

The Scout Time Out

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Smith to present drama

The Smith Middle School Drama Club will present its version of the melodrama, "Wait 'til the Sun Shines, Nellie, or So Long Sinvelheart," by Gary Sodaro, to Smith students and faculty on Friday.

The cast will hold a dress rehearsal for parents, friends, and the community today at 6 p.m.

MEDDAC golf scramble

The United States Army Medical Command Family Readiness Group will hold a golf scramble, Friday. The shotgun start will begin at 8 a.m. Slots will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

For more information, call 533-1402/8363.

Post wide yard sale set

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca is hosting a Post Wide Yard Sale May 10, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The purpose of this event is to allow all families on Fort Huachuca to conduct yard sales at their post quarters on the same day.

This event is open to Fort Huachuca and surrounding communities.

Signs to advertise these sales will be no larger than 24" x 24", neatly printed, and placed only in the yard of the occupant holding the sale. Signs will not be placed on telephone poles or in other commonly used areas.

Yard sales at quarters located on Grierson Avenue, Henry Circle, Mizner Avenue, and Hines Street will be restricted to the back yards due to the historical nature and high visibility of these areas.

For more information call Holly R. Sickels, 533-3185.

Schedule physicals

Beat the rush, schedule your sports/school physical now for children ages 5-13. To schedule an appointment, call 533-9200.

Flash-flood quiz answers

Answers from last week's flash flood quiz is as follows: 4. a. Six inches of water can knock a person off of their feet. 5. a. Two feet of water can sweep a vehicle away.

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Fun Fest!

Fun, games and food were on hand for the entire family. See Page B2.

Operation Sustaining Families puts smiles on faces of family members

BY STAFF SGT.
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TIME OUT EDITOR

The loved ones of Fort Huachuca servicemembers deployed to the Gulf in support of Operation Freedom were treated to a day of food, fun and laughter Sunday.

The Arizona Beef Council and the Arizona Cattleman's Association donated more than 1,300 pounds of beef, worth approximately \$10,000, 3,000 hot dog buns, ice cream, coleslaw, beans, potato chips and milk to the hundreds of family members who participated in Operation Sustaining Families.

The event was held at the La Hacienda Ramada area.

Hanna Serna, whose husband Sgt. 1st Class James Serna, 269th Signal Company Triband Team has been serving in the Gulf for five months, attend the event along with their daughter. She is a key spouse-leader for the 504th Signal Battalion's Family Readiness Group and said an event like this will help to keep soldiers morale up because it shows that families are being supported.

Kerry Moncur, who served as the coordinator for the Arizona Beef Council and the Arizona Cattleman's

Association said the idea started with the idea of putting together care packages for the soldiers and eventually evolved into a barbecue for family members.

"We wanted to let the family members as well as the soldiers and other Fort Huachuca personnel know that the Arizona Cattleman's Association and the Arizona Beef Council supports the United States military. It's for a great cause," Moncur said.

"Things have gone great. We've had so many people, especially parents, tell me how thankful they were to sit down and talk to other family members. They are so grateful they can let the kids run around and have fun and for the fact they didn't have to cook today.

"As a former member of the Armed services, and as a representative of the Beef Council, I'm really proud of being able to give back to the community who has given us so much. It was worth it," Moncur said.

Moncur went on to thank Fort Huachuca's MWR who volunteered their services by cooking the food, Sierra Vista's Chamber of Commerce and other Arizona business for showing their support to Fort Huachuca troops.

Capt. Richard Barton, rear commander of the 504th Signal Battalion, was pleased with the event also.

"This was an excellent social event for spouses and family members to be able to get together and relax and at the same still be able to remember their loved ones. We are grateful," Barton said.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Lime Light Productions entertained the crowds at Sundays Operation Sustaining Families hosted at Fort Huachuca's La Hacienda Ramada area.



Hundreds of families enjoyed the activities which included a performance by the 36th Army Band and an inflatable maze.

All-Army wrestlers salute deployed soldiers

BY TIM HIPPS
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Army 2nd Lt. Dominic Black missed his fiancée's phone call from Iraq while warming up for a wrestling match against Air Force Senior Airman Corey Farkas April 13.

Black, however, clearly heard her voicemail message.

"I know today's a big day for you," said 2nd Lt. Laura Grimes, a transportation specialist who deployed March 4 to the Middle East with the 101st Airborne Division. "Good luck. I hope you wrestle well."

Those words meant the world to Black, who moved up a weight class and posted technical-fall freestyle victories April 13 over three heavyweights in the 2003 Armed Forces Wrestling Championships. He pummeled Farkas, Navy Lt. Josh Feldman and Marine Capt.

Raymond Mendoza — all by scores of 11-0.

"It was extra special to me just to know the troops are over there," said Black, 32, of Lexington, Ky. "We always say that we're soldiers first and this gives us an opportunity to do what we're best at. It was an extra lift to think about her being over there and me competing. It gave me a little extra drive."

Therein lies the rub. Military world-class athletes — whether soldiers, airmen, sailors or Marines — are bombarded lately with a constant, nagging question: "Should you be competing while your compatriots are waging war?"

"That's always in the back of your mind because we have all these soldiers over there fighting," 1st Lt. Eric Albarracin said. "Freedom is not free, and they're

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You don't have to be a star to have an agent

BY FLO DUNN
DECA MEDIA RELATIONS

Having both parents deployed can be very troubling for children left behind with a caregiver, but thanks to not-widely known commissary directives their children can continue to enter the friendly confines of any commissary as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

The military does not require children under 10 years old to have an identification card; however, directives permit an approved agent to accompany children separated from their military parents and act on their behalf.

"This is not a new policy. It's one that has been on the books for years," said Robert Vitikacs, the Defense Commissary Agency's executive director for operations and product support.

Known as the agent privilege, it's for any authorized commissary shopper who needs assistance shopping or who cannot shop on his or her own behalf because of disability, illness or infirmity. That privilege also extends to grandparents, guardians or caregivers of children of service members who may not be available due to deployment or remote assignment.

"DeCA does not grant this privilege," said Vitikacs. "Agent privilege is authorized by the installation commander who controls who enters the installation."

The agent does not have to be an authorized commissary shopper.

The military member may request an agent pass for approval to allow the individual who is the primary caregiver for the children of deployed parents to enter the installation. Non-military primary caregivers should

contact the identification card section on the installation to determine what legal documents, i.e., power of attorney, may also be needed to establish proof of caregiver status.

At the same time, the individual can also ask what documents are required to enter the installation.

Upon verification of caregiver status, the individual receives written authorization from the commander's representative designating him/her as an "agent" to accompany the children.

Usually, the letter is for a 12-month period, but it can be extended in cases of continued hardship.

"We want to provide a touch of home for children whose parents are deployed and often, family finances are stretched to the limit. Whether they're buying for a toddler or a teen, we can help the agents get the best value for their money by saving them 30 percent or more on their groceries and personal care items. It's just one less worry deployed parents will have," Vitikacs added.

"I also urge authorized shoppers who are elderly or disabled, and unfamiliar with the 'agent' privilege, to contact the identification card section on the installation to determine what proof is needed to have an agent shop in the commissary on their behalf," Vitikacs concluded.

Chief Master Sgt. Deborah Brian, DeCA's senior enlisted advisor, added, "The agent privilege is especially helpful for Reserve and Guard family members and I strongly recommend military organizations tell their children's caregivers about it."

Fun, safety join forces with community agencies, post during annual Safety Stand Down Day

BY STAFF SGT.
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TIME OUT EDITOR

May 8, will be Fort Huachuca's Safety Stand Down Day and also promises to be a day combined with fun and training for the entire post community.

Bruce Heran, post safety officer, said the Installation Safety Office will set up several exhibits at the Murr Recreation Center that are free to the public.

He expects approximately 50-60 organizations to participate in the event and to set up displays.

The Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum will bring wild animals such as spiders, snakes and heliometers for the public's viewing pleasure and Tucson Electric and Power will come down and perform a live demonstration.

Several colleges are scheduled to attend the event in addition to the U.S. Bor-

der Patrol, the U.S. Coast Guard and others.

He said families; school children, community members and all servicemembers are en-

couraged to attend the information exchange.

It will be open from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

He said refreshments will be for sale during the event.



Courtesy photo

Members of the Fort Huachuca community enjoyed last years Stand Down for Safety Day.

Enjoy fun, good training during Safety Stand Down for Safety Day, May 8, at Murr Recreation Center



Photo by Nell Drumheller

A drop in the bucket!

William Tackie, a first grader, tries to get more water in the bucket than on his head in a Water Relay at the Johnston Elementary School Fun Day, April 24.

Fun fest activities celebrates Month of Military Child



Photos by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program ran a race car game during Saturday's Fun Fest.



Members of the Marine Detachment held an obstacle course during the Fun Fest.

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over there taking care of business. When the seven (prisoners of war) were found and they were healthy, that was great for all the Armed Forces to see."

Albarracin, 30, of Coral Springs, Fla., won a gold medal in the 121-pound freestyle division with technical-fall victories over Air Force's Jay Field and Navy's Mike Wendelken, capped by an emotional, 8-5 decision of Marine Staff Sgt. Duaine Martin.

"They're fighting for us, and we're fighting to make them feel proud when they read the Army Times and see that we basically beat up on the other Armed Forces," said Albarracin, a three-time Armed Forces champion. "Hopefully that will put a smile on their faces."

"At the same time, we represent them as they're representing us over there," chimed in Black, a six-time Armed Forces champion. "Every time you walk out on the mat, you think about those guys over there and just think about this opportunity that we have."

Those sentiments echoed throughout every nook and cranny of the wrestling room at Mountain Home.

"The questions have been asked: Should we be doing this or should our athletes be in Iraq?" Air Force coach Rich Estrella admitted. "Well, if we were needed, there's absolutely no doubt in my mind that every single one of these guys — Army, Air Force, Navy or Marine — would be doing their jobs in support of the war."

"As a matter of fact, because we're here right now, that's exactly what we're doing. It's business as usual in the USA. We're a strong country and we can continue to do a number of different things."

Few people doubt whether these young toughs are willing to fight. They fail to understand, however, their need to compete during wartime.

"It really puts things into perspective," Black said of communicating with his deployed fiancée in Iraq.

Black, however, had no second thoughts about competing in the tumbleweed-laden desert of Idaho.

"None," he answered quickly. "Armed Forces is huge for us. You always want to be a part of it. A lot of energy comes out of it. Our thanks go out to all those troops that are over there defending us, supporting us and allowing us to be here while they're over there taking care of business."

Succeeding at international competitions,

such as the World Championships, Pan American and Olympic Games, is the primary focus for members of the Army World Class Athlete Program. Do not think for a minute, however, that they do not care about their deployed peers.

"Every day, the first thing I do is look at the obituaries of soldiers who have died and it brings tears to my eyes," said Staff Sgt. Glenn Nieradka, 30, of Tigard, Ore. "We're soldiers first and we're willing to fight for our country, but we're also wrestlers, and I'm totally confident that they support us."

Nieradka, a two-time national champion, won his sixth Armed Forces championship with Greco-Roman victories over Navy's Mark Gaskill, Air Force's Jared Moreland and a pin of Marine Lance Cpl. Jesse Clark. That's the most Nieradka thinks he can do for the Army on any given Saturday — lead soldiers to victory on the mat.

"I have total confidence in our Army and our Armed Forces," he said. "If we're over there, I know we're going to win. I know it's going to be swift. There's not really a second thought on my mind. Every time we walked out on the mat this weekend, we talked about it. We're not winning it for just the Army, we're winning for the guys who are actually over there in the desert."

"That's what makes this one that much sweeter."

Spc. Oscar Wood, 27, of Gresham, Ore., was the only soldier to compete in both Greco-Roman and freestyle competition. He won a gold medal in the 66-kilogram freestyle division and silver in Greco, his specialty. He dedicated both to comrades bearing arms.

"I spent the night at my grandparents' house in Boise, Idaho, and my grandfather woke me up and they were talking on TV about the seven POWs who got rescued," Wood said. "That sent my mind in a whole bunch of different directions. It's more than us not having to be there, it's about what those guys are out there doing. If you asked all these wrestlers if they want to be there right now, I think a lot of them would go and fight for this country. Wrestlers have that mentality. We wouldn't have joined the Armed Forces — whether it be the Marines, Air Force, Army or Navy — if we didn't have a core value of just being American."

"So when I woke up this morning, I was full of pride. I don't know if it helped me any more today, but I'll tell you what, I felt great this morning knowing those soldiers

were safe. That's outstanding."

Wood lost just one of six matches during his busy weekend, a rugged, 3-2, Greco-Roman setback at the hands of Air Force Staff Sgt. Steve Woods, 27, of Gary, Ind.

"Wrestling is always going to be wrestling," Wood said. "Granted, I've been doing it my whole life so it's hard to say it's not valuable, but what those guys are doing is more important. I just hope they know that we fight year-round for them and we fight for the Army pride. We fight in peacetime, but now you can't compare it."

Family members, loved ones and close friends are fighting for these athletes' rights to wrestle.

Sgt. Eddie Woody, an All-Army wrestler who competed in the 2002 Conseil International du Sport Militaire and U.S. National Championships, also deployed to Iraq with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, as did former WCAP boxer Staff Sgt. Bradley Martinez. Field artilleryman Sgt. Yamar Resto, a former WCAP boxer and husband of WCAP wrestler Pfc. Iris Smith, also is there. So, too, is reigning Greco-Roman world heavyweight champion Sgt. Dremiel Byers' wife.

"I know WCAPers Eddie Woody and Yamar Resto are over there," Albarracin said. "And my cousin, Spc. Adrian Albarracin, is in Iraq, too, as are a bunch of my Officer Candidate School classmates. When they were taking off, they were all wishing me well and telling me they wanted to see me in the newspaper and the Army Times and on television."

"I told them: 'Just watch, and I'll be there on that podium,'" Albarracin continued. "They're over there making us proud, and hopefully we're making them proud."

This isn't the first time soldiers have competed athletically during wartime. They carried on through World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and Desert Storm.

And if the call comes. . .

"We're wrestling until we're told otherwise," said two-time Armed Forces champion Sgt. Jason Kutz, who won the 60-kilogram freestyle title.

"We're really focused on wrestling, but if we're told otherwise, we're going to go do what we have to do. Just give us weapons, ammunition and direction, and we'll go that way."

(Editor's note: Tim Hipps is a member of the Army Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs staff.)

Lady Bulls win New Mexico State Championships

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS
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SPECIAL TO THE SCOUT

The Lady Bulls basketball team, comprised of military dependents from Fort Huachuca and Davis-Monthan, went to Albuquerque, New Mexico this past weekend and captured the states Basketball Congress International championship for the 16-17 age group. Players who participated were: Cherelle Brown, Amanda Thomas, Qualisha Rubin, Tiffany Hosten, Moriah Schweyer, Danielle Green, Ayesha Rasul, Caryn Frazier, and Tamarra Hamcock. The Lady Bulls lost their first game to the New Mexico Liberty 43 - 41, but went on to win their next five games to win the championship. Amanda Thomas made the game winning basket with two seconds on the clock to win the championship. Danielle Green was selected Most Outstanding Player of the tournament. The Lady Bulls play May 9 - 11 in Chandler at the Arizona state championships.

American Cancer Society relay for life

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELEASE

The American Cancer Society will hold the Relay for Life May 9 - 10 at Buena High School's. It's designed to increase awareness of cancer and help the American Cancer Society to raise money to win the fight against cancer.

Members of teams from corporations, schools, hospitals and families will walk laps during this 16-hour event.

Cancer survivors are encouraged to attend and have a very important role in the Relay for Life. The opening lap is dedicated to them and will be celebrated with a symbolic walk around the track in order to remind them that they have conquer cancer and can celebrate survivorship.

Survivors check-in starts at 5 p.m. and the opening lap will start between 6:15-6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 520-803-0359 or email Svrelay2003info@cs.com.

In The Spotlight...

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 paula.german@hua.army.mil.



This weekend on Fort Huachuca

The Festival of the Southwest, previously held in Sierra Vista, has moved to the R.L. Anderson Special Events Park, near LaHacienda, on Fort Huachuca this year. The event is set for Friday, 4-10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The festival is open to the public and there is no admission fee.

There will be many attractions for the entire family, including the City of Fun Carnival. Advance tickets for the carnival are on sale now at the price of \$6 for 10 tickets, at the following locations: MWR Box Office, Desert Lanes, MWR Rents and Sierra Vista Safeway. During the carnival, the cost will be \$8 for 10 tickets.

New to the Festival this year is the "Mutt March," which will be held Saturday, starting at 7 a.m. Cost is \$5 for person and dog. Sign up for the 5K or 10K scenic course in front of LaHacienda. Human and canine refreshments will be served along the way. For more information on the Mutt March, call 533-5031.

Some of the other attractions at the festival include: **Friday** - 5 p.m., Opening Ceremony; 36th Army Band; 7 p.m., Neon Prophet (reggae band). **Saturday** - 2 p.m., Bert & the Amigos (strolling mariachis); 5 p.m., Mr. Genio (Latin music); 7 p.m., Primo (Latin music).

Sunday - 1:30 p.m., Taekwondo demonstration; and 3:30 p.m., Pardners (country duo). Following Pardners, there will be a drawing for airline tickets from Arizona Express Airlines. (You'll have an opportunity to register to win the tickets during the Festival). In addition, there will be DJ's providing continuous entertainment during the remainder of the festival.

Plus, there will be lots of food, beverage, craft and information booths for your enjoyment.

And remember, the festival is open to everyone and there is no admission charge.



Mother's Day Buffet at LakeSide

The LakeSide Activity Centre will prepare an exquisite Mother's Day Grand Buffet, May 11 from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$17.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children ages 6-11. Children 5 and younger dine for free.

Treat that special lady to a delightful and delectable brunch to include: fresh fruits and salads, carving station, pasta station, buffet station, omelet station, an array of vegetables and potatoes, freshly baked rolls, croissants and crusty breads, plus a tempting desert bar.

Call 533-2194 to make your reservations today.

Preschool Summer Camp

Preschool summer camp fun is coming your way! Join us for songs, games, art activities, water play in the courtyard, and more based on some of these exciting themes: Make New Friends, Under the Sea, Dinosaurs, Outer Space, Backyard Creepy Crawlers, Magic Mixtures, and Math Connections. New Beginnings Child Development Center is excited to offer a variety of weeklong summer camp experiences for children 3-6. The camp will take place at the Child Development Center.

The Monday through Friday program is open from 8:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. daily. It begins on May 27 and will run through Aug. 8. Sign up begins today at New Beginnings Child Development Center. A \$15 registration fee is required for all applicants not already enrolled in Child and Youth Service programs.

The Summer Camp sliding fee scale is based on total family income. Sign up for a week at a time or for the whole summer. For more information, call New Beginnings Child Development Center at 533-5209 or 533-7057.

Half price paintball

The Sportsman's Center has scheduled Half-Price Paintball Day for Saturday. Just \$10 covers the cost of the gun, mask, CO2, field fee and 100 rounds of ammo.

Trap shooting competition

The State Championship for the Pacific International Trap Shoot Association will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Sportsman's Center, beginning at 9:30 each morning.

Spring paintball competition

The Sportsman's Center will hold a three-on-three paintball competition May 11, with registration at 8 a.m. and the competition starting at 10 a.m.

There will be prizes for the top three teams, including three "Piranha E Force STS" Paintball Guns, Three PMI shirts and three paintball gun cases.

Entry fee is \$75 per team. Teams will be allowed to use field paint only, and "Evil PMI Paintball" will be on sale for \$55 per case.

The event is open to the public. Call the Sportsman's Center at 533-7085 for more information on either event.

Big savings on ski boat rental

During the month of May, MWR Rents will be offering the entire weekend rental of a ski boat for just \$110. This is a \$30 saving off the regular price.

For more information, call 533-6707.

What's happening at Desert Lanes?

Desert Lanes will hold a Scotch Doubles Tournament Saturday. It starts at 1 p.m. The handicap is 80 percent of 200. Entry fee is \$30 per person.

May 11, from noon - 4 p.m., Mother's Day, moms can bowl for just .50 per game and .50 shoe rental.

Call Randy Carter, 533-2849 for more information.

Lunch buffet at LaHacienda

Every Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., LaHacienda offers a lunch buffet, featuring a wide selection of entrees, salads and desserts. Be sure to stop in and try the buffet, for a quick, delicious lunch.

Also, try your luck with Big Bingo offered at La Hacienda on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:45 p.m. and Sundays at 12:45 p.m. Call at 533-7322 for more information.

Upcoming events at Golf Course

Mountain View Golf Course will host the Medical Activity Family Readiness Group Golf Tournament Friday. There will be many big prizes available, including \$25,000 for a hole-in-one. Call 533-1402 for more information or to sign up for this tournament.

Sunday, the Kiwanis are sponsoring a tournament at MVGC which is open to everyone, with proceeds going to Special Olympics.

Junior Summer Golf Program

Mountain View Golf Course will offer a summer series of clinics and playing the game of golf beginning in June for youth ages 7-18. Instructor will be Jason Pitts, MVGC. A tournament will be held at the end of the program, Aug. 13.

Cost of the program is \$75 and includes all days of instruction and tournament fees. Space is limited, so sign up early at the Pro Shop at MVGC or call 533-7088 for more information.



Your chance to win tickets to Lonestar

Reigning Academy of Country Music's Top Vocal Group **LONESTAR**, along with special guest **Tammy Cochran**, will perform at Libby Army Airfield, May 17, for the 2003 Miller Lite Army Concert Tour. Tickets are on sale now at MWR Box Office and Sierra Vista Safeway.

The advance tickets are \$17. The day of the show, the price will be \$20.

Plan to attend the concert pre-party May 9, 4-6 p.m. at Dillon's, 6415 Hwy 90, Sierra Vista. There'll be lots of prizes given away, including two **free** tickets to the concert.

Also, there are more opportunities for you to win tickets to the show. The following facilities will each be giving away a pair of tickets: MWR Rents, Buffalo Corral, MWR Rents and Army Community Service. Check at the individual facility to see what you have to do to sign up for the drawings to be held May 14.

Don't miss your chance to enjoy some first-class entertainment right here on Fort Huachuca, and hear LONESTAR perform their hits like "I'm Already There" and "Amazed," and Tammy Cochran do her big number one hit "Angels in Waiting."

Band pays tribute to military and their families with new footage

LONESTAR has released a new version of the video for their hit single "I'm Already There." Inspired by the overwhelming response Lonestar received when they performed the song with military footage playing behind them at the annual benefit, "An American Celebration At Ford's Theatre," the band decided to revise the video to capture the same sentiment. The video is a tribute to the military to provide comfort for their families and loved ones.

"I'm Already There" first hit the airwaves two years ago, and quickly became an anthem for those who were separated from their loved ones. Immediately after the release of "I'm Already There," the band received thousands of emails and letters from fans and military personnel around the world expressing their gratitude for the song.

After 9/11, a radio station in Dallas created a version - "I'm Already There (Message From Home)" - with testimonials from military families and was soon being played around the country. Two years later, the song has had a major resurgence on the radio, and generated a new outpouring of global support and thanks.

Lonestar's upcoming album, *Greatest Hits - From There to Here*, is set for release on June 3 and will include "I'm Already There," "Amazed," among other #1 hits as well as the new single "My Front Porch Looking In," which is already number 14 on Billboard's Hot Country Singles chart and number 11 on Radio and Records (R&R) country chart.

Provider Appreciation Day

Child care organizations nationwide have joined together to declare May 9 to be Provider Appreciation Day.

At New Beginnings Child Development Center, the Parent Advisory Board is leading this effort. "Thank You Bags" are being prepared to pass out to over 50 child caregivers at the Center, May 9.

National efforts are underway to ask child care organizations, public officials and parents to honor their childcare providers for their hard work and dedication to our children.

By calling attention to the importance of high quality child care services for all children and families, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such services.

Parents with children in child care are encouraged to take this day to show their child care provider how much they appreciate them. It takes a special person to work in this field, and these individuals are often unrecognized and under-appreciated.

For your dining pleasure...

Jeannie's Diner, conveniently located adjacent to Desert Lanes, is open the following hours for your dining pleasure: Mon.-Thurs.. 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri., 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sat., 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, noon-7:30 p.m.; and holidays, noon-6 p.m.

Whether you want a quick breakfast or lunch, or a relaxing dinner, we're here to serve you with a wide variety of selections from our menu, plus daily lunch specials.

Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes

Starting today, Mountain View Golf Course will offer you a chance to win some great prizes in the "Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes."

Open to all authorized MWR patrons, the sweepstakes provides two ways for patrons to win. Each week, a "Lucky" number golf ball will be dropped into the driving range ball machine. The golfer who receives the lucky ball will win an instant prize, which could be anything from a Swiss Army Knife to a DVD/CD player.

Also, for every purchase at the driving range, patrons will receive an entry form for a grand prize drawing scheduled on or about July 31 for two "Great Golf Escape" Packages at a championship golf resort, (valued at approximately \$5,000).

Call 533-7088 for more information.

Tickets Available at MWR Box Office

Tickets are now on sale for "Sesame Street Live," at Tucson Convention Center for the following performances: today - 7 p.m., tomorrow - 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday - 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Sunday - 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

If you're planning to visit Disneyland in California, we have annual passes for this attraction at great savings that may be purchased by military, Department of Defense or Nonappropriated Funds ID cardholders.

Prices vary. Call 533-2404 for information or drop by the MWR Box Office located in the MWR Plaza, Bldg. 52008 on Arizona Street. MWR Box Office is open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Boating Safety Class

MWR Rents will be offering a boating safety course Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the MWR Rents Building 70914 on Irwin Street. Completion of a boating safety class is necessary to rent boats from MWR Rents. Call 533-7607 for information.

Sunset Trail Rides at Buffalo Corral

Starting today, and continuing into the fall, the Buffalo Corral will offer Sunset Trail Rides every Thursday, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Here's your chance to enjoy a nice relaxing ride through some of southern Arizona's most beautiful scenery.

These rides are open to riders 7 and up. The price is only \$13 for authorized MWR patrons, and \$17 for civilians. Riders under 18 must have a release of liability signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Reservations and pre-payment are required by close of business the day before the ride. Reservations can be held over the phone by credit card. The corral requires at least 15 riders for the ride to go.

For more information, call Buffalo Corral at 533-5220.

Buffalo Corral also wishes to announce that they will be closed Saturday and Sunday, but will be offering trail rides and lead-arounds at the Festival of the Southwest.

They will re-open Wednesday with their normal hours.

Showings

The Cochise Theater movie prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, except on Wednesdays and Thursdays, when all admission is 99 cents. All movies will be showing at 7 p.m., unless otherwise indicated. Starting today, the Cochise Theater will be opened Thursdays thru Sundays only.

For more information, call 533-2950 or visit www.aafes.com.

Today at 7 p.m. Daredevil

Ben Affleck, Michael Clark Duncan - The story of Matt Murdock, son of a boxer who gets killed by petty criminals for refusing to take a dive. This drives young Matt to fight crime, despite a childhood accident that robbed him of his sight. Rated **PG-13** (Action/violence and some sensuality). 102 Min.

Today at 7p.m. Tears of the Sun

Bruce Willis, Monica Bellucci - A team of Navy SEALs is sent into the jungle in the heart of Nigeria on a search-and-rescue mission for a doctor. Can a handful of U.S. Soldiers get to their rendezvous point before the several hundred African soldiers on their tail get to them first? Rated **R** (Due to frequent graphic violence, involving depictions of military combat and atrocities: occasional profanity; fleeting nudity and depictions of

rape in war-torn settings. Parental caution is strongly urged). 121 Min.

Friday, Sunday at 7 p.m. Dreamcatcher

Donnie Wahlberg, Jason Lee - Four young friends perform a heroic act, and in the process transformed forever by receiving special powers. Years later, now grown, the four reunite for a hunting trip in the Maine wood. The trip is soon interrupted by a stranger, and the friends must band together to battle a mysterious alien force as the future of the Earth hangs in the balance. Rated **R** (Violence, gore and language). 145 Min.

Saturday, May 8, at 7 p.m. Bringing down the house

Steve Martin, Queen Latifah - Peter is a divorced attorney who's doing his best to move on with his life. He's been chatting online and when his new girl friend comes to his house he discovers, she's not who he thinks it is. It's Charlene, a prison escapee who wants Peter to help clear her name. Rated **PG-13** (Language, sexual humor and drug material). 105 Min.

May 9, May 11 at 7 p.m. The Core

Aaron Eckhart, Hillary Swank - Geophysicist Dr. Josh Keyes discovers that an unknown force has caused the earth's inner core to stop rotating. With the planet's magnetic field rapidly deteriorating, our atmosphere literally starts to come apart at the seam with catastrophic consequences. Keyes, along with a team of the world's most gifted scientists, travel into the earth's core. Their mission: detonate a device that will reactivate the core. Rated **PG-13** (Sci-fi life/death situations and brief strong language). 137 Min.

May 10, May 15 at 7 p.m. Gangs of New York

Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis - New York City, 1863 was a fledgling young city where the desire for a better life raged in crime-ridden streets. Here, as the Nation's own survival was being tested by the ongoing Civil War, a vast and dangerous underworld was born in the streets. Here a fatherless son searches for honor, vengeance and the courage to remake his life. Rated **R** (Intense strong violence, sexuality/nudity and language). 166 Min.

May 16 at 7 p.m. A Man Apart

Vin Diesel, Larenz Tate - A mysterious man known only as Diablo takes over a powerful drug cartel when the former boss goes to prison. That former drug lord then teams up with the DEA agent and his partner to try to take down Diablo. Rated **R** (Strong graphic violence, drug content and sexuality). 109 Min.

May 17, May 22 at 7 p.m. Chicago

Renee Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones - Based on the award winning musical, Roxie's one wish is to follow in the golden footsteps of Vaudeville performer Velma Kelly. Roxie gets her wish, but some very wrong steps land both the star and starlet in prison for separate murder charges. Rated **PG-13** (Sexual content and dialogue, violence and thematic elements). 114 Min.

May 18 at 2 p.m. Piglet's Big Movie

Animated - Piglet gets that inferior feeling when his friend begin a "honey harvest" and he is told that he's too small to help. When Piglet disappears, the other use his scrapbook as a map to try and find him and in the process discover that this "Very Small Animal" has been a big hero in a lot of ways. Rated **G** 78 Min.

May 18 at 7 p.m. What a Girl Wants

Amanda Bynes, Colin Furth - Daphne, a spirited young American girl, travels to London in search of her long-lost father, an influential aristocratic politician. As Daphne attempts to prove that love can conquer all, her impulsive behavior creates an uproar in high society, where her unique style threatens to undermine the relationship she has waited her whole life to experience. Rated **PG** (Mild language). 104 Min.

May 23 at 7 p.m. Head of State

Chris Rock, Bernie Mac - When presidential candidate dies unexpectedly, Washington, D.C. alderman Mays Gilliam a completely unknown is thrust into the international spotlight of presidential politics. Rated **PG-13** (Language, some sexuality and drug references). 95 Min.

May 24, May 29 at 7 p.m. Phone Booth

Colin Farrell, Forest Whitaker - What do you do when you hear a ringing public phone? You know it's a wrong number, but instinct forces you to pick it up. A ringing phone demands to be answered, but when Stu Shepard takes the call, he finds himself hurled into a tortuous game. Hang up, says the caller, and you're a dead man. Rated **R** (Pervasive language and some violence). 81 Min.

May 25 at 7 p.m. Basic

John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson - Six soldiers went out. Two came back. What happened to the military's most elite commandos. The last thing the government wants is a rogue DEA agent investigating the disappearance. As the investigation unfolds, the rogue agent is placed in direct conflict with the Army's official investigating officer and nothing is as it seems. Rated **R**. 99 Min.

