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317th wins AF award

By Senior Airman
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Dyess Public Affairs

The 317th Airlift Group maintenance family took home top honors in the Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award competition for 2002.

The 317th Maintenance Squadron won in the maintenance squadron category and the former 40th Airlift Squadron maintenance section won in the aircraft maintenance medium category.

Since the nomination packages were submitted, the maintenance portion of the 317th AG changed under the wing reorganization in October 2002. Now, all airlift maintainers fall under the 317th MXS or the 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"I knew the 317th AG maintenance family was deserving of recognition, but with all the tough competition I wasn't really sure we could win at Air Force-level," said Maj. Jack Cooley, 317th AMXS commander. "Hearing we won was a pleasant shock, knowing that the Air Force leadership viewed our unit's accomplishments in the same light that we do."

Since October 2001, the 317th



Airman Shawn Baldauf

A 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron member performs phase maintenance on a C-130. The 317th Airlift Group maintenance community was named the Air Force's best in the Maintenance Effectiveness competition for 2002.

MXS has been exceptionally busy beginning with the implementation of the unit's reliability and maintainability program. The program brings together the lead technicians from all maintenance specialties, the maintenance operations center, debrief, quality assurance and standardization-evaluation to scrutinize the top 10 pilot-reported discrepancies, Cooley said.

"The team achieved immediate

results by revamping the entire debrief process," the former 317th MXS commander added. "Propeller fluctuations, for example, were reduced by 75 percent and eliminated from the top 10."

The 15th Air Force Readiness Assistance visit inspection team recognized the program as a "benchmark" for Air Mobility Command.

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Wing manpower earns ACC honors in 2002 competition

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

The Dyess Manpower office was recently awarded the Air Combat Command Manpower and Organization Award for Professional Excellence in the small office category.

"(The Dyess office) is the best manpower office I've witnessed in my career!" said Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin, former 7th Bomb Wing commander, as he submitted the packet for consideration last year. "They show outstanding stewardship of the wing's manpower resources."

"We were ecstatic when we found out we had won the award," said John Ruzinsky, manpower chief. "The impact of winning this award is we can see the results of all of our long hours and hard work."

"More importantly, it is a testimony that we are doing our best in support of the overall wing mission."

The office is the wing commander's representative to ensure the defense and retention of critical manpower resources.

"It is extremely important for our commanders to have an efficient and high-caliber office because it ensures each unit commander has the right amount of manpower resources to accomplish the unit mission," Ruzinsky said.

The many accomplishments of the manpower office include working to implement the implementation of the Air Force B-1 consolidation project, which involved the manpower office ensuring the right amount of operations and maintenance manpower resources were provided to Dyess, Ruzinsky said.

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Eyes in the air

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Michel
55th Wing historian

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. -- One hundred years has brought aviation to a place its early pioneers may have never dreamed of. The earliest pioneers, though, were born centuries before the Wright brothers built their first bicycle.

According to legend, the Chinese were the first to use aerial reconnaissance, sending men aloft in kites sometime before the year 1,000 A.D. The French used observation balloons in the 18th century. The United States logged its first airtime in balloons for reconnaissance in the Civil War, birthing the now-proud tradition of military aviation.

The United States first used the airplane in combat during the Mexican Punitive Expedition in 1916. Although the airplanes were underpowered and forced to withdraw from service in Mexico, this failure was responsible for increased funding to the fledgling Signal Corps and the development of new aircraft. The expanding corps would be needed in the skies of Europe less than two years later.

World War I showed advancements in the design and durability of aircraft, but the primary mission remained reconnaissance. Military leaders eventually realized that aviation was valuable for combat and

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55th Wing historian

transportation missions, but reconnaissance remained a very important part of aviation over the battlefield. The evolution from the simple biplane and handheld camera to current systems such as the U-2 Dragonlady, RC-135 Rivet Joint and satellites has led to some of the most important tools in the U.S. military.

The invention of the airplane changed history. Aviation redefined the way wars are fought, revolutionized travel and commerce, fueled technological changes and helped to shape a world where a nation survives on its scientific and technological prowess. Early military flight's original mission of reconnaissance continues to provide the platform on which current and future missions will succeed.

(Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)



Let me pass along a couple of dates for your calendars to the spouses of our deployed personnel. First, make plans now to attend a "town meeting" for deployed spouses, the evening of April 17. The itinerary will come together over the next week, but our plans are to talk about issues affecting families of our deployed members and give you access to base service agencies to help answer your questions. If you have issues you would like discussed, please pass your requests to the Family Support Center. Stay tuned to next week's paper for the exact time and location.

The second date to write down is April 26. This is the date of the "World's Largest Barbecue." Please mark this date on your calendar and be the guests of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce for all you can eat barbecue in honor of the contributions our military members and their families make to the community. Join us at the civic center for either the lunch or dinner seating-bring the kids. The Chamber has made a special point of asking our deployed spouses to join them for this Abilene tradition. Tickets are available through unit first sergeants, but your ID card will get you in.



Col. Jonathan George
7th Bomb Wing commander

The action line provides a direct line of communication between me and the people of Dyess. It is only one of several means of helping resolve problems and get my response to comments and questions. As a general rule, I ask you to contact the agency involved first, but if you are not satisfied, call 6-3355 or e-mail action@dyess.af.mil and leave your message. Leaving your name and phone number ensures you will receive a personal reply by phone.

Variety is the spice of life?

Comment: Can something be done about the variety of menus offered at the eating establishments on base? With the exception of the Longhorn Dining Facility, which I'm not authorized to eat at and The Heritage Club, the rest of the base eating establishment menus appear to be carbon copies of

each other, limited to burgers and pizza. Unlike many other bases that have a multitude of eating establishments immediately outside the front gate, Dyess personnel have to travel quite a ways to get to any variety of restaurants. This isn't practical during a standard lunch hour, and especially during periods of increased security. May I suggest that any new eating establishment coming on base be set up to offer a wider selection of items?

Response: You bring up some good points and our pros at Services and Army Air Force Exchange Services seek to offer a wide variety of foods options to our personnel. What you may not be aware of is there are other places on base that provide some options beyond burgers and pizza. For instance, the Dyess Lanes Snack Bar offers chicken sandwiches, strips and platters; fish sandwiches; burritos; and steak fingers. They also offer hot and cold sandwiches ranging from chicken salad to BLTs. At Putters, the menu includes subs and sandwiches, as well as hot dogs and Polish Kielbasa. AAFES has a deli which is collocated with Anthony's Pizza.

Down the road, the new base exchange complex will include an expanded food court that will include an assortment of eateries, similar to other BXs (exact franchises not yet decided), but will offer some other choices as well. If you have further suggestions for potential menu items you would like to have served, let the Services and AAFES folks know. They do their best to provide the services the customers desire. Thanks for the call.



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Air Force renames its 'best NDI lab of year' trophy

Michael D. Koflanovich award honors Dyess civilian, friend on anniversary of his untimely death

By Senior Airman
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Dyess Public Affairs

As then Staff Sgt. Chris Chadwick came into the office early one morning, he was not surprisingly greeted by his good friend, Mike Koflanovich, sitting behind his desk relaxing with a warm cup of coffee. As he always did, sitting there in his faded leather chair, "Mr. K" began another day with a good friend and co-worker.

It seemed that no matter how early anyone came into

the nondestructive inspection lab at Dyess, Mr. K was already there sipping from his cup and ready to start another day doing what he loved. It was that way every day until April last year when Koflanovich died from a heart attack at the age of 55.

Now, on the anniversary of his untimely death, the U.S. Air Force has chosen to honor the man simply known as Mr. K in a very special way -- by renaming the Air Force's top NDI lab of the year trophy to the

Michael D. Koflanovich Air Force Nondestructive Inspection Lab of the Year Award in appreciation and recognition of his more than 35 years of superior military and civilian service. The first recipient of the award is the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Ohio.

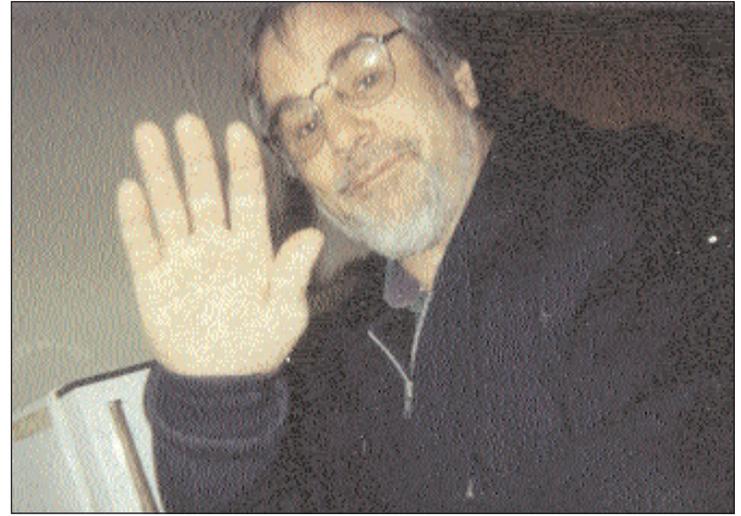
"I feel so good about this," said Jan Koflanovich, Mr. K's wife of 33 years. "He enjoyed what he did and was so dedicated to the Air Force, (I know that he would be very proud.)"

Koflanovich began serving the Air Force in 1966 after graduating basic training. Over the next 20 years, he excelled in the NDI career field working on multiple items and projects such as the technical order development team for the Air Force's newly acquired B-1 bombers in the late 80's.

Even though then Master Sgt. Koflanovich retired from active duty in 1986, the former Vietnam veteran did not end his career in the Air Force NDI community. Instead, he became Mr. K and started serving his country as a civil service employee.

According to Master Sgt. Leslie Deatherage, chief of NDI, with each passing year, Koflanovich seemed to earn more and more recognition from his co-workers and colleagues. This recognition often turned into awards such as the 1994 and 1998 Lt. Gen Leo Marquez award for outstanding maintenance civilian manager, 1999 7th Logistics Group Lt. Gen Leo Marquez award for outstanding maintenance civilian manager and the 2000 Air Combat Command aircraft maintenance technician of the year.

So it was no surprise to many in the NDI career field in 2001, when the Air



Courtesy photo

Mike "Mr. K" Koflanovich waves to a friend. The Air Force is honoring Mr. K, who died from a sudden heart attack April 11, 2002, by renaming the Nondestructive Inspection Lab of the Year award the Koflanovich trophy.

Force awarded its first ever Air Force NDI lab of the year trophy to the Dyess NDI lab and its chief, Mike Koflanovich, said Deatherage.

But, more than just being an NDI professional with loads of first-hand experience and in-depth technical expertise, Mr. K's co-workers feel that honoring their dear departed friend and colleague by putting his name on this award is very fitting because of the kind of man that he was.

"He always treated everyone with respect," Deatherage said. "He had wisdom and a common sense that made him an outstanding mentor to everyone in my shop."

"He was always ready to offer advice and even provide personal help if people needed it," Deatherage added. "He did a lot more than what he was paid to do -- he was a real father/grandfather figure to all of us."

According to his wife, Jan, friends and co-workers also remember Mr. K's ability to be his own person. For example, whenever he was asked a question like "Why

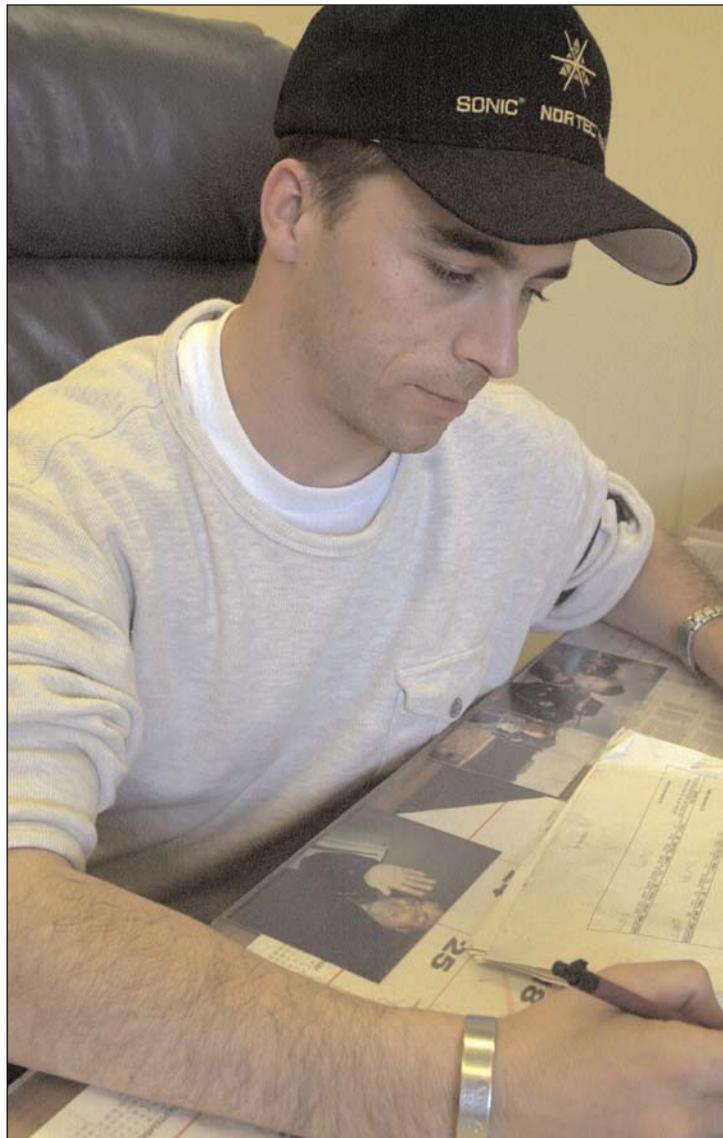
did he do that?" He would grin and say, "Five" in order to catch people off guard and make them think.

"He was just a great guy who never said an unkind word about anyone and was never too busy to help out a friend," said Chris Chadwick. Chadwick separated from the Air Force, he eventually was hired to fill Mr. K's position at NDI, but not his shoes.

"I was very nervous," Chadwick said. "It is really hard to explain how I feel. It is impossible to sit in his chair at his desk and (not be intimidated.)"

"He knew everybody (in the NDI career field) and everyone knew him," Chadwick added. "I may be doing his old job, but I will never take his place by any means."

Since the Air Force's announcement about renaming the trophy, Chadwick and his fellow professionals feel a great sense of pride -- not only because an outstanding NDI professional was honored for his years of superior service, but because now they have a new memory of an old co-worker, mentor and friend.



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Chris Chadwick, reviews some inspection reports. Chadwick, a former staff sergeant and co-worker of Mike Koflanovich, sits at his old friend's desk since he was hired to fill Mr. K's position after his untimely death. Chadwick keeps a photo of Mr. K on his desk to remind him of his friend.

Dyess NCO wins command-level award for 2002

By Senior Airman
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Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess NCO was awarded an Air Combat Command award recently for best Operations Resource Management NCO of the Year and will go on to compete at the Air Force-level this spring.

"This is an awesome achievement," said Staff Sgt. Mariana Sobolewski, 436 Training Squadron Aviation Resource management curriculum developer. "I won the same award for ACC and at Air Force-level when I was in the airman category. To be able to win again is an unbelievable feeling. It motivates me to share my experiences with other 1COX2s about instructor duty."

Sobolewski is a member of an ACC special activity team where she serves as the Aviation Resource Management System instructor and course and curriculum development manager. Sobolewski's day-to-day duties include being an Aviation Resource Management instructor, where she teaches students throughout the year.

She is a command expert and has trained students Air Force-wide, said Master Sgt. Steve Nance, her supervisor.

"Staff Sgt. Sobolewski worked hand-in-hand with our career field manager to re-write the career development course of our job," Nance said. "They produced the highest quality product possible. This will have a



Staff Sgt. Mariana Sobolewski

huge impact on our career field, from airmen in upgrade training to the staff sergeants testing for promotion and possibly a senior NCO who is retraining.

"The changes will allow those in the career field to adapt more quickly and provide our customers with the service and products needed to manage aviation service, flying training, incentive pay and more," Nance said.

"I am fortunate to have so many people who support me -- from my husband, supervisor and my co-worker," Sobolewski said. "The chief master sergeants in my career field are my mentors. Each person played a different role, but all of them gave me the motivation and courage that drive me to want to succeed in everything I do."

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Another significant achievement included the execution of the new combat wing organization, which involved the acute realignment of about 2,400 manpower resources throughout the wing.

"We have an excellent training program

in place that ensures all military members assigned to our office were well trained so they can execute their responsibilities not only at home but while they are deployed," Ruzinsky said.

"We have a great bunch of folks in the office with a wide diversity of backgrounds," Ruzinsky said. "Each person brings something different to the table which helps us overcome and solve many of the tough challenges we face each day."



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Feb. 28	Skye Fire	Staff Sgt. Kenneth and Starr Ewald

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Abroad, the 317th MXS was also busy. The unit deployed more than 100 personnel and 547,000 tons of equipment in support of 19 contingencies, deployments and exercises. More than 30 technicians also deployed, providing combat support for such operations as Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, Anaconda, Southern Watch and Shula Pen. Unit airmen facilitated more than 9,000

successful sorties and more than 18,500 flying hours.

The unit also earned two Air Mobility Command Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Maintenance Awards.

During a 90-day renovation period of the unit's isochronal inspection hangar, the isochronal section had to move their entire operation to a temporary facility.

But even with this temporary move, they were still able to complete eight aircraft inspections with no delays to the tightly sched-

uled flow, Cooley said.

Abroad, the unit committed itself to whatever tasking it was given, officials said.

In 2002, the unit deployed more than 1,000 personnel and 15,000 tons of equipment to support 26 contingencies, deployments and exercises in more than 40 countries.

The 40th AS was also awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor for the exceptional service the 200 deployed members demonstrated

while supporting OEF and Southern Watch.

The airlifters accomplished another feat when they manufactured a first-rate deployable engine change cart consolidating all tools necessary to change an engine into one compact mobile unit, officials said.

The unit saved 720 man-hours preparing for deployments with the new mobile unit, which proved extremely valuable during their short-notice OEF deployment, officials added.

Cooley said the unit is

looking forward to the Department of Defense competition later this year, and is very optimistic about the results.

"I believe we have a good chance at winning at the DoD-level," Cooley said. "we've been fighting the war on terrorism for more than 550 days, with most of the 317th AG members deployed to some very austere locations. They have earned the recognition they have received and more. The men and women of the 317th are heroes."

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Warrior of the Week

Senior Airman
Rontrell Boone

Unit: 7th Comptroller Squadron

Job description: Customer service technician

Time in the Air Force: Four years

Time at Dyess: Three months

Family: Wife, Rashida; daughters, Iyali and Ashanti

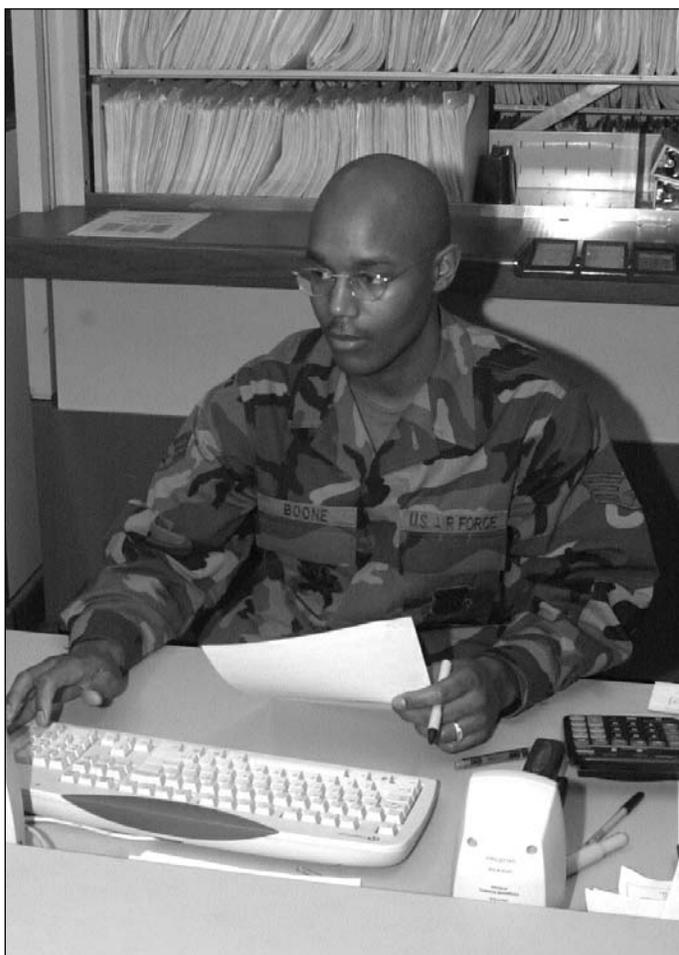
Hometown: Newport News, Va.

Job impact on the mission: Keeping customers happy.

Career goals: Become an NCO by the end of the year

Best Air Force memory: Meeting my wife and the birth of my children.

Editor's note: Squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors nominate people in their unit to be the Dyess Warrior of the Week. For more information, call the Peacemaker staff at 6-4266.



Senior Airman Zachary Wilson

TEAM DYESS

7th CPTS profile

Leaders:

Commander:
Maj. David Sherman

First sergeant:

Senior Master Sgt.
John Woffard

Personnel:

- Officers: Five
- Enlisted: 24
- Civilians: 15

**Mission statement:**

The 7th Comptroller Squadron provides quality financial services to the Dyess community and trains forces to provide deployable financial support to the war fighter across the spectrum of conflict.

Future goals:

- Push resources to the war fighter
- Increase unit deployment capabilities
- Strategic partner to leadership, providing accurate and timely financial advice.
- Improve the quality of life for squadron personnel.

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Dyess 'nav' named 15th AF CGO winner

By Senior Airman
Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess instructor navigator was recently named 15th Air Force Company Grade Officer of the Year for 2002.

Capt. Gabriel Griess, 40th Airlift Squadron, is a dedicated officer, professional aviator, combat leader and the best-of-the-best, according to 317th Airlift Group officials.

"Captain Griess is an exceptional officer and navigator," said Maj. James Williams, 40th AS chief navigator. "He is very deserving of this award."

Griess was surprised by the award.

"It's tough to believe that I was chosen out of the thousands of eligible officers," Griess said. "It is an amazing feeling to receive such positive recognition at such a high level. I'm just grateful that the command structure felt confident in my abilities and accomplishments to submit my package."

At the time of Griess' package submission, he had been an instructor navigator for nearly a year and logged more than 223 instruction hours for the year.

Griess' instruction hours included assisting a navigator on his first over-water mission, completing mission-ready training for five new navigators, and training 12 students in night-vision goggle air-drop and ground operations, Williams said.

Griess is the first instructor navigator locally



Capt. Gabriel Griess

qualified in the night-vision goggle airland mission, the 317th Airlift Group's most difficult and dangerous mission, Williams added.

Griess was also recognized for his two deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2002.

During those deployments, Griess took part in 182 combat sorties, and airlifted 345 tons of equipment and more than 1,000 passengers to the area of responsibility. Because of his efforts he earned three Air Force Air Medals and two Aerial Achievement Medals.

Griess also helped evacuate four critically injured troops from a combat landing zone during OEF, Williams said. Because of his crew's support, the soldiers received emergency care within one hour-- saving their lives, Williams said.

Griess was also key to the redeployment of the

317th Military Intelligence Battalion, tracking down Al Qaeda leaders.

"He was the first navigator into a hostile dirt landing zone and (entered) five of five missions on time, on target flawlessly," Williams said.

In another effort to help the troops destroy Al Qaeda strongholds, Griess flew critical supplies into austere landing zones during Operation Anaconda.

It is because of these accomplishments that units such as the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron and the 317th Airlift Group chose Griess as the CGO of the quarter in 2002 and why Griess was the 317th AG CGO of the year, Williams said.

"(Griess) works hard to get the job done," Williams said. "He is going to go far in his career."

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Dyess, Big Country changes telephone area codes

By Senior Airman
Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

Beginning Saturday, Dyess and the local Abilene area will change its telephone area code to 325.

According to telecommunications officials, the previous 915 area code has almost exhausted its list of available numbers due to an increase in additional phone lines, facsimile machines, modems and cellular phones.

This change will affect all phones at Dyess including all modems and cordless phones with a 915 area code.



Courtesy graphic

Beginning Saturday, Dyess and the West Texas community will change to a new telephone area code. The new area code for Dyess and the local area will be 325.

The resulting change will break up the current 915 area into three separate areas. The cities of Abilene, Brownwood, San Angelo, Rotan, Brady and

Sweetwater will have a new area code of 325.

However, even after the new codes go into effect, a permissive period will allow local callers to continue using the 915 area code until Oct. 4.

According to Staff Sgt. Deotha Akins, 7th Communications Squadron the following checklist is recommended to Dyess and local callers once the changes are in effect.

- Make sure key contacts, family and customers know your new area code.
- Numbers will have to be re-entered on automatic dialers, speed dial and call blocking.
- Preprinted forms,

checks and stationary should be updated to the new 325 area code.

- Reprogram or change communications equipment, such as fax machines, modems and pagers.

- Cell phone users should check with their specific service provider. It is likely that many wireless phones will have to be reprogrammed to the new 325 area code.

- Customers should check with their service provider because the burglar alarm or pager notification settings may also require the new area code.

For more information, about the new area code or its changes, call Akins at 6-7299.

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106 airmen promoted this month

By Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome
Dyess Public Affairs

One hundred six Dyess NCOs and airmen add a stripe to their sleeves in April according to the monthly promotion list released by the military personnel flight this week.

April's promotees are:

To chief master sergeant
Barry Ortner, 3rd Weather Squadron

To master sergeant
Gary Blake, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron

Douglas Curry, 7th Munitions Squadron
Anthony Leineweber, 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Kent Nelson, 7th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron

Joseph Nichols Jr., 3rd WS
Randy Pekinto, 7th Bomb Wing Plans
Harold Whisler, 7th MUNS

To technical sergeant
Jay Cooper Jr., 7th MUNS
Shane Glantz, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Bradley Glenn, 7th AMXS
Stanley Kilgore, 7th AMXS
Bradley Jensen, 317th AMXS
Lauren Mikesell, 7th AMXS
George Perez III, 7th Communications Squadron

Scott White, 317th AMXS
Kriski Williamson, 7th BW
Scott Wilson, 7th AMXS

To staff sergeant
Ernesto Aguilar, 7th AMXS
Angela Banks, 3rd WS
Adrian Bridge, 7th CMS
Enrique Cisneros, 712th ASOS
Nathan Dickey, 317th Maintenance Squadron

Derrick Fesmire, 317th MXS
Todd Gay, 7th AMXS
Christopher Holdren, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Lisa Host, 7th ADOS
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Timothy Henry, 3rd WS
Joshua Kurtenbach, 7th Operations Support Squadron

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David Wurzbach, 317th AMXS
Ignacio Zuniga, 7th BW

To airman first class
Darinda Carroll, 7th Medical Support Squadron

Lorenzo Cooper, 317th MXS
Scott Danner, 7th AMXS
Duane Fernandez, 7th LRS
Eric Flores, 7th AMXS
Magika Gonzalez, 7th LRS
Cara Hall, 7th MDSS
Sherry Kenney, 7th Mission Support Squadron

Jerome Krammes, 39th Airlift Squadron
Christina Kunz, 7th MDSS
Matt Monnens, 7th EMS
Johnny Morell, 7th CMS
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Bryan Mulkern, 7th LRS
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Matthew Van Tatenhove, 7th CES
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Luggage limit changes affect military travelers

By **Cynthia Bauer**
Air Mobility Command
Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. -- Air Mobility Command transportation officials advise military travelers that most major airlines have changed their checked baggage policy concerning weight limits and excess charges for luggage on domestic flights.

"The carriers will continue to accept luggage up to 100 pounds per piece but significant fees will be charged after luggage exceeds their weight limits," said John Lundebly, a traffic management specialist with Air Mobility Command headquarters. "Most airlines allow two pieces of luggage, 50 pounds maximum each, to be checked free of charge. Bags exceeding 50 pounds, but less than 70 pounds, will be assessed an excess baggage fee, normally around \$25 per bag. Bags between 70 and 100 pounds will be charged additional

fees, normally around \$80 per bag. Bags weighing over 100 pounds will not be accepted."

Carriers with domestic flights, including Northwest Airlines, American Airlines, United Airlines, and Delta Airlines have already put the new policies into effect. Continental Airlines has announced they will make changes to their policy effective April 15.

"The airlines do offer waivers to allow military personnel on orders to check luggage that weigh over the limit, but not to exceed 70 pounds, without paying an additional charge," said Mr. Lundebly. "Some airlines also restrict the waiver to types of luggage. For instance, one airline will apply the weight waiver to only one bag, which must be a military-issue bag, such as a duffel bag or B-4 bag."

The waivers apply to all military members, including active duty, Guard, Reserve, and Coast Guard.

The waivers do not apply to family members or to Defense Department civilians, even if they are on official travel, and it doesn't apply to military members on leisure travel.

"The best advice I can give travelers is to check with the airlines on the weight restrictions before traveling, either through the carrier's Web site or by calling their toll-free number," said Mr. Lundebly. Ticket agents and local traffic management offices can access each carrier's baggage rules and waivers through their computer reservation system.

Mr. Lundebly said that travelers on AMC Patriot Express flights are allowed two checked bags at 70 pounds maximum for each bag. Commanders may approve excess baggage in the traveler's orders. Passengers on AMC Space Available flights have the same limit of two bags at 70 pounds each, however Space-A travelers are not authorized excess baggage.

23 Dyess members re-enlisted in March

By **Senior Airman Zachary Wilson**
Dyess Public Affairs

Twenty-three Dyess members recited the oath of enlistment in the month of March. The re-enlistees are :

Master Sgt Edward Cadena, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt Gary Engler, 39th Airlift Squadron

Master Sgt Donald Leiter, 7th AMXS

Tech. Sgt Ron Carmichael, 7th Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt Stephen Countryman, 7th AMXS

Tech Sgt Michelle Kehoe, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Tech. Sgt Edward Luna, 7th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Deborah Perez, 7th Comptroller Squadron

Tech Sgt Andrew Pitts, 7th AMXS

Staff Sgt Jeremy Alvarez, 7th Mission Support Squadron

Senior Airman Steven Beasley, 7th Bomb Wing

Staff Sgt Todd Grundy, 7th Services Squadron

Staff Sgt Dale Hallam, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt Casey Jones, 317th Airlift Group

Senior Airman Bruno Garcia, 7th Operations Support Squadron

Senior Airman Johnnie Garcia, 7th CS

Senior Airman Jason Kelsey, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman LaShundra Nesmith, 7 LRS

Senior Airman Ruben Reyes-Colon, 7th LRS

Staff Sgt. Brad Schuetz, 7th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Timothy Seigny, 7th AMXS

Staff Sgt Tracey Smith, 317 OSS

Staff Sgt Christopher Staats, 7th AMXS



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This week in
AIR FORCE HISTORY

April 4 -- The 20th Air Force was activated in 1944.

April 5 -- The first two models of the Fairchild C-119 transport are completed in 1949.

April 6 -- Air Service officers begin the first round-the-world air tour in 1924.

April 7 -- The first fighter-escorted B-29 mission is flown against

Japan in 1945.

April 8 -- P-47s were flown for the first time in combat over Western Europe in 1943.

April 9 -- The world's largest plastic balloon, 240 ft. in diameter, is launched in 1959.

April 10 -- German jets shot down 10 American bombers near Berlin in 1945. The Germans lost 20 Me-262s.

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Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

The Dyess Family Support Center moved to a new location Tuesday. The new address, 382 Avenue D, shares the same building as the Airmen's Attic. Despite the move, the family support center's programs and phone number remain the same. For more information, call the family support center at 6-5999.

Family support center moves

By 1st Lt. Saje Park
Dyess Public Affairs

The Family Support Center put out its welcome mat Tuesday, opening again for service to Dyess airmen and their families after a much-anticipated move to a new location.

The center's new home is located on 382 Avenue D, sharing the same building as the Airmen's Attic. The center's old location on Texas Drive will be used by the youth center.

"The biggest change with this new move is that we are now located centrally within the base," said Ed Hollyfield, family support center director. "This new location makes us easier to find so that everyone can access our services and now we have more room to do more things with our Dyess family."

The renovated building offers key new features to

the family support center. While the old location only had one room for classes, the new center has two -- a conference room and a larger briefing room.

"This facility is phenomenal," said Tech. Sgt. Laura Maybee, readiness NCO. "It's completely renovated, the rooms are bigger and now we can conduct two classes at the same time."

Plans are also in the works to build a full kitchen in the center. The kitchen can be used for prospective programs like cooking classes taught by professional chefs.

"We're looking at starting more programs for a wide range of people with different interests and needs," said Maybee. "Our goal is to continue to have activities that bring people together, so they can meet each other, get involved, and keep active. We know it helps to talk to other people, whether

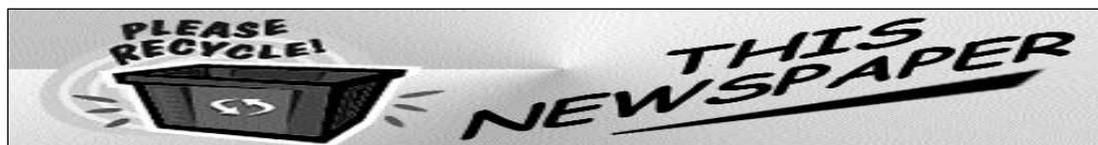
your spouse is deployed or you're just new to the military, or even new to the country."

The center still offers all the programs from its old location, including some new equipment. The center boasts more computers for people to use, bringing their total of network-accessible computers to five. People who want to use the equipment can call the center for an appointment.

"We want people to know that having a family is not a prerequisite to use the family support center," said Hollyfield. "Any active-duty person, including single airmen, can take advantage of our services. A lot of young, single airmen don't realize that we're here for them, too."

For more information on the services and programs that the family support center offers, call the center at 6-5999.

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MEO closure

The military equal opportunities office is closed today.

For emergencies, call Marti Bottila at 6-2960.

Children's seminar

The family support center is hosting a "Helping Children Cope with Deployment" seminar at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at The Heritage Club.

Guest speakers will include a child psychologist, pediatrician and school counselor.

For more information, call Staci Vileta at 6-5380 or Tech. Sgt. Laura Maybee at 6-5999.

Quarterly awards

The 7th Bomb Wing quarterly awards luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. April 18 at The Heritage Club.

The cost is \$8.50 for club members and \$10.50 for non-members.

See your first sergeant to sign-up.

For more information, call Master. Sgt. Stephanie Powell at 6-3485.

HAZCOM course

The 7th Medical Group Public Health Office conducts a hazardous communication "Train the Trainer" class at 1 p.m. April 24 at the 7th Bomb Wing Ground Safety training room.

All NCOs, senior airmen, officers and civilians must attend this course when they are first assigned to a supervisory position.

For more information, call Senior Airman Jessica Desroches at 6-8332.

ID card issue

The 7th Mission Support Squadron's Military Personnel Flight is issuing the new common access card, which will replace the current military ID card for active duty members.

The CAC is a "smart card" containing a circuit chip

which holds public key infrastructure, digital identity, e-mail signature and encryption certificates.

People who haven't received an appointment to receive their new cards should be hearing from their unit representative soon.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Amanda Miller at 6-2901.

Volunteer award

The family support center is still taking nominations for the Dyess Volunteer of the Year award.

The award is open to all Dyess personnel, including military members, civilians, retirees and family members who have volunteered during calendar year 2002.

To nominate a person, fill out a nomination form and return it to the FSC by Monday.

Forms are available at the FSC or people can download them from the FSC Web site at www.dyess.af.mil/fsc.

For more information, call 6-5999.

Toastmasters

The Dyess Toastmasters meet from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays in the Longhorn Dining Facility conference room.

All Dyess members are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Pat Clancy at 6-1046 or Barbara Busbee at 6-3861.

MPF closure

The 7th Mission Support Squadron's Military Personnel Flight is closed 7:30-9 a.m. Fridays for training starting today.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Amanda Miller at 6-2901.

Studio hours

Photo studio hours are from 8-11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. Full length photo appointments are available Mondays.

Passports and official

photos are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All studio services are by appointment only. For more information, call 6-4820.

CWDE markings

The Air Force has updated the way servicemembers need to identify themselves in their chem gear.

Mandatory identification items to be displayed are rank, and first and last name. Servicemembers' blood type and religious preference are optional.

The identification markings will be printed on tape and placed as follows:

- Helmet, front and back
- Protective hood, front and back
- Jacket, over wearer's right breast

For more information, call the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron's readiness flight at 6-1526.

PA giveaways

Dyess Public Affairs has hundreds of copies of *Airman Magazine's* "The Book" and "Centennial of Flight" calendars as well as CD-ROMs of the new base guide available for base members.

For more information, stop by the office in Building 7316, Room 136, or call Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome at 6-2862.

Management job

The 7th Civil Engineer Squadron dormitory management office is looking for a senior NCO to fill the unaccompanied housing superintendent position, Air Force specialty code 9D000.

Interested applicants must have exceptional communication and customer service skills, be knowledgeable in Microsoft programs and have excellent supervisory skills.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Ted Smith at 6-5524 or karen Largent at 6-4814.



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Airman 1st Class Joshua Strang

Air power

Above: A B-1B bomber gets towed to a new parking spot on the flightline at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, recently. The bomber, deployed from Dyess, is supporting the 7th Air Expeditionary Wing's defensive mission in the Pacific region. Right: An airman prepares to load Joint Direct Attack Munitions, at a forward deployed location in Southwest Asia during the beginning stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom. B-1 bombers can place JDAMs within 40 feet of a desired point of impact. The B-1 can carry more JDAMs on a single mission than any other aircraft in the Air Force.



Staff Sgt. Jessica Kochman

Readiness programs:

The family support center provides a family readiness program which is designed to provide support for families, such as during deployments, mobilizations and separations.

The program provides preparation information and ongoing education to individuals, families and leadership.

The family readiness program has special programs and services to meet these needs. Some of these programs are:

- **Give Parents a Break** -- Offered twice each month, one Saturday afternoon and one Saturday evening, the program provides free childcare at the base youth center for children ages 6-12 and Child Development Center (children 6 months to 5 years) for families whose sponsor is TDY for more than 30 days or on a remote tour. Reservations are required and immunizations must be current.

- **Hearts Apart Support Group** -- The group provides a forum for the spouses of deployed members and members on remote tours to get together and enjoy common activities as well as talking about issues they face.

- **Morale Call Program** -- This program offers families of deployed and remote tour members to call from Dyess to the deployed or remote location free of charge.

- **Car Care Because We Care** -- This program, sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, provides a one-time preventive maintenance and safety inspection for one family vehicle if the military member is TDY for 30 days or more.

- **Video Phone** -- Family members can see a deployed spouse without leaving Dyess by using the base's video-telephone capability. Appointments are required.

- **E-mail for Spouses** -- This program allows spouses without e-mail capability to have a free e-mail account which can be used in the computer resource library.

- Letter writing kits and calling cards are also available.

For more information about readiness programs, call the family support center at 6-5999.

CALENDAR



Today, April 4, 2003

Open-mike comedy night, 7 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2402.

Friday night social hour, 4:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club and The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Saturday, April 5, 2003

Zoo-lute to Dyess, 9:30 a.m. at the Abilene Zoo. For more info, call 1st Lt. Saje Park at 6-5609.

Base thrift shop open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 382 Fourth Street across from the temporary lodging facility. For more info, call 6-8203.

Late Night, 11 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Sunday, April 6, 2003

Daylight Saving Time, 2 a.m.

Sunday brunch, 10 a.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Monday, April 7, 2003

Step aerobics, 11 a.m. at the

health and wellness center. For more info, call Staff Sgt. Teresa Frank at 6-4887.

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Tiny tots reading hour, 10 a.m. at the base library. For more info, call 6-2618.

Bingo Mania, 7:15 p.m. at The Heritage Club. Early-bird specials begin at 7 p.m. For more info, call 6-2405.

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Military retiree luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-4980.

Lenten Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at the base chapel annex. For more info, call 6-4224.

Thursday, April 10, 2003

Helping children cope with deployments seminar, 6:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-5380 or 6-5999.

Upcoming events

April 11 -- Month of the Military Child parade, 2:45 p.m. at the child development center parking lot.

April 26 -- World's Largest Barbecue.

Zoo-lute to Dyess

Event begins at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday at the Abilene Zoological Gardens.

Free admission, soft drinks, popcorn and entertainment for all military members and their families.

For more info, call 6-5609.



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Parade route

The 7th Security Forces Squadron will block off parts of Avenue D and 4th Street for the Month of the Military Child parade at 2:45 p.m. April 11.

For more information, call Stephanie Kraly at 6-2936.

Giant flea market

Dyess' next "Shoppin' in the Park" is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the base picnic grounds behind the 7th Medical Group.

The cost to reserve a spot is \$10. People interested in reserving a spot can contact the Skills Development Center at 6-4175.

For more information, call 6-2936.

Thrift shop

The base thrift shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday for sales and consignments in addition to the shop's regular business hours. The regular hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

It is located at 382 Fourth Street, across from the temporary lodging facility.

For more information, call 6-8203.

Name housing

Everyone is invited to participate in the "Name Our On-Base Housing Area" contest sponsored by the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron's housing flight.

People can submit proposed names to the housing office by e-mailing james.rouse@dyess.af.mil or calling 6-2150 by Tuesday.

The winner will receive framed B-1 and C-130 photos from Crafters' Haven, and certificates from 7th Services Squadron and from an Abilene bed-and-breakfast business.

For more information, call 6-2150.



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

'God bless America'

Children from the Dyess Elementary choir sing at The Heritage Club March 28. The children's performance was part of the Texas Air Force Association executive committee dinner.

Reading hour

Children ages 1-5 are invited to the Tiny Tots Reading Hour from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the base library.

For more information, call 6-2618.



MSU briefing

Representatives from Midwestern State University will be visiting Dyess at 11 a.m. April 16 at the education center.

They will discuss the MSU internet program as well as the master's degree programs in public administration and health administration.

For more information, call William Phillips at 6-5545.

CLEPS withdrawn

In preparation for conversion to the new computer based examination program, the base education office is

retiring the following paper-based CLEP exams.

Humanities -- 04910; Humanities -- 04928; General Chemistry -- 26107; College Level German -- 75027; General Biology -- 18074; Western Civilization I -- 65048; Western Civilization II -- 66052.

For more information, call 6-5544.

Free tests

DANTES is offering free tickets to military personnel for a computer certification exam and the federal communication commission under a pilot program.

The free exam tickets are limited and will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Applications are available on the DANTES web site at www.dantes.doded.mil.

For more information, call 1-850-452-1360 or call William Phillips at 6-5545.

Computer classes

The family support center

and the Air Force Aid Society are funding computer classes for spouses of active duty members.

The classes consist of 12 hours of the Microsoft Office package taught by Texas State Technical College instructors. The classes vary in skill-level.

To sign up or for more information, call Silvia Shurgot at 6-5999.



Lenten Luncheons

There is a Lenten Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the chapel annex throughout the Lent season.

Everyone is invited to the luncheon, which includes soup, salad and fellowship. For more information, call 6-4224.

Chapel schedule

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday with Mass afterwards at

5 p.m. Daily Masses begins at 11:30 a.m.

Protestant: Shared faith worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts at 1 p.m. Sunday. Contemporary "Blue Jean" service begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

A nursery and children's church are available at all services.

Other religions: The base chapel has information on other religious services in the Abilene area.

For more information, call 6-4224.



Volunteers needed

The 7th Medical Group is looking for volunteers to help out at the information desk in the main records room. Volunteers are needed for about four hours a day.

To volunteer or for more information, call Henry Roberts at 672-4739.



Trip to San Antonio

Outdoor recreation is sponsoring a trip to San Antonio April 26-27.

The cost is \$99, based on double occupancy rate. The cost includes transportation, one night at the Riverwalk hotel, a guided Alamo tour, a tour of the Spanish Governor's Palace, a trip to Market Square and the farmer's market, and a riverboat cruise.

People must sign up by April 18. A \$50 deposit is due at the time of reservations.

For more information, call 6-2402.

Fiesta Texas

The information, ticket and travel office has discounted Fiesta Texas tickets for \$25 a person.

For more information, call the ITT office at 6-5207.

Extended duty child care gives parents break



Photos by Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Jennifer Griffith, Dyess family child care provider, reads a book to some of the children she cares for and her daughter Ashlyn, right. The extended care program offers Dyess families help in meeting child care needs beyond the normal work shifts.

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

When Dolly Parton sings “9 to 5,” most military members can’t relate. Military members can work days, nights and everything in between. They can be called in during their off-duty time, pull overtime and deploy.

With these sometimes unpredictable hours, military parents can be left wondering, “who can watch my children?” But the folks at Dyess family services have the answer.

Aside from the base child development center and daytime child care providers, Dyess offers a free program called extended duty child care.

Extended duty child care targets military parents with on-base related duty, extended duty days or temporary shift changes that go beyond the standard 40-hour work week. It is also available for members facing rapid mobilizations, deployments and post deployments.

“Air Force families make a lot of sacrifices for our country,” said Iris Amerine, 7th Services Squadron family child care coordinator. “This program is just a way to lift some of the weight off of their shoulders.”

Right now, Dyess has only one extended duty child care provider, so the base can only offer 30 hours a week of service. However, a second provider will begin Thursday, expanding the base’s service to 60 hours a week, Amerine said.

“(The current provider, Jennifer Griffith), is wonderful,” Amerine said. “She works hard (usually working all 30 hours of extended child care a week on top of her daytime child care services) and she is great with the children.”

Griffith has been a child care provider for two years and has worked in extended child care for nine months.

The children Griffith watches and their parents are all very happy with her services.

“Jenny is a remarkable child care provider, and my daughter absolutely adores her,” said Senior Airman Kaishla Holloway, 7th Operations Support Squadron. “We really appreciate all she’s done (through the extended child care program). Since my husband and I are both active duty, regular child care hours don’t always work with our schedule, so (this program’s) been a big help.”

Not just anyone can be an extended child care provider. First, interested people must meet all Family Child Care Program requirements, and be a licensed Air Force FCC provider for a minimum of three months and possess a current standard license.

All providers must then be approved by an FCC Panel composed of the deputy support group commander, services commander and the family member programs flight chief. Base legal, family advocacy, safety, the fire department, mental health, security forces and public

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health also assist the panel in its decision by reviewing the providers application, which includes training and home inspection documents.

The Family Member Program flight also monitors and conducts unannounced inspections during extended hours using a 10-page checklist. And providers must undergo 24 hours of child care training annually in addition to their initial 27 hours of orientation training they received when becoming a licensed Air Force FCC provider.

“Being a child care provider can be challenging at times, but it is a very rewarding job,” Griffith said. “I’ve become very attached to all the children I watch. They are like my extended family.”

Griffith also mentioned the positive impact her job has had on her personal life.

“Being able to work out of my home, I’m also able to spend a lot of quality time with my children as well. Plus, they are able to interact with other children around their own age, and all the children get along great.”

People interested in becoming an extended child care provider or military parents interested in using the extended child care program can contact Amerine at 6-2839.



Jennifer Griffith watches Brandon Calloway, son of Staff Sgt. Jason and Ami Calloway, play in her house as part of the family child care program. The extended care program currently offers 30 hours of service weekly, will soon expand to 60.

Life Scout: Dyess boy heads zoo project in pursuit of Eagle Scout rank

Story and photos by
Senior Airman
Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess Eagle Scout candidate lent a helping hand to the Abilene Zoological Gardens and its baby zebra, when he led a group of base airmen and fellow scouts in conducting a community service project at the zoo Saturday.

Life Scout Jonathan Honchul, son of Capt. Dave and Tamra Honchul, 7th Bomb Wing, lead a group of about 30 people, including volunteers from the first term airmen's center and the company grade officer council, in a project to build a plywood wall fence for an exercise area for the zoo's baby zebra. The zebra was orphaned earlier this year when its mother died a few weeks after giving birth.

The idea for the project developed when the scout, from Dyess' Boy Scout Troop 296, approached the zoo about possible projects he could do as a requirement toward earning Eagle Scout, the highest Boy Scout rank.

"When my mom suggested I try to do something for



Jonathan Honchul, son of Capt. Dave and Tamra Honchul, paints the elephant pen fence at the Abilene Zoological Gardens.

the zoo as my project, I thought it was a great idea since I like animals so much," Honchul said. "So I asked them, and they gave me two projects."

The zoo suggested the wall project, as well as a project to repaint the elephant pen fence, as projects that needed doing, but they didn't have the capability of accomplishing. So Honchul decided to tackle both with his team of workers.

The need for the fence was critical, said zoo officials. "We were in need of an area where the baby zebra could get some exer-

cise without fear of other animals trying to get at it, or the baby trying to get at other animals, including the adult male zebra," said Stephanie DeGesero, supervisor of the mammal department of the zoo.

The problem for the zoo was that the only available area was walled by a chain link fence. The zoo needed a space where other animals could not see the zebra and the zebra couldn't see them. The scout project resulted in attaching plywood on the chain link fence, creating a secluded area for the zebra.

"This was a big project and the volunteers did a great job," DeGesero said. "The holding pen looks great and the baby zebra has adjusted to it well."

The elephant fence had an addition added to it in recent months, with the upper sections painted. However, the lower sections for the fence remained rust brown. The scout project was to paint the bottom section of the fence to match the top. In the end, the group painted about 400 feet in fencing.

"The volunteers did a great job painting the fence too," DeGesero. "It looks so much better now. We really



Taylor Walters, left, son of Jim and Frances Walters, Detachment 4, and James Hemminger, son of Barbara Belcher, paint the elephant pen fence at the Abilene Zoological Gardens.

appreciate all their hard work."

By the end of the day, Honchul and all his helpers agreed they were very satisfied with what they had accomplished and were glad they volunteered.

"I wanted to help out for two reasons," said 1st Lt. Matt Olijnek, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron. "First, I'm an Eagle Scout myself, so I thought this was a great opportunity to help someone else achieve the rank, but also I thought this would be a great opportunity to help the community. And I think the project turned out great."

Honchul solicited local businesses for funding and supplies for the project. He received about \$400 worth

of supplies and money.

Only 2 percent of all boys who enter the Boy Scouts attain the rank of Eagle. Requirements include earning 21 merit badges in a variety of subjects, holding a leadership position within a Scout troop and conducting a major service project. The service project must benefit the local community, and be approved by the troop and local Scout council.

Now that Honchul has completed his service project he says he's going to focus on the few requirements he has left to make rank.

"All that's left now is to earn the last of my merit badges and to go before my board of review."



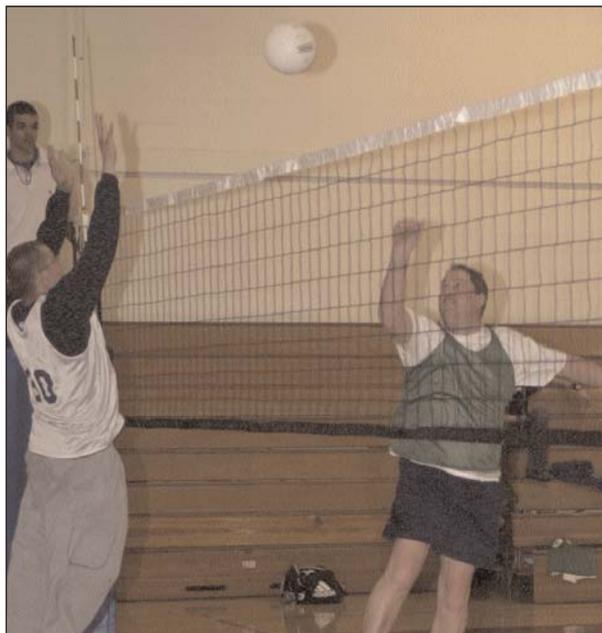
1st Lt. Matt Olijnek, left, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, Airman 1st Class Brian Kustan, 7th Munitions Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Manday Bishop, 7th Medical Support Squadron, measure a plywood board to be cut for a holding pen at the Abilene Zoological Gardens.

7th AMXS downs 7th MUNS 2-0

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

After getting smoked by the 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 25-7 in the first game, the 7th Munitions Squadron rallied to give the Maintainers a run for their money in the second match, but could not hold off a late Maintainer rally, losing 25-23.

The Maintainers were led by Bob Hanner, who set his team off on a good start by scoring four aces in a row while serving during the first game. His team picked it up from there, going on a 10-3 rally that was peaked with a huge spike



Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice

Bob Hanner, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, punches the ball over the net during 7th AMXS 25-7 win in the first game Thursday.

from Brian Bolin after a set from Carma Carroll. Sensing they were outmatched, the Munitions Troops were reduced to emphasizing just getting the ball over the net.

The Munitions troops were outmatched and knew it, with an emphasis placed just on returning the ball over the net.

In the second game, the Maintainers thought they were playing a different Munitions team.

"They came out with the same players for that second game, but what a difference," Bolin said. "They hung with us throughout the entire game. I have to admit, at one point, they got ahead of us, and I thought they were going to win that game."

The teams battled neck in neck until 7th MUNS Brad Hoffman spiked the ball over Maintainer defenders to give Munitions their first lead in the game at 11-10.

"We knew that we had to score even more points on them and create some separation for ourselves if we wanted to win," Hoffman said.

With MUNS leading 13-11, the teams began a long volley with both teams believing whoever scored the point would be able to swing the momentum their way. MUNS thought they had sealed the deal with a good Jamie Beltran return.

"We had the lead (14-11), and we thought we had them where we wanted them; but we didn't want to get too confident," Hoffman said.

However, the Maintainers were not about to let the upstart MUNS team win the game, knowing the consequences could be crucial.

"If they would have taken that game from us, it was very possible they would have won the next game," Bolin said. "We knew we had to end the match right away."



Brian Bolin, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, gets down low to dig a spike from the 7th Munitions Squadron. 7th AMXS swept the 7th MUNS two games to none during the two teams matchup Thursday.

The Maintainers were able to tie the score at 17 apiece, and then went on the offensive, doing just enough to ink out the 25-23 win.

"We just knuckled down and got back to the fundamentals," Bolin said.

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Fields off limits

Intramural softball and soccer players are reminded not to practice on the playing fields on 3rd Avenue until the beginning of the respective intramural seasons.

Services personnel are working to prepare the fields for seeding of grass. If teams are on the fields prematurely, the grass seed will be killed and the fields will not be in shape for the regular season.

Only the varsity softball team may use the softball diamonds at this time.

For more information, call the sports and fitness center at 6-4306.

Golf tournament

The Master's Golf Tournament is April 12-13 at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

The cost is \$20. Cart and green fees are not included.

For more information, call 6-4384.

Earth Day 5K

The 7th Civil Engineer Squadron's Environmental Flight sponsors an Earth Day 5-kilometer fun run/walk at 11 a.m. April 16 at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course entrance.

Signups begin at 10:30 a.m. the day of the race.

The top three finishers in the men's and women's divisions will receive prizes.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Hugo Via at 6-4379.

Officials needed

The sports and fitness center is looking for umpires and scorekeepers for the upcoming intramural softball season.

No experience is necessary and training will be provided if needed.

The opportunity is available to active-duty military members as well as family members.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Greg Woodrum at 6-2764.

Monday golf

The Mesquite Grove Golf Course is now open Mondays with a new \$5 special. People pay just \$5 for cart rental or the green fee.

For more information, call 6-4384.

Korean martial arts

Kuk-Sool Won classes are from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the health and wellness center.

The cost is \$35 a month with a discounted rate for additional members.

For more information, call Arthur Jefferson at 795-2373 or 829-0838.

Women's golf

Women's Golf Day is Fridays at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

Women pay \$8 for nine holes of golf and a 15-minute lesson.

For more information, call 6-4384.

Step aerobics

There are step aerobics classes from 11 a.m. to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the health and wellness center.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Teresa Frank at 6-4887.

Ab classes

The base sports and fitness center offers ab classes from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 6:45-7:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the health and wellness center.

For more information, call 6-4306.

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Power yoga class

There is a power yoga class from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursdays in the aerobics room at the health and wellness center.

For more information, call 6-4306

AF Marathon

Registration is now open for people who want to participate in the Air Force Marathon Sept. 20 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

For more information about registration, call (937) 257-4350 or visit the Web site <http://www.afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.

Squadron golf day

The Mesquite Grove Golf Course offers a special rate to squadrons who host a squadron play-day during the week.

The cost is \$10 for airmen and \$12 for NCOs and officers. The cost covers green fees, club rental and cart fees.

For more information, call

the golf course at 6-4394.

Paintball

Dyess members can reserve the base paintball field for unit stress-buster challenges.

The field is available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Units must have at least 10 participants.

For more information, call outdoor recreation at 6-2402.

Paintball club

Outdoor recreation is trying to start a paintball club. The club is open for all members.

To join the club or for more information, call 6-2402.

Scores and more

Editor's note: All scores, standings and schedules are courtesy of the sports and fitness center and Dyess Lanes.

Bowling

League standings

Dyess Juniors/Majors

(As of March 1)	Won	Lost
Dancing Flamingos	50	26
Strikers	44	32
Liar Liar POF	40	36
Pin Heads	18	56

March 1 high scores

High scratch game -- Stacey Brin, 122
High scratch series -- Cory Easterling, 334

Season's high scores

High scratch game -- Ryan Starks, 206
High handicap game -- Cory Easterling, 279
High scratch series -- Caleb Ondrusek, 536
High handicap series -- Garrett Hutchinson, 711
High scratch game (team) -- Strikers, 451
High scratch series (team) -- Pin Heads, 1,202 pins
High handicap game (team) -- Liar Liar POF, 621
High handicap series (team) -- Dancing Flamingos, 1,830

Dyess Preps

(As of March 1)	Won	Lost
Girls Rock!!	62	14
Queen Bowlers	41	35
Dumb Luck	37	39
Three Musketeers	35	41
BladeBrakers	34	42
Team No. 5	19	57

March 1 high scores

High scratch game -- Sarah Lombardo, 133
High handicap game -- James Jarvis, 181
High scratch series -- Christopher Cabrera-Taylor, 342
High handicap series -- Samantha Barker, 477
Season high scores
High scratch game -- Samantha Barker, 158
High handicap game -- Tyler Gillespie and Christopher Cabrera-Taylor, 208.
High scratch series -- Dori Armstrong, 399
High handicap series -- Christopher Cabrera-Taylor, 554

American League

(As of March 24)	Won	Lost
7th SVS #2	144	56
7th MOS	136	64
7th EMS	128	72
9th BS	108	92
7th LRS #1	101	99
7th MXS/9th BS	101	99
7th CMS	100	100
7th MXS/13th AMF	94	106
7th MDG	92	108
436th TS	89	111
7th SFS	77	123
LL's Cool Jammers	76	124
7th CPTS	74	126
7th LRS #2	60	140

March 24 high scores

High scratch game -- James Templeton, 237; Cristal Arnold, 163
High handicap game -- Rick Huff, 274; Radka Sherman, 248
High scratch series -- Steve Burkholder, 608; Andrea Kenny, 416
High handicap series -- Wayne Morgan, 740; Amie Stallcup, 680
Team scratch game -- 7th MOS, 865 pins
Team scratch series -- 7th LRS #1, 2,615
Team handicap game -- 7th SFS, 1,155
Team handicap series -- 436th TS, 3,338

Season high scores

High scratch game -- Curtis Hayes, 289; Mark Kuhar, 270; Tom Murphy, 267; Cristal Arnold, 204; Brandy Haefner, 172; Pam Aulerich, 171
High handicap game -- Chris Garcia, 322; Roger Burner, 307; Blake Keating, 307; Andrea Kenny, 289; Valerie Ferreira, 280; Rosie Kuhar, 261
High scratch series -- Robert Dickmeyer, 720; Matt Morris, 701; Troy Gaudette, 668; Sarah Webb-Frost, 576; Doy Brown, 486; Keri Varkony, 428
High handicap series -- Ben Sneed, 867; Don Cobb, 832; Lance Pigott, 822; Jamie Widrig, 805; Michelle Huff, 743; Radka Sherman, 709

National League

(As of March 19)	Won	Lost
7th CES	130	78
7th SVS	124	84
7th CMS	122	86
7th SVS Command	116	92
Dilligaf Hooah	112	96
7th MSS	110	98
13th AMF	109	99
Giga Gutters	104	104
317th AMXS	99	109
Team 5	99	109
28th AMF	91	117
7th EMS	76	132

7th LRS #3	74	134
7th SFS	70	138
9th AMF	52	156
March 19 high scores		
High scratch game -- Nathaniel Allison, 257; Alan Makeroff, 256; Julie Martin, 189		
High handicap game -- Jim Haller, 316; Brandon Berry, 301; Martha Brooks, 242		
High handicap series -- Walter Bridges, 822; Terry Kraly Jr. 780; Janelle Shifflet, 687; Nichole Jones, 687		
High scratch series -- Ken Armstrong, 661; David Paquin, 629; Stephanie Kraly, 550		
Team scratch game -- Team 5, 934; 317th AMXS, 900		
Team scratch series -- 7th MSS, 2,707 pins; Dilligaf Hooah, 2,655		
Team handicap game -- Giga Cutters, 1,281; 7th SVS, 1,227		
Team handicap series -- 7th CMS, 3,646; 13th AMF, 3,564		

Dyess OSC League

(As of Feb. 26)	Won	Lost
Crazy 8s	54	38
Kiss My Average	53.5	38.5
Lane Dames	51.5	40.5
Herky Girls	51	41
OddBalls	49.5	42.5
Gutter Girls	49.5	42.5
Gutter Wynchies	47.5	44.5
Bowlin' Mamas	43.5	48.5
Herk Hotties	43.5	48.5
Wishful Thinking	36.5	55.5
Clueless	36	56
Split Happens	36	52

Feb. 26 high scores

High scratch game -- Valerie Robinson, 201; Cristie Arnold, 199; Deb Plourde, 178
High handicap game -- Cristie Arnold, 247; Valerie Robinson, 244; Kris Green, 236
High scratch series -- Valerie Robinson, 564; Cristie Arnold, 493; Deb Plourde, 475
High handicap series -- Valerie Robinson, 693; Cristie Arnold, 637; Deb Plourde, 634

Season high scores

High scratch game -- Valerie Robinson, 223; Terry Johnston, 213; Cristie Arnold, 202.
High handicap game -- Victoria Peck, 272; Angela Thomas, 271; Anna Boyd, 266.
High scratch series -- Stephanie Williams, 565; Jean Adamski, 525; Sheri Chandler, 510.
High handicap series -- Renny Cones, 713; Kris Green, 700; Terri Foote, 698

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

(As of March 21)	Won	Lost
HMO	121	87
1/4 Bowlers	120	88
Misfits	120	88
We Don't Care	119	89
Mixed Nuts	114	94
HNSB's	110	98
Odd Couples	101	107
Lucky Dawgs	99	109
Are You Kidding?	97	111
Team No. 3	89	119
Team No. 2	83	125
Team 12	69	139

March 21 high scores

High scratch game -- Matthew Morris, 235; Shorty Mims, 228; Stephanie Kraly, 213; Pat Ervin, 205
High handicap game -- Jim Langan, 271; Stephanie Kraly, 259; Shorty Mims, 258; Edwards Edwards, 253
High scratch series -- Matthew Morris, 642; Shorty Mims, 635; Margret McMillian, 581; Edwards Edwards, 566
High handicap series -- Jim Langan, 753; Shorty Mims, 725; Edwards Edwards, 722; Sam Brown, 686
Season high scores
High scratch game -- Margret McMillian, 299; Shorty Mims, 258; Derek Moss, 254; Stephanie Kraly, 253
High handicap game -- Derek Moss, 307; Darren Crider, 306; Margret McMillian, 312; Stephanie Kraly, 296
High scratch series -- Margret McMillian, 733; Don Cobb, 684; Derek Moss, 652; Joy Kahn, 639
High handicap series -- Derek Moss, 811; Don Cobb, 795; Margret McMillian, 772; Judi Roberts, 767

Racquetball

Intramural League

(As of March 19)	Points
7th CES	22
7th MDG	17
7th MOS	17
7th EMS	14
7th CS	13
317th AMXS	12
7th OSS	6
7th SFS	5
7th AMXS	4
7th LRS	0

Volleyball

Intramural standings

(As of March 28)	Won	Lost
Points		
7th CES	4	0
317th AMXS	4	0

7th CS	3	1	6
7th LRS	2	2	6
9th BS/13th BS	2	2	5
28th BS	1	3	3
7th MSS	0	4	3
7th MDG	0	4	1

March 19 results

Scores not available at press time

March 24 results

7th CES beat 9th/13th BS, 2 games to 1
 7th LRS beat 7th MSS, 2 games to 1
 7th CS beat 7th MDG, 2 games to 0
 317th AMXS beat 28th BS, 2 games to 0

March 26 results

Scores not available at press time
 Monday's results
 Scores not available at press time

Monday's matches

Not available

Wednesday's matches

Not available

National League

(As of March 28)	Won	Lost
Points		
7th AMXS	4	0
7th EMS	3	1
Army	3	1
7th MUNS	2	2
7th SVS	2	2
7th SFS	1	3
7th MOS	1	3
317th MXS	0	4

March 18 results

Scores not available at press time

March 20 results

Scores not available at press time

March 25 results

Scores not available at press time

March 27 results

Scores not available at press time

Tuesday's results

Scores not available at press time

Tuesday's matches

Not available

Thursday's matches

Not available.

For more information about accuracy or posting of results, call the base fitness center at 6-4306.



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The BIG Screen



The Dyess theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card. Guests are welcome. Unless otherwise noted, all movies begin at 7 p.m. Adult admission is \$1.75, children 6-12 years old is \$1.25, and children under 6 are admitted free.

Today

The Jungle Book 2 -- Animated -- Mowgli gets restless and decides to return to the "bear necessities" of jungle life, leaving behind his new girlfriend, Shanti, who's afraid of the dangerous wild animals Mowgli is used to romping around with.

Mowgli's old nemesis, the tiger named Shere Khan, is out for bloody revenge. Can old friends Baloo and the crew help Mowgli avoid Khan's lethal claws?

Rated G

Saturday

Deliver Us From Eva -- L.L. Cool J, Gabrielle Union -- Hardened by her parent's deaths, Eva gives up her dreams to provide for her three sisters. The sisters honor and obey Eva's every decision, often at the expense of their self-absorbed men. Fed up, the three men conspire to rid themselves of Eva once and for all.

Rated R

Comedy night

Open-mike comedy night is at 7 p.m. today at The Hangar Center.

Prizes will be awarded by audience votes.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Karaoke contest

The community center is hosting a karaoke contest at 6 p.m. April 15 at The Hangar Center.

People can compete in youth and adult categories to win prizes.

For more information, call 6-4305.

\$1 club meals

The Heritage Club is hosting its next set of dollar-day specials for club members beginning this month.

Members can eat for \$1 on the following dates:

April 15 -- Breakfast from 6:30-8 a.m.

May 14 -- Lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

June 24 -- Family night dinner from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Discount bowling

Military children can bowl two free games and receive a free drink Sundays this month at Dyess Lanes.

The special is in honor of Month of the Military Child.

Children must be accompanied by a bowling parent.

For more information, call 6-4166.

New ITT hours

The information, tickets and travel office now operates from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 6-5207.

Bingo moves

Tuesday Bingo is now at 7:15 p.m. at The Heritage Club.

For more information, call 6-2405.

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