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New trash contractor

As of May 1, the Directorate of Installation Support has a new refuse collection contractor, Sunrise Sanitation, on board for the post and family housing areas. Sunrise Sanitation is in the process of replacing trashcans at the family housing areas and dumpsters in the post areas. If you have any questions, call 533-1442.

Thank your military spouse

Army Community Service invites the community to join them in celebrating Military Spouse Appreciation Day 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday for an open house at ACS Building 50010, located on the traffic circle. The event will include information tables and light refreshments.

TSP open season begins

The next Thrift Savings Plan open season begins Wednesday and ends July 31. During the open season, you may begin contributing to TSP or change the amount of your TSP contribution by logging on to <https://www.abc.army.mil>. Do not submit a TSP-1 Form to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Office. It cannot process these forms.

To make Interfund changes, use the www.tsp.gov Web site. If you have any questions, call 533-5735, Mondays-Fridays, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. or stop by CPAC, Building 22320.

Water outage set

A water outage is scheduled for Wednesday in the Dorsey, Derum, Carlson and Schmidt housing areas. The water main located in that area will be out of service for repairs. The residents will be without water for approximately eight hours.

The Housing Office suggests water for drinking and cooking be set aside prior to the outage. It is also suggested the bathtub be filled to provide water to flush the toilets. A bucket or large container can be used to pour water directly into the toilet to create a flush.

For more information, call the Family Housing Office at 533-5698.

Red Cross volunteer class

An orientation for those interested in becoming a Red Cross volunteer will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Wednesday at Murr Community Center.

This orientation is necessary for those who would like to help with Fort Huachuca blood drives, instruction of health and safety classes, disaster relief, Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center volunteer program and Runion Dental Clinic volunteer program.

To register, call Sierra Vista Red Cross at 458-4858 or Murr Community Center at 533-4823.

Got news?

Call The Scout at 533-1987.

Fort initiates formal steps to create new Biological Opinion

By *Tanja M. Linton*
Media Relations Officer

Fort Huachuca is preparing a new Biological Assessment as a precursor to initiating formal consultations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that will eventually produce a new Biological Opinion.

The Biological Assessment is a document that outlines the fort's environmental impact on the region.

An order, signed April 11, by District Court Judge Alfredo C. Marquez, determined that Fort Huachuca no longer has a valid Biological Opinion. The order declared the fort's 1999 Biological Opinion violated the Endangered Species Act because it is not specific enough about how the fort will balance its water use on post or in the subwatershed.

Judge Marquez further admonished the Army to "take immediate and drastic measures to maintain flows in the San Pedro River."

Fort officials are also consulting with the Army's Environmental Law Division and the Department of Justice to consider the fort's options for appealing the order. The Department of Justice, which represents all federal agencies in civil litigation, will make the final decision on whether to appeal the decision.

"We are confident that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be able to produce a high quality Biological Opinion because of our strong history of using innovative technologies and creative methods to conserve natural resources," said Col. Michael W. Boardman, garrison commander.

"While consulting with USFWS to develop a new Biological Opinion, we will continue our beneficial partnerships with other environmental stakeholders and continue our vital national defense missions on Fort Huachuca," said Boardman.

As a result of this ruling, the fort will ask the Department of Army to withdraw its current plan to transfer 203 acres of land adjacent to

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Safety file photo

Play it safe

The Fort Huachuca Safety Office is hosting this year's Safety Expo today from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Murr Community Center. The expo is free and open to the public. It features food and exhibit booths, demonstrations and learning opportunities. The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum will entertain expo goers with a live venomous animals exhibit. Other booths range in topics from ATV safety to survival skills.

Soldiers take spring cleaning to streets of post

By *Katherine Goode*
Scout Staff

"People are going to think this our [Military Occupational Specialty]," said Sgt. Dean Martin, U.S. Army Garrison, while picking up trash along Rhea road.

Martin was part of the annual installation-wide effort called Operation Clean Sweep, on May 2 and 3, to clean and beautify the post.

Staff Sgt. Jeff Bridges, who was in charge of Martin's group, explained, "This has been the second year in a row that my group has been photographed while cleaning up the post."

There is a great push in our modern day world to take care of the environment. "[Operation Clean Sweep] is a great program, every military installation does this," said Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Haubrich, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca command sergeant major.

"The intent of this is that we have to look at the installation as our community. We need to have a community where people are proud to come back to," he said.

But that is difficult when nature gets in the way. Haubrich said, "It's mother nature versus human nature. And it's the human nature that doesn't want to throw trash away correctly."

"Too often you see individuals that do litter — but we need help from them too. Don't throw your trash around. Find a proper trash receptacle. And if you walk by a piece of trash, pick it up. It shows that you have pride in your community."

"If someone else sees you doing that, it's going to cause a chain reaction, as they are then going to say to themselves, 'Maybe I should pick up trash too.' Or even if you see an open dumpster — shut it so the wind doesn't blow [trash] everywhere."

But keeping the surrounding area clean with the desert winds is quite a challenge, especially when we are a society where everything is about convenience, and disposability. In an area where there is wind like we have, warned Haubrich, "fences become great plastic bag catchers."

"We could pick up trash this morning, and by evening, the trash is there again." Haubrich continued, "However, if everybody took the



Photos by Katherine Goode

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, spent Thursday and Friday making a "clean sweep" of Fort Huachuca.

initiative and didn't throw their trash around, Operation Clean Sweep, and life, would be a lot easier."

Many soldiers working during Operation Clean Sweep found out that blowing trash wasn't all they had to contend with.

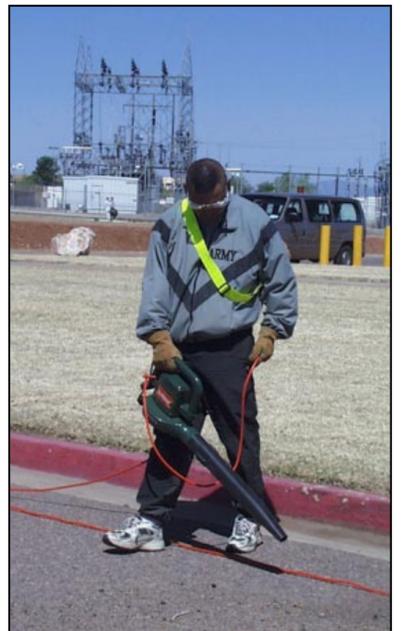
While cleaning along Winrow Avenue, Spc. Richie Simpson of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG, discovered cigarette butts are not a favorite of anyone to pick up, especially non-smokers. Tired and disgusted, he said, "People need to learn to keep their cigarette butts to themselves."

"That seems to be the most of what we are picking up out here," another USAG soldier.

Haubrich said it is discouraging to see individuals that just flip their cigarette butts out the windows of their vehicles. "If it is a cigarette butt-use your ashtray for what it was designed for. This is especially true with the fires that we have just had."

Pvt. 1st Class Shekeena Carter, HHC, USAG, said, "I bet you if everybody had to do police call, they would know how bad it is

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Soldiers from the Army Signal Command did their part during Operation Clean Sweep.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation WeekIt is with great honor that I recognize a group of professionals that directly impact our daily lives and our future. As Teacher Appreciation Week celebrates the devotion of all teachers across our nation, here on Fort Huachuca and in Sierra Vista we also celebrate one of our most important assets — our teachers.

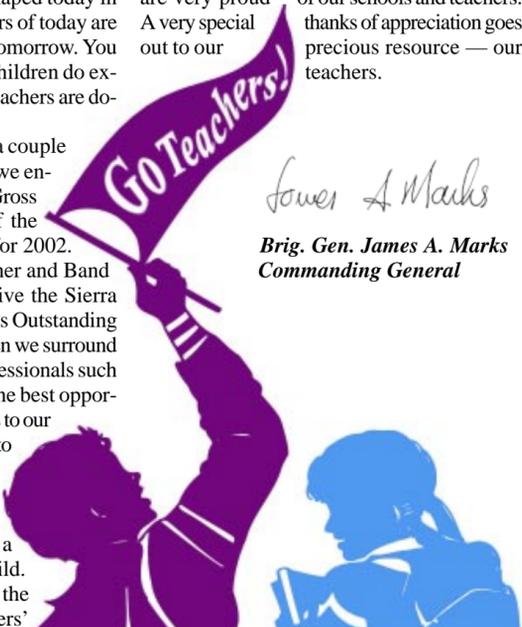
If you want a glimpse of the future of our country just go visit our schools. Our children, our future leaders, are being shaped today in our schools. Clearly, the teachers of today are educating the professionals of tomorrow. You can be assured that when our children do excellent things it's because our teachers are doing extraordinary things.

Let me share with you just a couple of examples of the excellence we enjoy on Fort Huachuca. Cecilia Gross was named Gifted Teacher of the Year for the State of Arizona for 2002. Dan Howdeshell, Music Teacher and Band Director, was selected to receive the Sierra Vista Arts Commission Mayor's Outstanding Individual Award for 2002. When we surround our children with excellent professionals such as these, we in turn give them the best opportunity to be excellent contributors to our community. My congratulations to these two fine professionals. They represent our schools very well.

It is often said that it takes a whole community to raise a child. Within our community, one of the keys to our children and teachers'

successes is the partnership with parents. A bond between teachers and parents is one of the most powerful tools to ensure excellence in our children. We can show our appreciation all year long by supporting our schools and our teachers.

Our appreciation extends to all of our teachers in our great country. This highly valued profession can never receive enough recognition and appreciation. Here on Fort Huachuca we are very proud of our schools and teachers. A very special thanks of appreciation goes out to our precious resource — our teachers.



James A. Marks

Brig. Gen. James A. Marks
Commanding General

Soldiers' Lawyer

I have been married for only a few months. Can I get an annulment?

Whether or not you can get an annulment depends on the circumstances surrounding the marriage. Contrary to popular belief, the length of marriage does not determine whether or not an annulment may be granted.

Instead, annulment is a court process that declares that the parties were never really married due to a defect at the time of marriage. Thus, while divorce terminates the legal status of marriage, annulment declares that no such status ever existed.

The general effect of an annulment is to put the parties in the marriage in the same position that they would have been in if the marriage had never happened. The marriage is declared null and void.

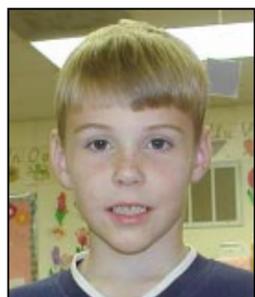
Under Arizona law, valid bases for annulling a marriage include fraud, inability to

consummate the marriage, bigamy by one of the parties, concealment of a criminal past, or failure on the part of one of the parties to disclose a communicable disease prior to marriage.

Even if the marriage is annulled, however, there still may be a need to enter court orders for custody of children, child support, or property issues. Additionally, the grounds for annulment vary from state to state, so as always, speak with a Legal Assistance Attorney if you have any questions.

(Editor's note: The Soldiers' Lawyer is provided by your Judge Advocate General Legal Assistance Office. Visit us on the Web at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/usag/sja/legalassistance/> or contact us at 533-2009 for an appointment. Legal advice may not be given over the phone.)

Scout on the Street



Mrs. [Suzanne] Buchanan because we do lots of stuff, like math. That's my favorite subject.

Tanner Johnson,
Kindergartner at Myer Elementary School



Mrs. [Suzanne] Buchanan because everyday she looks pretty and I like her hair; she's very nice.

Brianna Garcia,
Kindergartner at Myer Elementary School



Ms. [Maureen] Brady, because she shows me how to do artistic things.

Alex Krietemeyer, 4th-grader at Myer Elementary School



Ms. [Priscilla] Mendoza, because she's really nice and doesn't get mad very often.

Meghan Arquette, 5th-grader at Myer Elementary School



Mr. [Joe] Patalsky, because he's a good teacher; he makes it fun and easier for us to pass his class by giving us lots of chances to bring our grade up.

Recharde Johnson, 7th-grader at Smith Middle School



Mr. [Bob] Gibson, we call him 'Mr. G'; he's fun to be around. He tells us about our future and prepares us for the next level in life and the real world.

Monica Ruiz, 8th-grader at Smith Middle School

Photos by Angelica Pequeño

Check it out!

By Natalie Danforth
Administrative Librarian

The Fort Huachuca Main Post Library invites readers to "check out" something interesting this week.

Horse sense

"I haven't been on a horse in 15 years," I told the Price Canyon wrangler as he adjusted the stirrups. "That's OK, ma'am." he replied. "This horse ain't been rode in 15 years!"

Audio book

Listen to your commute time fly by with *All Over but the Shoutin* by Rick Bragg, Pulitzer Prize-winning national correspondent for The New York Times. This autobiographical account of his working class white childhood in rural Alabama is described by the Chicago Tribune as "A sort of Alabama version of Angela's Ashes." Let's just say he was challenged, and he had a good mother. Three hours on two cassettes, Random House Audio Publishers, 1998.

Book

We the People: an Atlas of America's Ethnic Diversity by James Paul Allen, New York Macmillan, c1988. Although somewhat dated, this is still an excellent resource for Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity initiatives and training. Contains 315 pages of maps color coded to show ethnic populations throughout the United States. The atlas is organized into the following nine categories: People of early North American origin (Native Americans); people of Western, Northern, Eastern and Southern Europe origin; and people of Middle Eastern, African, Middle and South American, Asian and

Pacific Island origin.

Database

Current events are updated every week and summarized online [via FACTS.com](http://www.facts.com) in your library. Headline news stories from Reuters are updated every hour. This database brings together complete content from the Facts On File World News Digest found in many libraries since 1950, and it provides selected content from six other core reference databases to answer questions about events, issues, statistics and people over the last 52 years. The six databases are *Issues and Controversies*; *Today's Science on File*; *Editorials on File*; *Reuters Online News Service*; and the *World almanac and Book of Facts*. It includes historic documents, maps and photographs. Located on the two terminals near the Reference Desk.

Video series

In addition to the library's extensive collection of military history books, it holds related video productions as well. "The Korean War" series produced by White Star in 1992 is available for checkout in five volumes. This documentary was produced by the Koreans. It begins with the dividing of the Korean Peninsula after World War II and continues up to the time of the Truce. Contains previously unavailable film footage.

For more information, call 533-3041. Visitors are welcome. Stop at the Main Gate for a visitors pass. You may be an authorized user of the library and not know it. The library is located on Smith Avenue, next to the Main post chapel. Open hours are Mondays and Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

College announces commencement

Cochise College release

Cochise College will hold its annual commencement ceremony May 17 on the lawn of the Douglas campus.

Since last May, 428 students have completed requirements toward academic degrees and technical certificates. Commencement begins at 7 p.m. and includes graduates from all of the College's locations. Graduating nurses will be recognized during a separate program at 7 p.m., May 16 on the Douglas campus lawn.

Dr. John H. Monnett, a history professor at the Metropolitan State College of Denver, will deliver the commencement address. Monnett began his college teaching career at Cochise College in 1971. He taught both in Douglas and Sierra Vista until 1978.

Two members of the faculty also will be recognized with emeritus status.

M. David Cole-Meeker was a music instructor from 1975 until his retirement in 2001. He also taught art and theater and established the cultural arts division. Cole-Meeker continues to teach part time.

Alicya Malik joined the Cochise College English department in 1964 and stayed until her retirement in 1988. She was the first to teach a computer-based composition class. She also served as English department head, president of the Division Chairs Council and the Faculty Association, and advisor of the literary magazine "Mirage."

A post-commencement reception will take place in the Student Union.

Who's your favorite teacher and why?

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Aggressive efforts underway to fix leak in post water supply

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Scout Staff

The Directorate of Installation Support post contractors, All-Star, recently discovered a leak in the post's main water supply for drinking, household use and fire protection.

The three million gallon potable water storage tank behind the commissary became an instant emergency, causing DIS to contact the Army Corps of Engineers, who contracted a team of specialized divers who entered the tank Thursday and located the point of leakage.

LiquiVision Technology Diving Services provides underwater services of all kinds and specializes in underwater cleaning, inspecting and repairing of potable water reservoirs, without removing them from service.

The tank is estimated to be leaking 10 gallons of water per minute.

"We all know how precious water is. We found out in the last 30 days that there was a leak and because this is an emergency, DIS contacted [the Training and Doctrine Command] to ask for the money to support the cost to repair the water stor-

age tank," said Tom Runyon, project manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

TRADOC is aware of the issue and is waiting for more information about the damages and associated costs.

The tank, which was built in the 1940s, is leaking in two different spots at a joint underground where the wall and floor meet, according to Runyon. The leak is due to normal wear and tear, he said.

The LiquiVision Technology findings report will be returned on or about May 22.

"Once we get the report back we will work as fast as we can to execute the repairs. I would think we should be able to move forward with this by early June," Runyon said. "Currently there is no way for us to stop the leak prior to the repairs."

The LiquiVision Technology findings were recorded on video and located through dyes. Because a diver entered the main source of Fort Huachuca's water supply, special precautions were taken.

The diver used a variable volume dry suit and a diving hard

hat, which prevented any contact between the diver's body or body fluids and the water. There was a full-time voice communication between the diver and surface personnel and live full-time high-resolution color video. All equipment is disinfected with a chlorine solution prior to entering the post's potable water.

Similar procedures will be used once the leaks are repaired. The water storage tank will first be cleaned of all sediments that may have built up in the tank due to the leak, and then the leaks will be patched with chemicals that can be introduced under water without contaminating it.

Using these types of techniques allows the Fort Huachuca community to save a lot of time and money since the old method of cleaning reservoirs called for emptying them and sending a crew inside the confined space to accomplish the task. This was costly, time-consuming and dangerous.

"There will be a continuous supply of water, even while repairs are being done. That won't be a problem," Runyon said.

In a related issue, construction of a 1.6 million gallon storage tank on Reservoir Hill is projected for Fiscal Year 2006.

CDC shows appreciation for daycare providers

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

It's long been said that an Army marches on its stomach, but soldiers are also able to perform well in garrison and in combat when they know that all of their private concerns, especially their children, are well taken care of.

In honor of National Provider Appreciation Week, May 6-10, and National Provider Appreciation Day, Friday, the Parents Who Care Advisory Council held a staff appreciation ceremony Tuesday at the New Beginnings Child Development Center to honor the center's 70 staff members. The ceremony was held in the center's courtyard.

National Provider Appreciation Day has been observed the Friday before Mother's Day since it originated in 1996 to honor childcare providers, teachers and educators of young children by a group of volunteers in New Jersey.

During the ceremony, three caregivers were given plaques for being named Caregiver of the Month. Katisa Smith was honored for the month of February, Linda Reed was honored for the month of March and Melissa Buckley was honored for the month of April.

"I just want to thank all of the parents for entrusting their children to my care," said Smith.

New Beginnings' staff is made up of administrators, care providers, cooks and custodians. "We are truly blessed to have so many dedicated caregivers who have a passion for children," said Heidi Malarchik, New Beginnings director.

After opening remarks the caregivers were serenaded by students in Reed's Multi Age Room 3, the Sunshine Room. The caregivers were also presented with flowers and special pins by Jim Chambers, deputy garrison commander, Sandy Sanders, chief Child and Youth Services and Julie Petty, member of the Parents Who Care Advisory Council. After the ceremony a luncheon was held in the staff's honor in the center's activity gym.

The staff of New Beginnings in turn presented Petty and Joanne Marshall, both members of PWC, with plaques. At the end of the ceremony, PWC shared cake and punch with par-



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

(From left) New Beginnings Child Development Center caregivers Katisa Smith, Linda Reed and Melissa Buckley received plaques for Julie Petty, Parents Who Care Advisory Council, for their dedication and performance as child care providers.

ents and children.

PWC nominates caregivers at their monthly meetings. Nomination forms are also located at the center's display case located near the front desk. After filling out the form, they can put it in the drop box next to the display case.

In the past PWC has sold cookbooks and T-shirts for the center.

Whatever profits they have made are returned to the center Petty said. "In the past we've bought ice cream and Popsicles for the center's children," she said.

The mission of PWC is to enhance the quality of life of the center's children and families, provide families with information and to provide parents a forum to voice their concerns and address issues. "New parents are always welcome," Petty said.

For more information, call 533-5209 and ask for Malarchik.

AAFES recalls riding mowers

AAFES release

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Murray Inc. of Brentwood, Tenn., is voluntarily recalling about 89,500 rear-engine riding lawn mowers and about 6,200 mid-engine riding mowers.

The fuel tank can crack and leak fuel, posing a burn or fire hazard to consumers. Murray has received 950 reports of fuel tanks leaking. These leaks resulted in six reports of fires including one report of minor burns.

Consumers should stop using these riding mowers immediately.

The recalled REAR-ENGINE riding lawn mowers have 30" cutting decks. The mowers were sold under Murray, Murray Select, Craftsman and Wizard brand names. The brand name is printed on the front or side of the mowers.

Model numbers and the manufacturing location can be found under the seat or on a nameplate on the rear of the mower.

This recall only effects models that were manufactured in either Lawrenceburg, Tenn. or Jackson, Tenn.

Models included in this recall include:

30560	30560x5	30560x60	30560x99
30565	30575x7	30575x8	30575x31
30577x7	30577x8	30577x31	502.251250
502.256210	502.256220	502.270210	502.270211
536.270212	MOM6115A59	MOM6115A89	

AAFES sold model number 30560x99 under the Murray brand only. AAFES did not sell the recalled MID ENGINE riding mowers.

Customers should contact their nearest Murray Service Dealer for free installation of a replacement fuel tank. Locate your nearest service dealer at the Murray Web page www.murray.com/bodyfind.servicemap.html.

For more information, consumers should contact Murray toll-free at (800) 246-5896 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central Time Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.murray.com.

Kudos Korner

Fort names Civilian of Month

Fort Huachuca named Juanita Adamson, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, as the Civilian of the Month for April.

Adamson, a legal claims adjudicator, is solely responsible for supervising and monitoring the intake, processing, adjudication, and settlements of every type of claim processed by the OSJA Claims Division. This wide variety of claims processing includes: civilian and military household goods claims, vandalism and theft claims; medical malpractice and other tort claims against the government; affirmative claims to recoup the costs of medical care; and civilian real estate claims.

"Juanita Adamson is the singular reason that the U.S. Army Claims Service routinely recognizes the OSJA Claims Division as one of the most efficient and effective claims offices in the world," said Capt. James Ford, Adamson's supervisor and nominator. "She is also the reason that this claims office routinely receives the coveted Judge Advocate General's Award for Excellence in Claims Support."

Adamson receives the use of a car for one month from Lawley Chevrolet; gift certificates from Sierra Vista merchants; a desk plaque from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; a Morale, Welfare and Recreation certificate for lunch or dinner from a Fort Huachuca establishment; a wall plaque from the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce; and her name, as Civilian of the Month, posted at the Main Gate.

Other nominees were Robert L. Lane, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion; Cheryl A. Griego Army Signal Command G8; Miguel Santiago, Intelligence and Security Command; Charles M. Slaymaker, Directorate of Installation Support; Dolores Morales, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th MI Brigade.; Philip H. Martin II, Medical Activity Command; Gary E. Wilson, Communications-Electronics Command; and Patricia Dillingham, Public Affairs Office.

Nominate your deserving employee for Fort Huachuca's Civilian of the Month. Per FH Reg 690-5, all permanent appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund employees are eligible with the exception of employees officially assigned as supervisors (GS-10 and above) and senior executive service personnel. For more information, call CPAC at 533-5282.

306th Military Intelligence Battalion names Yard of the Month

The 306th Military Intelligence Battalion/Gatewood community Yard of the Month winner for April is the Montgomery family of 100B Fuller St. The 306th MI Bn., sponsors of both Hall Circle and the adjacent senior noncommissioned housing area officially known as Gatewood 1, 2 & 3, recognize 1st Sgt. Thomas Montgomery of Company C, 40th Signal Bn., and his family for their dedication to improving neighborhood appearance and caring for the welfare of the community. When asked what motivated the effort for having a well-maintained yard, 1st Sgt. Montgomery said, "I wanted to make a difference in the community and show that we can take care of our own. It's about pride and responsibility."



1st Sgt. Thomas Montgomery's quarters won Yard of the Month for April

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Travel card delinquency rate lowered

By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

In April the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca's delinquency rate on government travel cards, which are financed by the Bank of America, was lowered to 4.86 percent, coming very close to the Department of the Army's goal of 4 percent.

"This could not have been accomplished without all the hard work of the Agency Program Coordinators, and especially the commanders and supervisors of our military and civilian personnel," said Theresa Fuimaono, administrative assistant for the Director of Resource Management and USAIC&FH, Agency Program Coordinator.

Fuimaono has been the lead APC for the post since October. At that time, the delinquency rate was at 12.92 percent, and the high for this fiscal period was in January, when the delinquency rate rose to 14.5 percent.

She said she especially wanted to recognize the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion that had a 3.45 percent rate; the 305th MI Battalion's rate of 2.38 percent; and the FDIC with a 1.5 percent delinquency rate.

Several organizations maintained a 0 percent delinquency rate, including the 306th MI Bn., Directorate of Installation Management, Directorate of Community Activities, Directorate of Resource Management, Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Directorate of Contracting, Judge Advocate General, Public Affairs Office, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and the 36th Army Band. The 112th MI Brigade and the 304th MI Bn., which has over 200 accounts and two APCs with even more accounts under them, maintained an 5.88 percent.

"The delinquency on travel card payments can be attributed to several factors," said Fuimaono. "It could be because Defense Finance and Accounting Services has not been able to process a rebate for travel expenses, or the paperwork was not submitted properly - or, in my opinion, it could be that the money to cover the expenses was used for an electric bill, or even diapers."

She continued by explaining that many young soldiers with families just don't realize the importance of paying that bill immediately, or that they may be experiencing financial hardships.

According to Travel Pay Services, automatic repayment is available for paying off travel expenses billed to a travel card. DFAS has implemented a repayment option called split disbursement option.

By choosing this option, the DFAS can release money directly to the Bank of America for all expenses charged to the travel card, and the remaining money that is owed to the soldier or civilian will be sent to them in the form of a check.

"This has helped considerably with our delinquency rate, but there is another program that started in January that has probably helped even more," said Fuimaono. "Salary offset allows for money to be withheld for any delinquency on a travel card."

Mike Reid, director of Resource Management, said these programs have helped greatly, but another factor is the education that Fuimaono has arranged for APCs not only under her, but for people as far away as Guam.

Reid continued, "She was able to schedule a training session where a Bank of America trainer came to the post. Attendance was mandatory for all APCs here, and she also took the initiative to make training open to for others with video teleconferencing."

This education and the repayment of loans is important as the Bank of America announced it may no longer fund government travel cards after May 15. Bank of America has lost millions of dollars, and will have to file in court for a default on its government loan. On Wednesday, a meeting was held between the vice president of Bank of America, and the Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, to make a final decision.

"The bottom line," said Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general. "Leaders must take a personal interest and provide command emphasis in correcting all deficiencies associated with [government training cards]."

Join post Safety Stand Down Day-2002 Summer Safety Campaign; visit the Murr Community Center for safety hints

Today is Fort Huachuca's Safety Stand Down Day - 2002 Summer Safety Campaign. It is also the beginning of the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

The 101 Critical Days of Summer is the time of year between the beginning of the Memorial Day weekend to the end of the Labor Day weekend.

Army safety statistics have shown that this period has traditionally been a period of increased mishaps, especially those occurring in off-duty activities. The leading cause of fatal mishaps during this period has been in off-duty private motor vehicle mishaps; the second highest number of fatalities has involved water sports and drowning.

Because most of us travel, and many of us participate in water sports, it is important to be aware of the risks and never assume that "It won't happen to me."

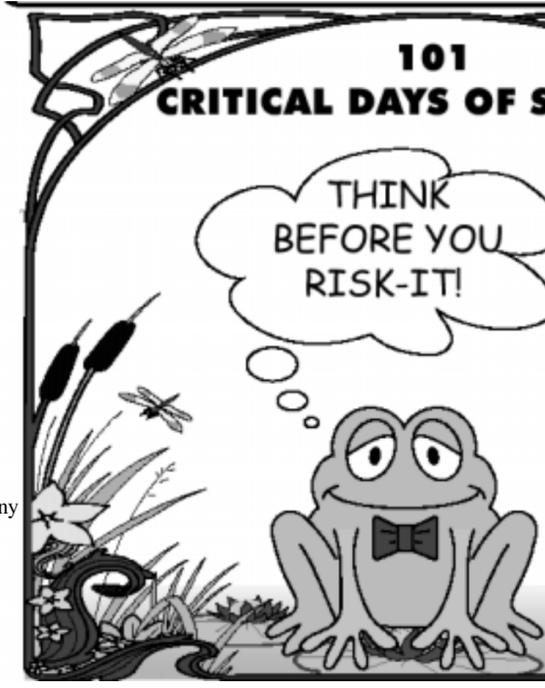
Safety Stand Down Day is designed to make you more aware of those safety hazards around you and how you can avoid the risk of an accident.

At the Murr Community Center today, you will find a wide variety of organizations and activities offering safety tips. Among them are:

Organizations

Adco Alcohol Drug
Alert First Fire Equipment
American Family
American Red Cross
Ammo/QASA
Arizona DPS

Arizona Highway Patrol
Arizona Rangers
ASC
ACS Army Community Services
AZ Fish And Game
AZ State Welding Equipment
BUTT Project
Post chaplains
Child Care Administration
Cochise College
Cochise County Nurse
Cochise County Child
DUI Task Force
Emergency Products
Environment - DIS
Environmental Training Center
Fort Huachuca Fire Department
Fort Huachuca Veterinary
GSA
HAZMART
Kids On The Block Puppet Company
Lions Club
MADD
18th Military Police Detachment
MSA
Motorcycle Safety
Morale & Welfare Recreation
National Gun Safety
U.S. Navy
Occupational Health
PX (AAFES)
Senora Desert Museum
Sierra Vista Police
SJA



Tucson Electric Power
Tucson Raceway Park
U.S. Army Dental Command
U.S. Coast Guard

United Fire Equipment Company
University of Phoenix
Zee Medical Services Company

Safe, sane, fun, vacations require planning, common sense

Vacations are too few, too far between and too brief. No wonder we try to squeeze them for every bit of enjoyment we can muster. As a result, we tend to overdo it. Too much food, too much play, and too much sun can spoil our best-laid plans — all because we took too little preparation.

Here are some helpful summer vacation tips:

Carry a first aid kit. Whether you're traveling to a nearby park or the distant mountains, it's wise to include a well-stocked first aid kit. Your kit should contain bandages, sterile gauze, adhesive tape, scissors, an elastic bandage, acetaminophen, a thermometer, medicated ointments, tweezers, calamine lotion, antiseptic soap, hand towels, a small flashlight and important numbers. Also, learn first aid measures and carry a first aid book.

Beating the Heat. Except for the cold, heat kills more Americans than any other natural hazard, including hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and earthquakes. To have fun in the hot summer sun:

- Restrict strenuous activities to the coolest part of the day. Avoid direct exposure to the sun between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., when the sun's rays are the strongest.
- Wear loose fitting, lightweight and light colored clothing that reflects the heat and sunlight.
- To stay cooler on long walks, consider investing in garments made from new high-tech fabrics.
- Drink lots of water and other non-alcoholic fluids before, during, and after strenuous activity. And drink even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Don't take salt tablets unless your doctor has prescribed them, especially if you have high blood pressure or a heart condition.
- Adjust to hot environments gradually. It usually takes a couple of days to acclimate to hot weather.
- Avoid direct sunlight as much as possible. Use a sun screen with a "sun protection factor" that matches your skin type.
- Don't wear a snug hat, since your body's heat needs to escape from your head.
- To protect your eyes from the sun's ultraviolet rays, wear sunglasses that shield against UVA and UVB rays. A broad brimmed hat will also help.
- If you're on a prescription, consult your doctor on possible side effects in hot weather.
- Eat light, nutritious meals and avoid fatty foods.

Bugs that Bite. To live in harmony when around stinging insects:

- Wear insect repellent.
- Don't wear bright-colored clothing.
- Don't use cologne or scented cosmetics, especially floral.
- Don't walk barefoot, and watch where you're walking.
- Avoid rapid movements that look like attacks.
- If you happen upon a nest, move away slowly.
- Don't eat or drink sweet things outdoors. They attract insects like a magnet.
- If you are stung by an insect and begin to experience hives, stomach pains, diarrhea, dizziness, chills, or facial swelling (regardless of where you may have been stung), you are having an allergic reaction. Seek immediate emergency medical help.

Take a Safe Hike. A favorite summer activity is a hike in the woods, but it should be carefully planned. Tell someone where you'll be hiking and when you expect to return. Check the forecast to avoid bad weather.

Establish a leader and a plan for changes of direction in the trail. Carry a map and compass and stay on a blazed path when you can. Carry a whistle. Three short blasts is the international signal for help in an emergency.

Wear proper clothing, preferably natural fibers. Long sleeves and full length pants will protect you from insects, the sun and brush.

Wear hiking boots or good sturdy walking shoes that are broken in. Hike in small groups of less than ten people. Carry a first aid kit.

101 Critical Days of Summer start on May 24

Summer is just around the corner, and many of us are day-dreaming about our favorite warm weather activities — vacation, picnics, camp-outs, boating, swimming, fishing, baseball. All of our summer plans can be great fun if we keep safety in mind.

The summer, unfortunately, is also a time when there is increased risk, and more mishaps occur in three short months than do during the rest of the year.

For this reason, the Army recognizes the time from Memorial Day weekend through the Labor Day weekend as the "101 Critical Days."

Some reasons for the increased risk is that we spend more time in outdoor activities and less time paying attention to the hazards. We may overextend our physical capabilities and fail to give our bodies time to rest. At times, we are thinking about our weekend or vacation plans while we should be focusing on our work. Fatigue and inattention are factors in many mishaps. Alcohol abuse is another factor.

The number one cause of serious injuries and fatalities to Army people during the 101 Critical Days is motor vehicle mishaps. Many factors are involved in these mishaps: driving when fatigued or under the influence of alcohol or drugs, speeding, not using seat belts, and failing to recognize and react to road hazards.

Summer time car, driver care should top list of priorities

It happens every year. Shortly after Memorial Day, give or take a couple of weeks, drivers start to lose their cool. The windows go up, the air conditioner goes on, and the light breezes of spring turn into the heat blast of summer.

For drivers, a scoop of chocolate-chip ice cream usually improves their attitude in a hurry. Your car, on the other hand, would probably enjoy a little more attention to potential maintenance problems.

Radiator Review: One of the main hazards of summer driving is overheating. It's easy to recognize when a breakdown may be brewing.

Check the radiator hoses regularly for bulges, small cuts, and cracks, especially after the rubber-hardening winter. In hot weather, pressure from the radiator can quickly turn a crack into a hole.

Belts can also take a beating over the winter. Loose belts can slip. Belts that are too tight can wear down quickly and snap.

Also be sure that you have got the right mixture of coolant and water in the radiator.

Keep a clear view. As long as you're under the hood, make sure the windshield wiper solvent reservoir is full. Dust and insects can block your vision on even the sunniest summer days. Also, check that your wiper blades don't streak. They can deteriorate over the winter. Going from extreme heat to heavy summer rains also wears them down quickly.

Tire Troubles. Extreme heat takes a toll on your tires too. Under-inflated tires will flex more in hot weather and build up pressure, increasing the chance of a blowout. For an accurate tire pressure reading, check your tires after they have been cool for several hours.

You should also take the time to check the tire walls and the tread surface as often as possible. Have a mechanic check for

Coming Home. So far, so good. Now let's get you home safely. Don't try to complete a long drive on the last day. Sure, you want to get home, but more importantly, you want to arrive safely. Drive part of the way the day before, and enjoy the night. On the last day, sleep late and arrive home relaxed.

People head out of town for recreation and vacations without proper planning and preparation. They often travel on unfamiliar roads. They drive too fast, drive without planning stopping points, and often don't take time to prepare their vehicles for the trip.

The second leading cause of summer fatalities is from drowning. Boating, swimming, scuba diving and river rafting have cost many lives in the past. About half of the drownings occurred after "unintentional entries" — when people fall, get pushed or knocked into the water.

Most water safety tips involve simple common sense: wear Coast Guard approved life preservers on boats and on docks. Learn to swim. Know your limits and don't swim beyond your capabilities. Never swim alone. Never dive into shallow water or water of unknown depth. Supervise children at all times around water, including backyard wading and swimming pools.

Preventing the preventable mishaps during this year's 101 Critical Days campaign will depend largely on the support given by each commander, supervisor and worker.

Make every possible effort to communicate the need to increase awareness of the hazards involved during this time of year.

Encourage people to make responsible decisions in their activities and to have a safe and enjoyable summer.

objects that may be stuck inside the tread and for proper wear and rotation.

Other Pre- and Post-Trip Vehicle Inspections: Check your vehicle's:

Brake lights and turn signals
Steering mechanism
Oil, brake, transmission and battery fluids
Rearview and sideview mirrors
Safety belts
Horn
Spare tire

One thing to point out is Murphy's Law — that anything that can go wrong will go wrong.



Hot Heads Aren't Cool. The strain of hot weather is as tough on you as it is on your car. As you head into the hottest part of the year, here are a few tips to help keep you cool.

Drink plenty of liquids. Automotive fluids evaporate faster when it's warm. So do the liquids that cool your

body. In peak heat, try to stop often for non-alcoholic cold drinks. Or keep a thermos of water with you on the road.

Open the window periodically. Today's cars are so airtight that over a period of time, the amount of oxygen inside the car can decrease. Let in some fresh air every so often — even hot air from outside — to help build up the oxygen level.

Think light. After a big meal, you tend to feel groggy and less alert. Lighter meals will help you keep your defenses up — and your weight down.

Keep your composure. As the temperature rises, your attention span and tolerance toward other drivers gets shorter. Just try to relax.

Getting steamed just makes it harder to think clearly and drive safely.

Army study identifies NCO concerns

By Joe Burlas

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — NCOs want better information as to how they stack up technically, tactically and leadership-wise with their peers, according to the latest round of the Army Training and Leader Development Panel study.

Based upon written surveys, focus groups and one-on-one interviews with more than 30,000 active-duty, Reserve and National Guard soldiers and spouses, the panel's NCO study results were released May 2.

"The NCO study is another example of the extraordinary integrity and credible authority of the chief of staff of the Army's Training and Leader Development Panel," said Brig. Gen. David Huntoon, executive agent for Army Leadership at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. "This report is about the U.S. Army taking a bold and forthright look at itself — expressed in the clear and courageous voice of its soldiers. It's about the human dimension leading Transformation. And, it is about making a great, professional noncommissioned officer corps even better."

The NCO ATLDP results raised many of the same issues of an officer ATLDP study conducted in 2000. The officer study results were released last May.

Both studies agreed that Army practices are out of balance with soldier beliefs, the Noncommissioned Officer Education System needs improvement, there is a need for more trust and less micromanagement between seniors and subordinates, training resources need to be maintained, improved and provided as required and that pay and benefits could be better.

Combined Arms Center Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia Pritchett, who purposely chose not to review the officer study findings in order not to be prejudiced when evaluating the NCO data, said she wasn't surprised that the two outcomes were so similar.

"The NCO study just validates the earlier officer study — there are some real issues here that must be examined," Pritchett said. "It also shows the Army's commitment to its people — that the Army is not afraid and needs to take a close look at itself."

There was one comment from an NCO that did surprise many of the panel members, Pritchett said. The NCO wrote that he did not feel responsible when one of his soldiers failed to perform or meet standards. That comment reinforced many survey participants' views that top-down training management leaves little, if any, time for NCOs to conduct their own sergeant's time training, she said.

The study found that there is a need for more consistent standards and better enforcement of those standards. Part of this issue reflects back to the perceived need to improve NCOES, because many Mission Training Plans are outdated or nonexistent. The MTP is a formal document that lays out the individual, leader and collective tasks, conditions and standards that each type of Army unit can expect to perform in carrying out its mission.

"There was a time that everyone in the Army trained to published tasks, conditions and standards," said retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Robert Hall, who served as a senior mentor to NCO ATLDP members. "For many reasons — top-down management, OPTEMPO, 9-11, lack of current MTPs — the Army has slipped from training that way. There is a real need to ground the new generation [of NCOs] with using current MTPs."

While survey participants did not fault the NCO Evalua-



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

A recent study will better serve Army noncommissioned officers such as, Staff Sgt. James Ahles, drill sergeant assigned to Company A, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion.

tion Report per se, they said it was not being used effectively to provide the feedback they need to improve, according to Pritchett.

"Let's face it, people in the Army are competitive by nature," she said. "They want to know how they're doing compared to their peers. The NCO-ER just isn't doing that."

Many of the respondents, especially among the younger NCOs, said they would like to see something like the old military occupational specialty tests that were given annually more than 20 years ago, Pritchett said.

About one-third of NCOs surveyed do not believe NCOs maintain MOS skill proficiency, while more than half said unit mission essential tasks are not being trained to standard, stated the study's final report.

"Don't look for any fixes coming out of this study because the NCO corps isn't broken," Hall said. "The NCO corps isn't like a rusty old heap sitting in the driveway; it is like a Mercedes just needing a wash and a wax. This study will help arm Army leadership with the facts it needs to make decisions that will ensure the NCO corps' and the Army's successes of the past 226 years will keep pace with Transformation."

The final report on the NCO ATLDP study is posted on the Web at www.army.mil/features/ATLDNCO.htm. The earlier officer report is located at www.army.mil/features/ATLD/ATLD.htm.

Two additional ATLDP studies are underway: one surveying warrant officers, and another reviewing the attitudes and opinions of Department of the Army civilians.

Get answers with Commander's Hot Line

By Stan Williamson

Scout Staff

Do you have a concern, suggestion or complaint? Have you used your chain of command and still not received an answer? Call or e-mail the Commander's Hot Line with your issue and get an answer in 10 working days.

The Commander's Hot Line program has been available since April 1, 1985, to provide assistance to those who have problems or complaints that are not being satisfactorily resolved by the chain of command or the appropriate post activity.

Individuals eligible to use the Hot Line include active duty and retired military, Department of Defense civilian employees, contractor personnel and their family members. However, the Commander's Hot Line should be used when all other efforts to find a resolution have been exhausted.

The Hot Line is not to be considered a substitute for the chain of command nor an agency's established procedures to provide assistance.

Since Jan. 1 there have been 18 calls received over the Hot Line with successful conclusions. All but one of these complaints were resolved in favor of the callers and three are still outstanding at this time.

How it works

The Hot Line is both a voice-mail terminal at 533-BOSS (533-2677) or an e-mail account at commanders-hotline@hua.army.mil.

Callers and those using e-mail must provide their name, grade, unit designation and the question or complaint. This information is required and must be provided to verify the legitimacy of the complaint.

Callers/e-mailers may remain anonymous on request.

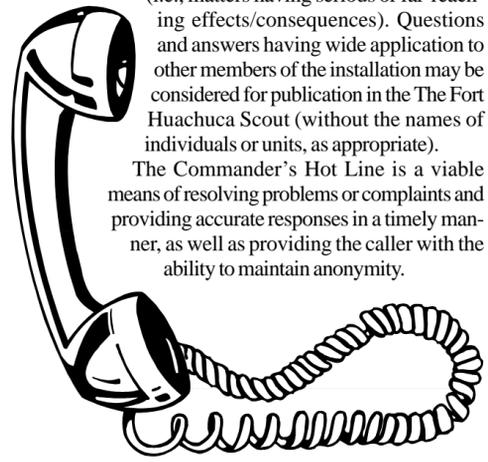
Questions/complaints are referred to the appropriate command or agency, which has 10 working days to make a direct response to the caller (if the callers give permission to provide their name and telephone numbers) and provide a written copy to the Public Affairs Office.

Responses will be reviewed by the Public Affairs Office to determine if further command review is warranted

(i.e., matters having serious or far-reaching effects/consequences).

Questions and answers having wide application to other members of the installation may be considered for publication in the The Fort Huachuca Scout (without the names of individuals or units, as appropriate).

The Commander's Hot Line is a viable means of resolving problems or complaints and providing accurate responses in a timely manner, as well as providing the caller with the ability to maintain anonymity.



Fort's mandatory procedures to child abuse explained

(Editor's note: Some portions of this policy letter were misprinted on Page 4 of the April 11 issue of The Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper.)

According to the Fort Huachuca policy letter, the mandatory reporting of child abuse is required by any physician, hospital intern or resident, surgeon, dentist, osteopath, chiropractor, podiatrist, county medical examiner, nurse, psychologist, school personnel, social worker, peace officer, parent, counselor, clergyman or priest or any other person having responsibility for the care or treatment of children.

As a matter of policy, every soldier, employee, and member of the Fort Huachuca military community is encouraged to report information about known and suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the Military Police, 533-2181 or 911 as soon as any information is known. The Military Police will forward all reports of child abuse or neglect to the Family Advocacy Program 538-0625 and report each incident to the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Child Protective Services 1-888-767-2445.

As exceptions to this policy, a military lawyer has no obligation to make a report of child abuse that comes to their attention as a result of privileged communication; unless the communication clearly contemplates the commission of a future crime.

A uniformed or civilian member of the clergy working for the military has no obligation to make a report of child or spouse abuse that comes to their attention as a result of a privileged communication. A member of a clergy may

encourage a person who is a victim or perpetrator of spouse or child abuse to make a report of such abuse or seek treatment as appropriate.

Child abuse includes physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect and is the physical injury, sexual maltreatment, emotional maltreatment, deprivation of necessities, or other maltreatment of a child by a parent, guardian, or any other person (including an employee of a child's home or any staff person providing care for a child) who is responsible for the child's welfare on a temporary or permanent basis.

Despite efforts to publicize the Military Police as the central point of contact for child abuse and neglect cases, initial reports can be received by persons in a variety of activities on the installation, i.e., Army Community Service and medical treatment facilities.

Any person receiving a report of child abuse or neglect should record the information with as much detail as the reporter is able or willing to provide. The person receiving the call should then immediately inform the Military Police, who will advise Social Work Service of the report.

Person reporting known or suspected incident of child abuse or neglect may remain anonymous.

Following are installation policies for military families, which promote an environment where children are not exposed to risk to their well-being.

Children 9 years or younger will not be left alone at home, in parked vehicles, or around hospital clinics public facilities such as public parks, public restrooms, exchange

facilities, and commissaries while their parents or guardians conduct business transactions, complete appointments, or shop.

Children 10-12 years old may be left alone in an unsupervised home for reasonable periods of time not to exceed four hours. Parents will provide the child with a key; emergency telephone numbers to police, fire and hospital; a telephone number where parents can be reached, the expected time of return, and the name and telephone number of an adult who can be immediately available in case of emergency. Parents will consider the child's emotional, mental and physical capabilities when leaving a child 10-12 years of age unattended.

Children under the age of 12 may not baby-sit, including siblings. Children 12 years or older may baby-sit, within the community, during day or evening hours. Babysitters will be provided with the above emergency numbers and information. Red Cross babysitter training is strongly recommended prior to babysitting.

Children under the age of 16 years will not be left alone overnight. Children 16 years and older may be left alone overnight with a responsible adult (21 years or over) available for emergencies, who has a medical power of attorney for the child. Children 16 years and older may baby-sit for younger children overnight as long as there is a responsible adult available for emergencies and a medical power of attorney for each child being watched as well as for the babysitter (if under 18.)

Cleanup from Page 1

out here. It's nothing but cigarette butts, beer cans...it's nasty."

Another soldier in her group, Sgt. Patricia Zephirini, agreed, "Keep it clean."

But this doesn't have to be just about beautifying the surroundings, "this can be a time of bonding too," continued Haubrich. "Families can get together and clean their housing areas and meet the neighbors. Soldiers get out into the common areas. We have to take pride in where we live."

Sgt. Chivona Cruz, Honor Guard, said, "This gives the soldiers a good opportunity to build team cohesion and to get outdoors into the fresh air."

This needs to be a concerted effort, urged Haubrich. "Families ought to be cleaning up their housing areas, where as we the military will clean up the common areas."

Judy Barnett, wife of Command Sgt. Maj. Dee Barnett of the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade, was talking to her neighbor, Jo Rich-

ter, wife of Command Sgt. Maj. Kurt Richter. Barnett, who had just finished cleaning up the area between her fence and the road, said, "We just do it because it needs to be done. If there are leaves, we rake them up. We get out here every couple of weeks to make sure it is clean."

"The big picture," said Haubrich while looking at a pile of wires, plastic sheeting and other rubble left in a deserted area, "is that if it is not nature, it doesn't belong and we need

to get rid of it. What is really a shame is the dam at the Lakeside pond over at Officer's Club. People dump their beer bottles, etc. there. That will be cleaned up also."

Haubrich, with a determined look in his eyes, said, "The bottom line is that we as individuals have to be proud of the community and take up ownership. This is our housing area. This is our installation. This is our community. We have to take care of our surroundings — clean it up and keep it beautiful."

Community Updates

Refund checks incorrect

Recently several incidences have occurred regarding the bank sending Government Purchase Card credit refund checks addressed to the wrong payee, such as the individual cardholder and/or the billing official. In one instance the check was for \$10,000.

The checks should be made out only to the U.S. Treasury. If you, as a billing official or cardholder, should get a refund check made out to you from U.S. BANK Cardmember Services, notify either Laurie Packard at 533-3223 or Marcus Marlow at 533-2478 immediately.

The local government purchase card program officers will make a copy of the check for our files as proof you have a credit for that quarter. The officers will then return the check to the point of contact at US Bank with a memorandum informing them of the incorrect payee information and request that they reissue checks made out to the U.S. Treasury.

When the local office receives the correctly made out check, the purchase card officers, in conjunction with your fund control officer, will forward it to Defense Finance Accounting Service to be credited to your account.

RWBAHC e-mail listserv

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center announces an automated e-mail server designed to provide beneficiaries with convenient updates regarding RWBAHC services, policies and special attention health bulletins. This e-mail server will send monthly bulletins to RWBAHC beneficiaries at the e-mail address of their choice. The bulletins will be sent out the first week of the month beginning in May, and more often as warranted.

Subscribing to the listserv is voluntary and you can unsubscribe at anytime. Use your Web browser program and go to <http://rwbls.amedd.army.mil>. Follow the links and instructions to enroll. You will receive e-mail confirmation of a successful enrollment within 24 hours of enrollment. Questions regarding this program can be forwarded to the system administrator at rwblinfo@rwbls.amedd.army.mil or doug.griswold@cen.amedd.army.mil.

Textbooks available for review

The Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District is currently displaying textbooks recommended by committee for possible adoption. Textbooks include mathematics textbooks for grades K-8 and music textbooks for grades K-6. The public is welcome to critique the textbooks that are on display at the district office. The district office is open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays-Fridays.

Range closures

Today	AF, AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AN, AP, AQ, AR, AS, AU, AV, AY, AW
Friday	AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AN,

Saturday	AR, AS, T1, T1A, T2 AH, AI, AK, AM, AN, AP, AR, AS, T1, T1A, T2
Sunday	AH, AI, AK, AM, AN, AP, AR, AS
Monday	AQ
Tuesday	AM, AQ, T1, T1A, T2
Wednesday	AK, AM, AR, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2
May 16	AA, AB, AC, AM, AP, AQ, AU, AV, AW, AY
May 17	AA, AB, AC, AK, AL, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2
May 18	AB, AK, AL, AP, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
May 19	No Closures

For more information, call Range Control at 533-7095.

PX pharmacy closed

The Post Exchange satellite pharmacy of Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center closed Monday and will be closed until further notice. The main pharmacy at the RWBAHC facility will continue to remain open regular business hours.

Resumix workshop for disabled

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office will conduct a free federal jobs Resumix workshop for individuals with disabilities at Cochise College's Sierra Vista campus, Building 300, Room 306, from 9 to 11 a.m., on May 16. For those individuals not needing accommodations, contact Beth Ford at 538-0281, by Friday. Seating is limited and reservations are required.

Federal Jobs Workshops

Federal Jobs Workshops are offered to explain subjects such as What is Federal Government Employment, How To Use the Internet To Find Out Where Government Jobs Are Located, Federal Jobs Benefits, Federal Pay Scales, Interpreting a Federal Job Advertisement, Federal Applications, How to Apply for a Government Job, Veteran's Preference, The Selection Process, RESUMIX Procedures, and Outlook on Opportunities. The public is invited to attend. All Federal Jobs Workshops are held in Building 22420 from 8 to 10 a.m. No reservation required. The public is invited to attend. Workshops are set for Friday, June 7, July 12, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 6. For more information, call Thomas L. Hapgood at 533-7314.

Registration office closed

The Child and Youth Services Registration Office in Murr Community Center will be closed Monday-May 17 and June 10-14 due to the installation of and training on new Child/Youth Management System computer software.

To speak with someone during this time, call Linda Crone at 533-0460 or Nancy Whaley at 533-5209. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Suicide prevention training

The Installation Staff Chaplain's Office will host its second Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday-Wednesday at the Windemere Conference Center in Sierra Vista. Registration is \$10.

Participants are asked to come in civilian clothes. There are only 30 slots available on a first-come, first-served basis. To register for two consecutive days of the most up-to-date suicide prevention training, call 533-2366. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Garry Dale at 533-4911 or e-mail garry.dale@hua.army.mil.

Chill out, reduce stress

The next Stress Reduction Class will be 1:30-4 p.m., Wednesday and May 22 and 29. These three sessions make up one class. The class is open to active-duty military, family members, retirees and Department of Army civilians. It is being held in the second floor conference room of Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center in the Conference Room.

For more information, call 538-0625. Leave your name, duty phone and message regarding the class on the voice mail, or with the person who answers the phone.

MAC luncheon rescheduled

Due to the electrical outage on Fort Huachuca last week, the Military Affairs Committee's monthly luncheon has been rescheduled. It will be 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, at La Hacienda.

Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, is the guest speaker.

Cost of the buffet lunch is \$8.50. For reservations call the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce at 458-6940.

Conservation committee meets

The quarterly meeting of the Fort Huachuca Conservation Committee will be 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesday in the Holland Room of Riley Barracks (Building 51005).

The meeting will provide updates on several local natural resources and conservation programs including current activities on Fort Huachuca, the Upper San Pedro Partnership, City of Sierra Vista Recharge Project, the Fort Huachuca Effluent Recharge Project, U.S. Forest Service activities, and Bureau of Land Management SPRNCA activities.

The program for this meeting will be a presentation on the Fort Huachuca Water Wise Program and a ground water flow model by Ginger Maxey, Water & Energy Conservation Educator, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. For more information, call Robert Bridges at 533-1863.

Asian Pacific heritage month

Fort Huachuca celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.,

May 16 at Murr Community Center. This year's theme is "Unity in Freedom." Come out and enjoy free food samples, cultural displays and live entertainment.

TROA dinner meeting

The Coronado Chapter of The Retired Officers Association will hold their monthly dinner meeting for members, spouses and guests at Fort Huachuca's Lakeside Activity Center May 16.

No host cocktails are 6-7 p.m. with dinner following. The guest speaker will be Judy Mendez, the new commissary officer at Fort Huachuca.

For more information, contact Chapter Secretary retired Chief Warrant Officer3 Joe Gill at 458-4099 or e-mail joegill@c2i2.com.

Babysitter/latchkey training

Child and Youth Services will host Red Cross Babysitter Training Classes for 12- to 15-year-olds 8 a.m.-5 p.m., May 18 at the Youth Services Building. Learn how to take care of yourself if you are home alone. Receive a Red Cross Babysitter Card, a 4-H Babysitter Certificate and be placed on the CYS Babysitter Referral List when you complete the course. Total cost is \$17.

For more information, call Marty Johnston at 533-8385.

VA Benefits briefings set

Veterans Benefits Briefings are given by representatives of the VA Regional Office, VA Hospital and Tucson Vet Center. Representatives cover VA Benefits such as education and training, health care, home loan guarantees, disability compensation, pensions, life insurance, burial, and vocational rehabilitation.

It is important for all soldiers who are submitting claims for medical conditions to come to this briefing. The forms necessary for the submission and an explanation of how to complete the forms is provided.

The public is invited to attend this briefing. All VA benefits briefings are held in Building 22420. General information is provided from 8 a.m. to noon, and assistance in filing claims is done from 1-3 p.m. No reservation required. Briefings for 2002 are set for May 23, June 20, July 18, Aug. 21, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

Installation Retirement Ceremony

The 111th Military Intelligence Brigade will host a Post Review at 7:30 a.m., May 31 on Chaffee Parade Field. The ceremony will consist of a review with decorations, awards and individual retirements. Commands will be given by bugle call after all units are on the field.

Participating units include the 36th Army Band, Regimental Band of the Military Intelligence Corps; 111th MI Bde.; 112th MI Bde.; Fort Huachuca Select Honor Guard and B Troop, 4th Regiment, U.S. Cavalry (Memorial).

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Community Events Calendar

To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-6970.

Fiesta de la Primavera

at the Holy Trinity Monastery in St. David, AZ.

Saturday 11 May from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and

Sunday 12 May from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Food, fun, arts & crafts vendors and a whole lot more.

• **The Vigilantes at the Hildorado Set in Tombstone at 1 p.m.**

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• San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647.
• Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.
• The SV Youth Center is hosting a Playstation Tournament at 3 p.m. This free event is open to all youth 11 - 17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for details.

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• Ricketty Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.
• **Put Prevention Into Practice (PPIP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info.**
• **COL Johnson Elementary PTSO Meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the School Library.**
• Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Café from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Tomi Reeves at 538-7502.
• Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m.
• Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.

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• La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.
• SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.
• The SV Youth Center is hosting an Air Hockey Tournament at 3 p.m. This free event is open to all youth 11 - 17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for details.

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• SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062.
• National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.
• Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.
• **Post Accommodation School early release schedule: 1:15 p.m. for Johnston, 1:20 for Myer Kindergarten, 1:30 p.m. for Myer 3rd & 4th Graders and 1:40 p.m. for Smith.**

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• **Red Cross Blood Drive at Murr Community Center from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
• **Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.**

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• Armed Forces Day
• The SV Youth Center is hosting a Pool Tournament at 5 p.m. This free event is open to all youth 11 - 17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for details.
• **Child & Youth Services is offering a Red Cross Babysitter Training Class for 12 - 15 year olds. Class will be at the YS Bldg from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost is \$17. call Ms. Johnston at 533-8385**

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• La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.
• **504th Sig Steering Committee meets in the Conference room at 6:130 p.m.**
• SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.

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• SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café.
• **ACAPITAP Three-Day Workshop at Bldg. 22420 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call Thom Hap good at 5337314 for details and reservations.**
• Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.
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• **Post schools last day of class.**
• **Resume Writing Workshop from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. offered by the Employment Readiness Program of Army Community Service. Call 533-6870 for reservations, as class size is limited.**
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MCC = Murr Community Center

MPC = Main Post Chapel

OYCC = Oscar Yrun Community Center

Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-3686 or 533-2330

Medical Activity Command

Meningitis symptoms may resemble common cold; see a doctor

By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

Meningococcal meningitis is an acute bacterial infection characterized by sudden onset of fever, severe headache, stiff neck, nausea and vomiting, and frequently photophobia and/or rash.

In fact, the onset of Meningococcal meningitis often resembles the common cold, flu or a strept infection.

Lt. Col. Jane L. Lindner, head of the Preventive Medicine Department at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, said symptoms resembling a cold or the flu where a sore throat gets worse, and medications aren't working warrant seeing a doctor and for further evaluation.

"If a person suddenly develops a severe headache and the over-the-counter drug does not relieve the pain, they definitely need to go see the doctor," Lindner added. Persons developing a rash on their body should also consult a doctor.

Meningitis, also known as spinal meningitis,

is an inflammation of the meninges, or the tissue that surrounds the brain and spinal column. Organisms usually enter the meninges through the bloodstream from other parts of the body.

There are two forms of meningitis. And many meningitis-causing bacteria are carried in the nose and throat, often without the carrier having symptoms.

But it is the bacterial form of meningitis, known as Meningococcal meningitis, which is contagious. This infection is treated with antibiotics and can be prevented through vaccination.

Contracted like other respiratory infections, such as the flu or a common cold, this contagious infection is transmitted by inhaling infected air-borne droplets, intimate contact (e.g. kissing) or contact with objects that are freshly soiled by an infected carrier's nasal secretions. Symptoms develop from two to ten days after exposure (commonly three to four days).

Lindner said the number one preventive measure to contracting the infection, is to avoid "coming in contact with nasal secretions and

the respiratory secretions whether directly or indirectly through tissues."

She added, "It is better to use Kleenex than a cotton handkerchief, because you dispose of a Kleenex properly while you have a tendency to hold on longer to a hankie until you finally wash them."

She further explained, "Hot water and soap will kill the organisms, but nevertheless — it is the commonsense things that you would use to prevent any type of respiratory infection. You cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze and cough, you wash your hands frequently, etc."

People who have had close contact to someone diagnosed with Meningococcal meningitis, such as family members, are treated with antibiotics to prevent secondary cases of the infection.

"After the infected person has been on antibiotics for 24 hours, they are no longer contagious," Lindner added.

The disease is most common in children and young adults occurring worldwide, and the success rate of treatment of this disease has greatly improved.

"In the early 1900s," said Lindner, "50 percent of people who developed meningitis died.

All military recruits routinely are vaccinated against bacterial meningitis.

Lt. Col. Jane Lindner

Enrollment open for OPM's new Long-Term Care Insurance

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The early enrollment period for Long-Term Care Insurance began March 25 and runs through Wednesday for federal employees and service members.

Sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management, the new insurance is designed to help pay for services such as nursing-home care, long-term home care, or care in an assisted-living facility. OPM officials said most existing federal health insurance policies do not cover this type of long-term care.

OPM selected two leading insurance companies, John Hancock and Metropolitan Life, as the carriers who are now offering the new Long-Term Care Insurance. The two companies have formed a joint-venture company, LTC Partners, administering the federal LTCI program.

Active and retired civilian employees and uniformed service members are eligible to enroll in LTCI. An estimated 20 million members of the federal family are eligible for the insurance, according to OPM officials, including Postal em-

ployees and annuitants, military retirees, and qualified family members.

OPM officials said it is important to note that not all plan features will be available during the early enrollment period. They said premium payments may be made to the provider through automatic bank withdrawal and direct billing; however, payroll deduction will not be available yet.

The second opportunity to enroll will be the first LTCI Open Season to run from July 1 through Dec. 31. At that time all options under the program will be available and payroll deduction will be implemented, officials said. They said those who enroll during the Early Enrollment Program may switch to payroll deduction during the LTCI open season.

Federal employees are eligible to enroll in LTCI if they are eligible to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, officials said. Unlike FEHB, the LTCI premiums are fully paid for by employees who choose to enroll.

OPM has determined that the provider, LTC Partners, is solely responsible for all core func-

tions that support this program, including answering questions about the insurance. Counselors at the Army Benefits Center — Civilian, ABC-C, are not supposed to answer any questions regarding the insurance, other than to direct callers to the provider, officials said.

Questions about the insurance can be directed to LTC Partners by calling: 1-800-LTC-FEDS (1-800-582-3337) or by looking at the LTC web site: www.ltcfeds.com.

OPM also has an informative and educational website about long-term care needs and insurance in general at www.opm.gov/insure/ltc. This site also provides information about LTCI tax issues, facts, and legislation.

Post cards for requesting a subscription to a series of informational bulletins being produced by LTC Partners will be sent through normal distribution channels.

LTCI enrollments must be made directly through the provider and cannot be accepted through any servicing personnel office or the ABC-C, officials said.

The fatality rate right now because of the antibiotics and the ability to diagnose earlier is roughly 5 to 15 percent."

According to Lindner, outbreaks most often occur in crowded conditions.

Lindner said that's why the trainees in the military are also at risk. "You have large groups of kids that are coming together from all parts of the country — convening together in a close environment, often crowded many times so that the nasal secretions, the respiratory droplets, are much more prevalent in an environment like that, causing infection," she explained.

Because of the high-risk group that involves military training environments, all military recruits routinely are vaccinated against bacterial meningitis.

Once given, "no additional Meningococcal vaccinations are necessary unless deploying to high-risk areas," she said.

In locations where several cases of meningitis have been diagnosed, mass immunization programs may be instituted for specific target populations to prevent the further spread of disease.

(Editor's note: Some information for this article was obtained from *The Meningitis Foundation of America*.)

Finding TRICARE pharmacy just got easier

TRICARE release

TriWest Healthcare Alliance proudly welcomes Walgreens pharmacies into its retail network pharmacy family for the TRICARE Central Region.

There are approximately 600 Walgreens pharmacies within the Central Region that you can now use for filling your prescription needs. All TRICARE eligible beneficiaries can save money by seeking care from providers in TriWest's TRICARE civilian network, which includes pharmacies.

It's not hard to find a Walgreens near you, but if you need help you can easily find one by visiting their Web site at www.walgreens.com.

There you can search for the nearest location by entering your street address and ZIP code.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Ready or not

Spc. Jesus Sanchez, an enlisted records clerk, updates the records of Staff Sgt. Patrick Long at the quarterly Soldier Readiness Program held at the Murr Community Center, April 17. Sanchez said the records section updated the emergency contact information and SGLI information of approximately 500 soldiers on post.

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tained yard, Montgomery said, "Pride in ownership."

The Lt. Col. D.J. Reyes, battalion commander, and Staff Sgt. Kelvin Jones, unit housing area coordinator, presented the award to Montgomery. Reyes and Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Craddock also gave honorary mention to quarters 105A Hall, 119A Hall, 103B May Ct. and 112B Fuller St., for exemplifying outstanding beautification efforts.

The 306th MI Bn. extends special thanks to the residents of 139A Hall and 155A Hall for their participation in the playground cleanup. Their support in improving the housing area is greatly appreciated.

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the Libby Army Airfield to the City of Sierra Vista.

"We were confident that this land transfer would not adversely impact the environment, but without a valid biological opinion we must withdraw the action," said Boardman.

Under the 1999 Biological Opinion, Fort Huachuca committed itself to a long list of conservation measures, most of which it has already achieved. For example, over the past six years, the fort has reduced its on post water use from 2,355 acre-feet in 1996 to 1,655

acre-feet in 2001.

It did this by implementing state-of-the-art water conservation technology, demolishing old buildings, aggressively seeking out and fixing water leaks throughout the installation, imposing an extremely rigid irrigation policy, using treated wastewater effluent to irrigate its golf course and sports fields, and xeriscaping open areas.

The fort has also recently completed constructing a \$6 million recharge project that will return up to 1,000 acre-feet of treated effluent to the regional aquifer each year.

To offset its off-post impact, the fort has joined The Nature Conservancy and the Bureau of Land Management to undertake an innovating and fruitful approach towards conservation within the Sierra Vista subwatershed.

Fort Huachuca is the first Army installation to implement a bold and innovative plan to partner with The Nature Conservancy to purchase conservation easements within five miles of the San Pedro River from willing sellers. The purchase of conservation easements is a new initiative to support the fort's Water Resource

Management Plan and to help meet the Army's obligations under the Endangered Species Act.

The Army has been a steward of the land here since 1877. Sustaining the land it defends is a vital component of the Army heritage and critical to the fort's mission of training soldiers and growing leaders.

Fort Huachuca will continue to work with its partners and neighbors in the community to seek out aggressive ways and innovative technologies to conserve precious natural resources in the high desert environment.

Have we got news for you!

Read it online, visit [huachuca-
www.army.mil/USAG/PAO](http://www.army.mil/USAG/PAO)

Water Wise poster contest winners

WWES release

Fort Huachuca's Water Wise Energy Smart program sponsored a poster contest for Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools students who participated in WWES classes this school year. The theme for this year's contest was "Be Water Wise and Energy Smart - It's a Way of Life." Students were asked to be creative with color, design and message to demonstrate how important water and energy are for life, and how to conserve these important resources.

Winners are:

Henry Bos, third-grade, Johnston Elementary:

First place - Brittany Thomas

Second place - Sydney Dunstan

Third place - Ashley Franken

Honorable mention - Shelby Towne, Anthony Quesnell, Tabitha Santos

Jim Wolfe, third-grade, Johnston Elementary:

First place - Jeffrey Collette

Second place - Kimberly Wilson

Third place - Gabrielle Buensalida

Honorable mention - Holly McNabb, Fred Pagan

Jan Barnes, fifth-grade, Myer Elementary:

Best of Show/ First place - Kirsten Revels

Second place - Jessica Bustamonte

Third place - Caleb DuBois

Honorable mention - Kayla Wade, Joyce Stevens

Winners were awarded prizes and certificates, all other students were awarded a Certificate of Participation. The community can be proud of these students and teachers; and of the Accommodation Schools staff, principals, and administration who encouraged and supported the WWES educational program.



Jan Barnes fifth-grade class

Courtesy photos



Jim Wolfe's third-grade class



Henry Bos' third-grade class



Trey Palmer

Smith photo

It's a Didgeridoo Day

Trey Palmer, seventh-grader, works on his didgeridoo, an Australian Aboriginal musical instrument. Students in Dan Howdeshell's music class are making their versions of the didgeridoo from cardboard as a part of their unit on world music featuring the music of the aboriginal people of Australia. Before the students started making their didgeridoos, they used the Internet to research and gather information relating to the importance of music in aboriginal society and how to play the didgeridoo. Nancy Murphy provided expert advice on the X-ray and dot style of painting. The students were also exposed to literature from the Aborigines.

Chalk Talk

Colonel Smith Middle School

Trevor Husseini, seventh-grader, was selected as the Retired Officer's Association Young American Awardee for the Sierra Vista chapter. The award is based on outstanding citizenship and academic standing.

Colonel Johnston Elementary School

The Students of the Week for April 29-May 3 are James Henry, Shai Mel Bell, Shelby Towne and Ryan Ehney.

Georgia Bernheim's second-graders created desert animals posters, following their trip to the San Pedro Riparian Area to compare the seasonal changes in plant and animal life.

Do you know how many lives Benjamin Franklin lived? The class is looking at all the contributions this inventor and statesman made to our country during its founding.

The Students of the Week for April 22-26 are Christopher Butler, Amanda Koons, Zachary Barriault, Allen Norris and Malissa Lott.

The Smoking Stinks Healthy Lungs Walking Club has walked 1,109 miles this year. The students walking the most laps this week are Rachel Thibodeau from Alana Fletcher's first-grade class, Ryan Ehney from Larry Peterson's second-grade class and Joshua Falgout from Jim Wolfe's third-grade class. General Myer Elementary School

Magellan Running Club named Precious Hacker from Priscilla Mendoza's room as its top fourth-grade girl with



Trevor Husseini

Smith photo

27 points. The top fourth-grade boy was Juan Ventura from Jan Camps' room with 52 points. Top fourth-grade class was Tom Crawford's room with 322 points.

Top fifth-grade girls were Kristina Chesleigh and Maria Bowman from Kim Tomlin's room with 32 points each. Top fifth-grade boy was George Beck from Kim Tomlin's room with 65 points. Top fifth-grade class was Bonnie Burleson's room with 560 points. Myer students ran 4873 miles for the week and they now have a total of 25,752 miles for the year.

The students in Terri Agnon's and Bonnie Austin's Resource Room classes are working hard to earn their final reward of the year, a fieldtrip to the Cove. To earn the reward, students will have to complete all assignments with a grade of B or better and consistently show appropriate behavior. The fieldtrip is scheduled for Wednesday.

Allison Spencer's kindergarten kids are wrapping up the school year learning about graphs, plants and conservation. They will soon be going on a field trip to the Military Police station, taking a picnic lunch to a neighborhood park and having their annual rodeo field day.

Suzanne Buchanan's kindergarten kids have finished all of the letters of the alphabet. They have also started weekly spelling tests consisting of five sight words. The class visited the Reid Park Zoo in Tucson, Ariz. for their field trip of the year.

Sonna McQuerrey said, "What a memorable kinder year we have had. We are ready for first-grade. We still want to go places so our plans are to visit the Reid Park Zoo, walk to Johnston School, go to the Military Police Station and have a picnic. McQuerrey is retiring and Myer School thanks her for a great year and wishes her well in the retirement years.

Kathy Haakinson reports that her kindergarten students are learning how time flies as each day the students add another straw and arrow to indicate how many days they have been in school so far this year - 160. They also check the number chart for how many days are left of school - only 17. They are still keeping busy getting ready for first-grade.

Joy Mim's kindergarten has had a very successful year. They will conclude the year with science and social studies units that incorporate the math and reading skills they have developed. It won't be long and they will be first-graders.

Myer fifth-grade students graduated from DARE last week. They had an impressive ceremony Wednesday. The teachers and fifth-graders would like to thank the DARE officer for his hard work teaching them this past year. They learned many things to help them as they continue on with their education.

Last week the fifth-graders completed the AIMS tests.

The fourth-grade will be doing MAT tests this week.

The fifth-grade will be doing MAT tests Monday-Wednesday.

Pets of the Week



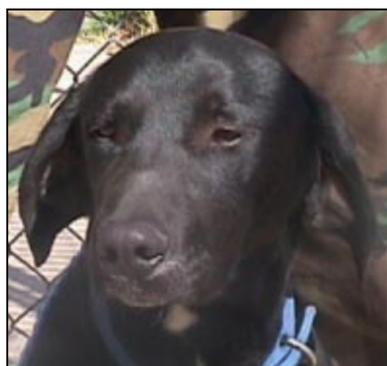
"Jayce" is a beautiful, blond, young adult male golden retriever/Chow mix. He is very playful and needs to go to obedience training, but he is a great dog. His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter, a microchip, a heartworm test, vaccinations and deworming.



"Gus" is a young adult male orange and white short-haired tabby cat. He would make a great first cat for a family. His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter, a microchip, a feline leukemia test, vaccinations and deworming.



"Thomas" is a young adult neutered male short-haired orange tabby cat. He prefers to be an indoor/outdoor cat, instead of strictly indoors. He is a big, furry loveable guy! His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a microchip, a feline leukemia test, vaccinations and deworming.



"Fido" is a loveable, black and white young adult male lab mix. He is a real sweetie and needs a good home. His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter, a microchip, a heartworm test, vaccinations, and deworming.

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The facility is now open through lunch. For information, call 533-2767.