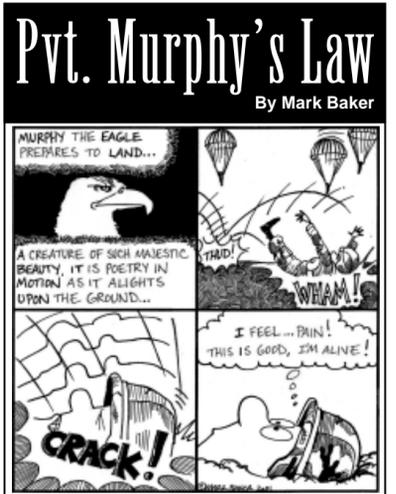


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Soccer tryouts

The Sierra Vista Ambush, an under-12 select soccer team, will be holding tryouts for the 2002-2003 soccer season Saturday at 9 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park. Interested players must be born between Aug. 1, 1990 and July 31, 1991.

For further information contact coaches Aman Adeli at 459-4288, or Tom Graves at 378-2784.

Vigilante Days

Tombstone is hosting the 16th Annual Vigilante Days 10k run Aug. 11 beginning at 6:30 a.m. There will also be a 2k Fun Run beginning at 6:45 a.m. The race will start at 4th and Toughnut Streets at the Helldorado Building Registration begins at 5 a.m. All participants will receive a T-shirt. Awards will be given to the top three in each age group and overall.

For more information call (520) 457-3197 or email reekor@theriver.com.

Golf Scramble

A two-man team golf scramble for the 18th Military Police Detachment Family Readiness Group fundraiser is scheduled Aug. 23 at the Mountain View Golf Course at 8 a.m.

The scramble is set at \$25 per players, which includes cart and green fees. Four Mulligans can be bought for \$5.

A 2002 Mustang will be given for a hole in one prize. Other prizes will be given for first and last place, closest to the pin, longest drive and longest putt. There will also be a raffle contest.

For more information call Sgt. Dustin Kelly at 533-5342/3434.

Women's bowling

The Huachuca Women's Bowling League will have an organizational meeting Aug. 27 at 9 a.m. at the Fort Huachuca bowling center, Desert Lanes. The league bowls each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Membership is unrestricted and open to all women in the area.

If interested in joining the team or participating as a substitute call 378-2195.

Coaching clinic

A coaching clinic for anyone interested in learning more about coaching youth soccer is available through Youth Services. A date has not been set, however, interested people should contact Youth Services at 533-3205.

Red Cross volunteers

Be a proud volunteer. The Sierra Vista Red Cross Service Center is offering orientation classes on the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.

Come and see how a few hours of your time can help your family, your neighborhood, and your country.

To find out more call 458-4858.

Youth flag football program

The Parks and Leisure Services will be conducting a 2002 NFL Youth Flag Football Program for youth, 6-14, starting Sept. 21.

The cost for this gridiron fun is \$50 per participant with all participants retaining their NFL Flag Football jersey. Program registration ends Aug. 25, (no exceptions). A copy of each participant's birth certificate is required at registration. There will be four divisions as follows: ages 6-8, coed; ages 9-11, coed; ages 12-14 girls; and ages 12-14, boys. Registration will be taken at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, Ethel Berger Center, or the Cove. For additional program information call 458-7922.

Teaching hoops

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Time Out Editor

For Recharde and Angela Johnson love goes together like a basketball in a hoop – nothing but net.

Even though the couple never played basketball themselves, it never stopped them from teaching others the sport so well it produced stars.

The Arizona Lady Bulls basketball team is a female Amateur Athletic Union summertime team the Johnson's coach for the Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista community.

The Lady Bulls have played 51 games this summer alone and came out with high state and national placements.

The Lady Bulls, ages 13-18 years old, finished third in the Arizona state tournament and fourth in the nationals.

Angela described her and her husband's coaching technique as a sort of "good-guy, bad-guy" method.

"I think the girls relate to me more because I am a girl, but they listen to him more because he's louder," she said.

Recharde agrees and said Angela is more like "the mother figure."

"If I'm hollering and screaming at the girls to do something better, she's the one that goes over and gives them a hug," he said. "The girls know that I'm just doing that during a game to get them to perform better. Afterward we're still friends, buddies. We can still crack jokes to each other."

The Johnson's began coaching at Fort Huachuca in March 2001 when they noticed their years of coaching experience could help some players get to the next level.

Now, throughout the summers, they regularly have basketball players in front of college scouts and playing in various states to help build their confidence as well as open their horizons.

"I think a lot of the girls were discouraged and most of them only wanted to go to Cochise [College], when there's a lot more out there for them," Angela said.

By playing throughout the states the girl's spectrum has opened much wider and their ambition goes even further.

"When they play against girls who are state champions of their own state, and they see that they're just as good, if not better, it really builds their confidence," Recharde said.

Not only does basketball with the Johnson's improve their game, but improves their grades. The Johnson's ensure grades are kept high and even go out of their way to tutor children who may need help in specific subjects.

"We can teach a child technique and improve their basketball all we want, but if the grades aren't there a school is never going to take them," Recharde said of getting the players college ready.

Though the game is getting better for the players, the Johnson's still found obstacles they had to tackle.

Finding support, in the form of supplies, equipment, and money, didn't come by easy. But several on-post facilities, including the Youth Center, the Information Systems Engineering Command, Barnes Field House, Eifler Fitness Complex, and the 306th Military Intelligence Battalion contributed to this year's success. Still the majority of costs were out-of-pocket expenses parents picked up for their children.

Another obstacle was participation in the basketball league. Some basketball players are discouraged to join the summer team because of regular school-time sports.

"We're not trying to steal their basketball players away. We're just trying to improve them," Recharde said.

The Johnson's hope to have a larger basketball program next summer, with more community support and participation, based on this year's success in the tournaments.

The Lady Bulls are having an end-of-season banquet at Vinny's Pizza in Sierra Vista Saturday from 3-6 p.m. Anyone interested in supporting the team or becoming involved in the summer team is welcomed.



Courtesy photo

The Lady Bulls came a long way in within two summers of basketball the Johnson's way.

Back-to-school, back to safety

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Time Out Editor

It's time to start wiping the dust off the backpacks and sharpening the old number two again because school is right around the corner.

With that comes a whole host of concerns not seen during the lazy days of summer, to include new rules and regulations on post.

For the first three weeks of school the military police will be highly monitoring school zones, enforcing zero tolerance to any speeder.

"The speed limit is 15, not 16, miles per hour. There will be zero tolerance," said Ollie James Shears, Law Enforcement Division operations manager. "In some areas where it's 45 miles per hour, we might let cars get up to 50 without

stopping them. In the school zone a driver going 16 will be issued a citation."

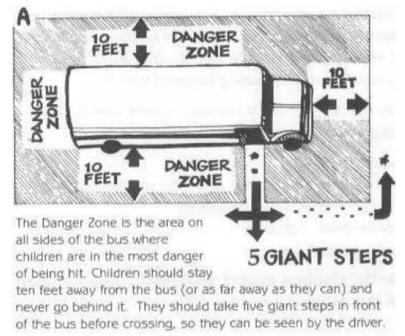
A school zone speeder can expect to pay \$50 and up, depending on how fast the driver was going.

Street patrol vehicles as well as MPs on bicycles will monitor all three post schools.

"In these school zones, on post, there are 5-year-old to 14-year-old kids just being kids. They're not paying attention when they're walking. At 15 miles per hour a driver would have enough time to stop before injuring a child."

Shears also stressed drivers should not double park when dropping children off.

"You must find legal parking or you will be



Courtesy graphic

Bruce Heran, post safety manager, suggested the Center for Disease Control website for more useful information, such as the one above, at www.cdc.gov/safeusa

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Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

Spc. Brandon Rowton, using the buffer, Spc. Steve Kirschbaum, helping the buffer, and Spc. Trevor Pojar, mopping, all volunteers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, enjoyed helping children.

An act of kindness

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Time Out Editor

Volunteers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade recently took a little time off the job to help the Child Development Center improve quality of life for children.

"They've done just a wonderful job," said Constance Tiefel, a program director at the CDC.

Volunteers turned one room inside out, by removing all furniture, steam vacuuming carpets, stripping and buffing tile floors, painting, and then putting it all back together even better than they found it.

Some volunteers even helped to make a climbing, play station called the Wiggle House for the front foyer of the CDC.

"It looks a lot better than it did before," said Spc. Brandon Rowton, electronic warfare tactical systems repairer. "It feels good to be able to help out little kids."

The CDC provided refreshments and meals for the volunteers.

"This is good volunteer work. Plus, they're feeding us," said Spc. Steve Kirschbaum, electronic warfare tactical systems repairer.

Fort Huachuca Directorate of Community Activities Updates

The Directorate of Community Activities is responsible for content appearing on the MWR page in The Fort Huachuca Scout. Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil.

Lil' Skeeters original smokehouse barbecue

Lil' Skeeters offers family and party packs to take home for a quick lunch or dinner. Their patented great tasting barbecue sauce is served only at Lil' Skeeters Army-wide. Manager Jeannie Gray invites all to enjoy their smoke-free environment and says, "The only thing we smoke here is our own meat, for a great fresh taste." The friendly staff is ready to serve delicious, hearty meals. Lil' Skeeters is open for lunch Monday through Friday 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dinner is served Wednesday and Thursday 3:30-7:30 p.m. and Friday 3:30-8 p.m. Call 533-3837 for information.

Hip Hop and R&B Extravaganza

La Hacienda will host their first Hip Hop and R&B Extravaganza Aug. 17. The live entertainment begins at 10 p.m. Talent from El Paso, Texas, Tucson and Sierra Vista will include Benz, D. Fishyr, The "O," Lone Wolf, O.D., Jungle, D.P., Southwest Regime and Marrisssa. Admission is only \$5. Call 533-3802 for information.

Youth soccer club

There will be a Sierra Vista Soccer Club registration at Youth Activities, Building 49013, Aug. 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Birth certificate is required for registration. For more information, call Kevin Keckler at 378-7211.

Adult soccer practice on Fridays

An adult soccer recreational league for adults ages 15 years and older is holding practice sessions each Friday at 6 p.m. at Bujalski Track. The league is affiliated with the Arizona State Soccer Association and U.S. Amateur Soccer Association. Application is in progress for non-profit status. The fee to join is \$50 per year with half of the fee applied to dues and the remaining amount applied to referees. The 10-week season begins in September. Call 533-3858 for information.

American Red Cross blood drives, classes

The American Red Cross will hold its next blood drive at Eifler Fitness Center Aug. 23 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Call 1-800-448-3543 to make appointments.

Volunteer coordinators' meeting

All unit and agency volunteer coordinators are requested to attend a meeting at Murr Community Center Aug. 15 at 9:30 a.m. New standard operating procedures and the installation volunteer program will be presented and discussed. Call 533-4823 for information.

MWR Rents August special

MWR Rents is offering a television rental special during the month of August. A 19-inch color television may be rented for only \$1 per day or \$5 for an entire week. MWR Rents is located at Irwin and Carter and offers cabin rentals as well as a large variety of recreational, household and outdoor equipment for rent. Call 533-6707 for information.

Desert Lanes events

The next Nifty Fifties Day is Aug. 18 from noon to 4 p.m. Bowling games and shoe rentals are only 50 cents each. Jeannie's great hot dogs and sodas are also only 50 cents each. Nifty Fifties Days are offered one Sunday each month. Call 533-2849 for information.

Rock 300 is held every Saturday 7-11 p.m. Come out and bowl to rockin' music and glow in the dark action. A special 10 percent off sale will be held at the Desert Lanes Pro Shop on Saturday from 1-4:30 p.m. Special 40 frame games are played every Saturday at Desert Lanes beginning at 1 p.m.

The next Age Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 17 at 1 p.m. Bowlers play five games across 10 lanes. Bowler's ages determine their handicaps. The entry fee is \$25 and the payout ratio is one to five. Call 533-2849 for information.

New winter operating hours will begin Sept. 1. Desert Lanes

will be open Sunday and Monday noon to 9 p.m., Tuesday 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Wednesday noon to 10 p.m., Thursday 4-10 p.m., Friday noon to 11 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Lynda's Barber Shop specials

Lynda's Barber Shop, located inside Desert Lanes Bowling Center, offers several specials for authorized MWR patrons. Patrons may receive a free haircut on their birthday. Starting Saturday and continuing through Aug. 20, Lynda's offers a Back-to-School Special when patrons bring in the coupon at the bottom of this page. Effective Aug. 15, Lynda's Barber Shop hours are: Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 417-9150 for appointments or information.

Preschool openings at New Beginnings

New Beginnings Child Development Center has openings for 3- to 4-year-old children in the full-day preschool and part-day preschool programs.

The full day program is open from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on federal holidays. The part-day preschool program follows the Fort Huachuca Accommodation School calendar.

The three-day Monday, Wednesday and Friday program begins on Aug. 19. The two-day Tuesday and Thursday program begins on Aug. 20. Both programs have morning classes from 8-11 a.m. and afternoon classes from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. All preschool fees are based on the Department of Defense total family income with a sliding fee scale.

To sign up for either full-day or part-day preschool programs, call the Child and Youth Education and Outreach Services Director, Marty Johnston at 533-8437. Program registration packets are available at Murr Community Center.

Sportsman's Center activities

A three-person team paintball competition will be held Saturday. A registered Monsoon Open Skeet Shoot will be held Aug. 23-25. Registration begins at 7 a.m.

The monthly night paintball event is Aug. 30 from 7 p.m. to midnight. Range fee is \$5 and a rental package is available for \$20. Call 533-7085 for information on any of these events.

Buffalo Corral events

Buffalo Corral offers Sunset Trail Rides every Thursday from 6-8 p.m. These scenic rides are offered at a cost of \$12.50 for authorized MWR patrons and \$18 for civilians. Rides are open to riders 7 years and above.

The next Moonlight Trail Ride will be Aug. 22 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Prices are the same as the Sunset Trail Rides. This evening's ride is the perfect way to enjoy a desert summer night. Call 533-5220 for information.

Buffalo Corral Riding Stables are now closed Mondays and Tuesdays. The facility is open Wednesday through Sunday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The private mount area hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. PMA retail store is closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Irwin Pool party and barbecue

Irwin Pool will host another summer pool party Aug. 17 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Patrons may swim and eat for \$5 or just swim for the normal fees of \$2 for adults, \$1 for children and children 2 years and younger are free.

Patrons who decide to eat after they enter may do so for a \$4 charge. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and sodas. For information, call 533-3858.

Barnes Pool new hours

Effective Monday, Barnes Field House Pool will begin new operating hours. Hours for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday are 5-7:30 a.m. lap swim, 7:30-11 a.m. open swim, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. lap swim and 1-2 p.m. open swim. Pool closes at 2 p.m. The pool closes from 7:45-11 a.m. on Thursdays for sergeant's time training.

During the week of August 12-16, the pool will be closed from 7:30-9:30 a.m. for swim team practice. Call 533-3858 for information.

BOSS hosts 3-on-3 basketball tournament

The Fort Huachuca Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program is hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Aug. 17. The event starts at 10 a.m. and is open to unit teams, active duty soldiers, students and authorized MWR patrons. Entry fee is \$75 per team. The grand prize is \$500. Teams may consist of three or four players. Food and beverages will be available. A free throw contest will also be held. Entry packets are available at Barnes Field House. For information, call 533-7395.

LakeSide Activity Centre events

LakeSide will offer their Brunch Sunday and on Aug. 25. The brunch menu includes an omelet station and Chef Chewy's special eggs benedict along with pastries, breads and a variety of specially prepared dishes such as baked salmon, sea bass, pork, beef or chicken. The cost is \$13.95 for adults and \$7 for children ages 6 to 10 years. Children 5 and under dine free of charge. Reservations are strongly suggested. Call 533-2194 for information.

This month's Right Arm Night is scheduled for Aug. 16. Free snacks and music accompany the pay-as-you-go bar. Call 533-2194 for information.

Thunder Mountain Powerlifting Open

The 2002 Thunder Mountain USA Powerlifting Open will be held Oct. 19 at Barnes Field House. This first-time event is a USA Powerlifting sanctioned event. Entry fees are \$25 for the first division entered and \$20 for each additional division. Team entry is \$40. Entry deadline is Oct. 8. There will be an additional \$5 entry fee for registrations after Oct. 8. Admission price for spectators is \$5 per person. Children 12 and under may attend free of charge.

There are many divisions and weight classes. Awards will be given to 1st-5th places in all divisions. Call 533-3180 or 533-5031 for information.

MWR Box Office offers Cardinals' package

An Arizona Cardinals' package is available at MWR Box Office. The package includes hotel accommodations and tickets to the Aug. 17 game with the Green Bay Packers. MWR Box Office is located in the MWR Plaza, Building 52008. Operational hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 2404 for information.

Rollin' Thunder Skate Park now open

The Rollin' Thunder Skate Park is now open. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Thursday 5-8 p.m., Friday 5-9 p.m. for teens only and Saturday 1-6 p.m. Beginning Aug. 14, after-school hours will be Tuesday through Thursday 3-7 p.m., Friday 5-9 p.m. for teens only and Saturday 1-6 p.m.

Required equipment includes helmet, knee pads and wrist guards. Equipment is available to rent for \$1 fee at the park. Rollin' Thunder is open for skate boards and rollerblades only. No bikes are allowed.

The fee is \$2 for non-members and \$1 for members. For more information, contact Youth Services at 533-3205.



Back to School Hair Cut Special

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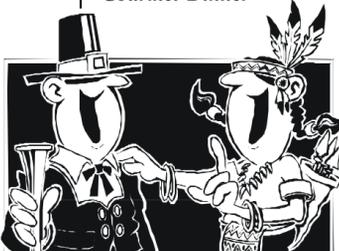
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DoD asks eligible donors to give

Army News Service release

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense blood donor centers are asking eligible soldiers and civilians to give blood this summer to ensure adequate DoD supplies and to assist civilian agencies experiencing unusually severe blood shortages.

"The next few months will be tough for us to keep blood supply at optimal levels," said Army Col. Mike Fitzpatrick, Armed Services Blood Program director. "Summer is the time when most military personnel move to new duty stations. When you add summer vacations to that, you get an increased need for blood donations."

Blood donors are encouraged to give blood through the Armed Services Blood Program, which is supporting civilian requests for blood products in the current shortage, said Navy Cmdr. Rebecca Sparks, deputy director, ASBP.

"In military communities where our program does not have blood collection facilities, we urge soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines to support blood drives in their local communities," Sparks added.

Unlike civilian agencies, the ASBP, which provides blood products for military hospitals and military readiness purposes, is not experiencing a blood shortage.

Having sufficient amounts of blood on hand at Armed Services Blood Programs to meet military needs is attributed to two factors. First, DoD's current needs are much smaller than those of civilian agencies. DoD collects about 1 percent of the blood collected from Americans.

Second, military personnel donate blood at about twice the rate that civilians do. About 10 percent of eligible military donors donate; civilian blood collection agencies estimate that less than 5 percent of the eligible U.S. population donates.

However, a disproportionate number of DOD donors are deferred from giving blood under standards implemented last fall by the Food and Drug Administration, which regulates blood products in the United States.

The standards were instituted as a precautionary measure against exposure to the human form of mad cow disease.

About 18 percent of active-duty military personnel cannot donate blood because of duty assignments in the United Kingdom and Europe, according to Sparks. Because of concerns about exposure to the human form of mad cow disease, the FDA restricted donations from people who lived or traveled in these places during specified timeframes. DoD issued a policy based on that of the FDA, which defers military personnel and family members who meet any of the following criteria:

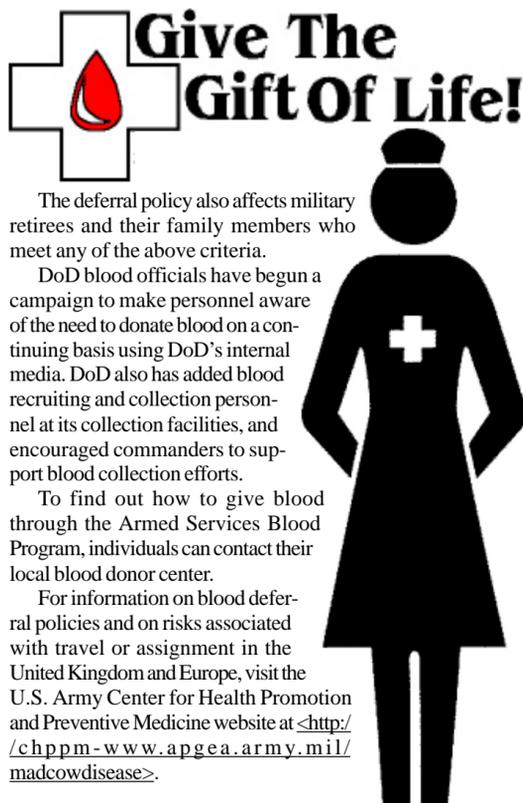
Traveled or resided in the United Kingdom from 1980 through 1996 for a cumulative period of three months or more.

Traveled or resided in Europe from 1980 through 1996 for a cumulative period of six months or more.

Traveled or resided in Europe from 1980 to the present for a cumulative period of five years or more.

Received a blood transfusion in the United Kingdom since 1980.

Received a bovine insulin product produced in the United Kingdom since 1980.



The deferral policy also affects military retirees and their family members who meet any of the above criteria.

DoD blood officials have begun a campaign to make personnel aware of the need to donate blood on a continuing basis using DoD's internal media. DoD also has added blood recruiting and collection personnel at its collection facilities, and encouraged commanders to support blood collection efforts.

To find out how to give blood through the Armed Services Blood Program, individuals can contact their local blood donor center.

For information on blood deferral policies and on risks associated with travel or assignment in the United Kingdom and Europe, visit the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine website at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/madcowdisease>.

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issued a citation," Shears said of drivers who use the road in front of Johnston Elementary School as a four lane road, instead of what it is, a two lane road.

Speed enforcement is put in place to make the post a safer place for children walking or biking to and from school.

Other safety issues are of concern for children who are driven or take a bus to school, according to Bruce V. Heran, post safety manager.

"Each have their own particular problems," Heran said, "Though they each can stem from accidents, illnesses, strangers, and getting lost."

Regardless of how your child gets to school, there should be a plan of attack for each new school year, especially for children who recently relocated or changed schools, Heran said.

When a child is involved in an accident or incident, they should already know what to do, according to Heran. This means teaching children who are "good" strangers, providing them with phone numbers to call, and going through the motions of getting out of

bad situations.

The following is a guideline to help minimize back-to-school problems:

- Plan a route to and from school well in advance, to avoid a child getting lost and frightened.
- Teach children to obey all traffic laws, signs, warnings, and patrols.
- Warn children against playing with any animals, including domestic cats and dogs.
- Use the buddy system. Groups are less likely to be involved in incidents than individuals. Groups also can send someone to call for help if need be.
- Give children work, home and cell numbers, as well as emergency numbers, such as 911. Also, provide change for pay phones.
- When dropping a child off, don't leave until the child has made it all the way inside the school grounds.
- Tell children to trust their instincts.
- Call the school when children are ab-

sent and asked to be contacted when the child is missing.

For bike riders, 5-14 years old, head injuries are the leading cause of death. Wearing a helmet reduces the risk by 85 percent, according to Heran.

Heran's own daughter had a biking accident when she was young, teaching him a lesson on how importance a helmet is.

"My daughter was riding to middle school, wearing a helmet, when she hit a rock and was pitched out in front of the bike. All she ended up with was some scrapped elbows," Heran said. "Her helmet was cracked straight down the middle. The doctors said without the helmet she would have suffered brain damage."

Heran said the safest way to get a child to and from school is the school bus.

"The school bus is the safest motor vehicle on the highway. It's 82 percent safer than passenger cars," he said. "Unfortunately when there is an accident it injures several people and is severe."

The school bus is estimated to travel one

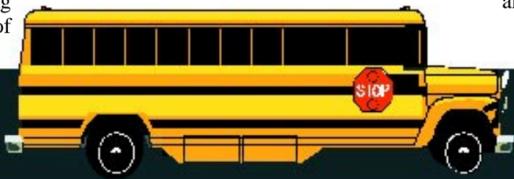
billion miles a year and is all in all a safe and reliable method to get children to school, according to Heran.

"Buses have a danger zone. If children have accidents or injuries, such as falling down, it is within 10-feet of every direction from the bus and any distance behind the bus.

"Children must be taught to get on and off the bus quickly, then move away from the bus. Also, if the driver's face cannot be seen in the mirrors, then the driver cannot see you," Heran said. He also reminded the public that drivers must stop in every direction when there is a school bus stopped.

"There are many pedestrians in these areas where vehicles do not stop, even though the law says to. Children have an injury rate of 60 percent toward the end of the day from drivers not obeying the law," Heran said.

"Just remember that it's back-to-school time and there's going to be hundreds of those little guys and girls out there," Shears said. "Pay attention and help everyone have a safe school year."



Watch for children!
School starts Aug. 14

Utica's talented kids pay tribute at pentagon

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — It was hot and humid, but the 12- to 18-year-old singers, dancers and musicians from upstate New York knew the show must go on.

In close to 100-degree weather, the United Kids of America performed in honor of the nation's military and police, fireman and other first responders. With traditional show-biz fortitude, 50 kids sang patriotic songs, danced, marched and saluted today in the Pentagon courtyard.

After three performances in New York City — one near Ground Zero, a second at the United Nations and a third in Central Park — the United Kids of America Tour had traveled to the nation's capital to give their final performance.

Singer Brian Heffron, 18, of New Hartford, N.Y., explained why he volunteered for the show tour. "Everybody asked, 'What can we do?' after 9-11," he said. "This was my way of saying, 'This is what I can do.' I can use my voice and my acting and my dancing skills to honor those whom I believe are heroes."

Singer Keely Scarlata, 15, of Clinton, N.Y., said she auditioned for the show because she thought it'd be patriotic and "great to get involved with it." She's a member of Show Stopper Productions, which co-organized the tour.

Tour Director Karen O'Brien said she initiated the show to give the kids a way to express themselves in the wake of the terrorist attack.

"I work a lot with teen-agers, just as a hobby," she said. "I feel that they have a lot that they think and feel, that maybe adults underestimate them. I wanted them to have an opportunity to speak for themselves on what impact 9-11 had on them."

O'Brien asked all the members of the Utica area performing arts community to participate in a joint show. Her goal was to bring all the kids together and work as a team. Students of private dance studios and vocal coaches responded, and rehearsals stated in March.

"Planning began a few months earlier," she said, "writing the show, picking out material, looking at costumes. My mom, Ruth O'Brien, did all the coordinating for this, and we have a whole staff of adults who helped. Like our sound guy, Pat Petrello, who's sweating profusely out there."

The show premiered at Stanley Theater in Utica, N.Y., and the rest is history, according to O'Brien. "It's been a great experience," she added, "because a lot of the kids did not know one another when they started this tour and now I don't think they could be separated."

Arriving by bus from New York, the group toured the national monuments by night. The next morning, it was on to the



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The United Kids of America Tour entertained at the Pentagon during lunchtime.

Pentagon, said dance director Charline Topor of Marcy, N.Y. She noted that the group did a lot of fund-raising to make the tour possible. Kids, parents and supporters did spaghetti dinners and solicited ads for the show's program. Wal-Mart and the American Legion also helped sponsor the kids, she added.

"This was a great trip for me," Topor said. "It was great seeing all the kids come together and make new friends. I think it's meant a lot to the kids to do this. The parents that came with us were just thrilled to see the kids perform — even in all this heat."

Fishing Report

SOUTHERN WATERS

TUCSON URBAN — The urban lakes — Silverbell, Kennedy and Lakeside — have been stocked with channel catfish. No further stockings are scheduled until mid-September when water quality improves. Use chicken liver, worms or prepared catfish bait. Use a size 2 or 4 hook fished on the bottom. A Carolina-rig would be a good bet. The urban lakes have also been stocked with aggressive, fast growing, tasty, hybrid sunfish. Fishing for sunfish has been good. Use mealworms and earthworms and a small hook, size 10 or smaller, under a bobber set at three to five feet. Buy a two-pole stamp and try different baits to double your chances.

SAHUARITA LAKE — Sahuarita, the

newest urban lake, has been stocked with channel catfish and has also been stocked with largemouth bass and hybrid sunfish. No further stockings are scheduled until September when water quality improves.

RIGGS FLAT — Scheduled for stocking this week. Fishing has been good for trout. The weather is cool. Try Power Bait, corn or cheese. For information call (520) 428-4150

CLUFF RANCH — Is open and is fair for warm water species. For lake information, call (928) 485-9430.

KEARNY LAKES — Slow for warm water species. Is stocked with largemouth bass, catfish and sunfish.

ARIVACA — Anglers intending to camp at the lake should be advised that there is a fire restriction in place at the lake and no camp-

fires are allowed. Harvest regulations on largemouth bass have been restricted to catch-and-release only on all largemouth bass here. Surveys show fair numbers of small bass, but very few fish exceeding 12 inches. Average bass size is seven inches. Due to elevated mercury readings in the warm water species, (bass, sunfish and channel catfish) it is recommended that these fish not be eaten until further notice. Catch-and-release should be practiced.

PENA BLANCA — Good for warm water species: bass, sunfish and crappie. Surveys show a healthy bass population with good numbers of fish in the 15 to 18-inch range. Use artificial worms in rocky areas for largemouth bass. Good for sunfish. Try worms in shady areas. Due to elevated mercury readings in the warm water species (bass, sunfish, crappie and

channel catfish), it is recommended that these fish not be eaten until further notice. Catch-and-release should be practiced. For lake information call (520) 281-2296.

PATAGONIA — Fishing is fair to good for warm-water species, such as bass, sunfish and catfish. Best fishing is at night. Artificial worms, spinnerbaits and crankbaits fished close to structure and cattails should get results for bass. For channel catfish, try worms, chicken liver, or prepared catfish bait. Try worms in shady areas for sunfish. Crappie anglers report a good crappie bite on small jigs fished close to the cattails. For lake information call (520) 287-6063.

PARKER CANYON — Has been stocked with trout. Trout fishing has been fair using Power Bait, corn or cheese.