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Fort Knox:

The Turret reported Aug. 11 that members of Fort Knox spouses clubs are not inclined to combine. With the impending personnel changes associated with the Base Realignment and Closure process looming over the Army, spouses clubs at installations Army-wide are combining forces to maximize their fund-raising abilities.

But the combining of the Officer and Civilian Spouses' Club and the Enlisted Spouses Club is not on the horizon, said Nikki Puig, last year's ESC president.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox, Ky., news, visit www.thenewsenterprise.com/turret/ on the Web.

Fort Bragg:

The Paraglide reported Aug. 11 that one of the best-known symbols of Fort Bragg has returned to his rightful place, watching over local community members traveling the roads that converge in front of the officers' club.

For 23 days, the concrete pedestal in the traffic circle was missing its signature statue, the Airborne Trooper, more commonly known as Iron Mike.

The disintegrating statue was removed July 12 and transported to Simmons Army Air Field for restoration.

The new statue is cast entirely of bronze and should last a lifetime, according to Dube Putz, the senior project manager for Todd Construction, the company responsible for the restoration.

For more on this story and other Fort Bragg, N.C., news, visit www.paraglideonline.net/ on the Web.

Iraq:

The European Stars and Stripes reported Aug. 17 that the U.S. military is planning to hand over the Abu Ghraib prison to Iraqi control early next year.

The plans call for U.S. forces to move an unspecified number of "prisoners of interests" now detained at Abu Ghraib to Camp Cropper, a U.S. detention facility near Baghdad, where they would remain under U.S. control, said a civilian member of U.S. Army Europe headquarters.

The civilian said the plan called for the transfer of prisoners in February or March.

Lt. Col. Guy Rudisill, spokesman for Multi-National Force-Iraq's detainee operations, confirmed the Iraqis will take control Ghraib in 2006.

For more information on this story and other U.S. military news in the European and Pacific theaters, visit www.estripes.com on the Web.

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Renovations to historical homes on post, such as this one that houses one of the 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) assistant commanders, must keep its historical appearance.

Renovations restricted

Picerne must follow preservation rules for some homes

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
The Daily Union

In the late 19th century, the United States government transitioned Fort Riley from a frontier fort of the post-Civil War period to a more professional Army installation.

In that drastic redevelopment, the Army built large limestone homes for Soldiers and their families. Later, brick masonry family quarters were added. Today, 151 of those limestone and brick historic homes – 284 family units – are occupied and have been since they were built.

The Army is going through another transition that will change the way families at Fort Riley live. As part of that transition, Fort Riley signed an agreement with Picerne Military Housing to privatize family housing on post. In July, Picerne officials announced they would take ownership of 3,052 housing units in July 2006. The developer will work to replace 1,500 of those units, renovate

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Heavy load

Fort's dental specialists 'carry on'

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

No ambulance, no medevac helicopter and simulated wounded Soldiers laid a heavy task on Dental Department Activity Soldiers at Fort Riley Aug. 12.

The training exercise at the post's obstacle course taught them 12 different ways to lift, drag or carry a wounded war buddy from harm's way.

"Our dental activity Soldiers are in the clinics every day. But if they were to get deployed with the dental team, then they would help the medical companies evacuate casualties and transport casualties to the medical treatment facilities," said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Haag of DENTAC. "Part of that is to move the casualty to a specific location for further medical aid to actually happen."

How a Soldier is carried from a combat zone depends on the situation, Haag said. So, the post's DENTAC Soldiers practiced everything from carrying the injured on their backs to dragging a casualty while low-crawling out of a dangerous area.

"To move a casualty is determined by the environment in which they're in, whether they're under direct fire, indirect fire or they just need to move the casualty to a safer location or to meet up with medical treatment facility to evacuate the casualty," Haag said.

"Basically, the goal is to evacuate the patient. The challenge is to do it faster and with as little harm as possible to the patient," said 1st Lt. Jerry Silvers, DENTAC company commander.

Knowing when to use which technique is the one of the most difficult things about the lifts and carries, Silvers said.

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Spc. Jaime Tobon struggles as he lifts 1st Lt. Jerry Silvers during DENTAC's training Aug. 12 on ways to carry casualties.

Growth prompts education planning

Post, colleges work to set up new programs

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

A growing Fort Riley population means more demand for educational opportunities, and staff at the post's Educations Services promise that will happen.

The Base Realignment and Closure announcement made earlier this year suggests that Fort Riley's military and civilian worker population could grow by about 19,000 people by June 2007. About 8,000 Soldiers, more than 10,000 military family members and about 1,200 more civilian employees are expected with the addition of three brigade-sized units and return of the 1st Infantry Division headquarters from Germany.

To meet the increased demands, Federico Rodriguez, his staff at Education Services and representatives of several colleges and universities connected with Fort Riley education programs have laid a broader foundation to offer Soldiers, family members and Department of the Army civilians more education opportunities.

Planning for education expansion began even before the BRAC announcement confirmed rumors of growth for the Army's Warfighting Center, and several colleges set up program proposals for their boards of trustees to consider and approve soon after the announcement, Rodriguez said.

Plans include bringing more Kansas State University classes back on post; new programs offered by Barton County Community College, Southwestern College, Upper Iowa University and University of Mary; more video tele-training from remote locations; exportable courses to go

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48th Brigade Soldier dies in Baghdad

Staff report

Sgt. Jonathon C. Haggin, 26, of Kingsland, Ga., died July 30 near Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive devise detonated near the "Hummer" he was in while on patrol.

Haggin was assigned to the National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry, 48th Brigade, 24th Infantry Division (Mech).

The 48th Brigade is one of three Army National Guard enhanced separate brigades that fall under the command of the 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) headquartered at Fort Riley.

Family, friends, others fill pews

Memorial service honors 70th Engineers' 'Fallen Hero'

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

About 30 people filled three pews reserved for family members attending the Aug. 11 memorial service for the 56th Fort Riley Soldier killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Friends, acquaintances, fellow Soldiers and others filled many of the remaining pews in Morris Hill Chapel to say a final farewell to Spc. Seferino Reyna of Company A, 70th Engineer Battalion.

"You can't sum up this Soldier in a couple of words," said Sgt. Scott Krause, who served with Reyna. "He always did what was asked without question and took pride in doing things right the first time."

Reyna was proud to be a Soldier, Krause said, and would urge fellow Soldiers to look and do their best because they represented the Army. Reyna never showed up for duty without spit-shined shoes and a pressed uniform, he said.

Reyna loved his family and his fellow Soldiers, Krause recalled. "He sought out Soldiers having a bad day and tried to raise their spirits. The world has lost a great Soldier and a loving family man."

Maj. Russell Sears, 70th Eng. Bn. executive officer, praised Reyna's dedication to duty in Iraq.

While on patrols and searching for potential improvised explosive devices, Reyna would be focused on potential secondary attacks, Sears said. "He knew it was his responsibility to remain exposed in order to

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Spc. Reyna

Born in Arizona March 19, 1985.

Enlisted July 9, 2003, at age 18.

Assigned to Fort Riley May 24, 2004.

Deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in February 2005.

Killed in an IED explosion Aug. 7 near Taji, Iraq.

Posthumously promoted to specialist and awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal and Combat Action Badge.

Post news in brief

Registration open for exams

This fall's registration process for November Automotive Service Excellence exams administered through DANTES Test Centers is currently under way. Test dates are Nov. 10, 15 and 17.

Eligible Soldiers must register with an education counselor by Sept. 9 in order to test in November. All candidates must pay a registration fee of $32.

DANTES authorizes funding for a maximum of three $25 ASE examinations for each semi-annual examination cycle. Active duty and Reserve component Soldiers are eligible to test for either credit-by-examination or for certification. DANTES does not fund the L1, L2 or any recertification exams. All examinations begin at 8 a.m. at the Main Post Education Center, Building 217.

For more information, call an education counselor at 239-6481.

ID card center to close

The ID Card Center will be closed to the public from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 24 in order to handle Reserve unit mobilizations. Exceptions will be made for previously made appointments and emergencies on a case by case basis.

For emergencies, call 239-3654 or 239-3698.

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920 and build 32 new homes.

"What's unique about post is the fact that it has these beautiful limestone buildings that stand as examples or stand as a tribute to the Army undertaking a program to build adequate quarters for their families that were going to be stationed at Fort Riley," said Bill McKale, U.S. Cavalry Museum and Fort Riley Regimental Museum curator. "They stood the test of time."

When Picerne starts its construction, housing on Fort Riley will span more than 150 years.

The Victorian limestone homes and the brick masonry homes on Fort Riley's Main Post have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since May 1974. Most of the limestone homes were built in a period ranging from the 1880s to about 1914. Five of those homes date from the original period of construction that started in 1854, said Bob Beardsley, Fort Riley historic architect. Beardsley directs the maintenance and repair procedures for the historic buildings on post.

Because of the homes' designation on the National Register of Historic Places, Fort Riley must meet standards for the homes' maintenance and for any renovations.

When work must be done on a historic building, Beardsley must ensure that the changes comply with the secretary of the interior's standards of historic preservation and Army regulations governing the maintenance of historic buildings. Under an agreement with Fort Riley, Picerne would have to uphold these standards and procedures for maintaining the historic homes.

Beardsley said he seeks to protect the character-defining features of historic buildings during upgrades. Character-defining features include gingerbread eaves, fireplaces and unpainted woodwork. He also tries to preserve the integrity of family quarters interiors, but renovation guidelines for buildings on the national register allows much greater latitude in preserving the building's historical appearance, he said.

"I think the main thing we need to ensure is that the buildings, first of all, retain their historic character but, equally important, that they remain functional, desirable places in which to house Soldiers and their families," he said.

The Kansas State Historical Society is negotiating an agreement with the Army that would require Picerne to comply with federal preservation laws, said Christy Davis, acting director of the Cultural Resources Division of the Kansas State Historical Society. She said it was in the developer's best interest to meet these standards because Picerne would likely apply for rehabilitation tax credits for work on the buildings. Picerne must comply with the federal preservation laws to be eligible for the tax credits.

Brian Beauregard, program director for Picerne Military Housing, said Picerne would maintain the historic homes to Fort Riley's current standards.

"We feel strongly that the historic homes at Fort Riley are a national treasure," Beauregard said. "We fully intend to treat them accordingly."

Fort Riley has more limestone buildings than any other Department of Defense facility in the world.

Beardsley said maintaining those is a full-time job for the post's Directorate of Public Works employees. The post's public works department has employees who specialize in historic housing.

"In terms of simply the vast number and quality of homes, we are really a premiere installation," Beardsley said.

McKale said Fort Riley was a unique post because it was much older than others, many of which, such as Fort Carson, Fort Lewis and Fort McPherson, were developed from World War II training camps. Most, however, don't have the long history and tradition Fort Riley has. He said Fort Leavenworth's and Fort Sam Houston's histories were comparable to Fort Riley's.

The homes are important to the post's history because they are emblematic of development at Fort Riley, Beardsley said. The fort was designed to reflect Kansas's architecture. Picerne officials have said new family housing on post will also reflect architecture in the Flint Hills, but not necessarily that of the historical buildings on post.

With Picerne's promises of spacious, modern housing on post, officers will have the option of where to live. Beardsley and Beauregard don't foresee an exodus from Main Post's limestone homes. Beauregard predicted that officers would want to continue living in the historic homes because of the tradition associated with the homes and the prestige that came with living in them.

George S. Patton was stationed at Fort Riley twice, and the second time he lived in Quarters 5. Col. Jay Simpson, the post's former garrison commander, lived in No. 5 and was excited to discover that the famous fellow tanker lived there, Beardsley said.

Most of the historic homes are duplexes, with 4,000 square feet per side. Picerne's new four-bedroom homes for field grade officers will be about 2,150 square feet.

"For the most part, certainly the ones I've worked with, the tenants in the historic homes just love them," Beardsley said.

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Post photo

Fort Riley has 151 historic buildings used to house families. Many of them are limestone quarters, such as those in the photo, that usually house at least two families. Others are red brick multi-plexes.

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Other 70th Eng. Bn. losses

Pvt. Jonathan Falaniko, Co. A, Oct. 27, 2003

Spc. Matthew A. Koch, Co. C, March 9, 2005

1st Sgt. Timmy J. Millsap, Co. A, April 25, 2005

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The traditional helmet, rifle and boots displayed during Spc. Seferino Reyna's memorial service are joined by a piece of pottery made by one of his relatives.

provide covering fire" if such attacks occurred, he explained.

It was that alertness that protected the lives of many 70th Eng. Bn. Soldiers, Sears said. "The mention of Spc. Seferino Reyna's name will cause the 400 Soldiers of 70th Eng. Bn. to stand taller," he assured the family and others attending the service.

"Members of the unit knew Spc. Reyna as a big, hard-working guy," said Maj. Kevin West, the battalion's rear detachment commander. But, Reyna wasn't all about work. "He often would (good naturedly) antagonize fellow Soldiers just to make things interesting," he said.

"Reyna joined the Army after 9-11; he knew he would probably have to go fight, but he joined anyway," West said. When that time came, "he told his wife he had to go so someone else's father could come home," West said.

Reyna's survivors include his wife, Jennifer; daughter, Savannah; and baby son, Aquilino.

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(Left to right) Ayad Al-Safee, deputy minister of technical affairs for the Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works; Col. David Bishop, commander of 3rd Brigade Combat Team; 2nd Lt. Shirley Kim; and Nanjar Manshed, the Al-Istaklah District Advisory Council delegate sign the Husseiniya Working Group Charter aimed at improving and developing essential in the district.

3rd BCT/Bromley

Trash lies along a street in the Baghdad suburb Husseiniya and in groundwater that could likely contain raw sewage. A charter agreement between Coalition forces and the district sets up ways for water, trash and sewage infrastructure expansion to the district.

Charter establishes development program

By Kevin Bromley
3rd Bde., 1st Armored Div.

BAGHDAD – The children of Husseiniya, a town north of Baghdad, play among heaps of trash, lakes of standing groundwater and open sewage.

Several miles away in north Baghdad, Col. David Bishop, commander of 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division; Ayad Al-Safee, the deputy minister of technical affairs for the Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works; Nanjar Manshed, the Al-Istaklah District Advisory Council delegate; and a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative signed a charter Aug. 1 that will ensure the citizens and children of Husseiniya a brighter and healthier future.

Husseiniya is a settlement that took root in the agricultural region north of Baghdad in the 1980s. The Baghdad storm drainage and waste treatment facilities were designed and built from the late 1960s to early 1970s and the previous regime never extended these basic public services to the area.

The population of Husseiniya – now nearly 750,000 – steadily increased in size as more and more people moved to the town with their families during the previous regime. This large influx of people from the towns surrounding Baghdad created a public works crisis situation that continues to this day.

"If there is a situation below poor, we [Husseiniya] are underneath that ... it's bad," Manshed said.

In order to correct these health and public services problems, Coalition Forces and the MMPW decided a charter was needed to detail plans that will bring storm drainage projects, water-quality improvements and sewage treatment facilities to the district.

The Husseiniya Charter is the first of its kind in the area, and the projects that spring from this agreement will improve the city's health and welfare.

"It is a great project to help the people. We will have healthy water and less disease from the sewage all over the city," Manshed said.

Local Iraqi contractors will perform most of the work on these projects, providing the additional benefit of employment for laborers.

"The widespread use of the local workforce not only adds jobs but helps to spike the economy as wage earners buy goods and services in the area," said Maj. Scott Sill, the civil affairs officer for 3rd Bde.

Coalition Forces are involved in the planning and project development stages, but the execution of the plans will be at the directive of the Iraqi government.

"I think this is a tremendous project for the people of Husseiniya. This is an Iraqi project — the U.S. Forces are only providing some funding and oversight," Bishop said, adding that it will provide jobs and invite better living conditions for the people of this area.

Husseiniya's programs will serve as the test-bed and guide for other projects in different impoverished areas in and around Baghdad.

"What we do and learn here in Husseiniya will be used as a roadmap for projects in other towns that desperately need basic essential services such as clean water, air and waste removal," Sill said.

The MMPW and the organizers of the charter group are hopeful that the newly signed charter will be the springboard to additional charter groups and spread across the region to improve the lifestyles of Iraqi people across the nation.

"Hopefully, I will see the whole improvement ...," Mashed said. "These projects will make the people in Husseiniya proud."

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Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Haag (left) gives 1st Lt. Jerry Silvers pointers on placing a strap around Spc. Mark Tyson. DENTAC Soldiers practiced dragging each other out of a combat zone as one of their tactics for removing casualties from the battlefield.

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Pfc. Sandra Calderon drags Spc. Lindsy Marmol out of harm's way during DENTAC's training on moving casualties.

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Spc. Mark Tyson (front) loses his balance as he and 1st Lt. Jerry Silvers try to lift Spc. Jaime Tobon during a DENTAC training exercise Aug. 12.

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1st Lt. Jerry Silvers (left) and Staff Sgt. Howard Pastran of DENTAC work together to lift Spc. Mark Tyson Aug. 12. The Soldiers were practicing carrying techniques for evacuating casualties.

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"It's a mental game. Once something happens, the Soldier already knows how to do the carries. It's just a matter of which one to use in the situation. The faster they can decide and the better the choice, then the quicker and safer the results," he said.

While some techniques were easier than others, all required certain degrees of strength.

"I had forgotten how difficult it can be to lift a casualty when you are on your own, and I learned that you should always ensure that you have a good hold of the casualty and never underestimate the weight of the casualty. The casualty may look like they do not weigh much but in actuality they weigh quite a bit," said Staff Sgt. Howard Pastran of DENTAC.

Another difficult aspect of the training involved learning the actual lifting techniques, Haag said. "The technique that's involved in doing the lifts is probably the majority of the difficulty for the Soldiers. Proper lifting techniques (are critical) to get the casualty from the ground to a lifting position," he said.

Despite any difficulties, Pastran said this training is important and should be taught to every Soldier for war and peacetime situations.

"Evacuating casualties should be taught to every Soldier," he said. "In addition (to combat), the training that we receive could also help us during peacetime as well. One never knows when we will need to use some of the carries that we just trained on," Pastran pointed out.

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Commentary

Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

How would you describe someone who demonstrates the Warrior Ethos?

"Someone dedicated to the training and preparation and the fighting and winning of wars under any circumstance. It encompasses the whole thing: training to fight and win and then going and doing it. The whole Task Force 1-41 exemplified it on three deployments since 2002."

1st Lt. Jeff Rottenberg
Platoon leader
Co. B, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry
Home: Red Bluff, Calif.

"Someone with tenacity, who puts the good of the unit above his own and who follows orders without question. Like it says in 'The Charge of the Light Brigade:' 'Ours not to reason why. Ours but to do and die.'"

Sgt. Lori Shepard
Practical nurse
Irwin Army Community Hospital
Home: Orlando, Fla.

"Someone who knows what he's doing, knows his job. He has good leadership qualities and cares for Soldiers."

Spc. Lee Thornburg
Truck driver
HHC, 1st Battallion, 41st Infantry
Home: St. John, Kan.

"He's very dedicated to friends, family and the troops. He is always willing to go out of the way for others and go above and beyond his normal duties."

Spc. Harold Werner
Staff duty operations
648th Area Support Group
Home: Wichita, Kan.

"A Soldier or a leader who can take care of Soldiers while accomplishing the mission. He can keep his compassion, humanity and integrity though in combat. He doesn't lose the human touch of what we do. He doesn't forget the goal is to end the war."

Capt. Robert Parker
Force protection, chemical officer
35th Area Support Group
Home: Kansas City, Mo.

Next week's question:

If you could say or do something for a Soldier returning from Iraq, what would that be?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

Student Safety

Now good time to review safety rules

By Vanita Fiedler
Installation Safety Office

The summer has come and gone with a furry. Many of our families are reuniting after a long deployment; and the next thing they know, school bells are ringing. Now is a great time to refresh community awareness on the safety issues for the school year.

If you're planning to allow your child to ride a bicycle to school, inspect the bicycle to make sure the brakes and tires are in good condition. It's also a good idea to make sure your children are dressed in bright colored clothing. Motorists will be more likely to spot them.

You should discuss these few safety precautions with your child:

• Obey traffic rules. Cyclists must follow the same rules as motorists.

• Ride in single file with traffic, not against it. Bicyclists should stay as far right on the pavement as possible, watching for opening car doors, sewer gratings, soft shoulders, broken glass and other debris.

• Remember to keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead.

• Make safe turns and cross intersections with care. Signal turns half a block before the intersection, using the correct hand signals (left arm straight out for left turn; forearm up for right turn).

• When traffic is heavy and the cyclist has to turn left, it is best to dismount and walk the bicycle across both lanes at the crosswalks.

• Never hitch on cars. A sudden stop or turn could send the cyclist flying into the path of another vehicle.

• Before riding into traffic, stop, look left, right, left again and over your shoulder.

• Wear a helmet; it's mandatory on Fort Riley. Head injuries cause about 85 percent of all bicycling fatalities. Proper fit is essential; it should fit securely and should be worn low and near the eyebrows, not back on the forehead.

•Replace the helmet when it has been outgrown or damaged in a crash.

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If you are planning to drive your child to school, ensure everyone in the vehicle is buckled up. Seat belts can lower your risk of injury by 45 percent.

The Installation Safety Office has two certified Child Restraint System Inspectors. Their skills are available to you for free. They can help you determine if your family is properly secured in their seat belts. They will inspect for proper installation of car seats and proper fit of seat belt for all occupants. To have your restraint systems inspected, call 239-2514.

Ensure you are driving at the posted speed limits and being extra observant in school zones. Most of our routes to work take us through or very near housing areas, so even if you aren't in a school zone you are quite likely to see children. Look out after each one as if he or she were your own child. Slow down for their safety.

If you are at a crosswalk, stop and allow them to cross.

If you approach a bus with flashing lights, know what to do. Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop in order to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop.

Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped so children can get on or off the bus. Motorists must stop and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop arm is withdrawn and the bus begins to move before they can start moving their vehicle again.

Passing another vehicle is never allowed in a school zone.

School started Aug. 17. Allow for extra driving time going to and from work, for our children's sakes.

On Military Service

Say 'yes' to nation's, Army's call to duty

By William M. Grant
Army News Service

During this time in the history of our Army, when recruiting is facing a unique challenge, the need for great Americans to join or remain in the ranks of this team (the Army) is paramount.

However, the call to duty brings with it responsibility, commitment, dedication and personal courage.

What does it take to be a Solder in today's Army? I would tell you that it takes saying "yes" regarding those things that are good, true and team-supporting.

We all said "yes" when our journey began in uniform, regardless of how long ago that decision was made. That "yes" was made with our limited perspective on what the future had in store for us.

"I solemnly swear to support and defend the constitution of the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic ... so help me God."

These are very interesting words, especially in the situation in which we find ourselves today.

We say "yes" when faced with the prospect of promotion, understanding that much more would be required of us. We say "oooh, yes" when our raises hit the bank, thus increasing our buying power.

Yet, are we continuing to say "yes" during these times of getting down to the business of supporting and representing ourselves well in light of the opening statement?

The call to duty comes in different shapes and sizes, yet, the end state is common for all concerned.

I believe that duty comes easy when we understand the "why" and the impact of an action on the big picture.

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I believe it's easy to say "yes" to the call to duty when Soldiers realize that they are integral members of the team. Therefore, I believe that Soldiers will gravitate in and around duty in direct proportion to the command climate they exist in.

Are there key points of reference in your professional endeavors that require a "yes" that would move you to the next level?

I don't normally end in this manner, but consider these ideas to repeated comments from the old "Arsenio Hall Show": This is something that makes you go "hmmmm."

Command Sgt. Maj. William M. Grant is the Task Force Baghdad and 3rd Infantry Division command sergeant major.

The Post welcomes your comments on issues of interest to the newspaper's readership. To submit a commentary, e-mail it to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil. If you have questions, call the editor at 239-8854.

Grunt *By Wayne Uhden*

Building strong parent-school relationship

• Get to know your child's teacher. As soon as school opens, write the teacher a note and introduce yourself. Make an appointment to get to know each other and talk about your child.

• Ask the teacher to communicate with you. Provide the teacher with your name, phone numbers, e-mail address and the best times to reach you.

• Participate in school activities, such as parent/teacher organizations, advisory councils and Partners In Education programs.

• Ask questions about the curriculum. Ask what specific courses your child needs in order to go to college or technical school. Talk with counselors and have them explain the course work needed to meet post high school plans, especially college requirements.

• Check your child's homework. Schedule a regular time and place to work with your child on his or her homework. Make sure your child understands the assignments and completes them on time.

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Officials predict need for more courses

Education dean: Added population will bring demand for Soldier-specific instruction

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

The expected increase in Fort Riley's Soldier population – estimated at more than 8,000 by June 2007 – will bring a bigger demand for Soldier-specific training, said Federico Rodriguez, dean of Education Service.

Barton County Community College already teaches about 30 Troop School courses on post, but Rodriguez and his staff believe Soldier-specific education will need to increase with the addition of more Soldiers.

Troop School courses help Soldiers increase their job and Soldier skills with training ranging from bus driving to the New Army Combatives techniques in hand-to-hand combat.

Looking for ways to expand offerings and meet the Soldiers' needs, the Education Services staff conducted a forum late last year to talk with command sergeants major on post.

The forum accomplished two goals, Rodriguez said. It let all the post's senior enlisted leaders know about everything being offered and planned and it turned the command sergeants major into "ambassadors" promoting those programs, he said.

Education Services staff took the forum idea a step farther this year when it set up an executive steering committee of civic and military leaders to offer advice, guidance and recommendations about education avenues Fort Riley programs should travel.

The committee meets three times a year and already has provided some good ideas for Education Services to pursue, Rodriguez said. One idea was to find out what military job specialties exist on post and to design training to increase skills in those specialties, he said.

For example, we know there are job specialties linked to studies of criminology and intelligence gathering, Rodriguez said. "What we must ask ourselves is 'Are we targeting programs to match those MOSs (Military Occupation Specialties)?'"

Some colleges offer distance-learning courses with materials that Soldiers can take with them to Iraq or anywhere, Rodriguez pointed out. Barton County Community College is developing a deployable, self-contained individual educational program that concentrates on General-Technical test score improvement.

Barton's study package contains segments on arithmetic reasoning, word knowledge and reading comprehension, all part of the General-Technical aptitude test given to prospective enlistees.

The package includes CDs, a study book, dictionary and practice tests. The CDs are interactive and include sound.

"This will be a win-win for deployed Soldiers," Rodriguez said, "because they can study at their own pace and improve their GT scores." Higher GT scores can help Soldiers get promoted or change to a new job specialty.

"The only other challenge is final testing, which must be timed for when the Solders redeploy to Fort Riley," Rodriguez said.

"It's a good possibility the Army will be sending some test control officers into Iraq" to possibly alleviate that problem, said Marian Moore, an Education Services staffer at Fort Riley. "Army education officials are asking for volunteers," she said.

DANTES Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support) has people in Qatar and Afghanistan who can give tests, Moore said. "Some Soldiers we've talked to recently said they are going to Qatar to take tests, but there are security concerns with having to travel on convoys."

Fort Riley has two education counselors communicating with Soldiers in Iraq via e-mail, said Adelina Morales of Education Services. "They (the Soldiers) have been told we would increase our hours to handle them (for testing) once they get back," she said.

KSU photo

Federico Rodriguez, director of education services at Fort Riley, addresses President John Wefald (right rear) and his college deans at Kansas State University. Rodriguez urged them to seize the opportunity to plan ahead for increased population at Fort Riley when he met with them on campus.

K-State, Fort Riley officials discuss cooperative efforts

By Jennifer Newberry
Kansas State University

MANHATTAN – Fort Riley's head of education services urged Kansas State University college deans July 19 to plan now for the thousands of Soldiers, family members and civilian employees expected to arrive at on post within the next three years.

"We have a window of opportunity to do something big here," said

Federico Rodriguez, director of education services. "We'll be crying later if we don't do something now."

K-State offers several options for Soldiers and their families, including:

• Working with the K-State admissions office to arrange an accelerated program combining distance education courses, evening college courses and on-campus courses.

• Online courses as well as on-campus programs.

• A graduate program offered in the evening.

• Aviation programs through K-State at Salina, including professional pilot and aviation maintenance degrees and programs of study in electrical, mechanical and construction engineering technology.

• If the spouse/student is enrolled in a veterinary program at another college, and their spouse is transferred to Fort Riley, the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine works to integrate that person into the college.

• Adult student services can help Fort Riley individuals with childcare and scholarships. Social gatherings are also available, including brown bag luncheons Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the K-State Student Union. The office hopes to soon offer marriage and family therapy groups to help those with deployed spouses.

Continuing education is working with Fort Riley's education services to create a needs assessment that will help identify student needs.

Education planning

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with Soldiers to Iraq; and opening more classroom space on post.

KSU took its classes off Fort Riley two years ago when Defense Department directives created more control at installation access points, creating some inconvenience for KSU faculty and students. When KSU moved, on-post Soldiers and families had to travel to Manhattan for classes, which also was an inconvenience for some, Rodriguez said.

After access procedures streamlined and became less of a hassle, Rodriguez said he convinced KSU to return to post. It offered a conflict resolution and mediation course in the spring of 2004 and opened a counseling office in Education Services for a couple of days a week last fall. Now the counseling office is open every weekday and on-post classes will return to post this fall via tele-training conducted from the Manhattan campus and attended at the digital training center on Custer Hill, he said.

"That is going to open a lot of education opportunities for Soldiers and family members, and particularly for family members because they're going to be staying here longer," Rodriguez said.

Barton County Community College plans to expand its "two-plus-two" degree agreements to include KSU, Rodriguez said. It already has a "two-plus-two" agreement with Upper Iowa University to accept its associates degrees for two years of credit toward a bachelor's degree awarded by UIU.

That type of agreement is being coordinated with KSU, Rodriguez said.

BCCC also plans to begin a dental assistant certification program in partnership with the Dental Activity on post, Rodriguez said.

The American Red Cross already partners with DENTAC with a volunteer dental assistant training program that provides the volunteers with most of the training needed to become a certified dental assistant, but it doesn't include the radiology training also required, said Marian Moore, one of the Education Services staffers involved in expanding education programs on post.

The Barton program also will provide the students with academic credits, which the Red Cross program does not provide, Moore said. BCCC and DENTAC plan to begin their program this fall, she said.

Other colleges also are planning to offer new programs.

"UIU designed a disaster and emergency relief program that is on target, timely and crosses over into the homeland security realm," Rodriguez said. We're bringing (Southwestern College) in to do a program on security management certification. It's awaiting approval at the home campus."

Rodriguez said he thinks both programs also "should be ready to go in the fall."

Looking a little farther into the future, Rodriguez said he hopes to work out teacher and education administrator certification programs through KSU.

"There's a shortage of education leadership nationwide. It would be beautiful for our retiring senior NCOs and officers to get them certified … with 12 to 15 units. These people could slip immediately into maybe an assistant principal's position, and they'd be moving right into principal and superintendent positions," Rodriguez said.

Classroom space will be at a premium with all the new programs being planned and the anticipated increase in students attending college programs. Rodriguez said he has asked for the return of some classroom space in Building 215 that he loaned to the Medical Department Activity.

The digital training center on Custer Hill now closes its doors at the end of the normal business day, Rodriguez pointed out. "We can turn the lights on and use those classrooms and that video tele-training technology," he said.

Fort Riley received $1.5 million to pay tuition assistance for Soldiers attending college courses in fiscal year 2005, and in May the post received an additional $223,000 for tuition assistance, Rodriguez said.

Army education officials also have told Fort Riley education staffers and those at other installations to pay tuition assistance anytime Soldiers need it, Rodriguez added. "The idea is that education is important and funding will be found to cover it," he said.

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Post news in brief

Holiday alters trash pickup

The refuse collection schedule will change to accommodate the Labor Day holiday. The schedule for the holiday period is:

Sept. 5 – No pick up. Federal Holiday in observance of Labor Day.

Sept. 6 – Colyer Manor, Main Post, Marshall Field, dumpster at Building 620.

Sept. 7 – Ellis Heights, O'Donnell Heights, Montieth Heights, Peterson Heights north of Thomas Avenue, dumpsters at Buildings 28, 45, 471, 540, 542 and 5309.

Sept. 8 – Warner Heights, Burnside Heights, dumpster at Building 620. No change from regular schedule.

Sept. 9 – Meade Heights, McClellan Heights, South Warner Heights, Peterson Heights south of Thomas Avenue. No change from regular schedule.

For more information, call Paul Cassella at 239-6274.

Network shifts 'In Step' times

Channel 13 plans to shift some show times for "In Step With Fort Riley" from its normal 7 a.m. Sunday slot to another time slot to accommodate the Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethon and some sports programming.

"In Step With Fort Riley" will air at 4:30 a.m. on Sept. 3 and 10, Oct. 15 and December 3 and 24 instead of 7 a.m. Sunday those weeks.

Conference set for October

The Army Family Action Plan annual adult and youth conferences will be conducted in October to air concerns about life at Fort Riley and to suggest changes that should be made.

The Youth Action Conference will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Teen Center, Building 5800. The Family Action Conference will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 12-13 at Riley's Conference Center.

For more information, call 239-9435.

Sirens tested on post daily

The Fort Riley Operations Center is testing the tornado early warning siren system everyday following the noon mess call bugle. Exceptions will be weekends and holidays when the FROC will run the silent test that is currently used.

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Raid uncovers possible chemical facility

Technical experts are analyzing this chemical production equipment believed to be part of a clandestine operation. Officials state that, so far, evidence was insufficient to determine what was being produced at the facility found during a U.S.-led raid Aug. 9.
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WASHINGTON – Acting on detainee-provided tips, Coalition forces have found what's believed to be an insurgent chemical production facility and chemical storage locations. The discovery was made during Aug. 9 raids in northern Iraq, officials reported.

The early morning raids, conducted by Task Force Freedom, uncovered what technical experts believe to be a clandestine chemical production facility and possibly related storage sites.

Military officials were careful to state that ongoing analysis of the chemical evidence collected from the sites is currently insufficient to determine what the insurgents had been producing.

"We are continuing to investigate the production and storage facilities to determine what type and quantities of chemicals were produced at the facility and the specific threat posed to our forces," said Col. Henry Franke, Multinational Corps' nuclear, biological and chemical defense officer.

"We don't want to speculate on any possibilities until our analysis is complete," he added.

But military officials believe they've disrupted a potentially serious threat to Coalition forces and the Iraqi people.

Intelligence experts are conducting related investigations to determine which terrorist or insurgent group is responsible for the construction and operation of the secret facility.

DoD avoids nation's petroleum woes

Logisticians: U.S. military well-fueled for War on Terrorism

By Gerry J. Gilmore
AFPS

WASHINGTON – High prices and some cutbacks in petroleum production is causing American consumers and businessmen to complain, but defense department logisticians keep the military petroleum lines flowing.

DoD has enough petroleum products on hand to supply U.S. military forces prosecuting the global war against terrorism in far-flung locales like Afghanistan and Iraq, Defense Logistics Agency spokeswoman Lana Hampton said.

Hampton said the U.S. military is using between 10 million and 11 million barrels of fuel each month to sustain operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere. Most of that fuel is dedicated to transportation needs to power military aircraft, ground vehicles and ships, she said.

Escalating world petroleum demand and concerns about adequacy of global supplies recently pushed the market price of a barrel of crude oil to $65, more than 68 percent higher than the average over fiscal 2004.

The Defense Energy Support Center, a DLA component with headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Va., buys fuel for defense department needs, Hampton explained. In fiscal 2005, DESC will buy about 128 million barrels of fuel – 42 gallons make a barrel – at a cost of $8.5 billion, she said. Jet fuel constitutes nearly 70 percent of DoD's petroleum product purchases, she added.

DESC strives to save taxpayer dollars by negotiating fair market prices for the high-quality petroleum products used by the military today, Hampton pointed out. The center does that mostly by seeking competitive bidding by suppliers and through efforts to streamline the acquisition process, she said.

The prices DoD components are charged for petroleum products normally are established in advance, and are generally in effect for an entire fiscal year, said Lawrence Ervin, chief of market research.

However, the prices DoD pays for petroleum products fluctuate with market levels. The Defense Working Capital Fund performs the function of smoothing out these price fluctuations for DoD customers.

Escalating world petroleum demand and concerns about adequacy of global supplies prompted a change in DoD's internal standard prices for petroleum products this fiscal year, They "had to be changed effective June 1 due to that dramatic rise in oil prices," Ervin noted.

Prices for crude oil have shot up "because world demand has been growing faster than world supply capability during the last few years," Hampton explained. And global demand for petroleum products used in automobiles, airliners, power plants and the manufacture of fertilizers and plastics has continued to rise to fuel the expanding economies of the United States and other large countries like India and China.

Scientists' opinions differ as to when the world's petroleum deposits – a finite natural resource – will be depleted. Some experts say world oil production will peak sometime in the first half of this century, while others believe the discovery of new oil fields and increased use of technology will provide enough oil to meet global needs for another hundred years or more.

With an eye to the future, DESC has been an active participant in DoD's future fuels initiative, said Pam Serino, chief of product technology and standardization. She noted DESC is the United States' single largest purchaser of biodiesel, which is composed of 20 percent vegetable oil and 80 percent diesel fuel. The center also supplies E85, a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline, to the armed forces.

Serino said DESC also coordinates with the military to obtain nonpetroleum-based energy-producing technologies such as solar and wind power, and it is a member of DoD's Synthetic Fuels Task Force that's working on developing nonpetroleum-based fuels.

In 2004, Congress tasked DESC to do a report that explored using hydrogen as a fuel for the defense logistics system, Hampton said. After receiving that initial report, the Senate Armed Services Committee requested "a more detailed look into several of our suggested recommendations," Serino said, noting DESC's follow-on report to the committee is being drafted.

DoD also works closely with other federal organizations, such as the Department of Energy, "to develop technologies that use alternate means of energy in order to decrease the amount of petroleum imports to the United States, and ultimately, DoD," Hampton said.

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Soldiers thwart IED attacks in Iraq

Five large improvised explosive devices on major Baghdad highways were identified by Task Force Baghdad Soldiers Aug. 14 and then safely destroyed before they could hurt anyone.

"We are aggressively and actively countering the Anti-Iraqi Force IED threat by doing more patrols," said Maj. Raul Benitez, intelligence officer for 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. "It is not that the terrorists are doing a poor job of planting these devices, but rather, we are becoming better at identifying these possible threats."

The IEDs were destroyed by an explosive ordnance disposal team.

Iraqi, U.S. Soldiers squelch terrorists

Iraqi and U.S. Soldiers squelched a terrorist attack on a patrol base in southwest Baghdad Aug. 11 when terrorists fired five rocket-propelled grenade rounds at the base, accompanied by 10 minutes of rifle fire.

A patrol consisting of Iraqi and U.S. Soldiers set out in the direction of the attack and captured six of the attackers and uncovered a nearby weapons cache containing two RPGs and three rifles with ammunition.

"We have been making a definite impact in our area of operations," said Lt. Col. Steve McCorkle, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry, 48th Brigade Combat Team, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division while in Iraq.

Task Force Soldiers capture suspects

Operations conducted by Task Force Baghdad Soldiers Aug. 13 led to the capture of 10 terror suspects and three weapons caches.

The operations conducted in the pre-dawn hours consisted of cordoning off a number of suspected terrorist safe houses and searching them house-by-house. Ten suspected terrorists thought to be involved with terrorist activity in south Baghdad were found and detained.

Three weapons caches were found that day based on tips provided by Iraqi citizens. Two caches were in northwest Baghdad, and one of them consisted of five boxes of anti-aircraft ammunition. The third cache was found in southeast Baghdad and contained RPGs with two launchers and 16 mortar rounds and a launcher.

Task Force Baghdad patrol foils attacks

Task Force Baghdad soldiers thwarted three car bomb attacks within five hours in southern Baghdad, Iraq, on Aug. 13.

Soldiers on patrol at 6:20 a.m. discovered a blue truck with a dead body inside it parked near an intersection in southern Baghdad. The back of the vehicle appeared to be packed with explosives.

The patrol secured the site and called in a team of explosives experts, who verified there were munitions in the back of the truck. The team safely detonated the car bomb.

Less than three hours later, another Task Force Baghdad unit working in southern Baghdad found bombs on both sides of a major highway.

The Soldiers cordoned off the area and called in explosives experts to dispose of the bombs. While the explosives team was examining the bombs, a vehicle sped toward the outer perimeter of the cordon around the bomb site. The Soldiers shouted and waved for the car to stop. After the Soldiers fired warning shots, the driver stopped about 400 yards away and the car exploded.

When the explosives team on site inspected the car, they determined it had contained four mortar rounds and had detonated prematurely, killing the suicide bomber.

Just after 11 a.m., a third Task Force Baghdad patrol in the same area found a parked car with explosives in the front seat. Within minutes, the Soldiers had secured the area and an explosive ordnance disposal team was at the scene to investigate.

The team found a bomb in the front door of the car and more munitions hidden in the trunk.

The explosives experts safely detonated the car bomb.

"We are making great strides in defeating the terrorists here. We are making a difference," said Command Sgt. Maj. Grady Gayton, 1st Battalion, 108th Armor Regiment, 48th BCT, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), assigned to the 3rd Inf. Div. while in Iraq.

Soldiers from Task Force Baghdad captured terror suspects and discovered weapons caches during a series of pre-dawn combat operations in the capital city Aug. 13.

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German Soldiers of the 13th Panzer Division attempt to qualify on M-16A2 rifles as part of a partnership event hosted by HHC, 1st Inf. Div. in Wuerzburg Aug. 9. Looking on is Sgt. Nickolas Thornton, HHC, 1st Inf. Div. signal support noncommissioned officer.

1st Infantry Division Soldiers invite Germans to fire weapons

14 Panzer Soldiers score well with M-16s

By Joe Alger
Army News Service

WUERZBURG, Germany – German and American Soldiers qualified with U.S. rifles during a joint range day in Wuerzburg Aug. 9.

Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry Division, shared the range with their German partners of the 13th Panzer Division, many of whom fired the M-16A2 rifle for the first time.

"They're doing the same qualification as we do," said Staff Sgt. Larry Gormley, 1st Inf. Div.'s noncommissioned-officer-in-charge of public affairs.

"They get 40 rounds to qualify and get a chance to zero beforehand. It's good training for them. Our goal today is to get everyone qualified and have a good time," he said.

The 13th Panzer Soldiers traveled to the range from Leipzig the day before and slept in barracks supplied by the Big Red One.

"It's a four-hour drive here from Leipzig, so if they were to drive up here and qualify the same day, it would be pretty exhausting for them," Gormley said.

Even though it was the first time the German Soldiers had fired the M-16, and all the instructions had to be translated for them, they learned very quickly, Gormley said.

"They went through the zeroing part of the range very quickly," Gormley said, adding that he expected they would do well on the qualification range if they shot as well as they did while zeroing their weapons.

All 14 German Soldiers qualified with the M-16. Ten qualified as marksman, the lowest rating, and four qualified as sharpshooters, the middle rating.

Gormley and Master Sgt. Gering Hfwelgable of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 13th Panzer Div., organized the training. This was the first partnership exercise between the two units, but they don't plan on making it the last.

Another event, planned for September, is the German Schutzenschur marksmanship qualification. U.S. Soldiers will attempt to qualify using the MG-3 machine gun, MG-78 rifle and the P-8 9mm pistol.

"It's great training with the German soldiers," Gormley said. "They all seem very positive about coming out here and doing this event."

The German Soldiers seemed equally pleased with the outcome of the partnership exercise. "It was a nice day for shooting, and I had a good time," Hfwelgable said. "I look forward to the American Soldiers coming out and firing our weapons."

Spc. Joe Alger is assigned to the 1st Infantry Division Public Affairs Office.

Partnership to break ground for work safety initiatives

Fort Riley first Army installation to sign up

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

Fort Riley breaks new ground in job safety Aug. 22 when it enters a partnership agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The post will become the first Army installation to create a partnership with OSHA through the Voluntary Protection Program, said Paul Inman, safety and occupational health manager of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley.

OSHA created the VPP in 1982 to recognize employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health, according to OSHA's Web site.

Fort Riley will enroll in the VPP through a partnership agreement between the U.S. Department of the Army and OSHA. Both organizations will participate to accomplish several goals focused on improving employee safety and health standards.

Those goals include:

• Reducing civilian workforce fatalities, injuries and illnesses at each participating Army installation by at least 3 percent a year,

• Reducing total case rates and severity rates related to musculoskeletal disorders,

• Conveying civilian workforce safety and health best practices and injury and illness reduction lessons learned to Army military personnel.

To qualify for VPP, applicants must have in place an effective safety and health management system that meets performance-based criteria. OSHA verifies applicants' qualifications through onsite reviews.

Approved applicants are placed in one of three programs: Star, Star Demonstration and Merit, listed from top to bottom. Sites must submit annual self-evaluations and undergo periodic onsite re-evaluations to remain in the programs.

Worksites enrolled in the VPP are exempt from programmed inspections by OSHA officials. The worksites receive OSHA evaluations periodically, determined by whichever VPP program they are in.

Worksites approved for Star rating have successful safety and health management systems in place and achieve injury and illness rates below their industry's national average.

The Star Demonstration rating was created for worksites that have received Star quality but want to test alternatives to current Star eligibility and performance requirements. Star Demonstration worksites experiment with alternative approaches to help improve current standards in safety and management.

The Merit program was designed for worksites with the potential and commitment to achieve Star quality within three years.

Fort Riley will be placed in the Merit program for the initial three years, Inman said.

"We have to establish goals and meet those goals at the end of the year when we turn in our year-end report," said Alex Bender, Fort Riley's installation safety manager. "So if we meet the goals, then we're looking good."

A major factor of the VPP is supervisors and employees agreeing to participate in the program to ensure a safe and healthful workplace, Bender said. The VPP is a behavior-based system where employees work to change their behavior instead of just fixing the problem, he said.

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> **— Alex Bender**
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The average VPP worksite has an incidence rate for days away from work, restricted work activity or job transfer that is 52 percent below the average for its industry, according to the Web site.

The VPP requires a 3 percent annual reduction in employee injuries, Inman said. The Secretary of Defense set the Army's standard at 25 percent, he said.

"We're exceeding their 3 percent substantially; it's very doable," Inman said.

A section of Fort Riley will initially begin the program, Inman said, but that section has not been selected. Once the selected section meets VPP standards, the entire post will enroll in the program, Inman said.

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Community news briefly

Chapel women kick off program

The Fort Riley Protestant Women of the Chapel plan a fall kick-off program, "Let's Get Together," at 9 a.m. Aug. 23 in Morris Hill Chapel to begin the upcoming year as "Workers Together for Christ."

The kick off includes sessions on "Becoming a Woman of Prayer" by Cynthia Heard, "Believing God" by Beth Moore, "Mother Wise" by Denise Glenn, "Romancing Your Husband" by Debra White Smith and "Having Mary's Heart in a Martha's World" by Joanna Weaver.

Luncheon scheduled

The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club will host their September luncheon, "Kansas FYI," at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 15 at Riley's Conference Center.

The luncheon will feature several Kansas businesses and home businesses. The club also will be conducting an "Extreme Makeover-OCSC Edition" in which three ladies will be selected for makeovers.

The menu choices will be grilled chicken Caesar salad or croissant sandwich.

Those wanting to attend should call Holly Smith at 784-8454 or send e-mail to reservations@fortrileyocsc.com by Sept. 7.

For childcare reservations, call Debra Parker at 784-2793.

Student places in essay contest

David Lachut, a Fort Riley family member and student, is a finalist in "The Fountainhead" essay contest sponsored by the Ayn Rand Institute and will receive a $100 cash prize.

More than 4,800 students from around the world entered this year's contest geared toward high school juniors and seniors.

The Institute also sponsors an essay contest for freshmen and sophomores based on the novelette "Anthem." Since the contests' inception, more than 291,000 students worldwide have entered.

Participants choose one of several topics dealing with the characters and themes presented in the novels. The contests are designed to promote critical thinking and writing skills. Essays are judged for content and style.

Bike rodeos planned

The Fort Riley Military Police Bike Patrol will sponsor three bike rodeos at post elementary schools in coming months.

Participants will have to ride through a cone obstacle course. The patrol members also will inspect bikes and make adjustments to fit bikes to riders and will check helmets.

Bike registration will also be available.

Rodeos are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at Ware Elementary, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 24 at Morris Hill Elementary and from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 22 at Ware Elementary

All participants must bring helmets, working bikes and wear closed-toe shoes.

For more information, call 239-2226.

Several activities set for Open House

By Jay Baker
Public affairs intern

As summer comes to an end and fall begins, Fort Riley is preparing for its annual Open House and Apple Day festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 1.

This year's event will take place at Cavalry Parade Field with other attractions at the Custer House and areas nearby.

Planned attractions include:

• Apple Day pie sales. Members of the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley will be selling frozen whole apple pies for $7 and slices of apple pie a la mode at the Custer House for $1.50.

• Weapons firing station at Sturgis Stadium. Guests can fire military weapons using blanks.

• Obstacle course at Tuttle Park. Children can navigate through a series of obstacles toward a final objective.

• Expo Tent. On the parade field, guests can visit booths and learn from organization representatives what Fort Riley and the local communities have to offer.

• Petting zoo and children's rides.

• Tactical vehicle display. Soldiers will explain the use of and answer questions on weapons systems capabilities.

• Historical tours. The U.S. Cavalry Museum and Regimental Museum will be open for self-guided tours.

• Period re-enactors. The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley will sponsor re-enactors who will demonstrate skills and crafts of pioneer life.

Throughout the day, guests can enjoy free music entertainment provided by live bands at Cavalry Parade Field .

At the Cavalry Parade Field, guests can enjoy an Oktoberfest celebration with food, beverages and entertainment from 6 to 8 p.m.

To access Fort Riley, enter at exit 301 from Interstate-70. Anyone in a vehicle without a valid Department of Defense registration sticker will need to provide access point guards with current vehicle registration and automobile insurance card and show a picture ID of everyone in the vehicle in order to obtain a vehicle day pass.

For more information, contact the Public Affairs Office at 239-3794.

They're back

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Milani Aranda (left) and Tiffany Junghans discuss procedures Aug. 15 for the Kindergarten English Language Learners at Morris Hill Elementary. The instructors work with students whose primary language is not English.

Faculty, staff get ready for school year

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

Cutting construction paper and fabrics may not seem appropriate teacher preparation for school, but that's what some teachers in Fort Riley schools were trying to finish Aug. 15, two days before classes were scheduled to start.

Faculty and staff of Fort Riley Middle School and five elementary schools returned to their classrooms and worksites Aug. 10, a week before students would enter their classrooms.

Hanging decorations, arranging desks and copying assignment sheets were some of the activities teachers completed throughout the week.

The seventh-grade science instructors are beginning their second year of using a new

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Bill Roberson cuts fabric Aug. 15 to decorate his classroom for the start of the upcoming school year. Roberson has taught seventh-grade science at Fort Riley Middle School for more than 25 years.

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Special event honors women

Community remembers suffrage days

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

Fort Riley will mark the 85th anniversary of women's right to vote with a ceremony at 11:45 a.m. Aug. 26 at Riley's Conference Center.

State Rep. Barbara Craft (R-65th District) is scheduled to speak. Craft, a lifelong resident of Junction City, Kan., is in her second two-year term as a state representative.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Kansas and served as the blood bank director at Irwin Army Community Hospital for a while.

She later operated Craft Pharmacy in Junction City with her late husband and served on the Geary County Unified School District 475 Board of Education.

This year's observance commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that granted women the right to vote. The battle for women's right to vote had its formal beginning in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

The observance of Women's Equality Day also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality, said Master Sgt. Larry Caldwell, senior Equal Opportunity adviser at Fort Riley.

"It's open to everybody. We encourage Soldiers and family members to attend," Caldwell said.

The free event will conclude with refreshments. For more information, call 239-3379.

Marriage and Military Life

Making decisions in marriage should be dual duty

By Gene-Thomas Gomulka
Retired Navy chaplain

Dear Gene-Thomas,

I wish my friend read your article to the military spouse in which you encouraged her husband to consult with her before making his decision about the re-enlistment bonus.

Unfortunately, in my friend's case, he requested and received orders to an overseas assignment without consulting his spouse, only to be told by his wife that he could go while she and the children would remain in the States.

— *Todd*

About the author

Gene-Thomas Gomulka is a retired Navy chaplain and author of "The Survival Guide for Marriage in the Military," available at www.plaintec.net

Have a question? Write Gene-Thomas at letters@plaintec.net

Dear Todd,

When we are single, we are used to deciding where we will go and what we will buy without consulting anyone. When we get married, however, we need to learn to consult with our spouse, particularly in regard to major issues. Major expenditures, such as buying a house and a car, as well as major decisions about where a family will live, ordinarily need to be made jointly by the husband and the wife.

Years ago, when I was visiting a Swiss Guard friend in the Vatican, he asked me to speak in Polish to a Polish nun that cooked for the pope and who was approaching his guard post. The nun knew that the Swiss Guard was married to an American of Polish descent and that they had just had a baby.

After introducing myself, I told the nun that it would really be nice if the pope were to baptize their daughter. When the nun left and I translated for my friend what I had told her, he laughed and thought nothing would ever come of our conversation. It was no less than 30 minutes later, however, that the pope's private secretary called my friend and asked if it would be convenient for Pope John Paul II to baptize his daughter on Sunday during his 7 a.m. Mass in his private chapel.

What did my friend say? He told the pope's secretary that he would check with his wife and get back to him.

Of course, his wife was very excited with the news and told her husband to call the secretary back immediately. That Sunday morning, Pope John Paul II baptized their daughter.

Could my friend have accepted the offer from the pope without consulting his wife? Yes, but didn't his wife feel better by the fact that

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Community news briefly

Parents offered workshops

Two workshops will be available on post to help parents deal with their pre-teens and teenagers.

One workshop will compare issues relating to teens of yesterday and teens today. Topics also include drugs, sexuality, violence and the power struggle between parents and teenagers.

Another workshop will cover responsibility and discipline, cooperation and communications and how problems offer opportunities for learning.

The post's Family Advocacy Program is sponsoring the workshops from 4 to 6 p.m. Sept. 10 and 17 at the Teen Center, Building 5800.

Free childcare for younger children will be provided with advance registration and presentation of an up-to-date immunization record.

For more information, call 239-9435 or visit the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Enlisted spouses plan family picnic

The Fort Riley Enlisted Spouses' Club Family Picnic will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 20 at McCormmick Park on post. All enlisted spouses and their families are welcome to attend, whether a member of ESC or not.

Plans are to have ice cream, face painting, tattoos and a moon bounce while providing a way for enlisted spouses to meet others and find out what the ESC is all about.

For more information, contact Jessica Gamez at escpresident@hotmail.com.

Teens can serve as sponsors

Fort Riley'sYouth Sponsorship Program matches relocating military teens with teens living on post. It allows youths to contact, communicate and connect with one another before or during their arrival. Youth sponsors can earn volunteer hours, meet new friends, participate in fun activities and help out a fellow military youth.

Teens in grades six through 12 who would like to become a Youth Sponsor or want to request a Youth Sponsor should call (785) 239-9222, stop by the Teen Center in Building 5800 or visit the Teen Center Web page on the Fort Riley Web site for more information. Upcoming activities planned for the Youth Sponsorship Program include:

Aug. 19 – 7 to 9 p.m., Back to School party

Aug. 27 – 3 to 6 p.m., Newcomers tour of Junction City, Manhattan and Fort Riley

Aug. 27 – 6 to 8 p.m., Family potluck

Family group courses offered

Sept. 22 – FRG Funds Custodian training, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Classes will be held at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264. Free childcare is available; parents must bring the child's shot record. Pre-registration is required for the class and childcare.

To register or for more information, call Sonya Brown at 239-9435

IACH teaches breast-feeding

Irwin Army Community Hospital offers breast-feeding education classes 1 to 2:30 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month in the dining facility classroom in the hospital basement and once each quarter during Pregnancy Physical Training class.

The classes cover a variety of topics, including breast anatomy, lactation physiology and nutrition.

Local community breast-feeding support is available through the Healthy Start Home Visitor Program, LaLeche League, the Women, Infants and Children Program, Flint Hills Breast-feeding Coalition and the Family Connection Program.

Breast-feeding information and support also is available at Irwin Army Community Hospital. Assistance from health care providers at IACH is available by calling 239-7164.

Girl Scouts seek new members

Those interested in becoming a Girl Scout or volunteering as an adult Girl Scout should call (800) 432-0286, extension 44 or send an e-mail to kneeler@girlscouts.net

School, sports physicals set

Irwin Army Community Hospital is offering school and sports physicals Aug. 27. Beneficiaries may call 239-DOCS for an appointment.

The completed parent's portion of the physical form and the child's shot records will expedite the visit. Forms are available at the Patient Assistance Desk in the main entrance of the hospital.

Special needs and CDC physicals will not be offered Aug. 27. They will be done on an individual basis through Primary Care Teams.

For appointments, call 239-3627 or (888) 239-3627.

Conference set for women

Co-Pastor Josephine Urquhart of Leesville, La., will be ministering at the second annual women's conference sponsored by Fort Riley's Morris Hill Gospel Service Covenant Women at 7 p.m., Aug. 19 at the chapel, 8:30 a.m. Aug. 20 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City and at 11 a.m. Aug. 21 at the chapel.

The theme for the conference is "Divine Intervention 4 A Victorious Attitude."

Those who plan to attend are asked to call Lisa Ramsey at Morris Hill Chapel, 239-4814, or Carla Nwoga at (785) 717-2921 or e-mail punwoga@yahoo.com.

Library opens pages on fun

Saturday storytimes at the post library, Building 5306 on Custer Hill are devoted to dogs this month. Participants are asked to bring photos of their dogs when attending the storytimes. The library staff will use the photos to create a bulletin board honoring these loyal pets.

Storytimes are conducted at 1:30 p.m. every Saturday. This month, the library staff features stories about "Clifford the Big Red Dog," the "Pinkerton" series by Steven Kellogg, wordless picture books about "Carl" the family dog and the true dog stories of Dr. James Herriot.

On Aug. 20, "Officer Buckle and Gloria" give safety programs to the people of Napville. When Officer Buckle discovers he's being upstaged by his talented canine sidekick, Gloria, he vows to quit. Can Gloria talk him into returning to the police force when an accident threatens their hometown?

On Aug. 27, his mother asks puppy George to bark, but George says, "Meow." Something is wrong when a puppy meows, so it's off to the vet to find out what's wrong.

The "dog days" of summer conclude Sept. 3 with "Only One Woof" by Dr. James Herriot. "Only One Woof" is the true story of Gyp, a sheep dog who has never made a sound until he was reunited with his brother at a dog show.

All children accompanied by an adult are welcome. For more information, call 239-5305.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Army honors top communities

By Beth Musselman
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., won the Army Communities of Excellence Award for the second year in a row and received a $2 million award Aug. 15 at the Pentagon.

Fort Bragg, N.C., placed second in the competition and received $1 million. Fort A.P. Hill took third place. The Minnesota Army National Guard and the 90th Regional Readiness Command at Camp Pike, Ark., won Special Category awards. All three received $750,000 each.

Representatives from each command were on hand to accept the awards presented by Dr. Francis J. Harvey, secretary of the Army.

Army Communities of Excellence awards are presented annually to installations for exemplary efforts to provide support to Soldiers, civilian employees, retirees and families.

The winning installations were presented a trophy, ACOE flag to fly at their installation and a check.

Lt. Gen. David W. Barno, assistant chief of staff for installation management, and Geoffrey G. Prosch, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army for installations and environment, hosted the ceremony.

Barno said the awards recognize each installation's behind-the-scenes actions that support deployed Soldiers and their fight in the war on terrorism.

In his acceptance speech, Fort Stewart's Garrison Commander Col. John M. Kidd said his installation's improvements were designed to support the Soldier.

"We owe them the best training, the best equipment, the best housing. In short, the best that we can possibly deliver, at the best price, so we can use our scarce resources to better serve the fight," Kidd said.

Fort Bragg also won the award in 2001 and was a finalist in 2002 and 2003.

"This award is dedicated to all our Soldiers serving overseas," said Fort Bragg's Garrison Commander Col. Al Aycock. "It's always great for them to know that the team behind them is a first-class team."

Fort A.P. Hill was a finalist in 2003.

"We will put the money to good use by providing the warriors and the garrison with a training venue or recreational opportunity to better serve them," said Lt. Col. James M. Mis, garrison commander at A.P. Hill.

The Army Communities of Excellence program began in 1988. This year's competition saw a 35 percent increase in participation with more than 30 installations vying for the award, said Rosye B. Faulk, ACOE program manager.

"These folks are Army role models," Faulk said.

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curriculum by Full Option Science System said Bill Roberson, seventh-grade science instructor at Fort Riley Middle School. Last year, teachers had used the week before classes to learn the new curriculum, he said. This year, the faculty had more time for decorating and other activities because they are using the same curriculum, he said.

New faculty members use the week reviewing the current curriculum and meeting senior faculty members.

Milani Aranda of Morris Hill Elementary School will begin her first year working with Tiffany Junghans, English Language Learners instructor. Aranda learned such things as the curriculum and disciplinary procedures for students before classes began. The English Language Learners kindergarten program at Morris Hill Elementary School is the only program on post for students whose primary language is not English, Junghans said.

Students returned to classes on Fort Riley Aug. 17 for a half day of school.

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(From left) Deb Barnes, Marie-Anne Eickholt, Gloria Yates and Erika Hart discuss prepartions for the upcoming school year at Fort Riley Middle School Aug. 15 .

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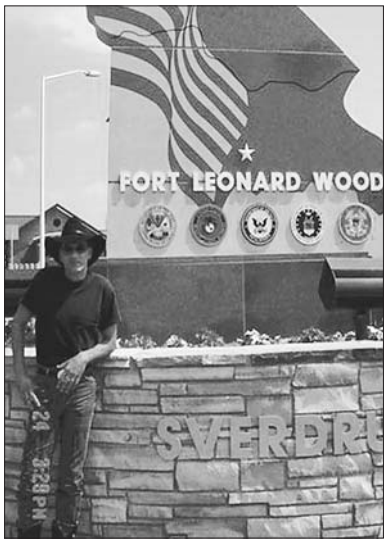
Singer Raymond Harris to visit post



Courtesy photo

Country music recording artist Raymond Harris stands in front of a sign at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., one of the many stops he's making at military installations in the United States.

Special to the Post

Cane Records USA recording artist Raymond Harris put the "T" back in traditional country music with his April release of "Hurt by The Best," a 10-song album that features two-steppin', heart-breakin', boot-kickin' country as only Harris can sing it.

Harris will visit with fans and sign autographs Aug. 19 and 20th at the Fort Riley PX.

The Michigan native spent the majority of his life on the road as a long-haul truck driver, traveling more than two million miles in a custom Peterbilt big rig he built. He carried his guitar strapped in the seat beside him and played every honky tonk that had a parking lot big enough to hold his rig.

Along the way, he watched thousands of sunrises and sunsets and observed the people and different lifestyles that are a part of our great country, taking that experience to help create his music.

After years of working seven days a week and playing night after night, the growth of Harris' trucking company allowed him to spend more time in Michigan and surrounding states. He used the time to put together an all-star band that included musicians from such great bands as The Ted Nugent Band, KISS, REO Speedwagon and Bad Company.

With The Midnight Train band playing behind him, Harris has shared the stage with such elite country performers as Sammy Kershaw, Lorrie Morgan, Tracy Byrd and Doug Supernaw.

A trip to Nashville and the opportunity to showcase the stage of the famous Grand Ole Opry House changed the rest of his life. Shortly after that performance, Harris was signed to Nashville-based Cane Records USA, where he has recorded and released two albums. The second album, "Dance Thirty," quickly sold more than 25,000 copies and included two singles, "Boogie Baby Rock" and "Honky Tonkin' Fit," that landed on the Independent Country Charts, where they stayed for most of 2003.

His single "Don't Send the Invitation" from the current album, "Hurt By The Best," received notable airplay and promotions. In 2004, "Hurt By The Best" went to No. 1 on the Billboard Internet Chart. It also stayed at No. 50 on the Billboard Country Top Album Chart for two weeks.

Raymond Harris

Albums:

"Live at The Stardust in Las Vegas"
"Dance Thirty"
"Hurt By the Best"

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"Honky Tonkin' Fit"
"Don't Send the Invitation"
"Hurt By the Best"
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New book showcases war's entertainers

'Duty, Honor, Applause' co-authors to sign copies of books during Fort Riley PX visit

Special to the Post

The co-authors of a book documenting America's entertainers' contributions to World War II will visit the Fort Riley PX from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 13 to autograph copies of the book.

Released to coincide with the 60th anniversary of the end of WWII, "Duty, Honor, Applause: America's Entertainers in World War II," looks back fondly on the stars of 1940s Hollywood and Broadway, Tin Pan Alley and vaudeville, as they supported the war effort, in uniform, on stage, on the air, in the trenches and near the front. By August 1945, many well-known and future stars were serving or entertaining in the Pacific Theater.

Some entertainers were closer to the action than they realized: Gene Autry, the singing cowboy who headed up a USO troupe that performed for the 509th Composite Group that would drop one of the atomic bombs, was on Tinian when the two atomic bombs were dropped on Japan. He observed the hush-hush activity on the island but could only speculate what might be in the works. Autry was still on Tinian when the B-29 bomber dubbed Enola Gay returned from dropping the bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945.

Other stars serving in the Pacific by mid-1945 included Charlton Heston, a radio operator recuperating from injuries who fully expected to be patched up and sent aloft for the invasion of Japan; Paul Newman, a radioman who flew an Avenger torpedo plane on missions over Japan; and movie heart throb Tyrone Power, who flew transport planes in the region.

Magician and future Tonight Show host Johnny Carson didn't get into the fight until the closing weeks of WWII, but he had the gruesome task of removing dead bodies from the battleship Pennsylvania after it had been torpedoed and pulled in at Guam for repairs.

These stories and hundreds of vignettes like them are meticulously recounted in "Duty, Honor, Applause: America's Entertainers in World War II" by Gary L. Bloomfield and Stacie L. Shain. Bloomfield and Shain, both Kansas City residents, painstakingly researched and profusely illustrated the book with rare stories and photographs. Bloomfield, the son of an Army veteran and himself an Army veteran, also wrote "Duty, Honor, Victory: America's Athletes in World War II."

Shain, the wife of a Kansas native and Army airborne Ranger currently deployed in Kuwait, is a former sports reporter. Both are Army spokespersons.

The book covers World War II from the origins of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan in the 1930s to their defeats in 1945. It chronicles the abrupt transition America's entertainers made from stage and screen theaters to theaters of war.

"Duty, Honor, Applause" is an account of talented and famous Americans leaving show business to attend to the business of national defense.

Stars of the "Greatest Generation," including the biggest names of the 1930s and '40s — Clark Gable, Jimmy Stewart, Ronald Reagan, Carole Lombard, Marlene Dietrich, Glenn Miller, Bing Crosby and Bob Hope — either joined the military, traveled the world to do shows for the troops or raised money for war bonds.

Their stories were ones of self-sacrifice and selfless service to their country:

· Gable joined the Army Air Corps soon after Lombard, his wife, died in a fiery airplane crash outside Las Vegas while returning from a bond drive. Gable, who at the time of his enlistment was Tinseltown's highest-paid actor, served as an aerial gunner and made a movie about the dangerous profession.

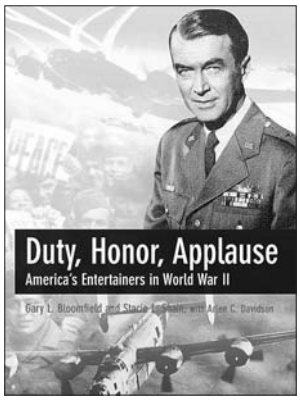
• Stewart flew more than 30 missions as an Army Air Corps bomber pilot and rose to the rank of brigadier general before retiring from the Air Force reserves.

• The tireless Dietrich crisscrossed the world, singing for Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, selling her silk stockings and kisses to raise money for troops and dancing with GIs at the Hollywood Canteen, which she helped found.

• Miller, a captain in the U.S. Army, formed a world-class band and played his way through camps and bases around the world. He died on a trip from England to France to prepare for more troop shows on the mainland.

• Crosby and Hope were troop favorites everywhere they traveled. Crosby's crooning warmed the GIs' hearts while Hope's military jokes kept the men laughing, even when they knew the next day they would stare death in the face and possibly lose.

The accounts of these stars and others, such as Tony Bennett, who would become stars after returning home from the war are a testament to "the greatest generation."



A photo of Brig. Gen. Jimmy Stewart graces the cover of a book chronicling the contributions made to the war effort by Hollywood stars. The book's co-authors will be at the Fort Riley PX Aug. 20 to autograph copies of the book and talk to patrons. *Courtesy photo*

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Community news briefly

Knitting class offered at center

Every Monday at 7 p.m., arts and crafts center patrons can learn all the basics of knitting.

The class is free and patrons can come as often as they like.

For more information, call the crafts center at 239-9205.

Waiting spouses schedule event

The Waiting Spouses' Group has teamed with the Spouses of Deployed Soldiers Group to provide a spouse activity day every fourth Monday of the month. Activities are scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264.

For more information, call Lisa Mathews at 239-9435 or send her e-mail at lisa.m.mathews@riley.army.mil.

Teen Center activities slated

Aug. 19 – Back to School party

Aug. 20 – Worlds of Fun trip

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

Rally Point offers fun

Aug. 19 – 5 to 8 p.m., Family night, family friendly movie, music and buffet

For more information, call 784-5434.

Family program conference set

The Army Family Action Plan annual adult and youth conferences will be conducted in October to air concerns about life at Fort Riley and to suggest changes that should be made.

The Youth Action Conference will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Teen Center, Building 5800. The Family Action Conference will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 12-13 at Riley's Conference Center.

For more information, call 239-9435.

Students need to get enough sleep

By Michelle Hall
Kansas State University

MANHATTAN – Did I just catch you yawning?

The United States is becoming a sleep-deprived nation more and more, believes Art Rathbun, a counselor and biofeedback specialist at Kansas State University.

"Now that we're in the technological age, people have access to everything 24 hours a day, so we can work 24 hours a day," Rathbun said. "There's the expectation that people will do more. We haven't dropped activities, just added more. We've created a culture in which it is easy to become sleep deprived."

That doesn't mean we've been able to evolve so sleep isn't as vital, however. Every one of us has a different sleep need, which changes throughout our lifetime. And especially at back-to-school time, it's important to note the sleep needs of different ages and what can happen if those needs aren't met, Rathbun said.

"Some people can get away with only five and a half to six hours of sleep a night; some need nine hours to function," he said. "Everyone is different, which makes it difficult for parents to determine how much each child needs."

Rathbun said elementary school-age children need the most sleep; and if they don't get it, they can develop concentration problems and become irritable and distracted.

Getting enough sleep is especially tough at back-to-school time, because children may have been getting up and going to bed later during the summer. Rathbun suggests planning for back to school by having children get back into the school-time sleep routine a couple of weeks before classes actually begin.

"Give yourself a period of adjustment," he said. "You'll have the tendency to feel tired for a couple of weeks until your circadian rhythm gets adjusted."

In adolescents, impulsive and reckless behavior is increased with sleep deprivation, Rathbun said. This is the age when people actually need the most sleep — and most teenagers' parents are in their 40s, which is when people need the least amount of sleep.

"This can be problematic," Rathbun said.

If parents are concerned about their teenagers sleeping into the afternoon hours on weekends and during vacation periods, Rathbun said the worst thing they can do is "yell and scream" about it. "Instead, sit down and design a plan to both meet responsibilities and get enough sleep," he said.

> "The problems from sleep deprivation don't always occur right away in college, but the habits do."
>
> **— Art Rathbun**
> **Counselor and biofeedback specialist**

When teenagers become college students, sleep can really become a problem.

"When they leave the parental home, patterns change," Rathbun said. "You're immediately responsible for yourself."

Living in residence halls with many other people, some of whom have sleep patterns that do not match a student's own, can make it difficult to get enough sleep, he said. Many other things inhibit good sleep patterns in college, such as social life, academic life and work.

"This atmosphere really lends itself to sleep problems," Rathbun said.

Lack of sleep in college-age students can result in lack of concentration — students may find themselves reading the same page over and over as their mind wanders. The tendency for risk-taking behavior also increases.

Although college-age students will most likely not experience physical problems due to a lack of sleep, their immune system may be a little lower. Rathbun said if a student builds up a sleep deficit, he or she must pay it off at some time.

"There are times when you will build up a sleep deficit, such as during finals week," Rathbun said. "But one week per year isn't going to hurt. If you're smart enough to know you have to pay off the sleep deficit, it won't be too serious."

The problem starts when students drag out their sleep deprivation week after week. Those with long-term sleep deprivation are at a greater risk for depression and anxiety, Rathbun said. And those with severe problems could even begin thinking about suicide.

Rathbun suggests developing a plan to pay off sleep deficits for those who have gone for too long in a bad pattern. The worst thing to do is to get in a habit of taking over-the-counter medications or a few drinks to aid in getting to sleep or taking medications to help stay awake. These things disrupt normal sleep patterns and can be habit forming, he said.

"There's a big difference between once and many times," Rathbun said about using sleep aids. If students feel they need medication for more than a week, he recommends seeing a doctor who can prescribe and monitor medication. Those experiencing insomnia from breaking their sleep pattern or other causes also need to see a professional, he said.

Although college students are typically able to bounce back from sleep deficits, they may not be as resilient when they enter the "real world" and have a more rigid schedule, Rathbun said. Physiological problems from sleep deprivation can be greater as a person ages. That's why he emphasizes college students get in a normal sleeping and waking routine, even if their schedule doesn't dictate it.

"College students begin to set patterns for adult life," Rathbun said. "The problems from sleep deprivation don't always occur right away in college, but the habits do."

Marriage

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her husband consulted her?

It seems to me that decisions particularly involving enlistment, re-enlistment and orders need to be made jointly in cases where servicemembers are married. For example, when the Chaplain Corps published a recruiting brochure depicting various aspects of ministry in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, a photograph was introduced that depicted a minister being commissioned while his wife affixed his rank insignia.

The purpose of the photo was to educate married applicants that their decision to leave their churches, synagogues or mosques should be made in consultation with their spouses.

We no longer live at a time and in a place where husbands can make major decisions without consulting their spouses. When partners share responsibility for making decisions, no one partner can either enjoy all the praise for a correct decision or suffer the blame for a bad decision.

The shared decision-making process is interrupted when one partner is deployed and the other partner is required to "hold down the fort." Once the deployment is over, however, individual decision-making should give way to the joint process.

If a partner feels he or she isn't consulted, particularly in regard to making important decisions, the strength of the relationship may be weakened. If a relationship is to last, both partners must feel good with the way important decisions are made in their relationship.

In light of the fact that many couples find the first two years of marriage to be the hardest, it is important to develop good shared decision-making patterns early in the relationship.

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Strong study skills helps get those A's

By Keener A. Tippin II
Kansas State University

MANHATTAN – Greek life, football and basketball games, making new friends, no curfew, being on your own for the first time. With so many social activities associated with college life, some students may fall behind in their studies.

Developing good study skills is one of the keys to achieving academic success, but a Kansas State University educator estimates only about 20 percent of college freshmen have developed good study habits before entering college.

"I think students develop good study habits when they're challenged and when they have to, but for a lot of students that doesn't happen in high school," said Judith Lynch, director of the K-State academic assistance center.

Lynch said, for students who do not have good study habits, developing them is pretty much "trial and error" — or they can take a specific class that teaches the keys to effective study habits.

"A student's first year in college is when it becomes apparent that the sooner they learn good study habits the better off they will be," Lynch said. "The ones who don't realize that they need to develop study habits usually aren't here the next year."

Many colleges and universities, such as K-State, offer a course that instructs students on the keys to academic success: time management, note taking and other vital skills. The premise of such courses, Lynch said, is to teach what has been learned by following around good students and watching what they have done to be successful.

"Some students have never taken notes; they have relied on handouts the teacher has given them," Lynch said. "Even now, with PowerPoint and PowerPoint slides being available, students don't always learn good note-taking skills during the first couple of years of college because notes are given to them."

Taking notes is not the only skill involved in developing good study habits. Organizing the information after you've taken the notes is equally as important. Lynch said pulling together all the information students have from reading their textbooks or given by their instructor and organizing it into something meaningful and easy to retrieve when needed may be the most important skill to be learned.

Although there are many ways to study — survey, question, read, recite, review; preview, read and recall; etc., Lynch recommends any method of studying that encourages active reading. This, she said, will involve the student in understanding the material, combat boredom and increase retention.

Developing good study habits in a generation rife with short attention spans can be tough but attainable, Lynch said. The secret is to study in short spurts during dead hours of the day when a lot of time is wasted, she said.

For example, she said, if a student has an hour-long break between classes, they should learn to use that time by studying the subject that they just came from.

"That's optimum studying, that's prime time," she said. "It is within a few hours from when they heard the material, so they're going to remember it better."

Even students with short attention spans, if they are motivated, can study for long periods. The secret is a matter of connecting it to something they want, Lynch said.

"Even if it's just, 'OK, I want to be a teacher but even though I'm not going to teach mathematics, I can see why this mathematics course is required. If I don't do well, then I can't do what I want, which is to teach,'" Lynch said. "Even if it is very indirect, if students can see that connection to what they're asked to do, then they would be willing to put in the hours to do it."

Many schools also offer free or low-cost tutoring to students. Lynch said while K-State and other schools do a good job of "putting the services out there," the biggest challenge is to get students to take advantage of them.

"I think students who have experienced some failure academically, aren't as competent academically, may be more reluctant to ask for help because they don't want people to realize how much they don't know or may not want to risk getting help and still failing," she said.

"The students that tend to take advantage of this help tend to be 'A' students who want to keep their A average; 'B' students wanting to make an 'A'; and 'C' students trying to make it up to a 'B,'" she said. "But the students that really struggle are the ones that tend to not ask for help or they wait until it's too late, like three weeks before finals."

Nontraditional schools provide various opportunities

By Jennifer Newberry
Kansas State University

MANHATTAN – Figuring out the school that will be the best fit for your child doesn't necessarily begin with selecting a college. Even in grade school and high school there may be other choices available.

Nontraditional schools are schools that provide learning environments different from that of public schools. They include everything other than the traditional school model, said Mary Devin, associate professor of educational administration at Kansas State University.

Charter, magnet and virtual schools are types of nontraditional schools.

A charter school is a nontraditional approach to schooling proposed by individuals or groups to the local school district. It is a new approach to organizing and operating a school, Devin said.

For example, a charter school could be established for special populations, such as low performing groups identified within the existing school system.

A charter school is approved to operate outside the general rules for public schools and provide service to students but would not be restricted to the structural constraints that public schools have, she said. A charter school might not have to follow bargaining laws requiring negotiations with representative teacher groups; a required number of hours and days in school; teacher and staff certification requirements; state or local graduation requirements; and some testing requirements.

Charter schools can benefit students because they offer new and different ideas to address a particular population of students or a particular level of learning, Devin said. Also, charter schools do not have the same regulations that apply to public schools.

On the other hand, charter schools have an emerging problem with issues of accountability because the schools are so open-ended, Devin said.

"As you look at charter schools across the country, you can find examples of fine experiences or situations that weren't so well-managed," she said. "Issues of accountability are a drawback to charter schools. The very nature of being open-ended leaves accountability open-ended."

A magnet school generally puts its learning experience in the context of a theme, Devin said. Some examples are fine arts, science or computer science. All of the instruction is delivered in the context of the theme.

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Magnet schools can benefit students because of the idea they will be more engaged in learning if they're interested in the context, Devin said.

While students at magnet schools have the advantage to focus on a particular area of interest, that also can be a disadvantage, Devin said. Students are more focused on a single area rather than having the opportunity to sample many different interest areas.

Virtual schools have the advantage of being able to serve students in remote areas, especially when students can't be physically together. They allow students to expand their opportunities to take more course work in specialized areas.

With virtual schools, technology can allow people to do great things, but there are concerns about a lack of face-to-face interaction with teachers and other students, Devin said.

When parents are deciding which type of school environment is best for their child, Devin said they should look at two things: what will satisfy a student's particular interest and what will give the best outcome for the student.

The amount of extracurricular activities available at a particular school is also important to note. Academic clubs, organizations, music performances and athletic programs could be limited at a particular nontraditional school.

"It's working together to make that student as well-prepared as we can," Devin said. "I don't think there's any one school that's always right, and any one that's always wrong."

Parents also should keep in mind future education options, Devin said.

"It's not just this year you want to think about. You need to look at the long-term picture, not just a particular year," she said.

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Sports news in brief

Outdoor rec hours to change

Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center will change is operating hours Sept. 11. New hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The center will close Sunday and Monday. Weekend rental rates will be for Saturday through Tuesday.

For more information, call Carol Alexander at the center, 239-2363.

Association to host clinic

The Tuttle Creek Lake Association invites youngsters age 8 to 12 to its 11th annual Youth Fishing Clinic Sept. 9 and 10 in Manhattan.

The clinic is free but youths who have participated in previously clinics are ineligible to participate this year.

An education session begins at 7 p.m. Sept. 9 in Susan B. Anthony Middle School, 2501 Browning. At least one parent is asked to attend with their children.

Youths will begin fishing for catfish at 9 a.m. Sept. 10 at Anneberg Park on the west side of Manhattan. Bait and supervision will be provided and youths will be given a free rod and reel.

Prizes and a free lunch are included in the clinic.

Application forms are available at K-Mart, Wal-Mart, Ole Mike's Shooters Supply and Tackle, all Manhattan elementary schools, Manhattan's new car dealers, Manhattan and Wamego business sponsors and several locations on Fort Riley.

For more information, call Leo Schell at (785) 539-6540 or send e-mail to joyleo@interkan.net.

Post to host cross country

The 2005 Fort Riley battalion-level cross country championship will be run Sept. 15 at the Custer Hill Golf Course. The championship will be conducted in the following divisions of competition:

• Women's Open Division: Each battalion commander is authorized to enter one team consisting of five members. Four members will be counted for team scoring.

• Women's Masters Division: The age cutoff for the Masters Division is 35 years old as of Sept. 15, 2005.

• Men's Open Division: Each battalion commander is authorized to enter one team consisting of seven members. Six members will be counted for team scoring.

• Men's Masters Division: The age cutoff date for the Masters Division is 35 years old as of Sept. 15, 2005.

Starting time for the Women's Open Division and the men's and women's Masters Divisions will be 3 p.m.

Starting time for the Men's Open Division will be 13:45 p.m.

A roster of battalion team members and all individual registrations must be submitted to the sports office in King Field House no later than Sept. 13.

The Women's Open Division, Women's Masters Division and Men's Masters Division course will be about 2.6 miles. The Men's Open Division course will be about 5.2 miles.

For more information, call Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.

Army finishes ninth

By David Ferroni
Army News Service

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. – Joe Nemechek drove the Army's No. 01 Chevrolet to a ninth-place finish Aug. 14 at Watkins Glen International.

It was the U.S. Army driver's fourth top-10 finish at Watkins Glen. He had three previous eighth-place finishes on the 2.45-mile road course.

"Everything was right today," Nemechek said. "We got behind early, but the Army Chevy was so good that we were able to fight our way back to the front. We were looking for a better finish, but considering all of the bad luck we've had recently it feels good to come away with a top-10 result."

Nemechek experienced one tense moment late in the race when he nearly lost control of his car after trying to pass Mark Martin.

"I got too high, hit the grass and was sliding around," Nemechek explained. "I came close to losing it, but fortunately I was able to save it and get back on track."

The top-10 result was a morale booster for the Army team after suffering one misfortune after another in the last six races.

"As I keep on saying, we're like our Soldiers, we will never allow adversity to get us down. We keep on coming back," Nemechek said. "We know we're a front-running team and this could be the lift we needed to get us on a positive streak."

Nemechek looked forward to his next Nextel Cup race, Aug. 21 at Michigan International Speedway. He finished sixth there in June.

"Michigan has always been a good track for us and hopefully it will continue being that come next Sunday," offered Nemechek, who remains 17th in the driver standings, 44 points shy of the top 15.

Cameras in Action

Joe Nemechek's 01 Army Chevrolet negotiates the tight turns at Watkins Glen International Raceway Aug. 14.

Fish fest

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Keith Kavajecz (left) of Kawkawna, Wis., reels in a catch while an observer gets ready to net his fish. Kavjecz is a professional walleye trail touring pro.

Pro walleye anglers need observers

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Fifty-one professional walleye anglers, some with specially painted boats and trucks, plan to convoy from Milford State Park to the north end of the PX parking lot at Fort Riley Sept. 13.

The pros also plan to visit with anyone interested in fishing or just curious about what they do and the equipment they use during the 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. stop on post.

The pro anglers will compete in the In-Fisherman Professional Walleye Trail 2005 Mercury Marine Championship Sept. 16-18 at Milford Lake. The tournament schedule includes practice days beginning Sept. 10 and an outdoor sports equipment show at the park's south boat ramp.

The fisherman with the heaviest catch wins $110,000 in cash and a boat.

Volunteer observers are needed to ride with the anglers on competition days, said Rick Dykstra, assistant director of the Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau in Junction City.

The day with the professional fishermen is free for observers, but they must have some fishing skills, Dykstra said, because they may be asked to back a boat trailer, steer a boat while the angler trolls or to net a hooked fish.

To volunteer, individuals 18 or older should visit the CVB at 823 N. Washington St. in Junction City or call 238-2885. The deadline for volunteering is Sept. 12.

Volunteers cannot fish while observing. They will be given a free lunch but must attend an observer's meeting at the park at 4 p.m. Sept. 15.

A large pavilion will be erected at the south boat ramp to house spectators as the fishermen leave the lake and weigh their catch each day, Dykstra said. The anglers will throw souvenir gifts to people in the crowd as their boat is pulled through the pavilion, he said.

At 3 p.m. Sept. 15, 16 and 17, kids attending the tournament will be given coupons for free gifts, including 250 tackle boxes each of the first two days and 1,000 rod and reel sets Sept. 17.

No admission is charged for the tournament, but attendees must have a valid state parks pass or pay for a day pass. A day pass for one vehicle costs $6.50.

K-State football fan day slated

Public invited to see practice

Kansas State University

Kansas State University football's 2005 Fan Appreciation Day will be Aug. 25 at KSU Stadium.

Gates are scheduled to open at 5 p.m., and fans attending the event are being asked to park in the west parking lot of KSU Stadium.

The first 1,500 fans attending will be served free hot dogs outside the west stadium gates beginning at 3:30 p.m. Additional refreshments will be available for purchase. A limited number of 2005 Kansas State football posters will also be available for those fans in attendance.

Access to the stadium for fans to enter and view practice will be from the west side only via gates B, C, D, F and G. Public seating inside the stadium for the event will be limited to sections 1 through 11 and fans are being asked not to have still or video cameras on during the practice session.

Following practice, Head Coach Bill Snyder and selected members of the team will address the crowd. An autograph session on the field with the players and coaches will follow.

2005 K-State home schedule

Sept. 3 vs. Florida International, 1:10 p.m.
Sept. 24 vs. North Texas, 1:10 p.m.
Oct. 8 vs. Kansas, TBA
Oct. 22 vs. Texas A&M, TBA
Oct. 29 vs. Colorado, TBA
Nov. 19 vs. Missouri, TBA

For tickets, call 1-800-221-CATSor visit www.kstatesports.com on the Web.

American bison continue to roam tallgrass prairie

By Alan Hynek
Fish and Wildlife Biologist

Alan Hynek

On the Wildside: News About Nature

The sight of the American bison must have been tremendous in days of old. Vast herds covered the plains, grazing the tall grasses that are now fodder for our domestic cattle. In a very short time, the bison went from herds numbering in the thousands to near extinction and back.

In the early 1800s, bison were the kings of the plains. They migrated over large tracts of land in search of newly grown grass. Their intensive grazing would completely annihilate an area. The prairie grasses and forbs (non-grass plants) that evolved from the repeated disturbance gave rise the to resilient plant community that allows Fort Riley's intensive use of the prairie for military maneuvers.

The bison soon fell to the long-range rifles made famous in the late 19th century. "Skinners" all across the plains harvested bison without limit. The hides were shipped away and the bones ground for bone meal. With fewer and fewer bison to be found, the Native Americans lost their source for food, shelter and clothing.

For a period of time, the only remaining bison were found on farms and in zoos. In the late 1800s, a few hundred head of bison were found wild, roaming Yellowstone Park.

Although the bison would never freely roam the plains again, the species was saved from extinction through careful breeding programs using the few remaining individuals. Fort Riley was part of the later recovery of the species, housing bison from the early 1950s until the late 1990s.

The post's bison herd was a popular visitors attraction for many years. At first, they were held in the corral by the Post

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Sports news in brief

Flag football season to begin

The 2005 Fort Riley company-level flag football program will be conducted Sept. 6 through Nov. 7.

Each company commander is authorized to enter one team for competition. The company commander or his representative must submit a letter of intent to participate not later than the close of business Aug. 26.

Forms are available in the sports office at King Field House.

For more information, call Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.

Bowlers can battle for titles

The Fort Riley battalion-level bowling tournament will be conducted Sept. 19-22 at the Custer Hill lanes.

Each battalion commander is authorized to enter two men's teams and one women's team.

Team rosters will consist of not more that four bowlers and one alternate. Rosters must be submitted to the sports office in King Field House no later than close of business Sept. 13.

For more information, call Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.

Tuttle Creek Cove closed

Tuttle Creek Cove Park closed Aug. 1, Corps of Engineers officials have announced. The park had closed this spring for the first construction phase of a new campground.

The final phase of construction began Aug. 1. Construction is expected to last six months and the park will be closed to all public use, including all vehicles and people on foot.

Post pools host Family Fun

Families can make a real splash and have lots of fun at the Custer Hill and Main Post pools' Family Fun Night. The final Fun Night of the season runs from 8 to 10 p.m. Aug. 19 at Custer Hill Pool.

Activities include swim, listening to music and frolicking on the giant inflatable obstacle course.

Family Fun Night costs $5 per family and $1 for each additional guest (passes not included).

For more information, call 239-2813.

Canoe trips scheduled

The Outdoor Recreation Center staff will be offering a canoe trip Aug. 20. The trip will start at 9 a.m. and end around 3 p.m.

The $15 fee includes canoe, paddles, life vest and transportation to and from the Outdoor Recreation Center.

For more information or to register, call 239-2363.

Class needed to rent boat

Any person born on or after Jan. 1, 1989, and younger than 21 must complete an approved boater safety education course in order to operate a motorboat or sailboat on Kansas's public waters.

People who fall into that age category may operate a motorboat or sailboat if they are accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a person older than 17 who possesses a certificate of completion for an approved boater safety education course or is exempt from this requirement.

The certification is required of anyone wishing to rent a boat from the Outdoor Recreation Center.

For more information, call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 239-2363.

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John Butts (left) and fishing friend Joe Barron prepare fishing poles Saturday morning at Milford Lake for some pre-fishing. Butts came from Ontario, Canada to scout out the lake before participating in the upcoming Profesional Walleye Trail Championship fishing tournament Sept. 16-18.

Pro fisherman checks out Milford Lake prior to tourney

By Dustin Kimmel
The Daily Union

Good fishermen make winning look as effortless as throwing a hook and worm in the water. But, as with any sport, preparation is the most important part of achieving victory.

The most important thing is to look at the structure of the lake, said professional fisherman John Butts, who is in Junction City this weekend to scout Milford Lake for the In-Fisherman Professional Walleye Trail Mercury Marine National Championship Sept. 16-18.

"We only have five days of pre-fishing, and you don't want to waste one looking around at the water," Butts said. "This is the last chance for anyone competing in the tournament to scout the lake Before Sept. 10, when the official pre-fishing starts."

To get a look at Milford, Butts traveled 19 hours from his home in Dryden, Ontario. The nearly 1,000 miles traveled is the second-longest distance to a tournament for Butts. The longest distance was to Bull Shoals Lake in the Arkansas Ozarks.

Butts has been fishing the professional walleye trail since 2000, a goal he had been working towards since 1991. He said he has been fortunate, having some success as of late. In April, Butts won the Fox Chain-O-Lakes tournament in Illinois. The purse for the win was $65,000.

"To have the success that I have had has been real good," Butts said. "A lot of guys after two, three, four years, they drop out. It's a big commitment. There are a lot of good anglers at this level."

Only the best will make their way to Milford Lake for the national championship tournament. Fifty anglers — the best 30 fisherman overall plus the top 10 from the East and West divisions — qualify for the event. Butts is the No. 1 seed in the West division.

Butts said a lot of fisherman focus on how many fish they catch, but the quality of the fish is more important. Only the largest four walleye caught each day will be counted toward the three-day total, making size much more important than quantity.

Every ounce of weight counts in the tournaments; and with a three-tenths pound penalty for dead walleye, keeping the fish alive also is crucial toward winning the $100,000 prize and the title of national champion.

"A couple of years ago ... I was two-tenths out of first place and I was third," Butts said. "It can be real tight ... if you have a dead or live fish .... So it's important.

"I use a lot of chemicals in my live walleye," said Butts, referring to how he keeps his caught fish alive. He compared the chemical that is especially made for him in Canada to a stress coat used in ordinary aquariums.

"It distresses the fish," Butts said. "It relaxes the fish and they don't struggle."

Butts said one of the biggest struggles at Milford will be the amount of fish besides walleye in the lake.

"It will be an interesting tournament having to fight those (other species) off," Butts said. "A guy's going to have to really be patient, for sure."

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Wet way to beat the heat

Some of the Soldiers stationed at Camp Taji enjoy a midday game of water volleyball during the hot summer month of July. The pool is one of the amenities set up to allow the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines stationed at Camp Taji to unwind after combat missions.

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Cemetery. When they outgrew that, most were placed in a pasture south of Williston Point Road. When the herd grew to 58, it was decided to transfer much of the herd to Kansas State University, to be placed on Konza Prairie.

A few of the bison were kept at Fort Riley until recently, when the remainder of the herd was transferred to Konza Prairie. Today, the Konza Prairie has more than 100 head of bison, many of which are descendants of the Fort Riley herd. The bison on Konza Prairie are used to study large herbivore impacts to the tallgrass prairie.

Today, an estimated one million bison inhabit North America. Many of these reside on livestock farms around the country. Some bison can still be found in a natural environment in national parks, such as Yellowstone in Wyoming and Windcave National Park in South Dakota.

Closer to home, the Konza Prairie allows visitors to view the bison as native grazers of the Kansas Flint Hills. Although Fort Riley no longer has a bison herd, a short trip south of Manhattan to the Konza Prairie is well worth it. Once there, it is easy to conjure a scene of what life was like 150 years ago when Fort Riley was just getting established and vast bison herds still roamed the prairie.

For more information on this or other natural resources topics, call 239-6211 or visit www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort/Environment/NatResources/ on the Web.

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Travel & Fun in Kansas

Leisuretime ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost $3.50 for adults and $1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Aug. 19, 25 - Fantastic Four (PG-13)

Aug. 20 - The Island (PG-13)

Aug. 21 - High Tension (R)

Aug. 26 - Bad News Bears (PG-13)

Aug. 27 - Charlie and The Chocolate Factory (PG)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Enterprise:

What: Harvest Festival. Car and tractor show, parade, cake walk, mud volleyball tournament, Lipp Sync contest, street dance, tractor pedal pull, gunny sack races, wheelbarrow races, horseshoe tournament, baby beauty contest and ice cream and pie social.

When: 7 a.m. to midnight Aug. 20 and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 21

Where: Downtown

Admission: Free

Manhattan:

What: 100th anniversary of Wildlife and Parks. Boat show; basic canoeing and kayaking instruction; minnow races; archery, BB gun shooting and fly fishing instruction; antique car show; potluck dinner for registered campers; and 1950s and '60s dance.

When: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 20

Where: Tuttle Creek State Park Spillway Area, River Pond Area and Man-Kan Shelter.

Admission: Free vehicle entrance day at the park

Junction City:

What: Movie and a concert series. Last in the summer series of free movies and concert. Movie will be "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade." Concert will be by Legacy.

When: 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27

Where: Heritage Park

Admission: Free

Topeka:

What: Care Bears Live "Caring and Sharing Friends." A magical, musical journey to Care-a-lot with Cheer Bear, Wish Bear, Funshine Bear, Grump Bear and the rest of their Care Bear friends.

When: 7 p.m. Sept. 27 and 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sept. 28

Where: Kansas Expocentre, One Expocentre Drive

Phone: (785) 297-1000 for information

Admission: $14.50, $16.50 and $19.50. Call (785) 234-4545 or buy on the Web at www.ticketmaster.com.

Lawrence:

What: Civil War on the Western Frontier. Living history events that focus on historic Lawrence and Douglas County during the early Territorial days and the Civil War.

When: Through Aug. 21

Where: Citywide

Phone: (785) 865-4499

Admission: Free

Effingham:

What: Atchison County Fair. Parade, 4-H/FFA and open class exhibits, games, carnival rides, food and livestock auction.

When: Through Aug. 20

Where: Atchison County Fairgrounds

Phone: (913) 833-5450

Admission: Free

Kansas fair billed as 'wild ride'

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

"It's a wild ride, Baby," is how organizers describe the 2005 Kansas State Fair scheduled Sept. 9-18 at Hutchinson, Kan.

The celebration kicks off Sept. 9 with the official launch of the 2005 Kansas quarters at 9:30 a.m. at the grandstand. Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius will introduce the Kansas quarter and participate with the ribbon cutting ceremony representing the opening of the 2005 state fair. Quarters will be distributed to children 18 and under attending the ceremony. Uncirculated commemorative quarter sets will be available for purchase following the ceremony.

Two new exhibits fair organizers are enthused to host are the Tigers of India and Jurassic Journey, said Denny Stoecklein, Kansas State Fair general manager.

Tigers of India features rare golden tabby tigers and snow white Bengal tigers. Audience members watch as trainers wrestle and chase the cats, and in turn are pounced on by felines weighing more than a quarter of a ton.

In addition to the 30-minute show, the animals are on display throughout the day and guests can observe the trainers' interactions with the animals plus the popular nightly feeding time. Three shows are scheduled in Gottschalk Park each day of the fair.

Jurassic Journey places visitors face-to-face with dinosaurs that roamed the earth more than 65 million years ago. The exhibit features more than 40 life-sized replicas depicted in diorama displays. The exhibit includes full-scale replicas of the stegosaurus, raptor and juvenile tyrannosaurus rex. Fair-goers can take the journey every day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Fair organizers will honor military personnel and family members by hosting a "Welcome Kansas Military" day Sept. 12. The day will include performances by the Fort Riley Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard and displayed military equipment. Admission for the day will be $1. Attendees also can get in free with a Dillon's card. Discounted carnival ride tickets will also be on sale for $1 each ride.

The fair also is hosting its Fourth Annual Motorcycle Rally and Parade. Motorcyclists from across the state can bring their motorcycles to the fair on Sept. 11 to participate. The free rally is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. The rally will conclude with a motorcycle parade ride around the fairgrounds at 4:45 p.m.

Fair-goers also can view 4-H and National FFA Organization exhibits from across the state, and the famous Budweiser Clydesdales are scheduled to be on display every day of the fair.

Entertainers scheduled to perform at the Grandstand include artists ZZ Top, Big and Rich, Ronnie Milsap and Trace Adkins.

Courtesy Photo

A young participant strains for another yard while competing in the tractor pedal pull championship at the 2004 Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

If you go:

Take Interstate 70 to the Interstate 135 interchange at Salina.

Take Exit 250 and go south on I-135 to McPherson.

Take Exit 58 and go south on Kansas Highway 60 to Hutchinson.

Before entering Hutchinson, follow the signs to the Kansas State Fairgrounds.

Courtesy Photo

Children cool off with water from underground sprinklers at the 2004 Kansas State Fair. The 2005 Kansas State Fair is scheduled Sept. 9-18. at Hutchinson.

Jazz singer to pay tribute to 'Johnny'

By Beth Bohn
Special to the Post

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The woman nicknamed "super singer" by Johnny Carson will honor the former "Tonight Show" host at a fundraiser for Kansas State University's Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art.

Jazz singer Marilyn Maye's "A Tribute to Johnny Carson" will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 23 at the K-State Alumni Center. The fundraiser costs $100 per person and includes a buffet dinner.

Proceeds from the event will contribute to the Kansas Printmakers Fund of the Friends of the Beach Museum of Art, said Bill North, the museum's senior curator.

"Prints considered for acquisition with the fund must be by historical or contemporary artists whose work in Kansas represents a substantial contribution to the state's visual arts culture," North said. "The Kansas Printmakers Fund ensures that the museum can continue to actively collect the work of Kansas printmakers."

Maye, who appeared on Carson's "Tonight Show" 76 times, has recorded more than 12 albums or CDs and 34 singles. She has been a headliner at top nightclubs across the United States.

Her hits include "Cabaret," "Step to the Rear, Let a Winner Lead the Way," "Sherry" and "If My Friends Could See Me Now."

In 1985, the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History chose Maye's recording of Lerner-Lanes' "Too Late Now" as the best interpretation of one of its 112 best American compositions.

This is the second benefit Maye has performed for the museum.

Proceeds from her 2004 concert established the Kansas Printmakers Fund and the purchase of six prints.

For more information, contact the Beach Museum of Art at (785) 532-7718 or visit the museum on the southeast corner of campus, 14th Street and Anderson Avenue.

Admission to the museum is free and complimentary visitor parking is available adjacent to the facility. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Fair to feature grape stomp, wine judging, cheese tasting

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In an effort to promote the state's wine and cheese industries, the Kansas departments of Commerce and Agriculture will host the Second Annual Grape Stomp and People's Choice Wine Judging on Sept. 9 at the Kansas State Fair.

The Grape Stomp will take place at 3 p.m. on the Lake Talbott Stage and will engage celebrity stompers in a battle to see who can squash the most juice and be crowned Grape Stomp Champion.

The wine judging and cheese tasting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Domestic Arts Building and will feature three wines from each of Kansas' 12 wineries and cheese samples from Kansas' three creameries.

Smoky Hill Vineyards & Winery was the big winner in last year's wine judging competition. Its Red Raspberry wine grabbed first-place honors in the categories of Best Red Wine and Best Overall Wine.

Somerset Ridge, a Salina-based vineyard and winery, took first place in the Best White Wine division.

The 12 Kansas wineries expected to participate in this year's judging are: Burgess Farm Winery (Harveyville); Davenport Orchards, Vineyard & Winery (Eudora); Dozier Vineyard & Winery (Ellinwood); Heimhof Winery (Leavenworth); Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery (Basehor); Kugler's Vineyard (Lawrence); Pome on the Range Orchards & Winery (Williamsburg); Slough Creek Vineyard & Winery (Oskaloosa); Smoky Hill Vineyards & Winery (Salina); Somerset Ridge Vineyard & Winery (Paola); Windswept Winery (Udall); and Wyldewood Cellars Winery (Mulvane).

Alma Creamery of Alma, Wiebe Dairy of Durham and Prairie Pride of Potwin will enter samples of cheese.

Kansas has more than 80 vineyards and more than 170 acres devoted to grape growing. Kansas vintners produced 51,000 gallons of wine last year, an amount equal to just under one percent of all wine consumed in Kansas. Before Prohibition, Kansas was among the top wine-producing states in the country.

Kansas's vintners have received more than 300 international awards for their wines in the past seven years, including several best-of-class awards. Kansas's wines also were served at the 2002 Winter Olympics.