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Community Events

Changes of command

Maj. Kurt Conklin will transfer command of the 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron to Maj. James Rich at 8:30 a.m. Monday on the flightline near Base Operations. Hangar 208 will be the alternate location for inclement weather.

Maj. Glenn Ford will relinquish command of the 27th Comptroller Squadron at 8 a.m. Wednesday in the courtyard between Bldg. 600 and Wing Headquarters.

Retirement ceremony

Col. Jeffrey Harrell, vice wing commander, 27th Fighter Wing, will retire June 30. Retirement ceremonies will be at 1 p.m. at The Landing.

A farewell dinner for Col. Harrell is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at The Landing. A social will begin at 6 p.m. The cost is \$11 for club members and \$13 for non-members. The deadline for reservations to attend is today and can be made through the unit.

Volunteer opportunities

Volunteers are needed to help with the Tops In Blue show today at Marshall Junior High. A total 15 volunteers are need to setup, 15 volunteers to tear down, five to help backstage, 10 ushers, four parking attendants and six for security.

Volunteers are needed to help at the Dairy Fest 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Clovis Fairgrounds. The volunteers will run booths, contests and event maintenance.

Call the Family Support Center at 784-4228 to register.

Heart Link

Heart Link is 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today at the Family Support Center. This program is for Air Force spouses who want to learn more about the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocols, and available resources and services. Lunch and child care is free.

For more information or to register, call 784-4228.

Airman's Attic

Airman's Attic, located in the same building as the Post Office and

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We're still valued, needed and supported

By Col. Scott West
27th Fighter Wing commander

Tuesday was a momentous day for communities in New Mexico and Florida, but also for the men, women and families of the wings at Cannon Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field, Fla. Cannon will become host to Air Force Special Operations Command's 16th Special Operations Wing on Oct. 1, 2007.

I cannot speak for Col. Norm Brozenick, commander of the 16th Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt, but if I could, I'd expect that my former classmate would articulate the same focus areas for his Airmen at Hurlburt as I'm about to do here.

Before doing so, I'd like to say a couple of words about our New Mexico community. Despite concerns about Cannon's future, and the tremendous community effort placed into "Operation Keep Cannon," our neighbors continued to support multiple programs for our Airmen and their families. Our community signed an educational agreement that enables children of newly assigned Airmen to easily matriculate into educational and social opportunities. Community members generously supported the building of our Bataan Death March memorial to honor New Mexico survivors and mark the his-

toric relationship between the New Mexico Guard and the 27th Fighter Wing. They also supported our Memorial Day Air Show featuring the Thunderbirds, continued to support our "Wall of Heroes" inductee program in association with our Airmen Leadership School, and have joined our wing in developing "Discover Home" – an initiative to enable our families to explore and enjoy the many unique features of the Land of Enchantment.

It's significant that all of these voluntary community support initiatives occurred in the last 90 days, while the decision process on Cannon's future was not yet finalized. So, I'd like to thank our New Mexico friends and neighbors for sustaining the outstanding support of Cannon's families, especially in the months leading to this week's announcement. I have no doubt that our New Mexico community will be first class hosts to the families of the 16th Special Operations Wing, just as they've been to us.

The 27th Fighter Wing's focus will not change. Combat readiness remains our top priority. Our country is at war and until the last F-16



OFFICIAL AIR FORCE PHOTO

Col. Scott West
Commander, 27th Fighter Wing

departs the base for its new active or reserve unit, we'll focus on being ready to fight and win the Global War on Terrorism. Today, more than 300 of our Airmen are deployed and we are tasked in this fall's, and next summer's Air Expeditionary Force cycles. We are still valued, needed and combat ready.

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Cannon new home for Special Ops wing

Courtesy Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Air Force officials announced Tuesday that Cannon Air Force Base will be the new home for an Air Force special operations wing.

Air Force Special Operations Command will accept ownership of Cannon AFB and the Melrose Range effective Oct. 1, 2007.

The decision came as a result of an eight-step process the Air Force began in the fall 2005 to explore a reuse for Cannon. The New Mexico Congressional delegation and community leaders actively supported this effort.

"Finding a reuse for Cannon Air Force Base was a top priority for the Air Force," said William

"Bill" Anderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics. "We were not just looking for a fit between Cannon's assets and a new user, we were looking for the best fit, and AFSOC is the best fit for Cannon."

Because of historical lineage, the 16th Special Operations Wing flag will transition to Cannon, and Hurlburt Field will regain its designation as the 1st Special Operations Wing.

Simultaneously, Air Combat Command's 27th Fighter Wing will begin drawing down as outlined in the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure recommendation. The wing will deactivate after the F-16 Fighting Falcons have been reassigned. That process is

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Meantime, we'll work with community leaders, 12th Air Force, Air Combat Command and Air Force Special Operations Command, to ensure that transition takes place so that Airmen and their families are properly cared for while mission changes, and reassignments, occur. We'll also work to minimize the amount of time between Cannon's "loss of F-16 capability" and its realization of full operational capability with its new mission.

In sum, we'll continue to hone the world's most lethal combat team and work through transition as a community. I could not be prouder of 27th Fighter Wing Airmen and more grateful for our community support.

Cannon One

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expected to take six to 12 months.

Military members directly support the F-16 mission at Cannon will transfer to new assignments as the aircraft they are responsible for transfer to their new bases. Mission support personnel will remain and support the incoming AFSOC unit.

Initially, the 16th Special Operations Wing will partition its assets to support the mission at Cannon. During the next few years, AFSOC will experience some growth as the result of the increased special operations mission as outlined in the Quadrennial Defense Review released earlier this year.

The growth in weapons systems and people will be divided between the two bases. New airframes, to include the CV-22 Osprey, will be assigned to Hurlburt/Eglin as well as to the new wing at Cannon. Other potential aircraft for Cannon are AC-130U Gunships and the MC-130H Combat Talon II. The final aircraft mix between Cannon

and Hurlburt Field has not been finalized.

"The AFSOC expansion to Cannon offers special operators a western U.S. base to enhance support for its operations in the Pacific theatre and to meet the objectives of our global defense posture," said Lt. Gen. Michael W. Wooley, AFSOC commander. "Additionally, the Melrose Range and the surrounding region open up new and unrestricted training opportunities AFSOC does not currently experience, to include joint and composite training with other services and nations, as well as mission training opportunities. Cannon basing of AFSOC assets enables the special operations community easy access to a high desert training environment much like that encountered in contingency operations."

Hurlburt Field will continue as the headquarters of Air Force Special Operations Command and will also be the home of the 1st Special Operations Wing.

"AFSOC is pleased to continue our strong rela-

tionship with the northwest Florida community," said General Wooley. "This is truly a win-win situation for Florida, New Mexico, and AFSOC."

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Air Force will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the mission change at Cannon AFB and of any changes in the use of Melrose Range. The studies are anticipated to take 15 to 18 months.

"The Air Force mission is to protect the United States and its interests around the world," said Michael Wynne, Secretary of the Air Force. "Force readiness is a top priority for the Air Force and was the major factor in my recommendation for this new use for Cannon."

The Air Force had until 2009 to identify a new use for Cannon's assets or the base would be closed in 2010, in accordance with the 2005 BRAC commission's recommendations. However, the Air Force set a goal to complete Cannon's search for a new use by summer 2006.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS HEATHER SALAZAR

Med Group change of command

Col. Kenneth Hall, right, accepts the reins of command of the 27th Medical Group Friday from Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander during ceremonies June 16. Colonel Hall replaces outgoing 27th MDG commander Col. Delores Forrest.

Cannon Yard of the Month competition under way

By Donna Hester

Family housing facilities chief

Family Housing residents will soon battle for the best yard in the neighborhood.

Judging for Yard of the Month competition starts this month.

Residents who spend a little extra time and care in their yards could also add a Yard of the Month sign as well.

Housing is implementing the program now and will have the first winners selected before the end of this month.

The Yard of the Month program runs through August with winners in each of the three housing areas.

Some of the things judges will look for are:

- Watering compliance on appropriate times and days with no watering from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m..
- Mowing, edging, and trimming standards, and
- Extras that make a yard stand out.

Normally there will be three judges selected from across the Wing. There will be a presentation of the sign, recognition in the Mach Meter and a certificate of recognition will be presented by the 27th Mission Support Group commander. Rewards will also include a gift certificate from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and a \$25 gold card from Cannon Federal Credit Union.

There will be three winners each month, one from each of the housing areas: Joe Cannon which includes Mercury and Gemini; Chavez which includes Chavez Manor and Chavez Manor West; and 801 Clovis and 801 Portales.

For more information, call 784-7532.



COURTESY PHOTO

Yard of the month winners in each of the three Cannon housing areas will receive a sign for their yard saluting their efforts.



NEWS

Northern Edge takes joint operations to next level

By Capt. Amy Hansen

Northern Edge Joint Information Bureau

Exercise NORTHERN EDGE 2006, headquartered at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, concluded June 16.

Nearly 5,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen worked together against a simulated enemy for two weeks, destroying targets on land and in the sea, gaining control of the Alaskan sky and performing search-and-rescue missions.

During the course of the exercise, aircraft from all services flew approximately 1,500 missions, or about 80 flights twice a day for 10 days, according to Col. John Marselus, Alaskan Command exercise director.

For the first week the joint air forces used the Alaska Pacific Range Complex, a large military air space near Fairbanks, to conduct the exercise air war and practice targeting on land. During the second week, the focus shifted to maritime targets, using airspace above the Gulf of Alaska.

"Each service has been able to share its air-to-air expertise to improve our joint warfighting capability," Colonel Marselus said. "For example, the Navy has expertise working with ships and performing air interdiction of maritime targets. The Air Force introduced the F-22 Raptor during this exercise, which brought awesome cutting-edge technology to the fight."

One purpose of the exercise was to move from the concept of merely deconflicting the actions of Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force units working in the same operation to actually integrating their planning, movements, communication and targets.

"I personally observed the capabilities each service contributed, and how – over the course of the exercise – each service began to understand the capabilities of the others," he said. "The ability to sit down and plan face to face, go out and execute the plan, and then debrief face to face has dramatically improved our joint integration."

"We are using each other's strengths to result in a force that is greater than the sum of its parts," Colonel Marselus said.

Another focus of the exercise was to provide a more difficult training scenario to challenge participating units to the maximum extent.

"A lot of aircrew members have come back and told us that this is the

best exercise they've been to in their 20-year careers due to the number and realism of the simulated enemy forces," the colonel said.

Despite a large and challenging simulated enemy force, exercise participants had new force-multiplying technology to use. One such technology was coordinating geographically separated units to accomplish the mission.

"In one scenario, the command-and-control structure in Hawaii directed a Navy destroyer in the Gulf of Alaska to launch a simulated strike of land and sea targets," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Hank Adams, a surface warfare officer attached to the Joint Exercise Control Group.

A similar innovation used this year was the integration of live flying and flight simulators. This allowed aircrew to participate in exercise scenarios from ground-based simulators while airborne aircrew flew the same scenarios.

Another cutting-edge capability utilized during the exercise was "Beyond Visual Range" technology, where joint U.S. forces could defeat simulated enemy aircraft in the air before the enemy could see the striker.

"Technological leaps like the F-22, the tactical Tomahawk missile and the B-2s enable us to engage the enemy far beyond the range of the historical dogfight," Colonel Marselus said.

Even in the midst of all the advanced technology, one old-fashioned concept was retained – safety. The planners completed an operational risk management plan covering every aspect of the exercise. For example, the pararescue jumpers participating in search-and-rescue missions were restricted from jumping if the waves topped 10 feet or winds were greater than 25 knots.

"We include ORM in planning because there is a big difference between simulating operations in an exercise and actually performing them during wartime," the colonel said. "Either way, human lives are at stake, but in a training environment the amount of acceptable risk is much lower."

From safety decisions to airspace arrangements, planners from Alaskan Command could not have pulled off the largest exercise in Alaska by themselves.

"We could not have executed NORTHERN EDGE 2006 without the



SENIOR AIRMAN GARRETT HOTHAN

A joint aircrew of one Air Force and three Navy aviators, deplanes at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, after completing a NORTHERN EDGE 2006 mission on June 6. Their Navy EA-6B Prowler provides radar jamming and command and control for strike missions. Mixing aircrews during exercises like Northern Edge fosters increased intraservice operability in a joint warfighting environment.

great support of the Alaska Air National Guard search-and-rescue professionals, Coast Guard District 17, the 11th Air Force and U.S. Army in Alaska forces, our supportive Alaska community, and the local Federal Aviation Administration representatives, who helped design and set the framework

for this exercise over the past year," Colonel Marselus said.

"I would also like to thank the patriotic fishing vessel captains who played in NORTHERN EDGE to help our forces be better prepared," he said. "Our country is at war, and it's always good to see local civilian support."



COMMENTARY

Live to ride so you can ride to live

By Master Sgt. Wendell Pugh
27th Civil Engineer Squadron

Last fall I wrote about motorcycle safety – mainly about helmets. This time I'm going to talk about, you guessed it – motorcycle safety.

I know we all get safety messages beat into us daily, but with the increase in motorcycle fatalities among Airmen, I believe it's worth writing about again.

We have had 11 motorcycle fatalities in the Air Force this year, a 110 percent increase over last year at this time. I am sure part of the reason is there are more riders now than ever before. With skyrocketing gasoline prices, people are looking for a more economical mode of transportation and what better means than a motorcycle.

The other reasons we are losing more Airmen in motorcycle accidents is lack of proper personal protective equipment, improper or no training, or excessive speeds.

Unit motorcycle mentors are always preaching the proper wear of riding gear in accordance with Air Force Instruction 91-207 and Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4. I strongly encourage everyone who rides to print the portions dealing with motorcycles and keep it on your bike for quick reference.

Recently, Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Howard from 27th Security Forces Squadron sent out



FILE PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS HEATHER SALAZAR

It's not about what gear you have to wear to get on the base, riding is about survivability.

great information on what is considered proper riding gear, but since that e-mail there are still several people not abiding by the instruction.

During the day, riders must wear a brightly colored or contrasting upper outer garment. A black vest with reflective properties is great at night, but it does nothing during the day. The garment must be in contrast to the environment, not the motorcycle.

Also, wear long sleeves, and

not a long sleeve shirt or flight suit with the sleeves rolled up.

A helmet that meets Department of Transportation standards or better is required. I have seen riders with novelty helmets that do not meet the standard and I hope they never have to rely on that helmet to protect their head.

If you ride a motorcycle, on or off the installation, you must have attended an approved rider course. There is a course taught here – the Basic Rider

course. If you are already an experienced rider, the course may start slowly, but by the end of the third day you will be challenged.

I “self taught” myself to ride motorcycles before joining the Air Force and thought I knew everything I needed to know. Was I ever wrong! It wasn't long after I started riding that I hit some gravel in a turn and immediately grabbed the brakes. Needless to say, I went down and tore up a brand new pair of jeans and received a nice

road rash. If you ever get the chance to have a nurse brush gravel out of a case of road rash, pass on it. I believe that was the most painful experience I ever encountered.

After joining the Air Force I took the Experienced Rider course and learned how to better control a skid like the one I encountered. The same situation happened to me again many years later, but the difference was I didn't lay the bike down and a nurse didn't have to brush gravel out of my leg.

There is also the issue of speed. Motorcycles and cars speeding down the road have only one difference – car drivers or occupants are less likely to be killed. Just because a bike can go 160 mph, doesn't mean it should be ridden that fast. Motorcycles may be more maneuverable, but can you really anticipate what the driver ahead of you is going to do – especially if you are traveling at 40, 50 or 60 – feet per second? If you said, “Yes,” then you need to go back to the safety course because it didn't sink in the first time around.

Remember, accidents that are the result of bad decisions mean more restrictions placed on all riders.

Keep an eye on your riding buddies and take the time to correct them if they are not following the instruction.

It's not about what gear you have to wear to get on the base, it's about survivability.

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Viper Wingman is



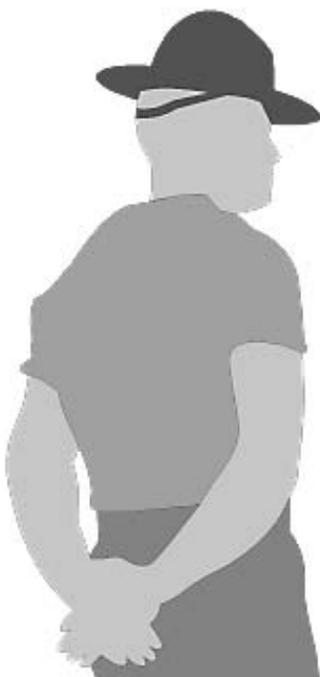
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1st Lt.
Tygina Bibbs

Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, congratulates 1st Lt. Tygina Bibbs, 27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron for her motivation and learning skills from those who have 20 years of leadership, according to Master Sgt. Michael McNeil, 27th AMXS first sergeant.

The Viper Wingman showcases outstanding work ethic and accomplishments of exemplary Airmen with the highest standards of personal performance. To nominate a Viper Wingman, notify your first sergeant.

Sgt. Afi's 36-2903
Tip of the Week



The wear of "anklets" by military members in uniform is not authorized, in accordance with Air Force Instruction 39-2903, table 2.5, addresses the wear of bracelets, which are defined as being worn on the wrist, not the ankle.

This week's
Viper Volunteer is



Airman 1st
Class
Denise Rosado

Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, congratulates Airman 1st Class Denise Rosado, 27th Component Maintenance Squadron, for her numerous volunteer efforts that enhanced the quality of life for her fellow Airmen.

The Viper Volunteer highlights the spirit of volunteerism and extraordinary contributions to the Cannon community. To nominate a Viper Volunteer, call Ellen Saccoia-Smith at 784-4228.



All dogs go to heaven or at least to Albuquerque

By Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

About a year ago, Cannon's Family Support Center asked Lt. Col. Robert Gallagher, 27th Fighter Wing Chaplain, for the Chapel's assistance in helping abandoned animals.

Accepting the request, chapel volunteers set out a jar for donations during a potluck dinner, said Adelaide Huff, 27th Fighter Wing Chapel. The group also gathered a box of supplies and raised approximately \$150 for One-4-All Animal Rescue, Inc. The shelter, run by Carol and Rob Baker of Farwell, Texas, primarily rescues animals that will soon be euthanized. More than 800 animals have been rescued in two years, Mrs. Baker said.

It was fitting to ask the Catholic parish, St. Francis of Assisi, to help because St. Francis' mission in life was assisting animals, said Ellen Saccoia-Smith, family readiness technician with the Cannon Family Support Center.

The result of the fundraiser was that 10 animals were

spared from being euthanized, said Ms. Baker.

Juneau, a Siberian Husky, was one of the 10 dogs rescued. After getting Juneau from a local shelter, Ms. Baker contacted the Siberian Husky Reserve in Albuquerque and transported Juneau to Santa Rosa where she would continue her journey on to Albuquerque. Ms. Baker used the funds raised by the chapel to finance the trip.

After being taken to the husky reserve, Juneau met the Frasure family during a pet fair at a nearby mall, where they later adopted her. It is not clear if the Frasure family rescued Juneau, or if she rescued them, as evidenced in a letter they wrote to the volunteers at the husky reserve.

"From the moment Juneau arrived, she brought this gift of calm and love. Juneau is a joy to us," they wrote.

The Frasure family continues on by telling that Juneau is *"the definition of what we were looking for in a dog and then some."* The "then some" is indicative of her intelligence, loyalty and loving characteris-

tics such as how she treats the children in their household they wrote.

As happy as the Frasure family is about having adopted Juneau, they are perplexed confused as to why or how Juneau wound up in a shelter. *"How anyone could not have loved her enough to keep her as forever part of their lives is past [us],"* they wrote in their letter, but further explained that the family will spend their lifetime together making it up to her. *"We definitely don't know that we are worthy of her, but we will certainly try to be."*

The Frasures and Juneau are just one of the many families that have been impacted by the One-4-All animal rescue.

The rescue has opportunities available for Airmen who would like to continue making a difference by volunteering with rescue and fundraising efforts.

For more information on this organization, see their Web site at www.one4allnm.com or contact the FSC at 784-4228.



COURTESY PHOTO

Juneau, a Siberian Husky, found a home with a family in Albuquerque after being placed by One-4-All animal shelter in Clovis.

Community group helps Airmen with financial shortfalls

By Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

When the paycheck runs out too soon and life's emergencies occur and other resources have been tapped, what can be done?

At Cannon, Airmen and civilians are fortunate to have Friends of Cannon Families. As a non-profit group that traditionally works through the Family Support Center, FoCF helps with food needs and other life emergencies when more conventional avenues of help are not available.

FoCF has two main emphases for disseminating funds – emergency relief funds and Operation Warm Heart.

Emergency relief funds are available for emergencies and can be received by going through the first sergeant, said Master Sgt. Gary McCarty, 27th Logistics Readiness Squadron and president of FoCF. The group tries to make sure the help they give is handled outside of the workplace in order to alleviate embarrassment.

The group's second emphasis is Operation Warm Heart. During the Thanksgiving holiday, FoCF purchases turkeys and tasks squadrons to gather canned goods and needed food items. Operation Warm Heart gave 165 food baskets to Airmen during

the 2005 holiday season, and some received a check to help purchase Christmas gifts for their children.

"When we see a young Airman almost cry when we deliver a basket ... it's worth it," Sergeant McCarty said.

The group is usually on the CFC list to receive donated funds, but paperwork issues kept that from happening this year, leaving them several thousand dollars short. Help came in the form of a \$2,000 donation from the Cannon Officers Spouses' Club, said Master Sgt. Robert Sobush, 27th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant, adding that donations are always appreciated and can be given through any first sergeant.

Another big help came with a \$4,000 donation from United Way. But Greg Southard, owner of Leslie Candy Company in Clovis who served as a former United Way chairman, along with Gena Wilkerson, a local morning DJ wanted to expand the organization's help to FoCF.

The local candy company developed specially-labeled heart peanut patties, and through Ms. Wilkerson's suggestion, local media outlets were enlisted to promote the project.

Buyers at a local convenience store liked the idea of helping Air Force families and as a result, the candy is now near checkout counters at the stores

in Clovis and Portales.

United Way of Roosevelt and Curry counties provided financial support for the fund raising effort and the proceeds from the candy sales will go to the United Way earmarked for FoCF, said Mr. Southard.

None of the money is used for extraneous items.

"100 percent goes back to the people. We don't do lunches or give plaques when people go away. Last year we gave out \$7,700," said Sergeant McCarty.

Most of the money is given in commissary checks and "is strictly for food," Sergeant McCarty said. "We are not a crutch ... but we do sit down and make sure we fix their budget, so they can fix themselves."

When asked why they participated in FoCF, the two sergeants had different, yet congruous reasons.

"As a first shirt, I get tired of [Airmen] running downtown for loans," Sergeant McCarty said, deeming that the Cannon community ought to help each other.

"The last line of [the first sergeant's] creed is 'everyone is our business,'" Sergeant Sobush said. "I tell my folks, 'I'm here to take your distractions away so you can get the job that we pay you to do done and done well.'"

(Editor's note: The mention of private enterprises does not constitute endorsement by the Air Force or Department of Defense.)



COMMUNITY EVENTS



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

Pet of the week

This young adult male is a quiet Labrador Retriever mix available for adoption. For information on adopting him or other dogs or cats, call the Family Support Center at 784-4228.

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Community Center, will be open noon to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. Staff sergeants and below and their dependents are eligible to shop. Each family is permitted to take up to 20 free items per week for family use.

Sponsor Training

Sponsor Training is 9 to 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Family Support Center. All unit sponsors are required to attend this training session.

For more information or to register, call 784-4228.

Smooth Move

Smooth Move Overseas is 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Family Support Center. Make your move as stress-free as possible with this helpful class.

For more information or to register, call 784-4228.

Employment Resources

Learn more about the federal application and hiring process during the Federal Employment Seminar 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Family Support Center.

For more information or to register, call 784-4228.

Spouses Coffee

Military spouses and their children are invited to attend the Spouses' Coffee 10 to 11:30 a.m. June 30 at the Family Support Center. The informal event allows spouses to swap information while they enjoy light refreshments.

For more information or to register, call the FSC at 784-4228.

Commissary open July 4

The commissary will be open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on July 4. Though the front entrance will be closed after 5 p.m., patrons can enter through the center doors.

Resume Basics

Resume Basics is 9 to 11 a.m. July 6 at the FSC. The class offers essential information on writing a resume and cover letter.

For more information about the class, call the Family Support Center at 784-4228.



FEATURE

Backyard fun



Airmen can stir up the waves with waterskiing and jet boating activities at Ute Lake or opt for hiking or camping at the reservoir, which is about two and one-half hours from Clovis.

Ute Lake adventures range from camping to boating

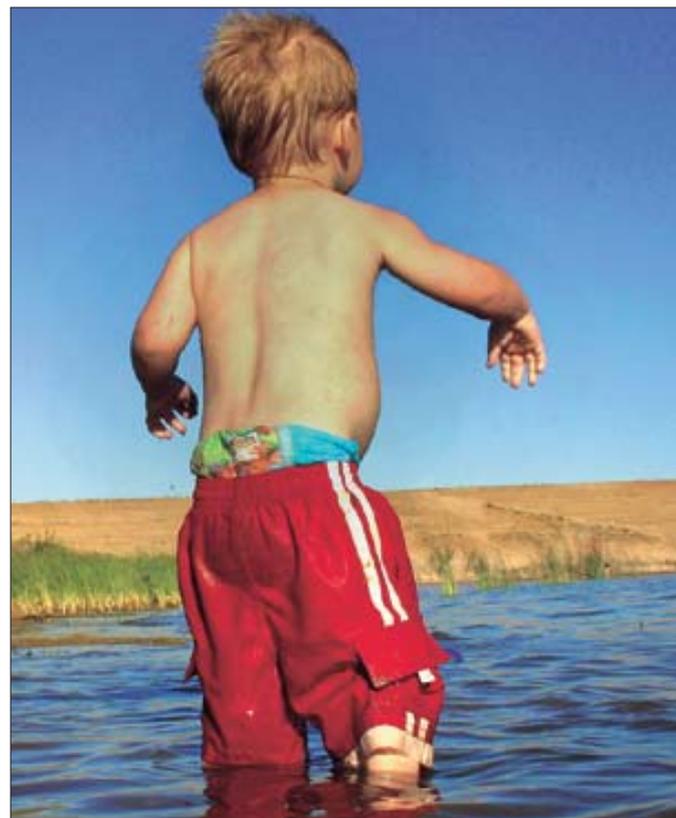
Story and photos

By Airman 1st Class Thomas Trower

27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

For those Airmen who might think New Mexico should be called the land of boredom, they need to venture into the landscape and discover why it's referred to as the Land of Enchantment.

One local area hot spot that's cool to visit is Ute Lake State Park, which was established in 1964 and is located about three miles west of Logan, N.M. It's



A young camper tests the waters at Ute Lake State Park, which has more than 8,200 acres of water surface.

about a two and a half hour drive due north of Clovis.

Ute Lake is a Canadian River reservoir that has amenities such as a visitor's center, group shelters, restrooms, showers, a marina and camping areas that range from primitive sites to developed sites with electric and water hookups.

With more than 8,200 acres of lake surface, Ute Lake is one of the longest lakes in the state and while it is 13 miles long, it is only one mile wide at its widest point. The park has 1,500 acres of land at an elevation on 3,900 feet.

Airmen may occupy their time quietly by camping, or picnicking or can stir up the waters with boating, water-skiing and sailing. Hikers can enjoy the many trails and wildlife, and fishermen will be happy to know that Ute Lake allows 24-hour fishing and is well known for offering some of the best walleye fishing in the state. Anglers can also try their luck for bass, crappie and catfish.

Camping setups vary by site. Most developed sites are located about a half of a mile from the water line and boat dock, but anyone with a primitive site permit may pitch a tent as close to the water as they want. Trees shade areas of the shoreline in small patches.

Rangers at the lake said these spots fill up fast, so be prepared to bring something to provide shade. With summer temperatures ranging in the 90s, rangers warn campers and visitors alike to make sure they bring proper attire and use plenty of sunscreen.

Park rangers keep a strong presence at the lake throughout the day and night with six patrol vehicles and two patrol boats. Families can rest assured they will receive a peaceful night's sleep as music, generators and other loud equipment must be turned off by 10 p.m. Rangers patrol the lake area to ensure these rules are enforced.

For more information or maps of Ute Lake State Park or other New Mexico State Parks, visit the New



Ute Lake State Park is about a two and one-half hour drive from Cannon.

Mexico State Parks Division Web site at www.emnrd.state.nm.us/emnrd/parks.

State Park fees

Day Use	Annual Permits – Day Use
Per Vehicle – \$5	All Parks – \$40
Bicycle/walk-in – Free	Annual Camping Permits
Bus – \$15	State residents – \$180
Overnight Camping	Out-of-state – \$225
Primitive Site – \$8	Senior Resident 62 or older – \$100
Developed Site – \$10	Physically disabled resident – \$100
Electrical Hookup – \$4	
Sewage Hookup – \$4	
Water Hookup – Free	



SERVICES

Club membership has its benefits

Top reasons range from scholarships to catering

Courtesy 27th Services Squadron

Becoming a club member brings with it, benefits that underscore the fact that membership has exclusive advantages.

Club Member Benefits

– Reciprocal privileges at Air Force Clubs worldwide. Members find a home away from home at any Air Force Club. Whether club members are on temporary duty, vacation or in the midst of a move, their welcome is assured in any Air Force Club.

– Tradition, special occasions and entertainment programs such as promotion ceremonies, dining-ins or Air Force balls are made special by clubs.

– Members Only Programs offer events for their members that include concerts, gourmet dining, comedians, complimentary buffets and meals.

– Membership conveniences include cashier service with access to free check cashing, on the spot dues and MasterCard payments, and in overseas locations, currency exchange.

– Air Force Clubs Scholarship Program supports Airmen and their families by providing them the opportunity to compete for \$25,000 in scholarships.

– Easy membership transfer makes a permanent

change of station transition easier. Members just present a copy of their orders within 90 days of arrival and the cashier will update their mailing and contact information and give each transferring member \$25 in welcoming coupons.

– Air Force catering programs provide benefits such as no-fee party rooms, no deposit for the member's personal special functions, free parking, assistance with protocol, menu planning, selecting service style and more. A professional catering staff will assist members in planning functions within their budget.

– Club consultants for off-site special events provides assistance with setting-up, delivering, and serving food and beverages. Many Air Force clubs offer members the opportunity to borrow daily-use china, glassware, flatware, tables and chairs when they are planning off-site events. This availability depends on the local club and scheduled events.

– Members who live 50 miles or more from the base receive half-price dues.

– Membership Value Guarantee provides membership discounts.

– Air Force Clubs worldwide developed and tested hundreds of recipes featuring regional specialties from around the world. Each club menu offers a selection of entrees, healthy items, salads and desserts.

For more information on becoming an Air Force Club member, visit The Landing or call 784-2853.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SERVICES PRESENTS

NEW LOCATION AND TIME

what's love? **tops in blue** world tour 2006

CC **27** CANNON AFB SERVICES
community center Air Force Services Combat Support & Community Service

Friday, June 23
Marshall Jr High
Show starts
at 7 pm
General admission and seating



What's happening?



Today

Penny Pincher Special – Side Salad and half a Grilled Chicken Sandwich \$3 Members First
Bingo Bash – 10 to 11 a.m. at the Portales CC*
Seafood Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Steak Special – 5 to 9 p.m. at The Landing
Tops in Blue – 7 p.m. at Marshall Jr. High School

Saturday

Mini Triathlon – 8 a.m. at the fitness center
Science Spectrum Museum – 10 a.m. at the youth center
Cosmic Bowling – 6 p.m. to midnight at Cannon Lanes

Sunday

Ladd and Lassie – Tournament 1 p.m. at WWGC*
Free Billiards – 3:30 p.m. at The End Zone
Dart League – 6:30 p.m. at The End Zone

Monday

Penny Pincher Special – Side Salad and half a Grilled Chicken Sandwich \$3 Members First
All American Buffet – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Landing
Monday Night Scramble – 5 p.m. at WWGC
Community Theater – 6:30 p.m. at the Central CC

Tuesday

Penny Pincher Special – Side Salad and half a Grilled Chicken Sandwich \$3 Members First
Senior Golf League – 9 a.m. at WWGC
Barbecue Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Pool Tournament – 4 to 6 p.m. at the Portales CC

Wednesday

Penny Pincher Special – Side Salad and half a Grilled Chicken Sandwich \$3 Members First
Italian Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing

Chicken or Steak Fajitas - 5 p.m. at The Landing

Thursday

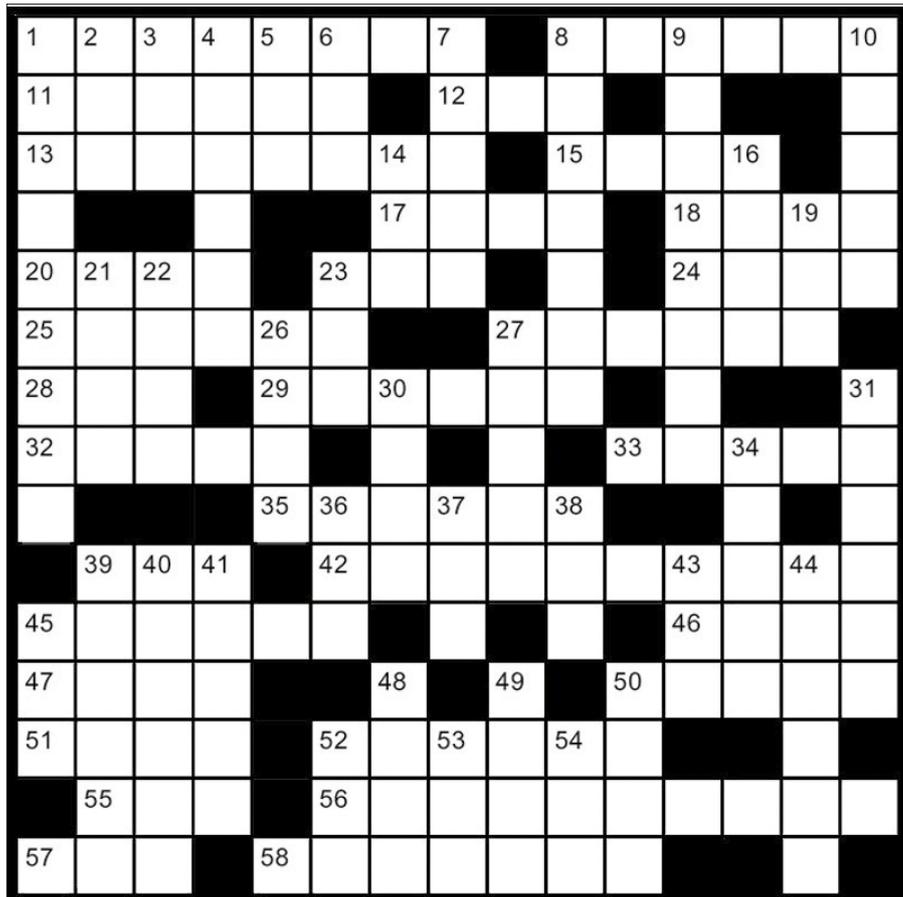
Penny Pincher Special – Side Salad and half a Grilled Chicken Sandwich \$3 Members First
Mexican Buffet – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Landing



* CC — Community Center WWGC — Whispering Winds Golf Course CDC — Child Development Center



THE LIGHTER SIDE



Among the 5 stars
By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing

ACROSS

- 1. General of the Army
- 8. Detour
- 11. Articulated with the tip of the tongue
- 12. USAF enlisted report
- 13. North American silkworm moth
- 15. Televises
- 17. African country
- 18. Part of the leg
- 20. Lasso
- 23. Actress Susan
- 24. Supported
- 25. Meditation
- 27. Affable
- 28. Star Wars character Solo
- 29. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
- 32. Fanatic
- 33. USAF base home to Air Armament Center
- 35. Most senior
- 39. Professional b-ball league
- 42. General of the Army
- 45. Disaster

- 46. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
 - 47. Hotel chain
 - 50. Editorial
 - 51. Great Pyramid home
 - 52. General of the Air Force
 - 55. Beige
 - 56. First among all Officers of the United States Armed Forces
 - 57. Israeli machinegun
 - 58. Country of southeast Europe on the Adriatic Sea
- DOWN**
- 1. General of the Army
 - 2. Emulate
 - 3. Wrestler Flair
 - 4. Movie need
 - 5. Vietnamese currency
 - 6. Swiss mount
 - 7. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
 - 8. General of the Army
 - 9. General of The Armies of the United States
 - 10. Endure
 - 14. Frozen water
 - 16. Mets home
 - 19. Sick
 - 21. Spoken
 - 22. Wheeze

- 23. Federal org. concerned with drugs
- 26. Thailand river formed by Nan and Ping rivers; ___ Phraya
- 27. Canadian birds?
- 30. California town
- 31. Enthusiasm
- 34. Heavyweight champion Lennox
- 36. Zodiac sign
- 37. USAF SFS quick reaction team
- 38. Explosive
- 39. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
- 40. A desperate attack by Japanese troops in World War II
- 41. Person from the Orient
- 43. Approves
- 44. Captivate
- 45. Haze
- 48. Grouch
- 49. An apostle
- 50. American Pulitzer Prize writer Ferber
- 52. Pointed tool for making holes
- 53. Federal org. concerned with security
- 54. 52 in old Rome



SPORTS SHORTS



COURTESY PHOTO

Top Dads on the course

From left to right: Steve Tjardes, Lee Eulenbach, Norm Reed and Pat Kirby won the Fathers Day Golf tournament Sunday at the Whispering Winds Golf Course.

Cannon Lanes

Moonlight & Music – 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday at a cost of \$2 per game. Lights over the lanes will be off and there will be music to bowl by.

Cosmic Bowling – 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday. The cost is \$2 per game.

Book over to Bowling – Check out a book, read it and get a bookmark punched at the Cannon library. Get four punches and turn the bookmark in to the Cannon Lanes for a free game of bowling.

Whispering Winds Golf Course

Ladd and Lassie tourney – 1 p.m. Sunday. Players can choose their own partners in this alternating shot, 9-hole tourney. Register by June 23.

Monday Night Scrambles – Two-person teams and players may select their partners. Sign up by 3 p.m.

Summer activities

Through Aug 15

Mondays – Coca-Cola Bowling 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$1.50 per game. Win a two liter of Coke with a strike on a red head pin. Limit one win per game.

Thursdays and Fridays – Chil-

dren's Hour – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first child, 12 or under, bowls free when the parent bowls at regular price. The second child bowls for \$1 per game and each additional child bowls for 50 cents per game.

Outdoor Recreation

Boater Safety Course will be offered at Fort Sumner Lake. This course is mandatory before renting powered watercraft from Outdoor Recreation.

The next course is Aug. 11 and costs \$20 per person.

For more information, call 784-2773.

Garden of the Gods – A mountain biking trip will be July 14-17 at Colorado Springs, Colo.

There will be outdoor camping and biking through a premier trail system.

The trip is limited to 11 participants.

Included in \$80-\$100 price is transportation, camping fees and gear, a guide, four meals and snacks.

The sign up deadline is July 7.

For more information, call 784-2773.

Youth Sports Instructional Programs – Sign up for cheerleading, dance, yoga and preschool tumble.

Classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Youth Center.

The cost is \$30 per child per month.