

## IN BRIEF

**The Employment Readiness Program is hosting a weekly job seekers workshop** from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Army Community Service, Building 7264 Normandy Dr. Tuesday workshops will focus on NAF applications, how to read vacancy announcements, application forms, and the step-by-step process for filling out applications. Thursday workshops will focus on the federal Resumix system, how to read federal announcements, assistance in researching positions for specific job qualifications and new spouse non-competitive status. For more information or to register, call 785-239-9435.

Child, Youth and School Services, along with the New Parent Support Program, is now offering **Play Pals Playgroup for children under 5** every Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Child, Youth and School Services, Building 6620. Parents and children will participate in art, dramatic play, blocks, manipulatives, outdoor play and lots more. Parents must stay at the center with their children and participate in activities. This is not child care. Free on-site registration. Reservation is encouraged and walk-ins are welcome on a space-available basis. Call 785-239-9885 for more information.

**The Fort Riley Thrift Shop is open** from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and the first and third Saturdays of the month. Consignments will be from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Dollar Bag Room will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The Family Advocacy and Exceptional Family Member Programs will host their **Family Holiday Conference from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 10** at Riley's Conference Center. During the educational and social training conference, families will have the opportunity to interact and network. Santa will visit and lead holiday singing. Learn the hidden value of developing new family traditions. RSVP by Nov. 23 to 785-239-9435.

The Middle School Teen Center will host Arts and Crafts Camp from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 28 to Jan. 4. Cost is \$15 and includes an art museum field trip and camp T-shirt. Rock and Roll Band Camp will run from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 23 to Jan. 4 with a performance on Jan. 8. Cost is \$15 and includes a camp T-shirt, and use of instruments and equipment. Call 785-239-9222 for more information. Deadline to register for both camps is Dec. 21.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

## Leaders invite community for quarterly town hall Dec. 8

By Col. Kevin Brown  
GARRISON COMMANDER



Col. Brown

It's time once again for our quarterly town hall meeting. Town hall meetings were implemented as a venue for Fort Riley Soldiers, Family members and civilians to voice their opinions and ask questions of their senior leaders. I will be on hand along with the directors of various organizations on post to answer your questions. Join us at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at Riley's Conference Center.

Town hall meetings help provide the community with the most up-to-date information on Fort Riley issues and activities and encourage community involvement. As leaders we want to know

what our community members think are the issues the installation needs to focus on to provide a quality of life commensurate with their service.

For those who have other commitments and can't attend the town hall, other options are available to participate. The town hall will be broadcast live on Riley TV, cable Channel 2 on post and on the Voice of the Commander. Voice of the Commander can be accessed on any CAC-enabled computer at [voc.riley.army.mil](http://voc.riley.army.mil).

Call into the meeting by dialing 785-240-TOWN (8696). If you can't call the day of the meeting, call in advance and leave a message, which will be read at the meeting. This phone line also is available 24-7 for our Soldiers, Family members and civilians to leave questions and comments. When not being used for town hall meetings, the line is monitored by staff at the Public Affairs Office who will forward your questions on to the appropriate people or send suggestions to the Army Family Action Plan.

Between town hall meetings, 24-hour hotlines and AFAP meetings, how do you know where to send your comments and concerns? Use the venue that's most convenient for you. We

provide options because we know everyone has different schedules, different concerns and different access to various media.

I've recently been blogging on Fort Riley's page on Facebook and getting great feedback from our fans. If you're on Facebook at home during the day after work, check out our page at [www.facebook.com/FortRiley](http://www.facebook.com/FortRiley) and join in under the discussion tab. Besides being able to participate in the conversations, this is a great way to interact with others at Fort Riley and find out what's happening on post.

The Interactive Customer Evaluation system, or ICE, is another avenue customers may use to pose questions and offer suggestions to organizations

on post. A link for ICE is available on the Fort Riley homepage, [www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil). Include your contact information with your comment and the appropriate organization will get back to you.

We provide all of these options because we want to hear from you. Instead of wondering why this or that doesn't happen, take advantage of all of these options and ask us why. If you think something could be done more efficiently, let us know. Maybe you have just the solution we've been looking for.

*If you would like to comment on this article or suggest a topic for the Community Corner, e-mail [rile.post.newspaper@conus.army.mil](mailto:rile.post.newspaper@conus.army.mil).*

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times are very, very important between couples."

She said single individuals also should attend because Coleman will be giving helpful tips on how to meet that special someone.

Tolliver-Lee said Coleman is speaking at Fort Riley "because of our interest in the quality of life of Soldiers and Families."

She encourages people to attend the event because it's about relationships. "Relationships are important in all of

our lives, whether we're married or single," Tolliver-Lee said. "I can't express it enough that relationships help form who we are. They're a great part of who we are and who we become."

Tolliver-Lee believes the Fort Riley audience will be particularly interested in one part of Coleman's presentation: how to nurture and maintain long-distance relationships.

Coleman has been honored 12 times as National Speaker of the Year, nine times by the Campus Activities Maga-

zine and three times by the National Association of Campus Activities.

He has contributed to many books on successful relationships and has written three books of his own: "Making Relationships Matter," "Date Smart!" and "101 Great Dates."

All of his books include strategies and ideas to expand upon relationships and personal potential.

As a speaker, author, entertainer and radio and television personality, Coleman has spoke to millions of people in

all 50 states, Canada and Europe.

He has been featured in publications such as Us Magazine, Glamour and the Wall Street Journal.

Coleman also has been featured on CNN and other major television networks and radio stations.

He received a National Service Citation from former President George Bush and has been the featured speaker for all branches of the military.

Tolliver-Lee said Coleman's presentation will be specifically designed for the

Fort Riley community.

She thinks people should see Coleman's presentation as an "extra perk from the Army to the community."

Tolliver-Lee encourages people to see this as an early holiday gift and come be educated and entertained by "Mr. Matchmaker himself."

For more information on the event, call Army Community Service at 785-239-9435.

For more information on Coleman, visit [www.datingdoctor.com](http://www.datingdoctor.com).

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A total of 140 students performed in "A Froggy Day in Lindentown." Many of those students had narration parts throughout the performance.

They included Emma Shope as Talulah the Turtle, Caleb Sicotte as Sol the Salamander, Briana Riedesel as Allie the Alligator, John Flores as Toadie the Toad, Christian Olson-Dyes as Ozzie the Otter, Jasmin Brooker as Dora the Duck, Nahama Massieu as Silvio the Snake, Robyn Patrick as Harriet the Hawk, Ashlan Brown as Gretchen the Grasshopper, Hannah Lillis as Olivia the Owl, Malakai Picklett as Wally the Woodpecker, Malekia Jenkins as Bernie the Beaver, Damian Moore as Barney the Blue Heron,

Katelynn Butzin as Squeaky the Squirrel and Erik Presas as Rusty the Raccoon. The tadpoles were portrayed by Samantha Anderson, Bianca Boudreaux, Zoë John, Emily Honeycutt, Shania Luster, Andrew Feliz, Gavin Reikward and Joshua Burchett. Narrators included Brandon Hook, Danyel Weeks, Chalice Carter, Dylan Quinn, Jessica Stuber, Madison Frank, Blayne McKinney, Julia Silva, Sean Holguin, Gingerlei Taufagu, Mackenzie Windes-Ward and Jacob Santos.

Future programs include the third and fourth grade on Dec. 10, fifth graders on Feb. 11, 2010, and the kindergarten on April 15, 2010.

Learn more about Fort Riley schools at [www.usd475.org](http://www.usd475.org)

## Home wanted

## Friskies

This is Friskies. Friskies is a 3-year-old female who is not spayed or declawed. However, she is litterbox trained. Friskies is very loving, but doesn't care for dogs. If you have another cat, the stray facility staff recommends a visit with Friskies before adding her to your home. Stop in to meet Friskies and the other pets up for adoption.

Fort Riley Stray Facility  
Building 226 Custer Ave., Main Post  
Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday; open until 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Phone: 785-239-6183

