the ARC," said Aaron Vennoy, a local ARC representative. "The Red Cross is a communication device for military members and their families and the family support center does a tremendous job of assisting us."

To be presented with the award by one of the premiere

humanitarian organizations in the world was not lost on the men and women who work in the family support center.

"The Red Cross is steeped in humanitarian efforts. It is a great honor just to be mentioned in that circle," said Ed Holleyfield, Dyess Family Support Center director

Among the ways the family support center assisted the Red Cross was when several Dyess members had a fire in their home last month and lost many of their belongings.

"The family support center worked real closely with us in that instance to help raise money for those individuals to pay bills and rent at another place and to secure uniforms for them so they could go to work," Vennoy said.

Some of the way the family support center supports deploying Dyess members and their families is by conducting family members deployment briefings to all deploying troops and also allowing squadrons to request family member deployment briefings to make sure spouses are aware of all services

available to them. The center also hosts reunion briefings upon squadron requests to prepare family members for when deployed troops return from deployments.

"(To win this award) is an outstanding feeling," said Tech. Sgt. Laura Maybee, Dyess Family Support Center readiness NCO. "We work hand in hand with the Red Cross, and I work with them quite frequently. It was great being able to go to the luncheon and accept the award on behalf of the entire FSC."

The center has plans in place to upgrade the existing resource library by expanding to more services, more digital cameras so families can e-mail pictures to deployed spouses and upgrading their computer stations, Sergeant Maybee said.

"We are proud to be work with such a dedicated organization on a regular basis," Vennoy said. "We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Dyess Family Support Center to serve Dyess members and their families."

Dyess opens new skate park

By Airman 1st Class James Kang
Dyess Public Affairs

The Dyess Youth Center is hosting the opening ceremony of the new Dyess Skate Park Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Youth Center grounds.

The event will feature two skaters from the Primal Skate Shop, a local store, performing demonstrations and teaching moves along with safety tips.

"The event is a great way to spread more awareness on base about the park and to celebrate Nickelodeon's 'Worldwide Day of Play,'" said Diane Areskog, Youth Center director. "We will be celebrating the day of play with safety in mind so please bring your helmets and pads."

The skate park was officially opened to the public July 5, Areskog said. The \$47,000 skate park was built by Skatewave Modular Skatepark Systems. The

equipment cost was about \$23,000 and the service charges ran about \$24,000. According to Areskog, the service charge consisted of re-surfacing the concrete with a safety coating and patching up large cracks in the ground.

"Planning for a skate park has been in the works for years, but we could never get the support we needed to build one," Areskog said. Former 7th Bomb Wing commander, Col. Jonathan George finally gave the push that the Youth Center needed to establish the facility, Areskog said.

"Col. George, along with Dyess safety officials were concerned about kids riding in the streets and riding on make-shift items," said Areskog. "So he was very insistent on opening the skate park for the entire base populace."

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Airman 1st Class Paul Smith, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron, performs a grind on a rail at the new skate park.

Airman 1st Class Aaron Walker

Name the base paper

Contest winner awarded free television

By Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds
Dyess Public Affairs

Beginning today and lasting until Nov. 1, a contest will be held to rename the base newspaper.

The person with the winning name submission will receive a color television.

"The name 'Peacemaker' has worked well for nearly 40 years as the name of our paper," said Col. Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander. "However, as the wing and the base has changed over the years, the name of the base newspaper should reflect those changes."

The contest is open to everyone, and is not limited to only active duty military members. To enter in the contest, participants will email newspaper name suggestions to contest@dyess.af.mil. Only submissions sent to that email address will be considered.

Name suggestions should reflect the spirit, mission, people and community of Dyess Air Force Base, and should not be limited to the current aircraft being flown at Dyess.

"The new name of Dyess's newspaper should reflect Dyess Air Force Base," Colonel Harencak said. "Whatever that might mean to someone."

Only the first submission of a particular name will be considered. For example, if two people submitted "The Dyess Weekly," as a name suggestion, only the person that emailed it first would be considered.

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Dyess honors fallen hero

By Capt. David May
Dyess Public Affairs

The Team Dyess family somberly honored one of their own Sept 24 with a memorial service for Private First Class Adam Harris at Holy Family Catholic Church in Abilene.

Pfc. Harris, who was the son of Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Bush and Denise, both of Dyess, was killed by enemy sniper fire near the town of Mosul in Iraq on Sept. 22, according to an Army casualty report.

Colonel Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and Army Staff Sgt. William Bush, Adam's cousin, spoke to the

standing-room only crowd who showed up for the memorial.

"This was a courageous and noble sacrifice by a great young American and those who love this country will never forget it," said Colonel Harencak

Scheduled to complete his deployment and return home in October, Pfc. Harris last visited his parents at Dyess in July before returning to Iraq. He turned 21 on Sept. 18.

In addition to his parents, Pfc. Harris is survived by his siblings Stephanie, Leslie and Brandon Bush, and his fiancée Kasey Harris.

The following statement was released by the Bush family:

"To all our friends at Dyess, and the entire Abilene community we extend our deepest appreciation for the overwhelming support during this difficult time. Our son Adam is our hero and he will never be forgotten."

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Auto accidents spike on base

By Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

As the end of the year approaches, Dyess is experiencing a higher than normal rate of accidents involving government owned vehicles that have cost the base more than \$10,000.

"We have had 31 damage claims involving government owned vehicles this past quarter months," said Capt. Mark Stanley, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron. "However, 30 were accidents and only one was a case of actual abuse."

In the last fiscal quarter of 2003, nine accidents were reported for the entire three-month span. Dyess GOV drivers topped that



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Dyess has experienced a heightened increase in accidents. Many of the accidents can be attributed to lack of attention to details.

number in just one month recorded accidents but then of this year, notching 15 spiked again in September accidents in July. to nine.

The numbers got better in August, with seven

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Action Line

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The Action Line provides a direct line of communication between Col. Garrett Harenca, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and the people of Dyess. People should always use their chain of command or contact the agency involved first. However, if the problem still can not be resolved, call 696-3355 or e-mail action@dyess.af.mil. Leaving your name and phone number ensures a personal reply by phone. The Peacemaker staff reserves the right to edit all Action Lines before publication. Not all Action Lines will be published.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dyess lost one of our family last week when Pfc. Adam Harris, son of Senior Master Sgt. Steve and Denise Bush, was killed in action in Iraq.

Those of us who had a chance to meet this outstanding young man know that he dearly loved his family and had a bright future ahead of him. But he chose to risk that future; a future he lost just days after his 21st birthday, to protect the future of his family, my family, your family -- all of America's families.

Thank all of you who helped the Bush family through this difficult time. I know that your support and that of our neighbors in Abilene and the Big Country were greatly appreciated. Now, Team Dyess can honor Adam's memory by doing what we do best -- delivering decisive airpower anywhere and anytime.

His sacrifice, and the sacrifice of all of our fallen brothers and sisters, must spur us on to continue our ceaseless efforts to seek out and destroy America's enemies. As always, thank you for all you do each and every day for the defense of our great nation.



Col. Garrett Harenca, 7th Bomb Wing commander

Medics support warfighters, mission

By Chief Master Sgt. Jerry Smith
7th Medical Group

The medical part of war fighting is sometimes hard to explain. What some consider war fighting (bombs, jets and blowing things up) have nothing to do with the medical side.

I have been a medic for about 27 years and don't consider myself a warfighter. I do consider fellow medics and myself as essential supporters of the war fighting machine.

We know that effective war fighting is the end result of a long extensive planning process that involves numerous aspects of

several different military arenas including medical.

Almost everything medical people do directly supports the warfighter and the war fighting mission. We also take care of the war fighters' family and people who have served their time and retired. By taking care of their family members, we help to reassure deployed troops so they can keep their minds on military duties instead of sick families at home. We are definitely part of the war-fighting team that supports every medical aspect in each operation, but we don't fix the airplanes, drop the bombs, or grab guns and chase down the bad guys.

We do support what our leaders say are

the most valuable asset in the Air Force; we insure our fellow Airmen are as healthy as possible and have all the necessary preventative tools to take care of themselves. Our medical troops are also expeditionary and can deploy to anywhere the war fighting mission takes them, either as a unit or individual, to serve our forces whenever needed.

From past wars to the most recent operations, the war fighters have always needed medics to treat wounds, both physical and mental, caused during acts of war. History has shown that we affect the morale of war fighters just by being there. They know if we are close at least they have a chance if they are injured.

Medics are a small but unique fraction of the war fighting machine. Our main reason for being part of the Air Force is to ensure the war fighters are fit so they can perform their war fighting mission. This is not saying we never are in harms way.

Look around on your next deployment and odds are there will be medics in the background taking care of the team of war fighters.

In closing, I will just say, "When it comes to fighting, we leave the fixing, flying and bombing to our war fighting counterparts, and when it comes to the bleeding, stitching or bone setting, we will be there for you. I am proud to be an Air Force Medic!"

Saying goodbye with respect, dignity, pride

By Master Sgt. Robert Branham
332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

BALAD, Iraq — Somewhere in America a family member is waiting for a relative who was returning home.

He was returning early, having served his profession with pride and excellence.

We wouldn't be there to honor his arrival, but we were here to see him off with respect and dignity.

His title, and the title of thousands of his like-minded brothers and sisters, was specialist. For their profession is to defend the United States of America.

The Soldiers of his unit and the Airmen of ours stood at attention, in a cordon of desert camouflage uniforms, as six of his unit's young men stood ready to carry their brother to his place on the start of his journey home.

Just before they began their solemn march, we were ordered to present arms, and for three seconds our right arms were slowly raised to touch the corner of our eyes.

As the detail passed we held our salute, honoring our comrade in arms and the Stars and Stripes.

We held our salute until he was secured in his place of honor, then after the first sergeant's command, we slowly brought our arms to our side.

Still at attention, with eyes straight ahead, I could observe several faces with trails of tears, men and women alike, young and old. For we had lost one of our own, one who put service before self.

Next, the Army chaplain marched

between our columns to join his troop on the plane.

Only then were we released from formation, but were told we could march onto the plane for the chaplain's comments.

No one walked away.

Every member of the formation joined together, side by side, until there was no room to stand inside the plane.

The others stood respectfully just outside the plane's rear entrance, as the chaplain recited the 23rd Psalm before he said a prayer for our departing brother and for his family.

Slowly we left the plane so the specialist could begin the journey home. As I looked back into the cargo bay, I saw something I will never forget.

Members of his unit saluted the flag on their own; some touched it respectfully. One soldier leaned over and put his forehead briefly next to the stars, as if putting his forehead on his brother's forehead.

As our Air Force members slowly left the area, the Army again fell into formation. They stood at attention as the plane rolled away.

Yes, somewhere someone was waiting for this loved one's final journey home. We wish he hadn't left early. We gave him a final salute with heartfelt pride and professional excellence.

His sacrifice to duty, honor, and country demanded we offer no less. We are the profession of arms. All of us made a commitment to serve. Most of us make some sacrifice while in service.

Some make the ultimate sacrifice.

Your vote counts, is important

By Lt. Col. Robert DeStasio
1st Fighter Wing voting officer

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — It has been said before, but it bears repeating: Exercising our right to vote is the most fundamental and important responsibility we have as citizens of the United States.

Many Americans will vote in the November elections. Unfortunately, many will not.

Since 1972, less than 56 percent of voting-age eligible people actually cast their votes in federal elections. In non-presidential elections between 1972 and 1996, average voter turn out fell to less than 38 percent. Needless to say, the outcome of the highly contested presidential election of 2000 might have been different had more than 52 percent of eligible voters cast their ballots.

This year's federal elections will decide the president and vice president of the United States, more than 30 seats in the U.S. Senate and the entire House of Representatives. The people who are elected into these positions will create policies

that govern our way of life. Those who choose not to vote give up their chance to influence those policies as they are formed.

As active members of the military community, we have sworn to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic." It is what we do every day, whether we are at our home station or a deployed location. The Constitution,

with voter registration to vote, requesting absentee ballots and answering questions about the process. If a voting officer hasn't contacted you already, seek one out. The local military personnel flight can provide contact information if necessary. Also, important voting information is listed on the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.fvap.gov.

If you are one of the 48 percent of eligible Americans

who are happy to sit by and let the other 52 percent make policy that affects your life, by all means, stay at home — but

"The people who are elected... will create policies that govern our way of life. Those who choose not to vote give up their chance to influence those policies as they are formed."

Lt. Col. Robert DeStasio
1st Fighter Wing voting officer

specifically amendments XV and XIX, gives us the priceless right to vote. I find it ironic that in Afghanistan, Afghans are being murdered simply because they registered to vote. Yet, in America, the home of Afghanistan's liberators, voting has seemingly become almost an afterthought.

Our military lifestyle may complicate the voting process, but help is available to those who want it. Air Force units with more than 25 people have a voting assistance officer. Each has been trained to lend assistance

don't be surprised or disappointed if the people elected and the resulting policies aren't to your liking. Most people wouldn't let someone else take away their input in choosing a car or picking out their clothes. Why let someone else choose your leadership?

Personally, I can't fathom why so many people decide not to participate in choosing their own government. Many non-voters say, "My vote doesn't count."

In truth, the only vote that doesn't count is the one that isn't cast.



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Members of 13th Bomb Squadron reunite

By Capt. David May
Dyess Public Affairs

A joyously grim gathering of souls took place Sept. 16 through 19 when five "Reapers" of the 13th Bomb Squadron here traveled to Dayton, Ohio for their annual reunion.

Reapers from as far back as World War II were represented at the event, including the famous gunner Lucien Thomas, one of the most decorated enlisted men in Air Force history.

The event also gave the 13th an opportunity to visit the B-1 Special Projects Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and see what was in store for the future of the B-1, said Lt. Col. Karl Shawhan, 13th Bomb Squadron commander.

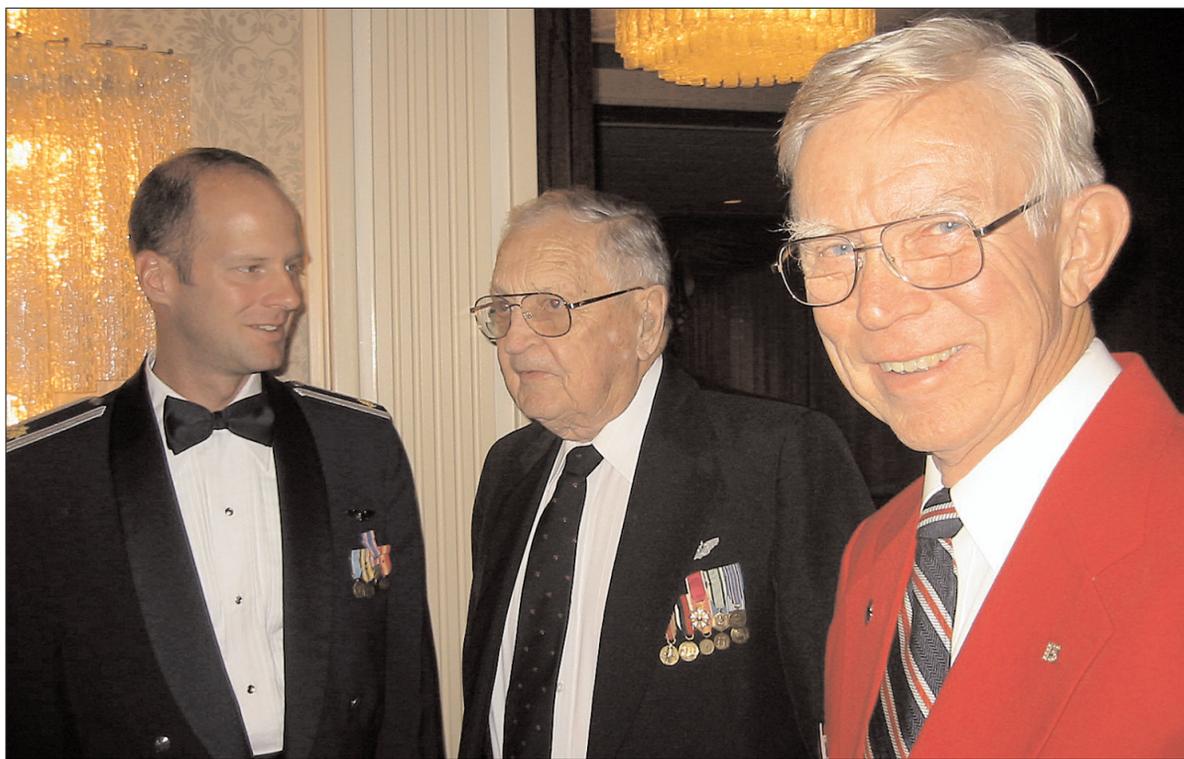
During the reunion the older members had an opportunity to take an up-close look at the B-1, the largest aircraft the Reapers have flown, said Colonel Shawhan.

"They're heartened that the squadron is alive and well," he said. "They know that as long as the squadron continues, so will their legacy."

Colonel Jeff Beene, 7th Operations Group commander, addressed the Reapers on the current state of the wing and the Air Force, and Colonel Shawhan spoke on the current state of the 13th.

Both were warmly welcomed, said Colonel Shawhan. "They treated us like rock stars," he said. "It's just great to connect with Reapers of the past. There's a unique bond between us."

(Editor's note: This is the first of four stories in a series about the history of the 13 BS.)



From Left to Right: Maj. Dave Kivioja, 436th Training Squadron director of operations, Col. Silas Molyneaux, and Col. (ret.) Brian Parker, all former 13th Bomb Squadron members, attended the "Reaper" reunion held in Dayton Ohio Sept. 16 through 19.

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"Floating" no longer an option

By Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

At the end of this month it will be impossible for Dyess consumers to "float" a check.

As of Oct. 28, a new law called "Check 21" will go into effect that mandates all checks will be cleared immediately within minutes, according to a release from the Federal Reserve. This includes nighttime, holidays and weekends.

While illegal, check "floating" occurs when a person writes a personal check exceeding the funds in their bank account on the assumption that the check will not be cashed until payday. This is most common when a payday falls directly after a weekend or holi-

day and banks normally would not be open to clear the check before then. Under this law, consumers will be more likely to bounce checks and may find themselves paying higher bank fees.

"This new law is going to be implemented AAFES-wide," said Ron Barfield, AAFES general manager at Dyess. "When the check is read through an electronic microreader, it will go through a nationwide network that will route the information directly to the member's bank to make sure the money is there. If there are insufficient funds in the individual's bank account, the purchase will be voided."

While some "floaters" may believe they can just write bad checks elsewhere in

Abilene, officials stress that option most likely will not be available.

"This new requirement is for everybody," said Lt. Col Richard Baltes, 7th Comptroller Squadron commander. "All the big corporations are already implementing. Obviously some of your smaller retailers in town may not have the equipment in place yet, but the major stores in town where people spend money will."

"If payday is Monday and (a person) writes a check on Saturday assuming it won't clear before their paycheck posts, they are wrong," Colonel Baltes said. "That check will bounce and the offending party will be charged overdraft fees and it can have severe ramifications on their career."

Honor

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We truly thank you for the many cards, flowers, food and prayers.

"To everyone who helped put together or attended Adam's memorial service, you will never know how much it meant to all his family. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts and may God bless you all."

The funeral for Pfc. Harris was held Thursday at Trinity Memorial funeral home in New Port Richey, Florida.

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Families of students using assignment deferment program

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Sixty-three Air Force families with a child who entered his or her senior year of high school this year will get to stay additional time at their current duty stations.

The High School Seniors Assignment Deferment Program allows senior master sergeants and below, and officers up through the rank of lieutenant colonel, to apply for a one-year assignment deferment. Back-to-back deferments may be possible and military-married-to-military spouses may also apply, said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

Lt. Col. Joseph Wegner applied for the program and his 17-year-old daughter, Michelle, can now graduate with her classmates.

"We figured that in 12 years, Michelle had attended six different schools, so it was important to let her finish high school at the same school," said the colonel who is the director of Air Force corrections for the Air Force Security Forces Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Colonel Wegner said he wishes the program would have been in place when his oldest daughter, Molly, was a high-school senior a few years ago. He had to leave his family

behind while he reported to a new assignment.

"I left the family in place for nine months so she could finish school," the colonel said.

Officials said the mission comes first and will be the overriding factor in granting deferments.

Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis, said Col. Jennifer Hesterman, chief of assignment programs and procedures at the personnel center.

"There's a balance between mission needs and helping our families, but our goal is to approve as many requests as possible," she said. "We'll work with people as we always have."

To be eligible, the student must be a family member of, and living with, the Airman requesting the deferment; he or she must also be enrolled in the Defense Department's dependent enrollment system, Colonel Hesterman said.

Officers may apply before they receive an assignment, but enlisted members may apply only after receiving an assignment, said Master Sgt. Letty Inabinet, superintendent of assignment procedures and programs at the center.

When Master Sgt. Brian Burton, a single parent, received an assignment to Sheppard AFB, Texas, he applied for deferment because of his 17-year-old daughter, Briana.

"She wanted to graduate with her friends," said Sergeant Burton, who is the superintendent of advanced distributed learning for Air Education and Training Command here. "Taking the assignment would have meant moving in the middle of the school year."

Sergeant Burton said the process took about five weeks from application to approval.

Application requests that cannot be supported initially by the assignment noncommissioned officer or officer will be reviewed and validated by the respective AFPC assignment division chief for that Airman's career field.

Officials estimate that annually 20 to 25 percent of officers and senior NCOs have children entering their senior year of high school, and one third of those could be eligible for assignment in any given year.

For more information or to complete an application, Airmen should contact either the military personnel flight at 696-5722 or their unit's commander's support staff.

NEWS Briefs

Second Career

A "Teaching as a Second Career Seminar" will be held Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Base Education Office for all Dyess personnel interested in becoming a teacher. Information will be provided on the new Spouses to Teachers program, as well as the Troops to Teachers program. All are welcome to attend. The seminar is located at building 7232, 425 Third Street, third floor. The operational hours for the base training and Education Services Flight Test Office will effectively change Friday. All morning test sessions will change the start time from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The afternoon test sessions start at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call the education office at 696-5544.

Air National Guard

Staff Sgt. Michelle Torres, the Dyess Air National Guard liaison, will be on base every other Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Military Personnel Flight building, room 328. She will conduct ANG Palace Chase briefings 2 p.m. Thursdays at the MPF building in room 204. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. George Miller at 696 2383.

Stars and Bars

The Peacemaker miss reported last week th location of the Stars and Bars event. The 12th Annual Stars and Bars Formal Dinner will be located at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio Oct. 8 from 6 to 10 p.m. The event will feature Maj. General Christopher Kelly, Air Mobility Warfare Center commander, and offer chicken burgundy or sliced london broil au jus for dinner. For entertainment there will be the Air Force Band of the West, "Top Flight" and "Salute to Those Deployed" multimedia presentation. The uniform for the event is mess dress and the cost is \$25. For more information, call Capt. Jennifer Hatzfeld, at 210-652-4027, or Capt. April Cantwell at 210-652-5956.

Embry-Riddle

Dyess students can register through Oct. 15 for the winter 2004 residential term at the Dyess Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University office, located in the Base Education Office, suite 318. ERAU's Winter term runs from Oct. 18 to Dec. 18, 2004. Students interested in Distance Learning courses can register on an ongoing basis. Undergraduate certificate programs and degree minors are available in all degree plans. Contact the Dyess Embry-Riddle office at 696-1785 or 692-2007 or email at dyess.center@erau.edu.

Online pay

The online pay account information system of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, myPay, is offering new enhancements and upgrades for all users.

All myPay users can now assign a restricted access personal identification number to a designated individual to view pay information; however, the designee cannot make any changes to the allotments or account information. Users also can add a personal e-mail address so they are notified of pay changes and other items of interest.

Also, active-duty Airmen can view 12 months of leave and earning statements, and start, stop and change financial allotments and savings bonds.

Some 'use or lose' carries over

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Active-duty Airmen who were unable to take leave because they supported contingency operations may be allowed to accumulate more than the normal 60 days after the fiscal year ends.

Those affected can retain up to 120 days of leave until Sept. 30, 2005, said Air Force Personnel Center officials here.

"This program is meant to enable people to take leave they've earned," said Senior Master Sgt. Don

Taylor, the center's customer support operations superintendent.

The carry-over leave must be taken in 2005 so Airmen do not lose leave next year, he said.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Contest

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After Nov. 1, the contest will be closed and name submissions will be considered by a committee who will pick the winning submission.

The winner of the contest and the new name of the paper will be announced in the Peacemaker, Dec. 3.

On Jan. 7, 2005, the paper will reflect the winning name suggestion.

Skate

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Local kids, along with some Dyess members, assisted with the equipment setup at the skate park, which took about 2 days.

"There aren't many skate parks off base, so the new addition to Dyess is great for skaters," said Airman 1st Class Paul Smith, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron, and a frequent skater at the new skate park.

Visitors at the event have the opportunity to win a new skateboard, helmets or pads, Areskog said. Refreshments and snacks will also be provided at the ceremony.

The Primal Skate Shop donated 14 skateboards to the event and the helmets and pads were donated by the Youth Center.

"The skate park is a great way for the kids to have fun skating in a safer environment," Areskog said.

For more information on the skate park, contact the Youth Center at 696-4797.



Airman 1st Class Aaron Walker

The skate park was officially opened to the public July 5. The \$47,000 skate park was built by Skatewave Modular Skatepark Systems.

Crash

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"Most of the cases were minor 'fender benders,' like running into poles, doors and other things like that," said Senior Master Sgt. Larry Woodring, 7th LRS Vehicle Maintenance manager. "Most of the accidents were preventable. It just comes down to attention-to-detail."

While GOV accidents can be fairly common at an Air Force base, these particular instances are a little more complicated from Dyess than it normally would be because of the time of year, Captain Stanley said.

"Normally when there is an accident, the person at fault unit pays out of their funds for the damage," Captain Stanley said. "However, since we've closed this fiscal year, all unit funds have been absorbed

by the Wing and that makes vehicle maintenance responsible for paying the damages until they can claim the money on a voucher when the new fiscal year begins."

While \$10,000 is not an unbearably high cost for the number of recent accidents, the money could have been used to help accomplish the Dyess mission instead of fixing vehicles, Captain Stanley said. The nine September accidents cost the vehicle maintenance flight \$6,500.

"When an accident happens, we try to take care of (the repairs) here locally at Dyess," Sergeant Woodring said. "However, sometimes depending on our workload, we have to contract the work downtown. That can get expensive so we try and do as much as we can here."

"We are continuing to stress the importance of operator care and operational safety with our \$28 million worth of taxpayer's assets to our base drivers," Captain Stanley said.



Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds

TEAM DYESS Warrior of the Week Staff Sgt. Gary Landenberger

Unit: 7th Mission Support Group

Job title: Information manager

Job description: I perform, supervise and manage a variety of communications and information tasks for the 7th MSG, including workgroup management, staff support, and administrative communication.

Time in the Air Force: Nine years, nine months

Time at Dyess: Three years, two months

Hometown: Cisco, Texas

Family: Wife, Ann; daughters, Ariel and Alexa.

Career goal: To retire after 20 years and win the Texas lottery.

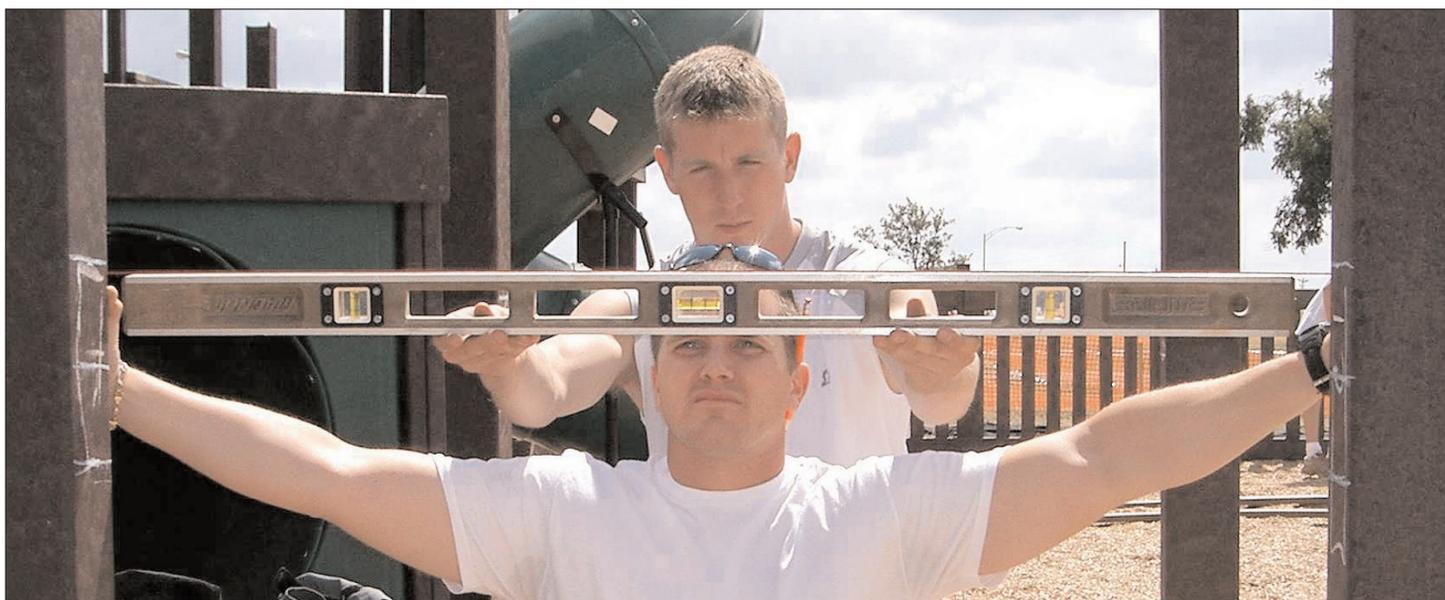
Most rewarding job aspect: Working with the 7th MSG staff.

Favorite thing about Dyess: The new fitness center.

Favorite thing about the Air Force: My favorite thing about the Air Force is that it's family oriented.

Favorite Air Force memory: Being stationed in Germany as a cable and antenna special maintenance team member climbing microwave towers up to 800 feet tall.

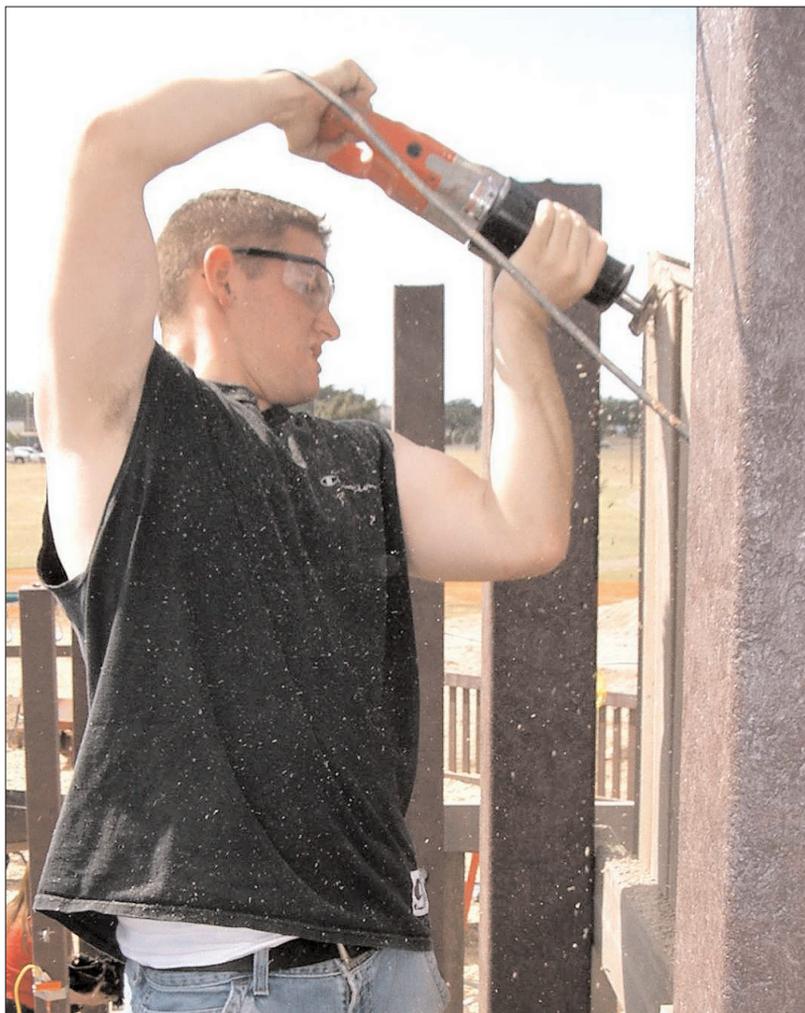
(Editor's note: The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors on a rotating squadron basis.)



Airman Kevin Hindal and Airman 1st Class Roger Richardson, 317th Maintenance Squadron, use a level to make sure two playground posts are balanced. Dyess volunteers, organized by the Dyess We Care Team, showed up in force over the weekend.

We Care stats
 Total volunteers: 280
 (20 percent of the total volunteers)
 Total volunteer hours: 1,232.

FORT IMAGINATION



Above: Airman Doug Brower, 28th Bomb Squadron, uses a sander to smooth out rough edges on fencing at the Fort Imagination playground. Right: Airmen 1st Class Gregory Talley, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Eric Albaran, 317th AMXS, hang a sign for the playground. Dyess volunteers accounted for more than 20 percent of the total number of volunteers for the project.

Staff Sgt. Veronica Rios, 7th Medical Operations Squadron, drills a section of wall during the volunteer effort this weekend. More than 280 Dyess volunteers showed up over the week-long project and broke the We Care Team's single event record of 97 people on single day when more than 100 showed up to help.



By 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Campanile
 Dyess Public Affairs

The Dyess We Care Team broke its volunteer attendance record on a single project when over 100 volunteers showed up this weekend to help complete Fort Imagination in time for its official opening Sunday.

One hundred, three volunteers from the Dyess We Care Team supported the weekend project on Saturday and an additional 47 helped on Sunday.

"It's a pretty big accomplishment," said Tech. Sgt. Gordon Storey, Military Equal Opportunity Advisor.

"The Dyess We Care Team represented 20 percent of the volunteers," he said. "But we made up a very large portion of the skilled volunteer help."

In addition, the 20 percent does not include volunteers who may have signed up as belonging to "Dyess AFB" instead of the Dyess We Care Team, said Sergeant Storey.

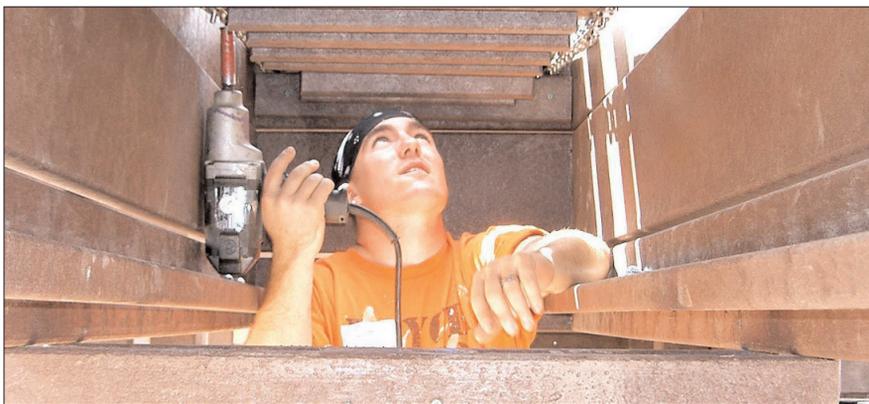
According to Sergeant Storey, in the past two years, the We Care Team has drastically expanded. This has created the need for the

Dyess We Care Team committee, not only to recognize outstanding volunteers, but also to reach out for more leadership.

"We didn't expect for it to explode like it did. We thought we might paint a house or two a month," he said. "Then all of a sudden, last September we had 10 projects going on all at once."

The Dyess We Care Team committee is currently seeking more team leaders and another program director. The projects team leaders become involved with not only cater to learning community skills and earning service hours, but also provide an important mentoring aspect, said Sergeant Storey.

"A lot of times we can take these young people, which in a lot of cases are the Airmen, and build their communication skills and their leadership skills -- basically all the things they're going to need as NCO's and in supervisory [positions]," he said. "Dyess personnel [who volunteer] get an opportunity to start honing those skills -- the teamwork, the esprit de corps--all those things that we look for in the military organization as they help the community."



Airman 1st Class Dominic Palmer, 7th AMXS, assembles playground equipment Sept. 26. We Care Team volunteers applied their on-the-job knowledge, technical skills and supplied the majority of the skilled labor for the project.



We Care Team awards

Volunteer of the Year Award -- Senior Airman Richard Romano, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Outstanding Volunteer Award
 Senior Airman Carroll Watkins, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Airman 1st Class James Yerger, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron
 Airman 1st Class Brody Martin, 7th Comptroller Squadron

Community Briefs

Football Frenzy

The Hangar Center hosts "Football Frenzy" National Football League kick off Sundays at 12 p.m. and Mondays at 8 p.m. at the Hangar Lounge. Doors open 30 minutes prior to game time. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. For more information, call Willie Cooper at 696-4305.

Wrestling Pay-Per-View

The Hangar Center will broadcast World Wrestling Entertainment's "No Mercy," Sunday at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. and cost is \$5 per person. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. For more information, call Willie Cooper at 696-4305.

Blazin' in the Park

The annual bonfire is being held Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. in the Dyess picnic area located by the clinic. Music, food and other activities will be provided at the event. For more information, call at 696-4305.

Membership drive begins today

The annual Air Force Club Membership Drive is underway and will run through Nov. 30. The unit with the largest percentage increase of members has a chance to earn up to \$300 in club credit. Register your squadron or group to participate and earn club credits for future events. For more information, call 696-2405.

Outdoor recreation

- Fall and winter hours go into effect Oct. 1 until March 31. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Wednesday, Sundays and holidays.
 - Oct. 30 Sky Diving -- Outdoor recreation is taking sign ups now for a sky diving trip on Oct. 30. The cost is \$200 which includes transportation, a professional jump instructor, the jump from 10,000 feet and a commemorative video of the actual jump.
- For more information on these and other activities at outdoor recreation, call 696-2402.

Information, Tickets and Travel

- The ITT office has Dallas Cowboy tickets for \$39.
 - Trip to Octoberfest in Fredericksburg, Texas, Saturday. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$10 for children. A bus will leave the Hangar Center at 6 a.m. and will return around 11 p.m.
- For more information on these and other activities available through ITT, call 696-5207.

Youth program

Space is still available for the before and after school program for Dyess youth. For more information, stop by 231 Texas Drive or call 696-4797.

Retirees lunch special

The Heritage Club offers a retirees special luncheon every second Wednesday of the month.

Country and western dance classes

Country and western dance classes will be offered every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hangar Center Ballroom. The cost is \$55 for couples and \$35 for singles. Students will learn how to country and western dance, as well as the 2-step, Cha Cha, beginning waltz and more. For more information or to register, call 696-2405.

Music workshop

A music workshop will be held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 1741 Sayles Blvd. The workshop will run from Tuesday through Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

- A Gospel music concert to end the workshop is held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 1741 Sayles Blvd., Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.

Muster challenge

The 2nd Annual Muster Challenge is Oct. 8 at 11:30 a.m. behind the youth center. The muster challenge is an obstacle course in which participants compete while wearing firefighting gear. To enter in the challenge, a four person team, with at least one female or a male wearing a dress, is required. To register for the challenge email your team roster to christopher.cocke@dyess.af.mil by Saturday.

Defensive driving

A defensive driving class is held at the community center Monday and Tuesday at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per person. For more information, call the community center at 696-4306.



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Operation Clean Sweep

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Hinds, 7th Communication Squadron, loads the back of a truck parked outside 7th CS building Wednesday.

The BIG Screen

The Dyess Theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card and may sponsor guests. Admission for adults is \$2, children 6-12 years old are 99 cents, and children ages 6 and younger are admitted free. G-rated movies are 99 cents for kids ages 2-12. For more information, call 696-4320.

Friday at 7 p.m.

Alien vs. Predator -- Sanaa Lathan, Raoul Bova -- A group of scientists and adventurers discover an ancient pyramid in Antarctica. Soon, they're caught in a ritual battle where young predators face-off against aliens as a right of passage into manhood.

PG-13 (violence, language, horror images, slime and gore)

Saturday at 2 p.m.

Without a Paddle -- Matthew Lillard, Seth Green, Dax Shepard -- Three lifelong friends find themselves on a canoe trip in search of a treasure, but must face a dangerous river and more than a few whacked-out mountain men before claiming it.

PG-13 (drug content, sexual material, language, crude humor and some violence)

Saturday at 7 p.m.

Open Water -- Daniel Travis, Blanchard Ryan -- A young couple, board a local dive boat for an underwater tour of a reef, when they are accidentally left behind. Cold, alone and miles from land, the couple tries to stay afloat in shark-infested waters.

R (language and some nudity)

Sunday at 2 p.m.

Alien vs. Predator

Coming Attractions

- Oct. 8, 7 p.m. -- Exorcist: The Beginning
- Oct. 8, 2 p.m. -- Exorcist: The Beginning
- Oct. 9, 7 p.m. -- Suspect Zero
- Oct. 10, 2 p.m. -- Super Babies: Baby Geniuses

Dyess Chapel

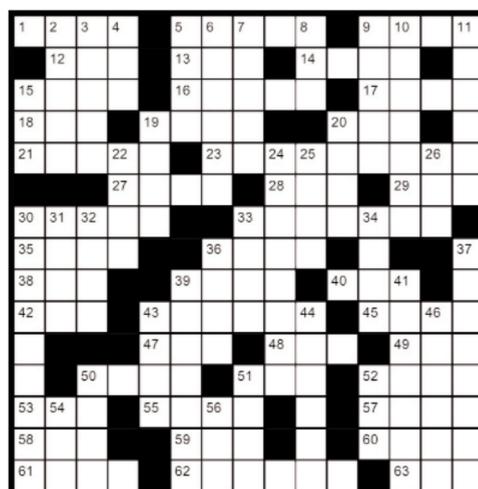
Catholic worship schedule:

- Saturday: Reconciliation — 4:15 p.m.
Mass — 5 p.m.
- Sunday: Mass — 9 a.m.
Sunday school — 11 a.m. at Dyess Elementary.
- Tuesday - Friday: Mass — 11:30 a.m.

Protestant worship schedule:

- Sunday: Sunday school — 9:15 a.m. at Dyess Elementary.
Worship service — 11 a.m. Sunday.
Gospel service — 1 p.m.

A nursery and children's church are available at all services. For information on Jewish and other services, call the chapel at 696-4224.



- 62. Abided by
- 63. ___ Francisco, CA

DOWN

- 2. Run off, as in marriage
- 3. Definitive "no!"
- 4. Dined
- 5. Safety org.
- 6. Mexican-American leader who started United Farm Workers of America
- 7. Greek underworld
- 8. Auger
- 9. Popular form of Latin-American dance music
- 10. Forever
- 11. Cuban American playwright who has won 6 Obie Awards
- 15. Feline
- 19. German mister
- 20. Infections
- 22. Racket
- 24. First Puerto Rican baseball player to be named MVP
- 25. Aboriginal of Japan
- 26. Mil. acronym for temporary assignment
- 30. First Costa Rican-American to become astronaut
- 31. Noted Cuban-American composer and conductor Tania ___
- 32. Fashion magazine
- 33. British title for a woman
- 34. British title for a man
- 36. Golf shout
- 37. First Cuban-American woman elected to Congress; Ros-___
- 39. First Puerto Rican and woman to become US Surgeon General
- 41. Cuban-American ballet dancer to be first American to win Gold Medal
- 43. Earned
- 44. Connected, as in Internet
- 46. Spanish lady
- 50. Org. concerned with individual rights
- 51. Relieve
- 52. ___ o'shanter; type of hat
- 54. Bullring cheer
- 56. Cry

Hispanic heritage

- 29. Promotions
- 30. Acquit
- 33. Massed closely together
- 35. Bridge
- 36. Florida school, in short
- 38. Internet provider
- 39. Alaska city
- 40. Sphere
- 42. Compass dir.
- 43. Puerto Rican actress is 1 of only 2 to win Tony, Grammy, Emmy, Oscar
- 45. Luxuriant
- 47. Alt. to street
- 48. Explosive
- 49. Type of plane
- 50. Assistant
- 51. Snakelike fish
- 52. Singer Braxton
- 53. Org. that governs Olympic Games
- 55. Italian-born fashion designer Schiaparelli
- 57. Soon
- 58. Everything
- 59. ___ Alamos, NM
- 60. Nothing more than
- 61. Supreme Greek god

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Caption Contest

This week's photo (No. 27)

The rules:

1. Write a creative, printable caption for this week's photo.
2. Email your entry by close of business Monday to peacemaker@dyess.af.mil. Entries are limited to three per photo.
3. Entries must include the photo number and your name with your duty phone number.
4. Contest winners are announced weekly.
5. All entries become the property of *The Peacemaker*.



"Bob the Bubble Boy gets ready for his big date."

The winner of the caption contest for the Sept. 24 issue of *The Peacemaker* is Patrick Clancy, 317th Operations Support Squadron.





Standings —

Soccer

American League
(Current as of Sept. 28)

Team	Win-Loss
7 AMXS	10-0
7 LRS	8-2
7 CES	7-3
39/40 AS	6-4
7 CMS	6-4
9/13/28 BS	4-5
7 EMS	4-5
7 MUNS	3-7
7 SFS	3-7
7 CS	2-8



Bowling

National
(Week 4)

Team	Win-Loss
7 AMXS #2	25-7
Splitzkreig 317	24-8
7 EMS	20-12
7 SVS	18-14
7 LRS	16-16
7 CS	14-18
Beer Time	13-19
7 MOS	10-22

Team High Scratch Game: 7 MOS, 863
 Team High Scratch Series: Splitzkreig 317, 2641
 Individual High Scratch Game: Timothy Watson, 259; Mary Thompson, 173
 Individual High Scratch Series: Frank Dawson, 681; Stephanie Kraly, 557

Photos by Airman 1st Class Aaron Walker

Still undefeated

The 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron defeated the combined 39th and 40th Airlift Squadron team, 3-1, during intermural soccer playoffs Monday.



Sports Shorts

Health and Wellness Center

The HAWC offers a variety of learning tools to assist with healthy lifestyle choices. There are several interventions related to the Air Force Fitness Program but there are several programs to assist with fitness that have been created for the family member. A strength training class held once a month demonstrates proper weight training with hands-on demonstration. During the fitness assessment a microfit testing procedure introduces a series of tests to determine overall fitness level and includes body composition, strength, flexibility and aerobic capacity. Finally, the General Nutrition/Exercise class offered once a month focuses on the basics of fitness and nutrition. Additional classes are available and three, state of the art, relaxation chairs with music CD's are available for rent. Additional offerings include:

- ◆ Cholesterol Class -- Once a month, one-hour class that addresses the dangers of high cholesterol on the heart and identifies lifestyle changes that can decrease cholesterol levels
- ◆ Diabetes Education -- Once a month, four hour class that looks at the disease process for diabetes along with practical ways to take control of the disease and decrease complications
- ◆ The Balancing Act -- Twice a month, one hour class that looks at balancing the stressors of work and home
- ◆ Tobacco Cessation -- Call center program through the American Lung Association that includes weekly calls to a nicotine addiction specialist. Program also

includes nicotine replacement therapy and Zyban if eligible. To enroll in the program, call 1-800-548-8252

- ◆ Individual Counseling -- Counseling focuses on exercise, nutrition, stress management
- ◆ Health Promotion Literature on various topics

Fitness center, health club

- ◆ The hours of operation for the new fitness center are Monday through Friday 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ◆ The fitness center pool is for lap swimming or physical fitness. Minimum age to use the pool is 16. Normal hours of pool operation, are Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday the pool is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m.
- ◆ The following classes are all free and held at the new fitness center: Abs -- Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m.; Fitness improvement -- Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:05 to 7:05 a.m., and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Step Interval - Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Spinning - Wednesday from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.; Power Yoga -- Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Hour of Resistance -- Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Water Aerobics -- Monday and Wednesday from 9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 9 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.
- ◆ Massages are available at the new fitness center. There are four choices of massages offered: full body for \$35 for one hour, \$17.50 for 30 minutes, \$12 for 15 minutes and chair massage \$25 for 20 minutes. Purchase massages at

the fitness center and bring the receipt to the appointment. For an appointment, call 672-6565.

- ◆ Kuk Sool Won Tae Kwon Do classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the health club. The cost is \$35 a month. Family rates are available.

For more information on these and other happenings at the fitness center, call 696-4140.

Sand volleyball

The sand volleyball court at The Hangar Center is open every day from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. for open play. There is no cost to use the court. Teams can enter a weekly tournament every Friday starting at 5 p.m. For more information, call 696-4305.

Mesquite Grove

- ◆ Airmen will pay half price for green fees on Oct. 17.
 - ◆ Ladies golf day is at 9 a.m. every Friday. The cost is \$12 and includes nine holes of golf with cart and a 15-minute tip from the pro. Signups are required 24 hours in advance.
 - ◆ There is a nine-hole scramble every Wednesday night with a 6 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$5.
 - ◆ Putters on the Run offers delivery service on selected menu items Thursdays through Sundays from 5 to 8:30 p.m. The last delivery call must be made 30 minutes prior to closing. Orders of \$7 or more receive free delivery. Orders less than \$7 will have an additional 50-cent charge. Buffalo wings have also been added to the menu.
- For more information on these and other happenings at The Mesquite Grove Golf Course, call 696-4384.