

## COMMUNITY CORNER

## 'Big Red One,' Fort Riley gear up for 2012 Fall Apple Day Festival

By Col. William Clark  
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Artilery Parade Field will be filled with activities, demonstrations, vendors and visitors Sept. 22 when Fort Riley hosts its annual Fall Apple Day Festival. The free event, a tradition at the installation since the 1980s, is always celebrated in the fall and is one of the largest events hosted annually at Fort Riley. I would like to extend a personal invitation to you, your family and friends to join us for this fun and educational event.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the festival will include historical reenactments, static vehicle and aircraft displays, demonstrations by military working dogs, Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard demonstrations, a treasure hunt, petting zoo, obstacle course, paintball and an all-terrain vehicle course.

Unit Family readiness groups will be selling food and beverages, and the Historical

and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley will sell their famous apple pies—whole or by the slice.

The 2012 National Cavalry competition also will take place in conjunction with the festival this year. The competition will take place from Sept. 19 to 23 at Fort Riley.

This event brings professional military horse cavalry riders to Fort Riley for a spirited regional competition that includes horse cavalry tactics and a pass and review.

An expo tent and a wellness tent will round out the event's activities.

The expo tent will have booths from post and area organizations to help you learn about services and activities in the surrounding area.

Irwin Army Community Hospital will host its Community Health Experience inside the wellness tent, offering



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public health education and information on hospital programs and clinics available on post. Flu, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and pneumonia vaccines will be provided to eligible Department of Defense beneficiaries.

All events are free, except food and beverages. Alcohol and pets are prohibited.

Come out for a few hours or stay the whole day—the event will provide a new insight into the "Big Red One" and Fort Riley.

Those planning to attend the event should bring a valid ID for all adults in the vehicle and current vehicle registration to gain entry to the post.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/FortRiley](http://www.facebook.com/FortRiley) or [www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil) or [www.twitter.com/USAGCeremonies](http://www.twitter.com/USAGCeremonies).

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## FRMS groundbreaking on hold

By Pamela Redford  
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The groundbreaking of a new Fort Riley middle school has been delayed.

Originally scheduled for Sept. 14, the ceremony was put on hold by Unified School District 475 Geary County Schools staff and Fort Riley leadership after the Office of Economic Adjustment requested more information from the district, according to Ron Walker, superintendent, USD 475.

"We are delaying the groundbreaking for Fort Riley

Middle School. There are several questions that have been asked by the (OEA). We have researched all those questions and we are responding," Walker said.

Previously, the district received a letter from the OEA to proceed with construction, he said. Staff was acting on that information, but the decision was made to hold off on the groundbreaking when the second letter came in.

"Hopefully we'll have the second letter to proceed within about two weeks," Walker said.

One of the questions the OEA asked in the second let-

ter involved state funding. The district was asked if they could acquire more state money for a match. The example the OEA provided was the construction of a school in California—supposedly a state in a worse financial condition, Walker said.

If California could come up with the funding, Kansas should be able to, Walker said the letter suggested.

His response to the OEA, provided Aug. 31, was detailed.

"The issue with that is that every state funds schools differently on construction, and

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## MCCW begins new year on post with ministry, fellowship, music

By Calun Reece  
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The Military Council of Catholic Women began a new year of ministry and fellowship Sept. 5 at St. Mary's Chapel on Main Post.

The official event began with a Rosary and an introduction of the organization by MCCW's president, Carrie Mathews.

"What we are experiencing today is First Wednesdays," Mathews said. "First Wednesdays of the month are going to be a little bit of music, then Rosary and then we'll go down and have breakfast and fellowship."

First Wednesdays will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Chapel on Main Post.

Other Wednesday meetings—the second, third and fourth of the month—will have an eight-week video session called "Walking Toward Eternity: Making Choices for Today." These Wednesday sessions also will include small group discussion and breakfast.

Video session Wednesday gatherings will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's chapel on Main Post.

"It is important for us to make significant eternal choices so we can be centered and strong," Mathews said.

The video series will encourage MCCW participants to strive to be a "better you" as they grow in holiness.

"What we'll learn through this study are questions you can ask yourself," Mathews said.

Some of the questions from the video series will address how to walk in love, forgiveness and humility.



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Father (Maj.) Anthony Kazarnowicz, Catholic chaplain, Religious Support Office, speaks about personal holiness Sept. 5 during MCCW's kickoff event at St. Mary's Chapel on Main Post. MCCW will be starting a new video series study session—"Walking toward Eternity: Making Choices for Today"—that will focus on personal holiness.

"Are you walking in love—with your neighbors, your husband's boss or people you volunteer with—are you walking in love? Are you walking in forgiveness, offering others the same grace and understanding that you would want bestowed upon you? Are you walking in humility, knowing full well you aren't the best version of you?" Mathews said.

Mathews encourages women to attend MCCW when they can.

"The organization recognizes that some of the ladies work and have to make sacrifices to be at events, but we want them to come when they can," Mathews said.

"I think the great thing about this study is if you miss one it won't hinder what you are learning," she said. "We hope the ladies will enjoy the Bible study and that it will bring them joy and hopefully peace."

For more information about MCCW, visit [www.facebook.com/FortRileyMCCW](http://www.facebook.com/FortRileyMCCW) or email [ft.rileymccw@gmail.com](mailto:ft.rileymccw@gmail.com).

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