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To attend, make a reservation by July 15 by sending an email to beth.gunter@us.army.mil
For more information, call 255-9639.

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The Missoula Children's Theater hosts auditions for Fort Rucker youth July 25 from 2-4 p.m. at the post theater to act in a production of *Wiz of the West*. Rehearsals will follow from 4-6 p.m. that day and then July 26-30 at The Commons.
The theater hosts acting workshops, including an improvisation workshop July 26 from 3-3:45 p.m., an Acting 101 workshop July 27 from 3-3:45 p.m., and a developing community theater workshop July 28 from 5-5:45 p.m. at The Commons. All workshops are free and open to everyone.
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Freedom Fest

A group of ladies join Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band onstage during one of the band's numbers at Freedom Fest on Fort Rucker Saturday. The band played a wide variety of hits for the almost 30,000 in attendance. See Page A4 for the full story and more photos from the event.

Fort Rucker community honors traditions



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Soldiers from 1st Aviation Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company perform the Retreat ceremony at Howze Field. The ceremony is conducted daily at 5 p.m.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Reveille and Retreat are traditions that run deep in the veins of Soldiers throughout the world, the beginning and end of each duty day at Fort Rucker is signified with these long-held traditions of the U.S. Army.

"The Army is about traditions," said Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Dwaine E. Walters. "By observing Retreat, you are reminded of what the Army is and what it means."

For many years the ceremonies were not observed at Fort Rucker. In the summer of 2007, Aviation Branch Command Sgt. Maj. Tod L. Glidewell came to Fort Rucker. He said Retreat was not be-

ing observed in the proper manner during this time.

"There are many of our brothers and sisters who have fought long and hard for this nation who would love the opportunity to stand here and observe Retreat at the end of each day," said Glidewell. "But they have paid the ultimate sacrifice, and to be respectful you should stop, face the colors and observe the ceremony."

When Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, took command, one of the many questions facing him was the observance of Reveille and Re-

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New 'Warrior' assumes command of 110th

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

An old "Warrior" handed the reins to a new leader after a long, accomplished career in Army Aviation.

Col. Russell E. Stinger relinquished his command of the 110th Aviation Brigade to Col. Kevin J. Christensen during a change of command ceremony at Howze Field June 30.

Christensen is a recent graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and he previously served in the G3 plans of the U.S. Army Europe in Heidelberg, Germany, and as the senior Aviation trainer for Joint Multinational Training Command.

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general,

welcomed Christensen to the installation and described for those in attendance the level of difficulty being the commander of the "Warriors" entails.

"I'm so happy to have (Christensen) on the team," he said. "I expect (him) to be able to train our Soldiers to (make an impact) on the battlefield. It's not an easy job. Imagine training your children to drive a car every day, but in this case the cars are helicopters and they have to break contact with the ground. I know he's up to the task."

Christensen said he was honored to take command of the brigade and added he planned to keep up the tradition of excellence it's known for.

"This is an outstanding unit,"



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, passes the colors of the 110th Avn. Bde. to its new commander, Col. Kevin J. Christensen, during a change of command ceremony at Howze Field June 30. Christensen assumed command from Col. Russell E. Stinger who commanded the unit since 2009.

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Soldier trades life for few seconds of thrill

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(Editor's note: This article is reprinted from *Knowledge*, the Army's safety magazine. The article is based upon a recent Army accident investigation. The names of the Soldiers have been changed to protect their privacy.)

One hundred and eighty-four mph — that's what the bike could do right off the showroom floor.

Pfc. Jesse Morales was well above 100 mph as he bored a hole through the night on a straight section of the divided six-lane highway. Never had he felt so much power at his fingertips. Time, distance and speed all blurred together as he crouched forward over the sport bike's fuel tank. He'd never gone so fast before and still been on the ground.

The yellow glow of sodium streetlights bathed the road ahead, providing illumination under an otherwise dark, moonless sky. Falling quickly behind in his rearview mirror were the headlights of several cars he'd passed. He'd used the bike's speed and agility to swiftly weave through them, leaving himself an uncluttered straightaway ahead. He wondered how fast the bike's 190 "horses" could push him when there was nothing to hold him back.

Morales rolled on the throttle — the acceleration was incredible. He felt the bike surge ahead and held on tightly. The road sloped slightly downward through a gentle dip. Morales briefly felt a little heavier in the bike's seat as he came out of the dip and began climbing a gentle incline on the other side.

Speed — pure adrenaline pumping, heart-thumping velocity — sent him streaking forward like a missile. But the road curved. And the machine desperately wanted to go straight.

Morales was in the far left lane. The faded white lines dividing his lane from the center one suddenly swept beneath his tires as the road gently curved to the left. A second set of white lines quickly flashed below him as he crossed from the middle lane to the far right — his headlight reflecting off the concrete curb ahead. He saw it! Frozen — caught in an impossible situation — Morales never even touched the brakes. The blinding speed he'd craved had erased all of his options.

The bike's front wheel slammed into the curb, creating a deep, half-moon-shaped dent in the rim. Six feet or so farther onto



the shoulder, the bike hit a 2-foot-tall erosion control fence. Constructed of heavy wire fencing secured by steel rebar posts embedded in the ground, it caught Morales, instantly amputating his right leg above the knee. Critically injured, he flew and tumbled more than 40 feet before coming to rest on his stomach, his face toward the road.

Several of the drivers he'd passed moments before saw the accident, called 911 and stopped to help him. But it was too late, as Morales lay motionless on the ground. Only 21 years old, he'd traded the rest of his life for just a few seconds of thrill.

How could something so senseless happen? How could an otherwise intelligent person gamble so much for so little?

The answer is worth considering. Morales had been trained — at least so far as having completed the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Basic Rider Course — more than two years before the accident. However, he'd never identified himself to his lead-ers as a rider or gotten a motorcycle license.

More importantly, his only prior experience riding had been on a scooter in high school. Neither his MSF training nor his limited riding experience adequately prepared him for a motorcycle capable of speeds over 180 mph.

The impulse to seek a thrill pushed him beyond his capabilities. An experienced rider could've rounded the curve, even at the speed Morales was going. But a wise rider would've realized such speeds should be reserved for race tracks where training and controlled conditions dramatically reduce risks.

And there were other issues to be factored in to this accident. Morales had worked all day, finishing with unit physical training. After work, he'd gone out with a friend and grabbed dinner at a fast food restaurant.

After returning to the barracks, he later met up with Pfc. Dale Wright at about 10 p.m. and asked to borrow Wright's motorcycle. Wright, who'd attended the BRC with Morales, agreed to lend him his 1000cc sport bike. Morales explained he was going to ride off post to briefly meet some friends and then return.

However, that didn't happen. At 11:30 p.m., Morales called his girlfriend and told her he was tired and going back to the barracks to get some rest. It was more than an hour later when he opened up the throttle on that straightaway as he headed back toward post.

He'd been up for nearly 17 hours straight and fatigue, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, takes a toll on any motorist's skills. By increasing reaction times, decreasing awareness and slowing the decision-making process, fatigue subtracts from the skills motorists need to be safe on the highway. NHTSA also found that human circadian sleep patterns play a critical role in influencing driver fatigue and alertness. As in Morales' crash, NHTSA found the deadliest time for fatigue-related crashes is after midnight — a time when the body normally wants to sleep.

There is yet another human factor — the decision to ignore risks inherent in a situation regardless the warnings. The underlying motivation is perhaps best described as overconfidence, the attitude that "it" — whatever the negative consequences might be — either "won't happen to me" or "I can handle it."

For Soldiers, who must not only obey state and national laws but also Army regulations, overconfidence can lead to indiscipline — a personal choice to violate the standards they know they should obey. When this happens, it often takes Soldiers out of the risk management cycle, making them

vulnerable to the consequences.

And while indiscipline in garrison can result in a butt-chewing from a first sergeant, on the road the results can be permanent and tragic. It was for Morales.

"Neither a borrower nor lender be"

Those words, taken from Shakespeare's play *Hamlet*, form the basis of some pretty sound advice for Soldiers when it comes to loaning motorcycles to friends.

As in Morales' story, the loan of a motorcycle to a friend, while perhaps done with good intentions, doesn't always end up with good results.

During recent years, several Soldiers have died riding motorcycles borrowed from other Soldiers. Certainly, none of the Soldiers who lent their bikes to their friends intended that they should die on them, but sometimes obvious risks were ignored. It's worth a moment to look at a synopsis of some of these accidents to see what lessons can be learned.

- A Soldier was invited to a party at a co-worker's home where he drank heavily. The Soldier had expressed an interest in borrowing a friend's motorcycle, despite being told not to ride by several other parties. Despite that, the Soldier borrowed the motorcycle, started it and sped up and down the street until he lost control at 80 mph and crashed. The Soldier, who wasn't wearing a helmet, suffered massive head trauma and died on the way to the hospital.
- A Soldier was riding a borrowed motorcycle when he lost control, went into a ditch, struck a barbed-wire fence and suffered fatal injuries.
- A Soldier was riding a borrowed motorcycle without having a motorcycle license or having attended the required MSF training. Overconfident, he lacked the experience and training to ride at high speeds and crashed, suffering fatal head and body injuries.
- Two Soldiers were riding together when the one on a borrowed motorcycle lost control, went off the highway and down a steep embankment and was killed.
- A Soldier was riding a borrowed motorcycle when he collided with another Soldier's motorcycle and was thrown into a steel barrier and killed.

While none of the Soldiers who lent their bikes to their friends intended they suffer these kinds of consequences, neither can they change them. Some bad decisions last forever.

Rotor Wash

“What steps do you take to ensure the safety of your home during extended vacations?”

Mark Souza,
flight instructor

“I have friends at the sheriff's department that I have come by and check on it while we're away.”

Carson Francis,
contractor

“We have a friend who comes to stay at our house.”

Staff Sgt. Charles Bragg,
1st Bn. 3rd Avn. Regt,
Hunter Army Airfield

“We have a company-monitored security system.”

Jose Jimenez,
Aviation Center
Logistics Command

“I make sure the doors are locked up and all electronics are turned off.”

CW3 Russell Harris,
1st Bn., 14th Avn. Regt.

“I make sure the trash cans aren't out and that the mail doesn't pile up.”

Retreat: ‘It is a piece of our history’

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Retreat, and he gave the all clear to reinstate the traditions.

Jan. 18, Reveille and Retreat sounded once again at Fort Rucker.

“It is a piece of our history and, as noncommissioned officers, their primary job is to protect the history and heraldry the Army has and to pass it on to future generations,” Glidewell said.

The military community was fully in support of reinstating Reveille and Retreat, especially noncommissioned officers and retirees whom didn’t understand why a tradition that meant so much to so many was discontinued, said Glidewell.

“Traditions reinforce us as an Army and as a unit; it brings people together at one moment every day,” said Walters.

Reveille is observed at 5:30 a.m. and Retreat is observed at 5 p.m. daily at Fort Rucker. When Retreat is sounded, a cannon is shot and “To the Colors” plays. Those within earshot of the music should immediately stop, get out of their car and salute. If non-military are in earshot they should stop, face the flag and stand at attention.

“Retreat not only has historical value, but the meaning behind it and the reason we observe it are for those making sacrifices for our Army right now and throughout the years. It instills

values and traditions that the Army holds,” said Glidewell.

“Young Soldiers need to see traditions such as these so they can build in the spirit of them as they become the senior leaders of the Army,” Walters added.

What to do when you hear “Reveille” and “Retreat”

Soldiers not in formation:

On the first note of “Reveille,” Soldiers should come to attention and salute the flag. If the flag is not visible, Soldiers should face in the direction of the music and salute.

In the evenings, “Retreat” is played before “To the Colors.” On the first note of “Retreat,” Soldiers should come to attention and face the flag. If the flag is

not visible, Soldiers should face in the direction of the music.

On the first note of “To the Colors,” salute. Exceptions are made if duty requires Soldiers to face elsewhere or saluting hampers the assignment.

Soldiers in formation:

The senior Soldier will call the group to attention and then parade rest at the first note of “Retreat.”

That same Soldier will call the group to attention and “Present, Arms” at the first note of “To the Colors.” At the conclusion, “Order, Arms” is called.

Civilians/Soldiers in civilian clothing:

When in civilian clothing, Soldiers should place their right

hands over their hearts instead of saluting.

Civilians should remove hats and place their right hands over their hearts.

Military veterans have two options: salute like other civilians or render a military-style salute.

While in vehicles:

Vehicles in motion should stop.

People in cars or on motorcycles should dismount and render proper honors.

If Soldiers are with a group in a military vehicle or bus, only the individual in charge will dismount the vehicle and salute.

Source: Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas Beauchamp, NCO Academy.

110th: Stinger describes his command as ‘amazing’

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he said. “It’s a solid, high-performing team of Soldiers, civilians, contractors and their Families. This brigade will continue to train the world’s best combat Aviators to support our (military) wherever the battle may take us.”

Stinger said it was a tough day for

him in relinquishing command, but he knew the day was coming and he added his time with the brigade had been “amazing.”

“There’s been a great many improvements to how we train and it comes down to the people in the brigade working hard day after day,” he said.

“The professionals in this brigade killed

the training backlog by drowning it in the sweat of their hard work. I couldn’t have handpicked or been luckier with the crew the Army gave me.”

Stinger said he believes the brigade is in good hands and will continue to accomplish great things in the future.

Crutchfield said Stinger will be missed, not just as a commander, but as

a friend and battle buddy.

“The dedication and skill of pilots (in the field) comes from here and that’s the impact (Stinger) has developed here,” he said. “Your importance to the mission has nothing to do with your proximity to the battlefield.”

Stinger now retires with his Family to Fort Knox, Ky.

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Almost 30,000 celebrate America's birthday



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Gary Sinise plays his bass guitar while Kirk Garrison belts out a trumpet solo during the Lt. Dan Band's performance at Freedom Fest Saturday.

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

A crowd of nearly 30,000 attended this year's Freedom Fest at Fort Rucker, according to Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials.

The number of attendees rivaled that of any years prior, said Janice Erdlitz, DFMWR marketing manager. She added that the threat of inclement weather might have deterred some people, but many others still made the trip anyway.

"This year's attendance was clearly larger than last year," she said. "We did have some concern with the weather. There were severe thunderstorms in the surrounding communities, but we were very fortunate that we didn't experience any of them. We think they kept some people from coming to the event early on, but the weather cleared and we had a packed event. The weather actually cooled down the temps, which made Freedom Fest even more enjoyable."

The major highlight of the night was a performance from Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band, added Erdlitz.

"It was an awesome show, it truly made the entire event just absolutely incredible," she said. "Great memories were made at Freedom Fest this year. During one song, Gary even had people come up on stage and dance. Concert goes really got a great show."

Sinise, known for his roles in *Forrest Gump* and *CSI:NY*, said performing for the troops in the U.S. for the Fourth of July holiday weekend was a great experience for him and the band.

"I love being with the troops on the Fourth of July or any day, really," he said. "We've performed for the troops every year for the holiday, but it's been overseas, usually. This worked out perfectly since I'm on my summer hiatus."

The band played a variety of hits from Jimi Hendrix to Christina Aguilera, even calling up several members of the audience to be backup dancers for the band during one number.

Overall, it was what Erdlitz called "the best Freedom Fest ever."

"We had more food vendors than ever, plenty of games and rides for the kids, the 98th Army Band did a fabulous job of getting everyone pumped up for the Lt. Dan Band concert and the show was just so memorable," she said. "The crowd was allowed right up to the base of the stage and Gary even came down into the crowd for a while. Then to top off the concert, the fireworks were just spectacular."



Fireworks close out the annual Freedom Fest event at Fort Rucker Saturday night. Almost 30,000 people attended this year's event.

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photos from the event.

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Matthew and Aubrey Seligman, military children, play with the siren of a 1920s fire truck static display during the annual Freedom Fest event at Fort Rucker Saturday.

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Children and parents alike enjoy a carnival ride.



Andria Thompson, military child, gets some help from WOC Robert Brown as she runs an obstacle course in the children's Fun Zone during the annual Freedom Fest event Saturday.



The 98th Army Silver Wings Band performs for the crowd.



Actor Gary Sinise meets Wounded Warrior Lance Gieselman and his Family after a performance by the Lt. Dan Band. Sinise met with other servicemembers and their Families after the event and posed for pictures and signed autographs.



Attendees of Fort Rucker's Freedom Fest take a look at the inner workings of an OH-58D Kiowa Warrior.

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ARMY BRIEFS

DOD ANNOUNCES IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STARS

WASHINGTON — Bronze campaign stars are now authorized for servicemembers who have served in Iraq since Sept. 1, 2010, or in Afghanistan since Dec. 1, 2009, Defense Department officials announced June 30.

The new campaign stars, worn on the Iraq and Afghanistan campaign medals, recognize service during Operation New Dawn in Iraq and the Consolidation III campaign phase in Afghanistan.

Operation New Dawn began Sept. 1, 2010, marking the official end of Operation Iraqi Freedom and U.S. combat operations in Iraq and a new focus on advising, assisting and training Iraqi security forces.

The Consolidation III campaign in Afghanistan began Dec. 1, 2009, the date President Barack Obama committed to sending 30,000 additional troops to Afghanistan with a plan to begin drawing down that force in July.

The services will announce implementing instructions to their members about wear of the new campaign stars.

Servicemembers who have qualified for the Iraq Campaign Medal and Afghanistan Campaign Medal may display a bronze campaign star on their medal for each campaign phase in which they participated. A silver campaign star is issued in lieu of five bronze stars.

FORT BENNING BOASTS ARMY'S TOP DRILL SERGEANT, AGAIN

FORT BENNING, Ga. — For the second time in three years, a Fort Benning drill sergeant is the Army's best.

Staff Sgt. John Heslin of the 192nd Infantry Brigade's D Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, is the 2011 Army Drill Sergeant of the Year after a week-long competition that tested the top representatives from active-duty and Reserve commands on warrior tasks, battle drills, physical fitness, weapons and other events built around their ability to instruct young Soldiers.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES EXPAND FOR SPOUSES

WASHINGTON — In an effort to address military spouses' employment challenges, the Defense Department launched a program June 29 to expand career opportunities for military spouses worldwide, and to recognize the skills and talents they bring to the employment table.

Flanked by military spouses and corporate leaders, top government and military officials unveiled the Military Spouse Employment Partnership during a ceremony at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce here. The partnership encompasses more than 70 employers who have committed to opening their doors to spouse employment.

The partnership program evolved from the Army Spouse Employment Program, through which more than 100,000 military spouses have been hired since 2003, explained Robert L. Gordon III, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy.

For more information, visit the Military Spouse Employment Partnership Web portal located on OurMilitary.mil at <http://www.ourmilitary.mil>.

Battle ready



PHOTO BY AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. VERNON YOUNG JR.

A Soldier attempts to untangle himself during heavy package drop from two C-17 Globemasters during the Joint Operational Access Exercise at Fort Bragg, N.C., June 23.

Joint training benefits from real-world difficulties

BY SGT. MICHAEL J. MACLEOD
Army News Service

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — It's about Charlie Mike, which is radio-talk for "continue mission."

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ANSWERING THE CALL

An Army Guard UH-60 Black Hawk prepares to drop 1-ton sandbags on a dike to keep it from deteriorating any further June 27. The dike was the only thing holding back the floodwaters in Minot, N.D., from overtaking the elementary school, which is the only one in the city that remained dry.

SHARP targets sexual harassment

BY KERSTIN LOPEZ
Fort Carson Public Affairs

FORT CARSON, Colo. — The Army is taking a stand against sexual harassment and assault with the implementation of a new program.

The Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program is a comprehensive integration and transformation of the Army's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program and Prevention of Sexual Harassment efforts.

The SHARP program reinforces the Army's commitment to eliminating incidents of sexual harassment and sexual assault through awareness and prevention, training, victim advocacy, reporting and accountability, said Master Sgt. Cory Wilson, SHARP noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

In order to enhance military readiness, productivity and unit cohesion and to stop sexual harassment and assault, the Army aims to achieve cultural change.

"The Army is moving to a cul-



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ture of prevention instead of reacting. The U.S. Army's new policy now is to prevent, and that's why it has the SHARP program," Wilson said.

Harassment is thought to be a precursor to sexual assault and by addressing the issue, the hope is to eliminate both offenses from the military.

Lt. Col. Cyndi Shue, interim EO and SHARP program manager, said the program is moving in the right direction by including sexual harassment.

"With the implementation of SHARP, EO will be able to better assist leaders to focus on maximizing Soldier potential and ensure fair treatment for all based

solely on merit, fitness and capability," Shue said. "Tightening resources fosters competition for control.

"Taken a step too far, the need for control may evolve into sexual harassment, a form of sex discrimination. SHARP

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Ready: Exercise helps improve communication

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of troops, equipment and supplies, your lead battalion Charlie Mikes and takes the objective anyway.

A joint operational access exercise like the one completed at Fort Bragg June 28 by the Air Force, the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team and other supporting units, is by nature about communication, and as the Devil Brigade's senior logistics officer, Maj. Michael LaBrecque, said afterward, "Nothing teaches like experience."

The outload

The focal point of the two-week collaboration was a three-day mission during which the entire brigade was inserted by air and by truck into enemy territory, their goal, to open access for follow-on combat operations. It was a mini-deployment, but just as moving a household a half mile or 2,000 miles creates about the same amount of work, the logistics effort was not unlike a real deployment.

"It's all the same," said LaBrecque, who has served in the Army 22 years, with two deployments each to Iraq and Afghanistan. "It's just the magnitude of the problem that changes. The requirements of the units increase as we in-

crease the scope of the problem."

The infantry officer now specializing in logistics said that all subordinate units must be proficient at preparing and packing themselves and their equipment as well as completing hazardous declarations and load plans, but they don't use these skills on a regular basis. Thus, JOAX taught them to outload, a skill they will use again for their fall rotation at Fork Polk's Joint Readiness Training Center and real-world missions they may face the following year.

"The units don't get an understanding of the complexity until they are faced with it," he said.

In addition to heavy-equipment parachute drops, LaBrecque and his team organized 52 vehicles to be transported via C-130 aircraft in the hours after the infantry captured the airfield, and driving in another 50 as "notional airlands."

When the weather turned foul, his Soldiers learned first-hand the importance of their craft to the brigade.

"The thunderstorm showed us that if it were a real-world scenario, the paratroopers on the ground would have had to survive an additional eight to twelve hours without supply," said LaBrecque.

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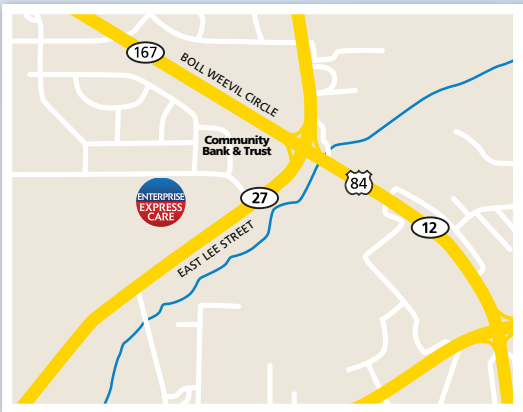
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SHARP: Program targets awareness, prevention

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will target awareness and prevention of harassment behaviors, while facilitating the care and recovery of those affected by assault," Shue said.

During the annual SHARP summit in March, Army Secretary John McHugh said the conference was an effective venue to reinforce SHARP training and share prevention strategies, messages and ideas. He emphasized that the Army is on the right track with the new program and will continue to combat the issues of sexual harassment and assault in military ranks.

"The fact that this sexual assault still occurs in our ranks is heartbreaking, and it's antithetical to everything we value in this institution. And at the risk of stating the obvious, it is simply unacceptable," McHugh said.

"Three years ago, this Army -- all of you -- recognized this problem for what it was," McHugh said. "And that recognition led to the development of programs and initiatives to tackle the issue head on. All of you committed yourselves; you committed yourselves to helping this Army become a national leader in the awareness of what is, in large measure, an under reported crime, but also in the prevention of that crime."



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CW5 Ralph Gilgenast talks with Debbie Henkes, a Med-Trans Air Medical Transport representative, at the Fort Rucker Job Fair last year at The Landing.

Big opportunities

Fort Rucker Job Fair 'too large' to be held on post

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

The annual Fort Rucker Job Fair is set for Aug. 17 beginning at 10 a.m., but it won't take place on post.

This year's job fair takes place at the Enterprise Civic Center and is open to all job seekers, both military and civilian, according to Debbie Gaydos, Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program manager.

"It just got too big for Fort Rucker," she said of the event's expected attendance. "It is

twice the size of any other local job fair and the businesses attending must be hiring. We anticipate 2,500-3,000 job seekers will turn out for this event."

Gaydos added that there will be a wide variety of businesses represented at this year's event and they will be looking for many different skill sets.

"Businesses are hiring everything from retail sales to aerospace engineers," she said. "Quite a few government contractors will be attending and they will be hiring transitioning Soldiers."

She also offered some words of encouragement to those thinking of attending the job fair.

"If they are seeking employment or possibly changing careers, this is where they need to be," she said. "How else could you meet this many recruiters and human resource managers under one roof?"

Those who plan to attend should be prepared, she said. That means dressing properly and having the right materials to get yourself noticed.

"People need to bring at least 10 copies of their updated

resume' and dress in their 'Sunday best,'" she said.

Janice Erdlitz, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing manager, said the event also represented an opportunity for the installation to work closely with one of its surrounding communities.

"We saw this opportunity to have the job fair in Enterprise this year as a great way for our local community to really take part in the event," she said. "Our retiree population lives off post, so it is very convenient to hold it in a local off-post community. We have

had the job fair on post and off post, and this year, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce wanted to partner with us and it just made sense to host the event in Enterprise."

Those looking for help in preparing for the job fair can sign up to attend the Job Fair Preparation Seminar, Aug. 12 at the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce from 10 a.m. to noon.

To make reservations for the Job Fair Preparation Seminar, call 347-0581. For more information on the job fair, call 255-3949.

Preparation essential to surviving disasters

BY NANCY RASMUSSEN
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Disaster can strike when you least expect it, which is why advance preparation is essential, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

With the six-month hurricane season here again, now is a good time to review a few simple preparedness basics.

Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration officials predict an above-normal Atlantic hurricane season, with 12-18 named storms, of which three to six will likely be major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher).

According to the DHS' Ready.gov website, following a few key steps ahead of time will lessen the stress when facing a natural or manmade disaster.

Get a kit

The first step is to gather emergency supplies, including non-perishable food, water, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra flashlights

and batteries.

It is also wise to prepare a portable kit to keep in your car. This kit should include:

Copies of prescription medications and medical supplies;

Bedding and clothing, including sleeping bags and pillows;

Bottled water, a battery-operated radio and extra batteries, a first aid kit, a flashlight; and

Copies of important documents: driver's license, Social Security card, proof of residence, insurance policies, wills, deeds, birth and marriage certificates, tax records, etc.

Make a plan

Prepare your Family by making a Family Emergency Plan.

Your Family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.

Plan places where your Family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood.

It may be easier to make a

long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated Family members.

You may also want to inquire about emergency plans at places where your Family spends time: work, daycare and school. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one.

Plan to evacuate

Identify ahead of time where your Family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood.

Identify several places you could go in an emergency, a friend's home in another town, a motel or public shelter.

If you do not have a car, plan alternate means of evacuating.

If you have a car, keep a half tank of gas in it at all times in case you need to evacuate.

Take your emergency supply kit - an example of one is at <http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html>.

Take your pets with you, but understand that only service animals may be permitted in

public shelters. Plan ahead on how you will care for your pets during an emergency - ideas are available at <http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/pets.html>.

Be informed

Familiarize yourself with the terms that are used to identify a hurricane:

A hurricane watch means a hurricane is possible in your area. Be prepared to evacuate. Monitor local radio and television news outlets or listen to NOAA Weather Radio for the latest developments.

A hurricane warning is when a hurricane is expected in your area. If local authorities advise you to evacuate, leave immediately.

Prepare your home

Cover all of your home's windows with pre-cut plywood or hurricane shutters to protect your windows from high winds.

Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.

Keep all trees and shrubs well trimmed so they are more

wind resistant.

Secure your home by closing shutters, and securing outdoor objects or bringing them inside.

Turn off utilities as instructed. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.

Turn off propane tanks.

Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purposes such as cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill the bathtub and other large containers with water.

Listen to local officials

Learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by your state and local governments. In any emergency, always listen to the instructions given by local emergency management officials.

For further information on how to plan and prepare for hurricanes, as well as what to do during and after a hurricane, visit the NOAA Hurricane Outlook or American Red Cross websites. You can also check the National Hurricane Center website.

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Donations needed

The Thrift Shop is moving and is in need of donated items. People can drop off donations at the shed behind the new Thrift Shop location, the old Armed Forces Bank, in front of the theater. Donations are tax deductible. The new Thrift Shop location opens July 20. For more information, call 255-9595.

Divorce/separation co-parenting workshop

A divorce/separation co-parenting workshop, sponsored by Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program, is Monday and July 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Early Childhood Activity Center.

Topics include commitment to staying child focused, effective communication and negotiation skills, reducing parental conflict and understanding children's needs during and following divorce. This workshop is a two part series. Participants must attend all classes in order to receive a certificate of completion. Registration is required. This workshop is open to active duty military, retired military, civilian employees and their Family members. For more information, call 255-3898.

Kiddy Karaoke

The Landing Zone's character dining features Kiddy Karaoke with DJ Dave Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. For more information, call 598-8025.

Ball and Chain Party Band

The Ball and Chain Party Band performs July 15 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in The Landing Zone. For more information, call 598-8025.

BOSS Foam Party

In celebration of winning best installation the past three years, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers staff hosts a foam party July 16 beginning at 7 p.m. at Mother Rucker's. The event is free and open to the public. Courtesy rides home

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AFTB Level 3

Army Family Team Building Level 3 workshops are July 18, 19 and 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371E. For more information, call 255-2382.

Communications for Couples

A couples communication workshop is July 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Commons, Bldg. 8950, on Seventh Avenue. The workshop is designed to revitalize relationships, build communication skills and develop confidence to help couples communicate effectively. Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch. The workshop is open to active duty, retired, civilian employees and their Family. Door prizes will be awarded. For more information and to register, call 255-3898 or 255-9641.

Stress Management Workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program stress management workshop is July 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Early Childhood Activity Center. Topics include identifying cause of stress, symptoms of stress, techniques on how to manage stress and developing a stress management plan. Registration is required. This workshop is open to active duty and retired military, civilian employees and Family. For more information, call 255-3898.

Acting rehearsals, workshops

For children with dreams

of acting on the big stage the Missoula Children's Theater hosts auditions July 25 from 2-4 p.m. at the post theater to act in a production of *Wiz of the West*. Rehearsals will follow from 4-6 p.m. that day and then July 26-30 at The Commons.

Additionally, the theater hosts acting workshops, including an improvisation workshop July 26 from 3-3:45 p.m., an Acting 101 workshop July 27 from 3-3:45 p.m., and a developing community theater workshop July 28 from 5-5:45 p.m. at The Commons. All workshops are free and open to everyone.

Youth can pre-register for auditions at parent central services, on Webtrac or in person on July 25. For more information, call 255-0666.

Wiz of the West

Child, Youth and School Services, in association with Missoula Children's Theater, presents "The Wiz of the West" — the classic story "The Wizard of Oz" with a twist — July 30 from 1-2:30 p.m. and a second performance from 3:30-5 p.m. at the post theater. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call 255-0666.

Get R.E.A.L.

Army Family Team Building staff hosts Rucker Experience, Army Learning July 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Commons. Topics include acronyms, Army customs and courtesies, military rank, community resources and more. Registration is required. For more information, call 255-2382.

The Mutt Brothers

The Mutt Brothers perform July 29 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in The Landing Zone. People must be age 18 or older to enter. The Landing Zone provides a complimentary shuttle to anywhere on post. For more information, call 598-8025.

Rockin' Rucker's Talent Show Auditions

The Rockin' Rucker's Talent Show, a Festival of

the Arts entry, auditions are Aug. 3-4 from 6-9 p.m. at the Landing Ballroom. Registration is free. Categories include vocal soloist, instrumental group and more.

The top 12 acts selected by the judges have the opportunity to open for Committed, winners of NBC's show *The Sing Off* Aug. 13 from 6-7 p.m. The top eight perform for cash prizes at the Lake Party Luau Aug. 27 from 6-7 p.m.

For more information and to register, call 255-9810.

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent Workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program's Becoming a Love and Logic Parent classes are Thursdays from Aug. 4 through Sept. 15 from 9-11 a.m. at the Early Childhood Activity Center.

This workshop is a seven part series. Participants must attend all classes in order to receive a certificate of completion. This workshop is open to active duty, retired military, civilian employees and Family. For more information, call 255-3898.

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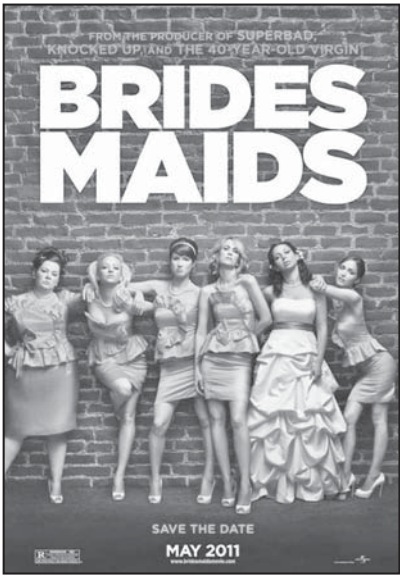
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Pick-of-the-litter

Meet Big Mama, a 1-year-old, domestic medium-hair female cat available for adoption at the Fort Rucker stray facility. She is loving and affectionate. It costs \$81 to adopt Big Mama and other animals at the facility, which includes all up-to-date shots, microchip and spaying. For more information on animal adoptions, call the stray facility at 255-0766, open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The facility needs donations such as dry or canned foods for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as well as blankets, toys and towels. Donations can be dropped off at the veterinary clinic or the commissary. Visit the Fort Rucker stray facility's Facebook page at [http:// www.facebook.com/fortruckerstrayfacility/](http://www.facebook.com/fortruckerstrayfacility/) for constant updates on the newest animals available for adoption. Two cats and two dogs were adopted last week.

FORT RUCKER Movie Schedule for July 7 - 10

See you at the movies



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SUNDAY, JULY 10

The Hangover Part II (R) 7 p.m.

BOSS takes top honors 3 years straight

BY JAY MANN
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

The Fort Rucker Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program won the Army's Best Installation honors for the third year in a row.

"The competition for the award was between 15 and 20 small installations. It would have been four years in a row, but we got second place in 2008," said Cpl. Bradley Nolte, BOSS president. "We had over 17 community service events."

BOSS programs are judged in five categories: extra small, small, medium, large and extra large, Nolte explained.

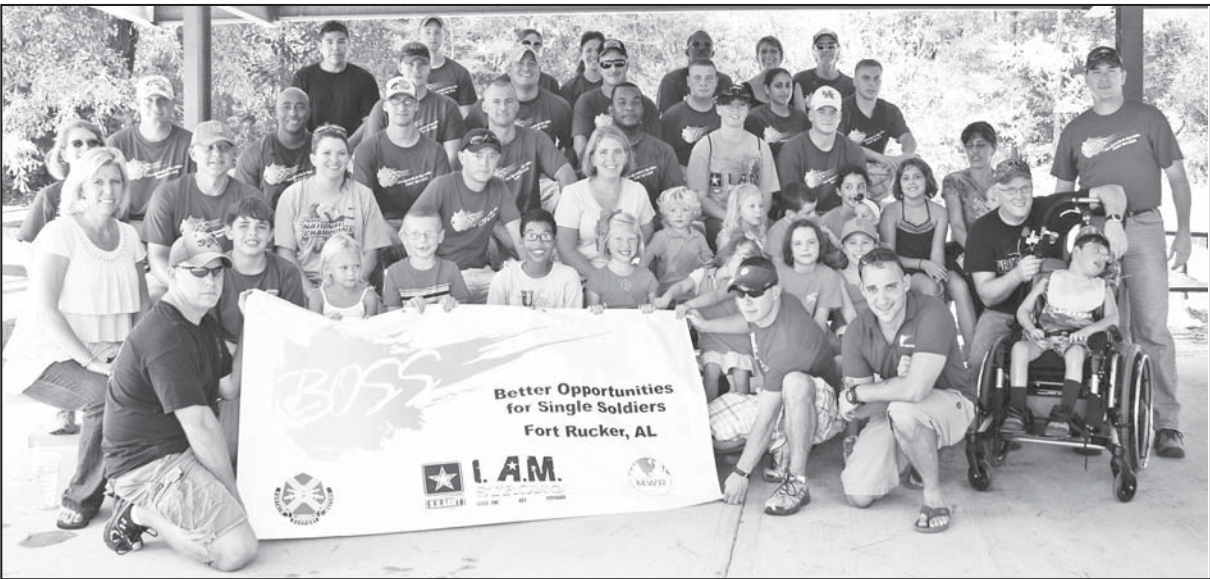
"It's based on the number of single Soldiers on the installation. We have around 700 single Soldiers so we fall under the small category," he said. "A lot of dedicated single Soldiers come out to almost every event and put in countless hours. For our size installation, we compare with an extra large installation based on the amount of community service hours."

But it's not all work and no play at BOSS, Nolte said, adding that the fun events, trips and cookouts are really a good way to build camaraderie that makes the volunteer outings more enjoyable.

"If you just have Soldiers come out and work all the time, eventually nobody will come back," Nolte said. "Also, when a single Soldier participates in a volunteer project, it earns them points toward BOSS covering more of the cost of the trips and fun events."

Being a part of the award-winning program is easy, Nolte said.

"The best way to get involved with BOSS is to come to a meeting," he said.



COURTESY PHOTO

BOSS members worked with Hearts Apart Awaiting Families. They volunteered their time to fish with children of awaiting Families, and grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.

"Meetings are where we talk and plan events, discuss quality of life and get to know single Soldiers."

Usually, 10 to 15 Soldiers show up at meetings, and Nolte would like to see more.

"Everyone is encouraged to put their opinions in, and the council votes on what events we will do," he said.

BOSS meetings are every Wednesday from 4-5 p.m., he said, adding that "if people can't make it to a meeting, they can call me and I'll give them any information they would like."

He said that out of around 700 single Soldiers on Fort Rucker, only about 200 participate regularly in the BOSS program.

"BOSS is for the single Soldiers — everyone should come out and try it," Nolte added.

BOSS is open to Soldiers that are at Fort Rucker for training, but he says there are rules against Advanced Individual Training Soldiers mingling with Soldiers stationed at Fort Rucker.

"But anyone from E-1 to general who is single is a BOSS Soldier," he said.

He encourages single AIT Soldiers to find BOSS at their first duty station.

BOSS is not exclusively for single Soldiers, Nolte said.

"Anybody can volunteer with the program: married, single, civilians. But when it comes to recreation trips like the cruise we went on last year, BOSS offers reduced rates to single Soldiers," he said.

BOSS is also about the quality of life for single Soldiers.

"We have between eight and 12 quality of life issues a year. They range from how the trees are growing in the parking lots to the building of a recreation center near the barracks," he said, adding that the new recreation center has a movie theater, game stations and pool tables. "It's a work in progress, but a lot of Soldiers use it."

BOSS' next event is a Foam Party July 16 at Mother Rucker's.

er Rucker's.

"It's basically a party with a foam machine, like you would see at spring break," Nolte said. "We are going to have a DJ. There will be a big tent behind Mother Rucker's for the foam and sound system, and there will be games and food. It's for anybody that happens

to be at Mother Rucker's, but I'm hoping single Soldiers will show up to participate."

In addition to the Foam Party, a trip to Atlanta and a cruise to the Caribbean are just over the horizon.

For more on BOSS, call Nolte at 255-9018 or 379-4594.

Big Plans for 2011 Graduates!

L to R: Alison Harbuck will be attending University of Alabama Birmingham with a major in Biology with plans to attend medical school. Angela Hill will be attending University of South Alabama with a career planned in Physical Therapy. Sadie Tucker will be attending University of Alabama Birmingham with a major in Chemistry and a career plan to become a Radiologist.

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Patrons may select to take a test and receive immediate scoring. Test results are stored in personalized individual accounts, accessible only to patrons. Call 222-6612 for more information.

JULY 25-AUG. 5 — The Andalusia Ballet Summer Intensive program is a two-week workshop designed to give serious ballet students at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels, ages 8 and up, the opportunity to train intensively under the guidance and expertise of artistic director Meryane Martin-Murphy, well known ballet master, Elie Lazar, and professional dancers with Montgomery Ballet.

The program provides caring instruction in a challenging atmosphere to students which advances technical ability and nurtures developing artistry. The curriculum includes ballet technique, pointe, variations, men's classes, pas de deux, conditioning and enrichment classes. All students participating in the workshop are given the opportunity to perform in the opening workshop presentation of Summer Dances, an exciting repertory performance by Montgomery Ballet of classical and contemporary works Aug. 6 at 2:30 pm.

For more information, visit www.andalusiballet.com.

DALEVILLE

ONGOING — The Fort Rucker chapter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are in the Daleville VFW Post Ballroom.

ONGOING — Daleville Chamber of Commerce meets the second Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Daleville Cultural and Convention Center. For more information, call 598-6331.

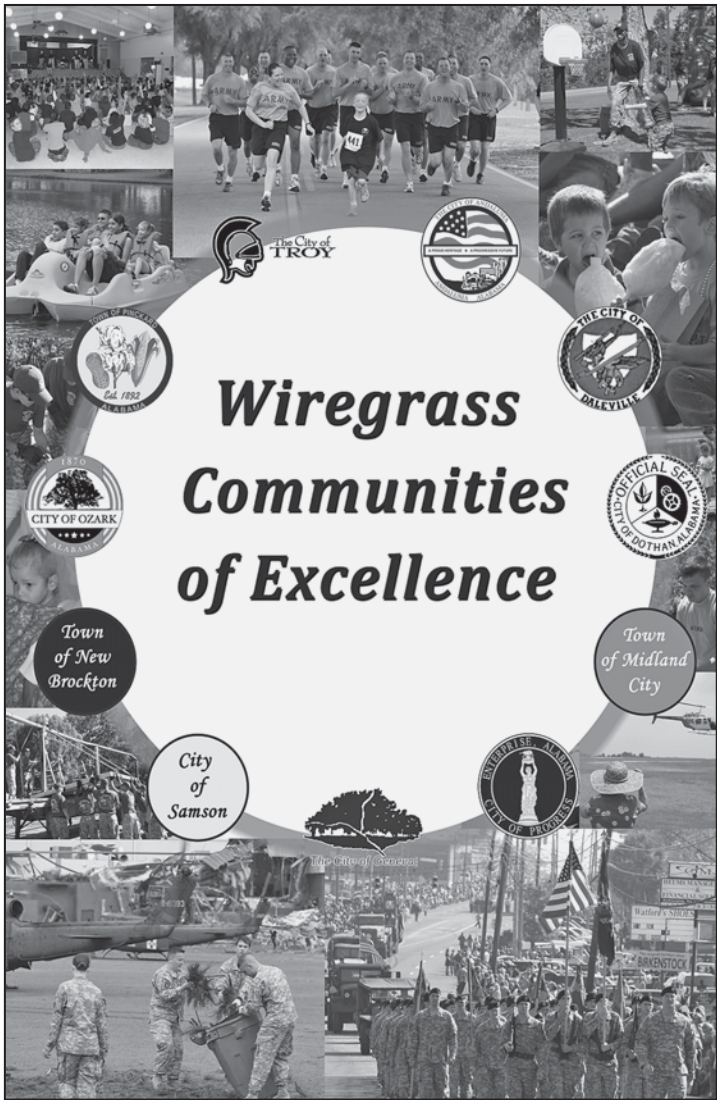
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JULY 14 AND 28 — Landmark Park staff hosts Music by Moonlight from 7:30-9 p.m. under the stars on the gazebo lawn. For more information, call 794-3452 or visit www.landmarkpark.com.

AUG. 6 — Landmark Parks hosts Science on Saturdays, an educational program about the magic of science for children and Families, from 10-11 a.m. For more information, call (334) 794-3452.

ENTERPRISE

JULY 29-30 — The Southern Broadway Theater Company presents *The Depot* at the Enterprise Performing Arts Center. The production tells the story of a



girl who moved to Enterprise with her father in 1906 to take over a cotton farm during the threat of the boll weevil. For more information on show times and to purchase tickets, visit www.southernbroadway.com. \$\$\$

AUG. 25 — Enterprise Civic Center hosts the "Getting to Know Enterprise" Retiree Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local businesses and clubs will be providing information about services and activities available to retirees in the Enterprise area. There will be entertainment and multiple door prize drawings. For more information, call 347-0581.

ONGOING — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683, John Wiley Brock Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters, located on County Road 537, every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Connie Hudson at 406-3077, Randy Black at 389-0738 or Bob Cooper 347-7076, or visit the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683 on Facebook.

GENEVA

ONGOING — The Geneva County Relay for Life meets the last Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Citizens Bank. For more information, call 248-4495.

MIDLAND CITY

ONGOING — Residents are invited to Town Hall meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1385 Hinton Waters Ave.

For more information, call 983-3511.

NEW BROCKTON

ONGOING — Adult education classes are offered in Rm. 12 at New Brockton High School, 210 South Tyler St., Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

All classes are free for individuals 16 years old or older who are not enrolled in public school.

Individuals must take an assessment test prior to attending class. Call 894-2350 for more information.

OZARK

AUG. 4-6 — The Ann Rudd Art Center/Dowling Museum staff hosts a stained glass class. John Hogarth is the instructor.

Cost is \$175 for a finished piece. Participants provide their own safety glasses and lunch. Class size is limited. Checks should be made to DCCAH and mailed to Gaynelle Mixon, 436 Whittle

Hudson, Ozark, AL. 36360. For more information, call 774-7322.

AUG. 13-SEPT. 23 — The Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities hosts the 11th annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition at the Ann Rudd Art Center/Dowling Museum.

The council is now accepting entries from artists who wish to participate. Contestants are allowed three entries, with the first entry costing \$25 and \$5 for each additional entry.

All entries must be submitted at the Rudd Art Center by 4 p.m. July 30. An open reception and award presentation will be held Aug. 13 from 7-9 p.m. For more information, visit www.ruddart-center.org.

AUG. 19-20 — The 17th annual South Alabama Pro Rodeo Classic will be held at the Dale County Ag-Plex Arena. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the rodeo begins at 8 p.m. Come watch bull riding, team roping, cowgirl barrel racing, steer wrestling, bareback riding and more. For more information, call 774-9448.

PINCKARD

ONGOING — The public is invited to the Cross Country Workshop every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Pinckard United Methodist Church.

For more information, call 983-3064.

SAMSON

ONGOING — The Samson City Council meets monthly on the first and third Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Samson Community Center.

ONGOING — American Legion Post 78 meets monthly on the second Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

TROY

AUG. 31 — Troy University hosts a volunteer fair on the Troy campus from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The deadline to register for the fair is Aug. 19. For more information, contact Jonathan Cellon at 808-6394.

OCT 7-8 — Pioneer Days is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pioneer Museum of Alabama. The event features horse and wagon rides, trips on the Pioneer Express, Native American camps with demonstrations of candlemaking, spinning, weaving, quiltmaking, blacksmithing, drum, dance and more. For more information, call 566-3597.

ONGOING — Troy Bank and Trust Company sponsors senior dance nights every Saturday night from 7-10 p.m. at the J.O. Colley Senior Complex.

The complex is transformed into a dance hall and features music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s, finger foods and refreshments.

For more information, call Janet Motes at 808-8500.

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Beyond Briefs

Jazz in the Afternoon

HMCPL and the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society present "Jazz in the Afternoon" video series in conjunction with the annual Jazz-N-June Festival now through July 14 at HMCPL Main Branch, second floor events room, 915 Monroe Street, in Huntsville.

During each session there will be videos that feature the best of jazz music from John Coltrane to Stan Getz to Billy Holiday followed by group discussion.

These programs are appropriate for both adults and youth.

For more information, call (256) 532-2362 or visit: hmcpl.org/events/2011-06/jazz-afternoon-series.

Art camp for children

The Council of Arts, Inc., presents two art camps for children Monday through July 22 and July 18-22 in Pell City.

Every summer the council provides educational outreach for children ages

8-15. Participants try art forms such as painting, drawing, jewelry design, clay, mosaics, weaving, quilting and wood carving, taught by regional artists.

Applications are available at the Artscape Gallery and online at www.councilofthearts.org. Completed applications may be submitted in person or by mail to Council of the Arts, P.O. Box 1796, Pell City, AL, 35125.

Native American pottery workshop

People may join nationally renowned potter, Tammy Beane, from 10 a.m. to noon at Fort Payne July 16 to learn how pottery was made from Lookout Mountain thousands of years ago.

The clay, as well as bone needles and paddles to make designs on pots will be provided. Pre-registration is recommended.

For more information, call (256) 782-5697 or visit <http://epic.jsu.edu>.

Advanced rappelling class

An advanced rappelling class is available now through July 25 at True Adventure Sports in Fort Payne from 10

a.m. to 6 p.m.

The class reviews rappelling basics then teaches advanced rappelling. The class teaches special rigging, mechanical advantage, ascending and rope walking, alternate rappel devices, changeovers, advanced knots, safety procedures, special gear and backup belaying.

Participants also do several rappels and a change over before returning to the store for the rappelling test and knot exam. Cost is \$125 per person with a three-person minimum.

A Class 2 rappelling card is issued upon successful completion of class and exams. For more information, call (256) 997-9577 or visit www.trueadventuresports.com.

Gulf Coast Ethnic and Heritage Jazz Festival

The Gulf Coast Ethnic and Heritage Jazz Festival is Aug. 4-7 in Mobile.

The event is a festive mix of culture, education, poetry and music awaits visitors to this coastal city. The weekend continues with jam sessions and jazz in the square, all featuring national, regional and local artists.

For more information, call (251) 473-5020 or visit www.gcejazzfest.com for ticket prices and a schedule of events.

Stokin' The Fire BBQ Festival

Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark plays host to the seventh annual Stokin' the Fire Barbecue Festival at the historic Sloss Furnaces Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The competition consists of all amateur teams, allowing for over 80 local barbecue teams to compete for the "braggin' rights" to the best Q in Birmingham. Grill masters compete in two divisions: backyard grillers (graded by volunteer and KCBS judges), and the People's Choice competition (judged by the public).

In addition to the barbecue battles, the festival includes art demonstrations provided by the Sloss Furnaces metal arts staff, live popular musicians known around the southeast, Cajun dancing demonstrations and barbecue sampling during the People's Choice competition. VIP tickets available.

For more information, visit www.slossfurnaces.com.

Religious Services

CATHOLIC PARISH SERVICES

Confessions are conducted at 4 p.m. Mass is offered Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesdays-Fridays at 12:05 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 255-9894.

ISLAMIC PRAYERS AND PROGRAMS

All prayers are held at Bldg. T6609 on Fifth Avenue. For more information about daily prayers, and weekly and monthly programs, call Chaplain (Maj.) Abdullah Hulwe at 255-1073.

PROTESTANT CONTEMPORARY PRAISE SERVICES

Protestant Contemporary Praise services are offered at 9 and 11 a.m. Sundays at the Chapel of Wings. For more information, call 255-9221 or 255-2989.

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Collective Protestant worship services are offered Sundays at 11 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 255-3140.

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NASCAR TICKETS OFFERED AT LEISURE TRAVEL

The Fort Rucker Leisure Travel Office offers Atlanta Motor Speedway tickets for the NASCAR race Sept. 3-4. The prices are \$75 per person for both days and \$45 for Sept. 4 only. Seating is general admission for Sept. 3 and Upper Elliot reserved for Sept. 4. For more information, call 255-9517.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Ultimate frisbee pick-up games are every Wednesday and Friday morning at 6 a.m. behind the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility on the soccer field. All skill levels and athletic abilities are welcome. Cleats and water are highly recommended. For more information, call 255-0870.

TAOIST TAI CHI SOCIETY

The Enterprise YMCA staff hosts two beginner's classes in the Taoist Tai Chi Society arts of health. Classes are offered Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 10-11:30 a.m. The beginner's class covers all 108 moves of the Tai Chi set. Taoist Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese exercise that promotes health and relaxation. It is suitable for all ages and physical conditions. Comfortable, loose clothing and flat-soled shoes are recommended attire. All classes are taught by accredited volunteer instructors. For more information, call 348-9008 or 347-4663.

BURGER AND BOWL

Rucker Lanes staff offers a daily "Burger and Bowl" special for \$7. The special includes a cheeseburger, fries, soda, shoe rental and two games of bowling.

EXTREME BOWLING

Extreme Bowling at Rucker Lanes is Saturdays from 8-11 p.m. for \$10 and features unlimited bowling with lights, music and glow-in-the-dark balls and shoes. For more information, call 255-9503.

ARCHERY SHOOTS

Fort Rucker Archery Club members conduct weekly shoots at the club's range, located off Whittaker Road. Shoots are Thursdays at 4 p.m., and members take aim at a 20- to 60-yard practice range, 28 3-D targets along a walking trail or a 10-target area. Annual membership costs \$20. For more information, call 389-6135.

BATTING CAGES HOURS

The child, youth and school services batting cages are open Mondays-Fridays from 4-7 p.m., Saturdays from 2-6 p.m. and are closed Sundays. They are located in the Youth Sports Complex on Fifth Avenue between the post office and the youth football field. For more information, call 255-9105.

RIDING STABLES RULES

Riding stables staff reminds community members that letting horses out of their stalls can be dangerous to the horses and motorists. Visitors are also reminded to stay on the main roadways, do not approach any of the horses without owners' permission, stay out of the pastures and obey the speed limit of 10 mph at all times. For more information, call 598-3384.

'Old Skool' beat-down
Army Fleet Support team gets 'Skooled'

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

Last year's Fort Rucker Intramural Softball champions attempted to send a message to other teams in the league with a dominant win June 30.

Old Skool from B Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment dismantled Army Fleet Support — Cairns Field, 14-2, in four innings. Once the team took a more-than-10-run lead, the umpires called the game.

Old Skool first baseman Jay Thome attributed his team's dominance to a more-than-capable offense.

"When we all work as a team and do good, it works out," he said. "Our bats were flowing and it all came together."

There were still a few issues for the team as it struggled at times with errors, especially missed catches and throws. Thome said all of that could be worked out in practice.

"We're planning to blow it out the rest of the season," he said. "Some of the players were playing positions they weren't used to today, so we'll have to work that out down the road."

While Old Skool might have experienced some issues with the gloves, AFS had problems all the way around from the beginning of the game.

AFS' first batter, Roderick Britford, did manage to land a solid base hit and seemed to be setting a tone for the game, but the follow up hitters couldn't keep the ball on the ground; a series of fly balls made for easy catches for the Old Skool outfield in the first inning.

Once the Old Skool players took up the bats, the game was practically over. After the first three hitters loaded the bases, Sam Gipson, Old Skool shortstop, sent a fly ball over the left field fence for a grand slam.

By the end of the first inning the score was already 7-0, Old Skool.

While this might have demoralized other teams, AFS' defense cranked things up a notch and held its ground in the second inning, keeping Old Skool from putting up any runs.

However, without adding any runs to the board for itself, AFS' hopes of coming back faded even further away in the third inning.

The Old Skool bats came alive again in the third inning, but thanks to a base-hit-only strategy, the team managed to tack on three more runs and extend its lead, 10-0 by the end of the inning.

Some Old Skool players began taking a breather in the fourth inning, which led to a series of errors, allowing AFS shortstop Josh Blackburn to kick-start a short-lived rally for his team.

AFS managed to put up two runs before Old Skool recovered and shut down any hopes of a comeback.

After four more runs in the bottom of the fourth, it was all over, 14-2.

Kevin Shuman, AFS-Cairns coach, said the team had some issues on the field, but will work on them in upcoming practices.

"You can't give a good team extra outs," he said. "I've told our players to just concentrate on one game at a time. You have to be able to keep those balls from going over your head or between your legs."



PHOTOS BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Russ Smedley, Old Skool catcher, gets a base hit during the team's game against AFS-Cairns Field June 30. Old Skool won, 14-2.



Josh Blackburn, AFS-Cairns Field shortstop, rounds third base on his way to home plate in the team's game against reigning Fort Rucker Intramural Softball champions Old Skool June 30.

Down Time



Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

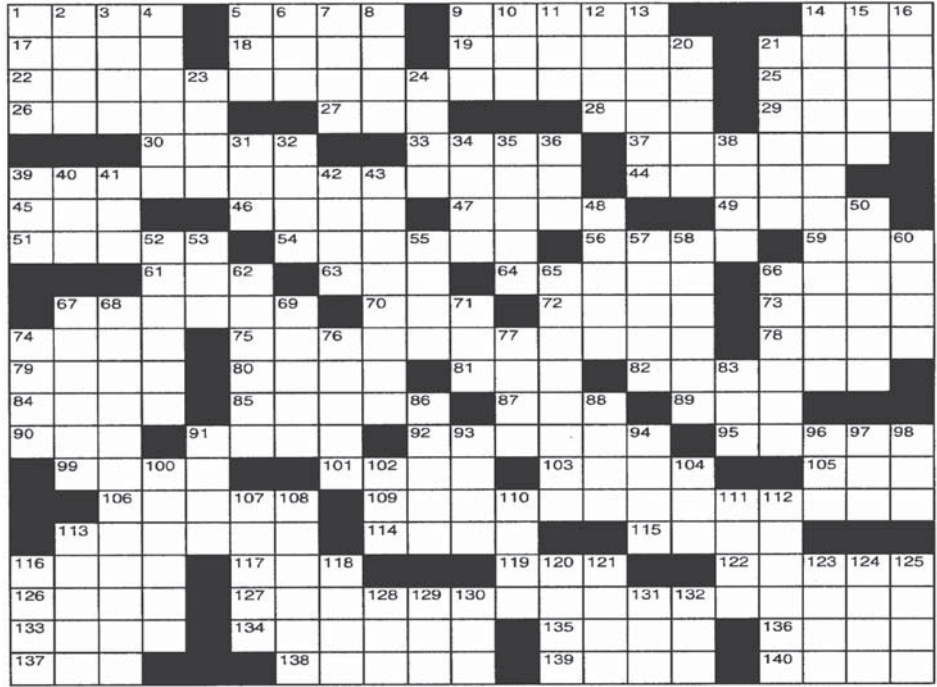
TRIVIA

1. FOOD & DRINK: What vegetable also is known as a pieplant?
2. EXPLORERS: Which famous explorer also served as a governor of Arizona in the late 1800s?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin term "pro forma" mean?
4. MEASUREMENTS: If something occurs every 12 years, what would be the correct numerical term to describe the event?
5. HISTORY: Where did American legend Davy Crockett die?
6. MUSIC: What does the musical instruction "dolce" mean?
7. THEATER: Who wrote the play "The Glass Menagerie"?
8. SCIENCE: What vitamin also is known as riboflavin?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the name of the Native American chief who defeated Gen. George Custer at the Little Big Horn?
10. PHILOSOPHY: Ralph Waldo Emerson led which movement in the 1800s?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword FOR THE BIRDS

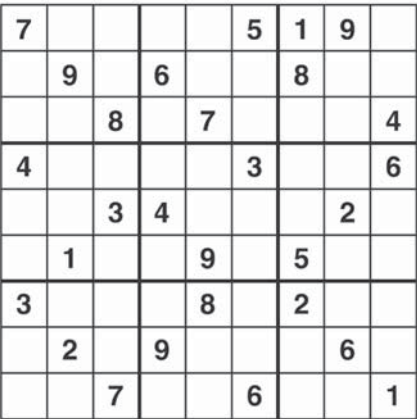
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 - 29 Mascagni opera
 - 30 Poet Wilcox
 - 33 Lohengrin's bird
 - 37 African antelopes
 - 39 LARK
 - 44 "The Optimist's Daughter" author
 - 45 Bonanza material
 - 46 Coveleski or Musial
 - 47 Vichyssoise veggie
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 - 90 Tulsa commodity
 - 91 Cheat at hide-and-seek
 - 92 Preposterous
 - 95 Sweetheart
 - 99 Turn over
 - 101 Darjeeling dress
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 - 5 Neighbor of Ger.
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 - 23 Hard on the eyes
 - 24 Astrology term
 - 31 Brown or Baxter
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 - 36 Formerly known as
 - 38 Moro of Italy
 - 39 One who no's best?
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 - 52 One of the Judds
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 - 60 At large
 - 62 Word with dog or state
 - 65 "Never on Sunday" star
 - 66 Good-humored
 - 67 Amatory
 - 68 CARDINAL
 - 69 — Dame
 - 71 Anaconda, for one
 - 74 As well
 - 76 Pursues
 - 77 Coffee pots
 - 83 Ring counter
 - 86 Andreotti or Cuomo
 - 88 Fiber source
 - 91 Swamp stuff
 - 93 "Death of a Salesman" son
 - 94 Pad
 - 96 Ryan's "Love Story" co-star
 - 97 Bud
 - 98 Fluffy female
 - 100 Crime writer
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 - 107 "The March King"
 - 108 Whole
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 - 116 — coffee
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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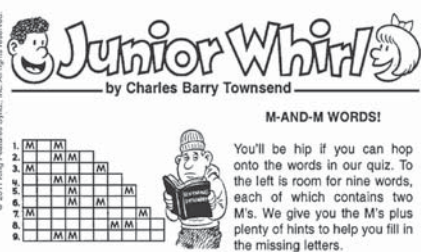
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Kid's Corner



UNINVITED GUESTS! See if you can correctly count the number of party crashers at the above picnic. Your time limit is 30 seconds.

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "WEASEL." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. The time limit is 90 seconds.

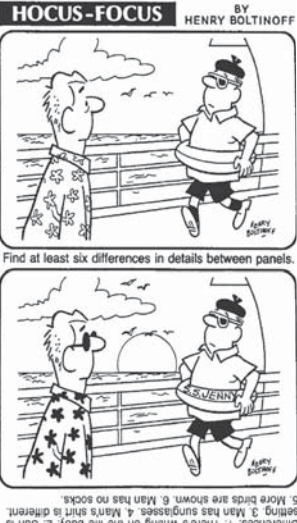


IT'S SINK OR SWIM with this AlphaMath puzzle. You must replace the letters on the boat with the digits 0 through 9 so that you will have a correct addition problem. Try to get the highest possible total.

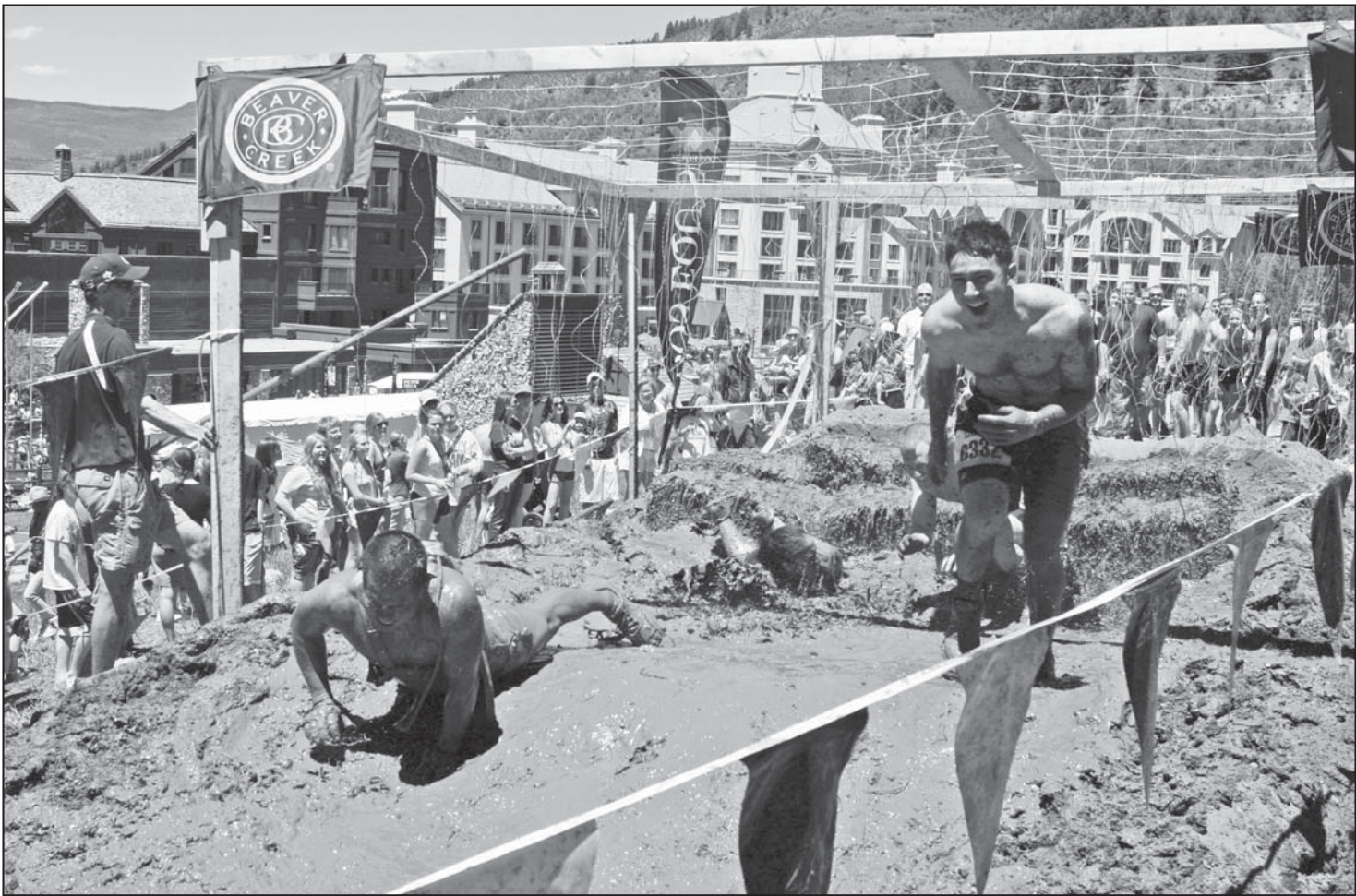
Wishing Well is a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.



HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. There's writing on the life buoy. 2. Sun is shining. 3. Man has sunglasses. 4. Man's shirt is different. 5. More birds are shown. 6. Man has no socks. 7. Hat is different. 8. Backpack. 9. Backpack. 10. Backpack.



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First Lt. Keith Fine, right, exits “Electroshock Therapy,” a live-wire field that can carry 10,000-volt shocks. During the final obstacle of Tough Mudder, participants had to cross over hay bales and through mud pits while trying to dodge the hanging wires.

Mud run tests Soldiers’ strength, endurance

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BEAVER CREEK, Colo. — “If I don’t throw up on this thing, I will be disappointed in myself,” said 1st Lt. Tim Palmer as he prepared for the start of Tough Mudder, a nine-mile obstacle course set in the Rocky Mountains.

“I’m going to bite one of those live wires,” Palmer said, referring to “Electroshock Therapy,” an obstacle that sends runners through a live-wire field that can deliver 10,000-volt shocks.

“I’m going to ‘Tarzan’ through them,” 1st Lt. Keith Fine said. “I’m going to one-up you every time.”

Fine, Palmer and five other Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, joined forces to tackle 25 obstacles throughout the course, which had a 4,250-foot change in elevation.

Athletes charged steep hills, crawled through mud pits and snow fields and swam through frigid waters. Obstacles included the “Chernobyl Jacuzzi,” “Turd’s Nest,” “Sweaty Yeti” and “Greased Lightning,” a giant slide down one of Beaver Creek’s ski runs.

“As soon as I heard these guys talking about (Tough Mudder), I was in,” said Capt. Seth Allen. “Something like this, it’s easier to do with more people than just yourself.”

“It was for a good cause, the Wounded Warrior Project,” said Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Simer. “I wanted to do it for the camaraderie. I wanted to do it with my friends.”

Tough Mudder officials claim the event is “Ironman meets Burning Man” and obstacles are designed by British special forces.

“That is such a raw event,” said 1st Lt. Travis Wright. “Never have I been so happy something was over. It was tougher than I thought it would be.”

“My manhood was left in the lake,” said 2nd Lt. Timothy Myers. “That water was so (expletive) cold.”

For Simer, overcoming muscle fatigue and cramps at the end of the race proved most challenging.

“I didn’t know what to expect,” he said. “I don’t think you can expect it unless you’ve done it before.”

Nine thousand participants competed in Saturday and Sunday’s event. Tough Mudder officials estimated nearly 20 percent of participants were military.

The event began in 2010 and raises money for the Wounded Warrior Project. In its first year, Tough Mudder raised more than \$700,000 for the nonprofit.

Although tired, many competitors said they would take part in the event again.

“I’m not going to say I’m the toughest mudder,” Palmer said. “But I’m definitely (in the) top three.”



Teammates help each other up “Everest,” an obstacle at the Tough Mudder competition held at Beaver Creek June 25.

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Answer

7	4	6	8	3	5	1	9	2
1	9	5	6	4	2	8	3	7
2	3	8	1	7	9	6	5	4
4	8	9	2	5	3	7	1	6
5	7	3	4	6	1	9	2	8
6	1	2	7	9	8	5	4	3
3	6	1	5	8	4	2	7	9
8	2	4	9	1	7	3	6	5
9	5	7	3	2	6	4	8	1

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

CARL	BUZZ	BUTTE	SSRA
AGEE	EPEE	ARNESS	STEM
STPAULS	SARCHITECT	HUGE	
ASONG	LOU	SHAIRIS	
ELLA	SWAN	ELANDS	
MERRY	ESCAPADE	WELTY	
ORE	STAN	LEEK	DOFF
MACAW	ISABEL	OSLO	ARF
SAP	STL	AMATI	JBAR
EPHRON	HOB	ELAN	ORNE
ARAL	LOSE	COURAGE	VICE
LOPE	ITEM	ARC	ENRICO
STAY	CREAM	NOB	SEA
OIL	PEEK	ABSURD	FLAME
CEDE	SARI	RAID	LAW
LEASE	LIFTING	DEVICE	
SEXTON	TOFU	SEMI	
DUCT	UTA	RHO	METAL
RATE	SIT	COMP	FAMILYNAME
IVOR	AROUSE	LOVE	NOON
PER	EMDEN	FOYT	ASST

Answers

1. Rhubarb
2. John Charles Fremont
3. A formality
4. Duodeccennial
5. The Alamo
6. To play sweetly
7. Tennessee Williams
8. B-2
9. Crazy Horse
10. Transcendental movement

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