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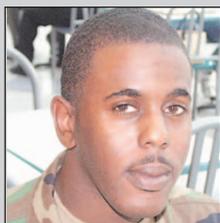
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Prevention best cure for mosquitoes

Redstone residents encouraged
to eliminate breeding sites

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Horror movie directors missed the real villains. Instead of Count Dracula they could have cast an actual swarm of blood suckers.

Mosquitoes can strike fear in residents, ballpark spectators, hunters and others. The dread worsened when mosquitoes were identified as carriers of West Nile virus.

Even before the West Nile virus scare last year, Redstone's pest management program already included sampling for mosquitoes and treatment. And the program is expected to improve with the arrival of a new contractor for pest management services.

"I feel a lot better with this contractor we have this year," Jesse Horton, installation pest management coordinator, said. "It's a five-year contract, one year with

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

MOSQUITO BAIT— Jesse Horton, left, holds a Centers for Disease Control mosquito trap while Danny Dunn has a Gravid trap.

Redstone gets more than share in value engineering

Money-saving efforts
bring defense honors

It's not surprising that Team Redstone took four of the annual Department of Defense value engineering achievement awards June 18 at the Pentagon.

After all, Redstone has surpassed its value engineering goal for an unprecedented 17 consecutive years. It claimed \$139 million in VE savings for fiscal 2002 — amounting to 175 percent of its assigned goal — on 75 completed projects in 17 project offices and organizations.

"These results are not only impressive but show the widespread support and contribution that the VE program continues to foster," Tom Reynolds, the Aviation and Missile Command's value engineering and life cycle cost reduction manager, said.

"Thus far, FY '03 has also been a good year. We have achieved 94 percent of our FY '03 goal and have additional significant non-monetary results as well," he said. "It is safe to say that Team Redstone will continue to lead the way for the value engineering in the DoD for many years in the future."

Redstone's four winners of defensewide awards include Vicki Loewen of AMCOM, the Theater High Altitude Area Defense Project Office, the PAC-3 product and quality assurance division of Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office, and the THAAD government/contractor integrated product team.

Glenn Lamartin, director of defense systems in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, presented the awards in a Pentagon ceremony.

Value engineering is a systematic process to analyze functions in hopes of identifying actions to reduce cost, increase quality, and improve mission capabilities across the entire spectrum of DoD



File photos

AWARD WINNER— The Theater High Altitude Area Defense missile project received a Department of Defense value engineering achievement award for fiscal 2002 savings.

systems, processes and organizations. During fiscal 2002, more than 3,250 in-house value engineering proposals and contractor-initiated value engineering change proposals were accepted with projected savings exceeding \$2.5 billion.

An award winner from each DoD component was eligible for selection in the following four categories: program/project, individual/team, organization and contractor. Additional "special" awards were given to recognize innovative applications or

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Proud parent expresses view

Recently I sent an e-mail to the Redstone Rocket to comment on one of the articles that appeared on the front page of the June 11 issue, titled "Youngsters land trip to Space Camp." My child was one of the 11 that wrote a winning essay for a week at Space Camp. I, like any parent, was very proud of his accomplishment and looked forward to reading the article and seeing a picture of the entire group in the Rocket since they were so nice as to take a group photo.

Imagine my surprise to find out I was reading an article about a birthday party, no wait, there, in almost the last paragraph were the names of all the winners.

In the e-mail I sent the Rocket I commented on the fact that they had seemed to lose sight of what the article was about. I think that each and every child there, as well as parents, looked forward

to reading that article and that by singling out one individual you dismissed the achievements of the others...

Mrs. K.W. Black

Editor's note: Phyllis Montgomery, co-chairman of the Space Camp Scholarship Committee, wrote the following about the same article. "Thanks for another great article about the Space Camp Scholarship Awards ceremony! The picture on the front page was so cute, and the article certainly covered all the bases — comments from the speakers, information about each scholarship winner, and even quotes from some of the winners! Susan (Carr) and I sincerely appreciate your support and hope that great 'press' like this will generate even more applications next year! Thanks again!"

Patients deserve precedence

This letter has a dual purpose for me: first, to blow off a little steam and, second, to demonstrate how "policy" takes precedence over patients. I have a grandson whose father is active duty Army stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. His mother is a nurse at Decatur General Hospital. My grandson is on medication for asthma, allergies and hyperactivity/attention deficit syndrome. His doctor at Fox Army Health Center has been his pediatrician for the past eight years. I work on the Arsenal as a civilian employee.

It so happens that my grandson was required, and scheduled, to see his pediatrician this morning, June 16, in order to get his prescriptions (which are extreme-

ly low) refilled. Due to a heavy patient load at Decatur General, his mom requested an afternoon appointment but was informed they could only get him in at 8:15 a.m. Since his medication would be gone by tomorrow, and since my office is not five minutes from FAHC, she asked me to drive him there and pick up his prescription afterward. I've done this many times over the past eight years. My grandson and I got to the Pediatric Clinic 20 minutes before his scheduled appointment. I gave the receptionist his ID card and Tricare card. She asked if I was his mother or grandmother; and I said, his grandmother. She

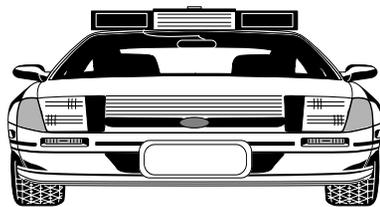
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Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

June 13 — A retired soldier reported that his motor vehicle was stolen at an off-post location where he had left it for service. Attached to the windshield was a Redstone Arsenal decal. The incident was also reported to the Huntsville Police Department.

June 13 — A contractor on Redstone Arsenal reported that an unknown person stole her purse which contained her Redstone Arsenal identification badge while she attended a baseball game on Goss Road. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.



June 14 — Officers from the Provost Marshal Office having prior knowledge observed a contractor working on Redstone Arsenal operating his vehicle near

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Resource managers serve community

Giving back is a vital part of a full and rewarding life. What could be more fulfilling than contributing to the quality of life of others in need within your own community?

There is more to life than going to the office every day and coming home for dinner. Getting involved in the community, whether it is a fund-raising project, collecting donations or donating your time visiting the sick and the homebound, adds a dimension to our lives that can't be tangibly measured.

When we contribute our time to a greater cause, we are not just helping others. In many ways, we are also helping ourselves. Meeting new people, exchanging ideas and developing our leadership skills are all positive benefits that we attain by being involved. It gives us a greater sense of balance and it opens our eyes to a more dynamic and interesting world.

American Society of Military Comptrollers' Community Projects Committee has received recognition, demonstrated community leadership and met goals by planning and organizing events such as the School Supply Drive for needy students in our community, Book Drives for local libraries and the Cell Phone Drive for victims of domestic violence. Also, we planned and organized the Telephone Book Drive to help a needy school, Girl Scout Cookie Drive where we collected cookies and donated them to a local hospital, Styrofoam Peanut Drive where we collected Styrofoam peanuts/bubble wrap that were given to the Redstone



Courtesy photo

HELPING OTHERS— ASMC members Darlene Fowler, left, and Karyn Meeks make Valentine treat bags for needy children.

Arsenal post office for the soldier's needs, Coupon Drive for soldiers locally and in Europe to help with their groceries and the collection of numerous donations through the year for various charities.

In addition to the numerous drives, we planned several parties for the Alzheimer patients at Trinity Place, a Pizza/Bowling party for the children of Hospice and an Easter Party for special needs children and their families at the Rehab Services Center. We coordinated collecting, boxing and mailing items for care packages that were mailed overseas for soldiers. We made candy poppers for special needs children and Valentine bags for needy students in a local school. We sold handheld American flags to raise money for the Red Cross. We

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An open lane random survey

What do you think about laws against smoking indoors?

Bob Tauritz, concessionaire

"Here you walk outside and have a cigarette. What's the problem? I think it hurts the restaurants. For instance, I used to always stay and have a cigarette and then a dessert or something. I don't do that anymore. I eat and run."



By KELLEY LANE

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Lt. Col. Teresa Ortiz



"I agree with those laws. I believe people have the right to smoke, but not where it's an environment where it takes away the right of others. So outdoors is acceptable, indoors is not."



PFC Aneighon Hicks

"I don't like them because I'm a smoker."

Jerry Kelley, Army civilian



"I think we need to get on board with California. To my understanding, California is doing this now. It's a good thing. I'm a non-smoker and I don't care for having all that smoke around."

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Bush nominates retired general for next Army chief of staff

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON – President Bush has nominated retired Gen. Peter Schoomaker to be the next Army chief of staff.

Schoomaker retired in November 2000 as the commander U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

The Senate must confirm Schoomaker before he can take up his new duties.

This is only the second time that a president has reached into retired ranks for a high-ranking military position. Army Gen. Maxwell Taylor was retired when President John F. Kennedy asked him to serve as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1962.

Schoomaker was commissioned via ROTC in June 1969. Early in his career, he served in Germany and Korea. In 1978, he became commander, 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C.

He was part of the unsuccessful rescue attempt of the American hostages taken by radical students in Iran in 1980. Eight

Americans died and five were wounded at the Desert One refueling site in Iran. In a 1999 *Soldiers* magazine article, Schoomaker said that the failures of that rescue attempt led to the formation of the U.S. Special Operations Command.

Schoomaker had several assignments with the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg throughout the 1980s and served on the Long Commission to investigate the October 1983 terrorist bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut.

He was appointed commander of U.S. Special Operations Command in 1997.

Among his decorations he has received the Distinguished Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and two Bronze Stars.

Schoomaker, 57, is a master parachutist and has received the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Editor's note: This article is based on biographical data from the Department of the Army.

Resource managers hold bowling party

Members of the American Society of Military Comptrollers organized a pizza and bowling party for 17 children of Hospice Caring House.

The Hospice Caring House provides grief support for children and teens who have experienced the death of someone close.

"The children and ASMC members had a great time," a prepared release from the resource managers said.

ASMC members involved included Lisa White, Tony McAdory, Virginia Harper, April Brooks, Nora Dielhenn, Debbie O'Neal, Liz Blackmon and Cody Swinford.

School bus signup just around corner

All military personnel living on Redstone Arsenal who desire bus transportation to the four core schools for school year 2003-04 must register each child for transportation. Registration is July 7-11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel.

Redstone will provide bus transportation to the following core schools: Williams Elementary (grades K-5), Williams Middle (grades 6-8), Westlawn Middle (grades 6-8) and Butler High (grades 9-12).

The city of Huntsville has agreed to provide bus transportation for students residing on Redstone Arsenal to special needs (handicapped) and magnet schools in the city. No transportation will be provided students residing on Redstone who attend private schools.

Registration for Huntsville's bus transportation to the magnet schools and special needs schools will be conducted at the aforementioned location, dates and times.

To qualify for school bus transportation, each registrant living on post must show proof of active duty status. Department of Defense personnel living off post will show proof of active duty status or a Redstone Arsenal employee identification badge, and enrollment in the School Age Service Program. Registration should be completed during this scheduled period to allow sufficient time to develop routes and establish bus stops.

For more information call Leroy Pugh in the Directorate of Logistics, Garrison,

at 876-6065, or Carl Pack, supervisor of bus operations for Northrop Grumman, at 876-3938.



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In command and control

Lt. Col. Elton Akins delivers remarks June 16 on becoming product manager for THAAD command and control/battle management. He was the systems engineering assistant project manager for Lower Tier Project Office. His predecessor, Lt. Col. Steven Brouse, was selected for promotion to colonel and will attend the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., this summer.

Identity theft doesn't just happen to other folks

Protecting personal info can help prevent misuse

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Mailboxes and e-mail stay full of offers promising pre-approval, low rates, quick loans and fast cash. Some of these are legitimate offers; others are scams. Telling the difference is not always easy. If you discard them, then you cannot become the victim of a scam, right? Well, maybe.

Many an unsuspecting e-mail user has fallen for what looked like an official e-mail from an organization or service provider asking that they update or verify information. Following links in the e-mail takes them to a web site that appears to be legitimate, where they provide sensitive personal information to a company they think they know and trust. In truth, it is part of an e-mail scam and their information is now in the hands of people who will use it for their own purposes.

Other e-mails promise investment or job opportunities with large and unrealistic payoffs. They ask for a small fee for their information. What seems like a trivial amount to begin with can increase until the individual has spent thousands for a payoff that will never come. A common scheme is commonly called "The Nigerian Scam." This is an e-mail from the supposed son or widow of an assassinated African official who is trying to sneak millions of dollars into America. The scam promises e-mail users they will be rewarded for their help.

"It's estimated, I've last heard, that this has taken eight billion dollars from people," criminal investigator Kip Kiplinger

said. "A lot of it now is coming out of Africa. A lot of the new ones are coming from the Middle East. There has been a steep rise since 9/11."

People should be suspicious of anything that asks that you tell others, according to Kiplinger.

"If it says you should pass it on to everyone that you know or send it to all of your friends, then that is a real quick indicator that something isn't right," he said. He also recommends checking out any suspicious e-mails before replying or forwarding to others through a web site such as www.urbanlegends.com, which maintains an archive of e-mail scams. "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is," he said.

E-mail isn't the only way that personal information can be stolen and used. When it is stolen for the purpose of accessing another's accounts or creating new ones while representing yourself as that person, it is called identity theft. This is the fastest growing scam in America today. The Federal Trade Commission estimates from 700,000 to 1 million people become new victims of identity theft every year.

Scammers get the personal information they require from a number of sources. Besides e-mail, they also get it from your mailbox. The little red flag on the side of the box at the end of your driveway tells the mail man you have items to be picked up. It is also an announcement to thieves that there are letters and bills waiting. Experian, the credit reporting giant, recommends using a post office box or other secure means of receiving and sending mail.

Your trash can also be a gold mine to thieves. Disregarded credit card offers are easy pickings. They then only have to fill in the forms and change the address and they now have a credit card in your name.



Photo by Kelley Lane

DIRTY WORK— Criminal investigator Kip Kiplinger shows how scammers find information in a dumpster.

Or they can use information from your statements to run up charges on a card that you already have. To protect yourself, Kiplinger recommends shredding anything that has personal or sensitive information before throwing it away.

Experian also suggests removing Social Security or driver's license numbers from personal checks. They advise not letting merchants write this information on check fronts either as a means of protecting your information. This can be difficult and inconvenient as many merchants will not accept a check without them. Kiplinger suggests a check card instead. Cutting down the amount of paperwork floating around with your private information keeps your identity safer.

If you ignore and delete suspicious e-mails, shred statements and paperwork, ensure no mail is left unattended in your box and eliminate your driver's license number from the front of your personal checks, are you then safe from identity theft and scams? Once again the answer is maybe. While your odds greatly increase with the measures that you take yourself, there are still other ways to get enough information to steal an identity. Swiping a card on a handheld device or pocketing carbon copies are common means of getting access to someone's account. Thieves have also found that your personal garbage is not the only place to find paperwork with sensitive information.

The same store or shopping mall that provides one stop shopping for your family can also provide the same service to scammers. When store paperwork is not properly discarded, it can be found in a dumpster behind the retailer intact. Then, instead of picking through private cans at multiple addresses, the information for many individuals can be found en masse.

"Dumpster diving is probably one of

the best ways to get information on that kind of stuff," Kiplinger said. He assures the Redstone community that the Commissary, Post Exchange and other vendors on post handle their trash in a manner to prevent such misuse.

Regardless of the measures you take to prevent identity theft or scams, there is still a chance that it may happen. Keeping a watchful eye on statements and balances from your credit card companies and bank may help you catch the beginning of a financial nightmare, as will periodic checks of your credit report. When Kiplinger noticed odd activity on his account, he contacted the card issuer immediately.

"I got hit for a bunch of cosmetics, delivered to Atlanta," he said. "I knew I didn't order this stuff, so I immediately contacted the credit card company. Then I contacted the company that had shipped the stuff and verified the information. Then I called the sheriff's department."

They were then able to not only remove the charges, but find and prosecute the responsible party. Kiplinger finds that most credit card companies are eager to resolve possible identity theft complaints. The FTC recommends contacting all three credit reporting agencies so that your credit history can be flagged and further accounts cannot be opened. Contacting local law enforcement provides further documentation for financial institutions and helps ensure that the same thing doesn't happen to someone else. A report should also be filed with the FTC. Because of the growing rate of identity theft, they have established a hotline specifically for such reports, 1-877-ID-THEFT. They can then guide you through what you can and should be doing to reclaim your identity when the unthinkable happens.



Shawn Harris/Photo Lab

Family day

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sorenson, program executive officer for tactical missiles, greets family members to the PEO's family day June 18. In addition to displays at building 5250, family members attended live firings at Test Areas 1 and 6.

Community thanked for record-setting AER campaign



Photo by Skip Vaughn

PLEASING NUMBERS— From left are Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander; Kristi Foster, AER officer; and SSgt. Tyrone Stewart, campaign co-chairman.

Army Emergency Relief drive collects more than \$104,430

By SKIP VAUGHN
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"Go Bears!" someone said while the Resource Management Directorate representatives stood onstage during the Army Emergency Relief campaign awards ceremony June 17 at Heiser Hall.

But the record-setting drive represented more than the directorate's successful stuffed bears sale. Many individuals and organizations throughout Redstone helped collect \$104,433 in this year's fund-raising campaign.

"It's a case of our community taking care of our own," Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander, said.

"We surpassed last year by almost

\$2,000," AER officer Kristi Foster said. "And we still have money coming in, too."

The campaign, which easily eclipsed the \$65,000 goal, was the most successful ever. AER provides loans or grants to active duty and retired soldiers and their families when they need assistance.

Last year some \$352,733 was distributed to 483 active duty soldiers, retirees and qualifying family members. Army-wide, \$38 million went to more than 53,000 soldiers and their families.

"In Peace and War, Your Army Emergency Relief is Always There" was the theme for this year's campaign.

1st Lt. William Bridger of Alpha 131st was campaign chairman; and SSgt. Tyrone Stewart of MEDDAC served as co-chairman. Leslie Dodgen, wife of the post commander, joined Devlin, Stewart and Foster in presenting the awards to organizations that contributed.

Committee earns national recognition

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adopted three Christmas angels from the Salvation Army. When Redstone workers were building a house for the Habitat for Humanity, our committee was there providing food for the Redstone workers.

Our members volunteered their time to participate in local organized events in our community such as Panoply, Family Fest, Operation Snuggle, Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, Big Spring Jam, Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, numerous walk-a-thons, Special Olympics, CASA Winterizing Homes, Helpline Gift Wrap

and Toys for Tots.

Our committee performed community service in the following categories to benefit the whole community: arts and humanities, education, environment, health, human services, public safety and youth services.

Our committee has received ASMC's National Award for Excellence for two years in a row. We are proud of what our committee has accomplished in our community, our recognition as a chapter and our members' personal growth.

Theresa McBride
chairman, ASMC
Community Projects Committee



Russell L. Moore/Photo Lab

Army birthday party

SFC Brandon Short leads soldiers from Charlie Company serving as members of the saber team and ceremonial cake guard for the Army's 228th birthday, June 14 at the Officers and Civilians Club. The event was co-sponsored by the Association of the U.S. Army, the Garrison and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.

Apache Longbows arrive in Korea

By STEVE DAVIS
Army News Service

PUSAN, Republic of Korea — A squadron of AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopters returned to South Korea in early June after completing a year of the Army's transformation and modernization program at Fort Hood, Texas.

Based at Camp Humphreys, the newly updated attack helicopter squadron will bring enhanced defensive capabilities to the peninsula and contribute to the overall deterrence that U.S. forces bring to the U.S.-South Korean alliance, Eighth Army officials said.

The upgraded Apache attack helicopters of the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade were off-loaded from the M.V. Green Point by the Army's 837th Transportation Battalion in Pusan June 5.

After off loading, soldiers from the 194th Maintenance Battalion helped reassemble the squadron's 17 Apache Longbow attack helicopters after a lengthy voyage from Corpus Christi, Texas, aboard the M.V. Green Point, a government-contract cargo ship.

Air Force weather, medical, safety, fire, helicopter maintenance, air traffic control and other key personnel teamed up to get the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry aircraft off the ship, reassembled and test flown safely.

The helicopters left Korea last year as AH-64A models to be upgraded to the AH-64D Apache Longbow model with enhanced war fighting capabilities at Fort Hood.

Editor's note: The Eighth Army public affairs office contributed to this story.



Arnews photo

AIR WORTHY— An AH-64D Apache Longbow from the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry, is test flown over Pusan harbor and certified as air worthy before it flies to the squadron's base of Camp Humphreys June 5

Annual armed forces week offers myriad of events

Local community salutes servicemembers, families

By KIM GILLESPIE
For the Rocket

Mark your calendar for Armed Forces Celebration Week, July 14-18. Many of the events are free to the public.

This year's theme is "Our Armed Forces, Our Community... Together We Serve." Armed Forces Week is designed as a way for the community to pay tribute to the armed forces and their families.

The Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce will hold a proclamation signing July 14 at 9 a.m. at the chamber building on 225 Church St. Local government officials will sign the document officially designating the week of July 14-18 as Armed Forces Celebration Week and the public is welcome.

Redstone Arsenal's annual NCO/Soldier of the Year Luncheon will also be held July 14 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The event honors Redstone's outstanding NCO and enlisted soldier. This year's theme is "Remembering Why We Serve." Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased by calling SFC Tamara Williams at 876-1671.

Army Community Service sponsors an open house and birthday celebration July 14 at 2 p.m. at building 3338. Team Redstone members are invited.

The Arts Council's "Concert in the Park" series in Huntsville's Big Spring Park will feature the 398th Army Band, the Army Materiel Command's Own, from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., that evening. The concert begins at 6:30, with local band Liquid Caravan, which plays a mix of "improvisational rock with a jazz and bluegrass influence" cover and original music. The 389th Army Band, featuring patriotic and concert music, will begin at approximately 7:45. The concert concludes with a fireworks display at approximately 9.

In addition to the Concert in the Park, military hardware such as helicopters, aircraft and weapon systems will be displayed outdoors around the Von Braun Center and Big Spring Park area as part of the Armed Forces Celebration Week and concert activities. The Concert in the Park and hardware displays are free, and every-

one in the community is encouraged to attend. Just don't forget your blanket or lawn chairs.

The Association of the United States Army will hold the Armed Forces Celebration Week dinner July 15 from 6-9 p.m. at the Von Braun Center's North Hall. This year's dinner will feature a Tribute to Freedom, and salute the local Alabama Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne) which was deployed from September 2002 to May 2003 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) in the global war against terrorism. For ticket information, call Melissa Lawson at 722-4295.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show will also perform July 16, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Tickets are required, and will be distributed to active duty soldiers beginning July 2. All remaining tickets will be distributed to the public beginning July 8 at the Recreation Center, building 3711, and the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Additional activities are also being planned. The following activities will offer free or discounted admission during this year's Armed Forces Celebration Week, according to the Chamber of Commerce:

- Botanical Gardens: Free admission (active duty & retired military). The Huntsville Botanical Garden opens the gates to military personnel and their families, July 12-20. The Gardens, 4747 Bob Wallace Ave., will exhibit "Tremendous Treehouses," from fanciful to futuristic.

- U.S. Space and Rocket Center: Free admission (includes IMAX) to all active duty military ID card and APBI badge holders. Family members will receive a \$4 discount off the center's combination admission (\$16.95 adults, \$11.95 children) price. This will be in effect July 14-20. These discounts will be given at the Space and Rocket Center ticket counter, 1 Tranquility Base.

- EarlyWorks Museum, & Constitution Village: Discounted admission on combined ticket \$5 (regular price \$10) July 19, downtown Huntsville.

- Burritt on the Mountain Open House: July 19, free admission, Burritt Barnyard and the "Best View in Town" at 3101 Burritt Drive.



Courtesy graphic

SERVING TOGETHER— The theme for Armed Forces Celebration Week 2003 is "Our Armed Forces, Our Community... Together We Serve."

- Huntsville Stars baseball game: July 18 at 7 p.m., free admission for U.S. government badge and military ID card holders, Joe Davis Stadium.

- Huntsville Speedway: July 18 at 6 p.m., free admission for military ID holders, 357 Hegia Burrows Road.

- Veterans Memorial Museum: Free admission July 12 and July 19. Michael Durant book signing for "In the Company of Heroes," July 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at 2066-A Airport Road.

- Sci-Quest Museum: Discounted admission of \$4 (regular price \$6) July 14-19 at 102 Wynn Drive.

- Cars And Camouflage Car Show

benefiting Army Emergency Relief: July 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., free admission (donations accepted for AER) at Gate 10.

- The Huntsville Museum of Art invites everyone to a patriotic creative activity during Armed Forces Celebration Week. On July 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., young artists can construct creations using art papers, glue, markers, and oil pastels. This program is free to families with military I.D. For reservations call 535-4350, ext. 201.

For more information about Armed Forces Celebration Week, call the Chamber of Commerce at 535-2000, or the Public Affairs Office at 876-5302.

Commissaries working to solve supply problem

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY RELEASE

SAN ANTONIO — Throughout the Defense Commissary Agency's Midwest Region, stores are being impacted by a major distributor filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 11.

Since Fleming Companies' Chapter 11 declaration in April, commissaries have experienced supply shortages, with Fleming being unable to fill all of its grocery orders. Consequently, some items have been missing from store shelves or are displayed in low numbers.

"We certainly realize this has caused a problem for our valued shoppers, but DeCA is working very hard to resolve the issue," Rita Harper, store director for the commissary at Redstone Arsenal, said.

DeCA is diligently working with business partners, such as Nestles, Kraft and Del Monte, to find replacement distributors. Furthermore, where possible, manufacturers are delivering goods directly to commissaries.

Additionally, DeCA's Midwest Region has implemented several key initiatives, such as coordinating with manufacturers on minimum shipment quantities.

With these steps, commissaries are seeing fill-rate improvements. DeCA officials hope inventories will return to normal by the end of June.

Meanwhile, Fleming will continue to support commissaries as it restructures its business operations under the Chapter 11 process.

West Nile virus considered remote threat

Mosquitoes

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four options."

Beginning in April, American Services Technology of Cocoa, Fla., succeeded C-Con of Montgomery for pest control on post. The Directorate of Public Works monitors that contract and a separate herbicides contract with Chugach.

The pest control monitoring program includes mosquito traps which are set out twice a week to trap mosquitoes overnight. The monitoring sites are generally where people live on post — including the residential areas, the Ordnance school area and the barracks. The three types of traps include the New Jersey trap, Centers for Disease Control traps and the Gravid trap. One trap alone collects from five to as many as 300 mosquitoes overnight. Samples from the 16 mosquito traps have been sent off every week since early May for evaluation by CHPPM-South in Atlanta.

"None showed any West Nile," Horton said. CHPPM-South also tests dead birds for the virus.

Last year the virus was identified off post in some mosquitoes and dead birds. But the potential for being bitten by an infected mosquito is considered small and even smaller for becoming very ill.

"You have a very small percentage of mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus and there's a very small percentage of people bitten by mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus that actually contract the disease," Danny Dunn, chief of natural resources division in the Directorate of Environment and Safety, said. Most people, with the exception of the elderly or very young, would only experience flu-like symptoms. "But the mortality rate of West Nile virus is actually very small," Dunn said.

Forty-nine people were diagnosed last year with West Nile virus in Alabama and three cases were fatal, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

"West Nile virus is going to be a disease in our population from now on," Dunn said. "The best thing we can do is take precautions against getting excessive mosquito bites. Our primary focus is trying to get the mosquito at the larva stage so you don't get adults."

It takes only 72 hours for a mosquito to advance from the larva stage to adult. So the best treatment is eliminating breeding sites; and this takes help from the residents on post. Spraying, done periodically in the housing areas and other places, is considered more of a temporary fix.

"The bottom line is there is no way we're going to be able to eliminate mosquitoes here. It's physically impossible," Dunn said. "We could get out and spray twice a day every day in the housing area and it would not significantly change the mosquito population here."

So, how can the residents help?

First, eliminate breeding sites such as standing water. Change the water in pet containers at least every one or two days. Report leaky faucets and unclog roof gutters. Check for water in saucers under potted plants or as condensation from air conditioning units. Don't bother the mosquito traps — some have been vandalized in the housing area. And for comfort outdoors, use insect repellent when necessary. The best have the active ingredients Permethrin or DEET.

"Mosquitoes, ticks and chiggers are the three most common complaints of anybody that's out in the woods," Dunn said. And mosquitoes and ticks are potential disease carriers. Mosquitoes can carry West Nile virus and equine encephalitis while ticks can carry Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

With its warm weather and water sources, the Southeast is a region of choice for mosquitoes. But the problem could be worse, according to Dunn.

"After visiting Alaska a couple of years ago," he said laughing, "I'm just thankful we don't have mosquito populations here like they have in Alaska."

Health center privacy rules are matter of record

Federal accountability act affects treatment facilities

By SHELLY ALONSO
Fox Army Health Center

Have you recently experienced changes at your doctor's office, clinic, pharmacy or hospital? Whether it's new forms to fill out, authorizations to sign or being asked to present identification for prescriptions, these changes can seem a bit annoying and may leave you asking, what gives? You can rest easy, for these changes have come about for a very good reason: to protect your privacy.

These changes fall under the

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. You may be asking yourself what does HIPAA have to do with me? The answer is simple: everything.

The HIPAA Privacy Rule is a federal law enacted in 1996 which became enforceable at all military and civilian medical facilities in April of this year. While the changes that this law has brought to your life may seem a bit inconvenient at times, the problems that you could incur without its protection could be potentially disastrous to you. The law holds each medical treatment facility in the country accountable to protect your privacy. So, while the extra paper-

work or slightly increased waiting times can be frustrating, please remember that your protection is our No. 1 concern.

The forms that you are asked to sign when visiting your medical provider are to inform you of your legal rights to privacy. The forms and the accompanying brochures inform you of how that facility will handle your protected health information. PHI refers to any information contained in your medical file about you. Here are some examples of how we must protect your health information:

Health-care workers are not allowed to discuss your condition or treatment outside of the

treatment area.

- Your medical record must be protected at all times from outside sources.

- No one can access your personal information without your written consent.

- You can request an accounting of all disclosures of your record at any time.

- We require patients to present identification when picking up prescriptions or obtaining copies of their medical records to ensure that no one else can fraudulently obtain personal information about you or your family.

The HIPAA rule does have one exception to the foremen-

tioned examples. The law allows us to provide your information to our business associates. This includes off-post health care providers that we refer you to for additional care and for the purposes of billing. In both instances, only the minimum amount of information needed by these two groups is provided.

Fox Army Health Center has staff onsite to ensure that we are doing all that we can to protect the privacy of you and your family. If you have any questions regarding privacy issues related to your care at Fox, call the privacy officer at 876-2971 or the patient representative at 955-8888, ext.1152.

■ Clinic staff cares about safety

Patients

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looked through his records and said, "Do you have an updated copy of your power of attorney?" I answered no. "Well, this one has expired and until we get an updated copy, we can't see him." But I said all he needs is his medication refilled. "Well, hold on," she said. "Let me ask my NCOIC." And then off she went.

A few minutes later, a staff sergeant

returned to the front desk carrying my grandson's records and said, "I'm sorry, but until we get that updated power of attorney, we can't see him. That's the commander's policy. The doctors here have their licenses on the line. Now, if you can get me that power of attorney today, we'll get him right in." But I said the appointment is for him, not me. All he needs is his medication refilled.

"I'm sorry. See for yourself," the staff sergeant replied. "The policy says without the power of attorney, no appointment. Do you understand?"

Oh yes, I said, I understand perfectly: policy before patients! I mean, you know, I'm only the escort here. My sole responsibility this morning was to drive him to Fox, carry his ID card and insurance card, go with him to get his medication and then drive him back to day care – escort service. Yet because this escort's paperwork had expired, the patient was refused service. Now does that make sense? Not to me. Not to most logically-thinking people. Did anyone go to the doctor, explain the situation to her and ask her to waive the policy? After all, it's her license on the line. No. And in all my years of government work, policies and regulations have been considered "guidelines" – not written and set in concrete. I feel there should have been some leniency here – not for me, but for my grandson, the patient, who ultimately did not get his medication. Well, when I got back to work after dropping him at the day care, I called his mom. She in turn called the clinic. And guess what? They gave her an appointment for 3:45 p.m. today! Exactly what she'd requested from the very beginning! Go figure ...

Sarah Crago
IMMC

Editor's note: Col. Steven Klamerus, commander of Fox Army Health Center, provided the following response. "I am sorry that you, your grandson, and his mother were inconvenienced today. Fox Army Health Center and I definitely place patients, and their health, ahead of pointless policy. Unfortunately, this situation serves to point out the great importance of having family care provisions and powers-of-attorney current, especially for single or geographically single parents.

"State and federal law, not policy, dictate that we can only provide care and treatment without consent when a 'delay of treatment would increase the risk to the minor's life, health or mental health.' In the case of a routine refill of medications which are 'low,' that would be a difficult judgment to make. On the other hand, there are thousands of children abducted every year, often by family members. A failure to ensure parental consent takes away one safeguard where these cases can be identified. Also, drug dependent people have been known to take advantage of a family member to obtain federally controlled medications,

such as the one your grandson takes. The laws help ensure the right person receives the right medication.

"I think there are some positive points in your letter. Your grandson was able to get an appointment on the same day for a routine health-care need. Further, when we could not meet your needs at that appointment, the staff offered to work with you to find solutions, including a second appointment on the same day. Though the outcome was not what you would have liked, and for that I am sorry, I think this demonstrates that our staff is able to apply judgment, courtesy and extra effort to protect the welfare of the child, even when it is difficult or unpopular. The easiest thing for everyone would have been to simply give you what you asked. But would you really trust a clinic that disregarded laws and patient safety to do that?"



Photo by Sgt. Evan Morrow

Promoted

George Benzenhafer, deputy to the commander at Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, congratulates Ada Fuqua of the Missile Systems Training Department on her promotion to GS-11 during a ceremony June 18 at the building 3301 auditorium. Several workers were recognized for their dedicated service: William Wedin, 35 years service; Steven Stocks, 30 years; Stan Coleman, 25 years; and Chris Olmsted.

Law enforcement officers honor dead comrades

Peace Officers Memorial Day observed May 14 downtown

PROVOST MARSHAL RELEASE

Six members of the military police participated in the Madison County Peace Officers Memorial Day observance, May 14 at the Madison County Courthouse, home of the Madison County Peace Officers Memorial.

The Redstone MPs, along with their civilian counterparts from the Madison City and Huntsville Police Departments and the Madison County Sheriff Department, joined the families of 19 fallen officers from Madison County to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Family members were provided white carnations, which they added to an arrangement of roses in the shape of a cross. In memory of the fallen Police officers, the traditional hymn "Amazing Grace" was played on the bagpipes, courtesy of Huntsville Police Department.

There have been more than 16,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty since the first recorded police death in 1792, according to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. Some 1,655 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during the last 10 years, an average of one death every 53 hours or 165 per year. There were 148 law enforcement officers killed in 2002.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. Public Law 103-322, signed by President Clinton, directs that U.S. flags will be flown at half mast at all government buildings May 15.

During this time of the year, police officers all across the United States take time out to remember their fallen comrades. Local commemorations of Peace Officers Memorial Day will ensure that those who are killed in the line of duty are never forgotten.



Courtesy photo

NOT FORGOTTEN— Local police, including military police officers from Redstone, join families of 19 fallen officers from Madison County in a ceremony for Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Defense Department cites value engineering achievements

Honors

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approaches that expanded the traditional scope of value engineering use. Honorees included the following:

ARMY: Program/Project — U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; Individual/Team — William James Zeigler, Los Angeles District, Army Corps of Engineers; Organization — Team Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors; Contractor — Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, St. Marys, Ohio; and Special — Vicki Loewen, Aviation and Missile Command.

NAVY: Program/Project — Tomahawk Program Office, Naval Air Systems Command; Individual/Team — Tactical Acoustic Measurement and Decision Aid Environment Sonobuoy Team; Organization — Pyro/Demo and Small Caliber Ammunition Branch

(Minor Caliber Ammunition Program; Contractor — Lewis & Zimmerman Associates Inc., Rockville, Md.; and Special — Spray Cooling of Commercial Off the Shelf Electronics Team, Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle Program.

AIR FORCE: Program/Project — Minuteman III Guidance Replacement Program; Individual — Helen Rico, Air Force Research Laboratory, Rome, N.Y.; Organization — Global Command and Control System, Air Force Transition Team.

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY: Program/Project — Advanced Technology Institute X-IT Project Team, Defense Supply Center Richmond; Individual/Team — Value Engineering Team, Defense Supply Center Richmond; Organization — Defense Supply Center Columbus, Columbus, Ohio; and Special — John Dignam, Defense Supply Center Philadelphia.

MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY: Program/Project — Theater High Altitude Area Defense Project Office; Individ-

ual — PAC-3 Product and Quality Assurance Division, Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Management Office, Missile Defense Agency; and Special — Theater High Altitude Area Defense Government/Contractor Integrated Product Team.

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE: Program/Project — Electronic Commerce Office/My Pay System Team; Individual/Team — Commercial Pay Services Team, DFAS; and Special — Defense Cash Accountability System Team.

Editor's note: This article was based on a Department of Defense release.

Provost Marshal Office reports activities

Crimes

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Gate 10. The contractor was stopped and issued a DD Form 1805 for operating his vehicle with a revoked driver's license.

June 14 — A person was charged with possession of a controlled substance when an inspection of her vehicle at Gate 10 revealed the presence of marijuana.

June 14 — A Redstone Arsenal resident was charged with possession of a controlled substance when an inspection of her vehicle at Gate 10 revealed the presence of marijuana.

June 15 — A retired soldier was stopped on Patton Road for exceeding the posted speed limit and found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

June 16 — A Redstone Arsenal employee reported that an unknown person stole her motor vehicle from her off-post residence. Attached to the windshield of the

vehicle was a Redstone Arsenal decal. The incident was also reported to the Huntsville Police Department.

June 17 — A retired soldier reported that an unknown person used his Social Security number to obtain telephone services which have accumulated more than \$1,000 in unpaid charges. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 17 — A soldier reported that an unknown person used his ATM card to obtain goods, services or cash totaling at least \$1,600. Investigation continues by CIDC.

June 19 — A person who stopped at Gate 9 requesting directions was found to be operating her motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. The person was transported to the Provost Marshal Office for a breathalyzer test. She was then issued a violation notice and held until such time as her blood alcohol level reached the legal limit.

Violation notices issued: speeding, 13; parking violation, 5; reckless driving, 1; driving under the influence of alcohol, 2; operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license, 2; no driver's license on person, 1; and possession of controlled substances, 2.



Courtesy photo

Department grant

Paul Bogosian, left, president of the Redstone Chapter of American Helicopter Society, presents a \$1,000 grant check June 16 to the first university/college level recipient, Dr. Robert Frederick from the University of Alabama-Huntsville's Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. The grant will be used to establish a stand-alone rotorcraft thrust experiment for the UAH Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Undergraduate Propulsion Laboratory.

Soldier Show sports rich legacy



SHOW TUNE— "Fortune Favors the Brave" is one of the performances featured in this the 2003 U.S. Army Soldier Show, "Legacy."

Courtesy photo

*2003 world tour
arrives July 16*

By **VICTORIA PALMER**
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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The U.S. Army Soldier Show "Legacy" is now on the road for its 103-performance 2003 world tour.

The troupe will perform at 57 locations in 21 states, the District of Columbia, Korea and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The Soldier Show will perform two shows in Huntsville on July 16, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall, as part of Armed Forces Celebration Week 2003.

From the opening starlit scene of Sgt. Irving Berlin's fireside musings on what will become of his musical legacy and inspiration for the first soldier show through the final patriotic strains of "God Bless America," the show is a fast-paced tribute to the many musical genres enjoyed by soldiers over the years.

The musical medley of "Legacy" ranges from classic Motown standards to Girl Band favorites, popular Country to current dance club and chart-topping hits, show tune adaptations from Aida and Chicago, a non-stop nod to the music legacy of Native American, Latin, Classic, and angst-filled rock, rejoices in the unabashed exuberance of contemporary Gospel and features show-stopping soloists.

Talented dancers in the cast allow for more dancing in the show than in previous years, with jazz, tap, ballet, Bob Fosse-styled choreography and a Native American Hoop Dance worked seamlessly into the show.

The cast and crew include active duty, National Guard and Reserve Component soldiers from 11 states, Japan, Korea and Germany.

They vary in rank from private

first class to first lieutenant and include an infantryman, broadcast journalist, military policewoman, armored vehicle gunner, licensed practical nurse, food service specialist, microwave systems operator and mental health specialist, among others. While in the show, they are assigned additional duties according to their rank, such as vocal director, dance captain and wardrobe/costume manager.

The soldiers selected for this year's show, fewer in number due to Operation Iraqi Freedom deployments, understand how important their artistic contribution is, especially during wartime.

Corporate partners for the 2003 U.S. Army Soldier Show are First Command Financial Planning and the Army National Guard. (No federal endorsement is implied or intended.)

The U.S. Army Soldier Show, an Army Entertainment Division production, is one of more than 50 Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs the Army provides soldiers and families worldwide to enrich their lives, allow personal growth and creative expression, foster self-reliance, enhance physical fitness and promote well-being.

Tickets for the Huntsville shows will be distributed to the public by Redstone Arsenal's MWR and the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Admission to the Soldier Show is free, but does require a ticket, according to Brandie DeRemer, program planner, MWR.

Tickets will be distributed to active duty soldiers beginning July 2. All remaining tickets will be distributed to the public on a first come, first-serve basis beginning July 8 at the Recreation Center, building 3711, and the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce, 225 Church St.

Sea cadets get chance to test military waters

By SCOTT SEELEY
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12-year-old Tommy Presley is ready to set sail on a naval military career. He has immersed himself in all things Navy — from hobbies to clothes and room decor. Now he's getting a chance to actually test

the waters by participating in the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

Tommy and other cadets of the newly formed Robely Evans DD-53 Division of the Sea Cadet Corps will be conducting a drill at the Huntsville Police Academy this Saturday at 11 a.m. The drill will conclude at 5 p.m. Prospective members are invited to attend.

The Sea Cadets are comprised of youth between the ages of 11 and 17 who are interested in naval and military life.

"The program teaches maritime skills, United States and Navy history, along with military procedure and functions," explains the division's executive officer Tommy Presley.

The unit's primary purpose is to foster teamwork, camaraderie and an understanding of the military command structure.

Along with the military training the units participate in local community service projects.

Cadets are instructed by volunteer Sea Cadet officers and senior cadets through classroom and hands on training in subjects such as basic seamanship, military drill, and leadership.

Sea Cadet training consists of local drills, Navy Non-Resident Training Courses, one and two-week training schools and shipboard training.

The one and two-week training takes place during summer months and occasionally during a fall or spring break. The first TWT for all cadets is NSCC Recruit Training Indoctrination, better known as boot camp.

In a scaled down version of the Navy's boot camp, the cadets are instructed by active and reserve military personnel and Sea Cadet officers in military drill and discipline, physical fitness, seamanship, shipboard safety, first aid, naval history, and leadership.

After cadets have successfully completed boot camp, they can then participate in other advanced training programs such as Airman School, Seabee School, Submarine Seminar, Seal Team Training and Shipboard Training.

The local meetings and drills are held at the Huntsville Police Academy on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and the fourth Saturday at 11 a.m.

"The facilities we have to use are first rate," said Lt.j.g. Arnold Staton, the unit's commanding officer.

"Along with our facilities, we have a dedicated and qualified staff that will make us the best supplied unit around," said Staton.

Presley points to the opportunity for his son Tommy to perhaps see if he would like a military life.

"It will give him chance to see what the military atmosphere is like," said Presley.

The unit is named after The USS Evans DD552 which was built in the Gulf Shipbuilding Company yards in Chickasaw and commissioned on Dec. 11, 1943 in Mobile.

Staton looks forward to the unit being fully commissioned and providing the color guard for a planned ceremony honoring the Robely Evans in Mobile this upcoming December.

More information on the Sea Cadets is available at the following web site: <http://dd552.mtnet.org> or by calling Staton at 325-3057.

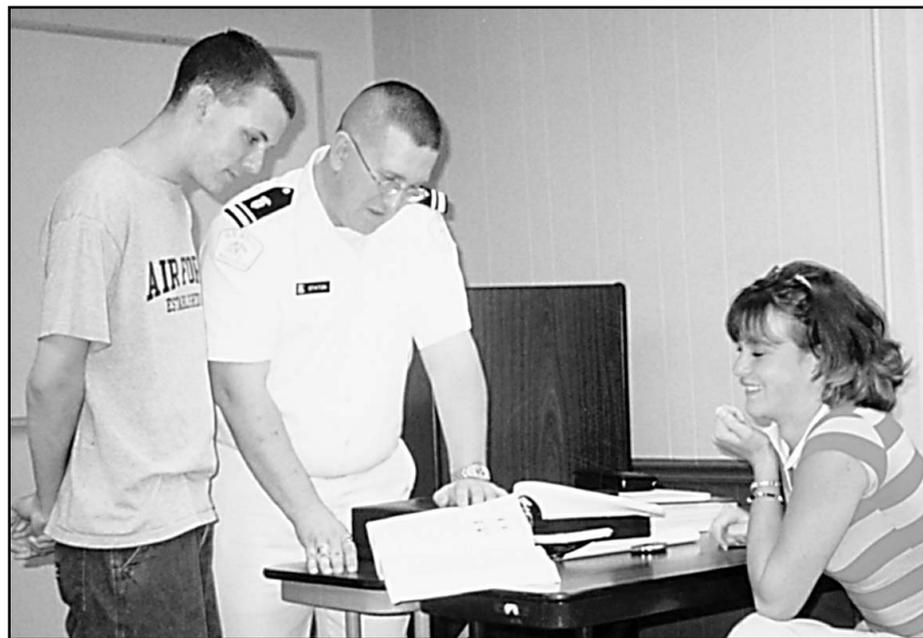


Photo by Scott Seeley

FINAL PREPARATIONS— Nathan Noel, Lt.j.g. Arnold Staton and Amber Burhans review plans for the upcoming Naval Sea Cadet Corps drill Saturday at the Huntsville Police Academy at 11 a.m.

Military family members among first graduating class

New Century Technology High serving Redstone community

By EVETTE BROOKS
For the Rocket

The New Century Technology High School opened second semester in January 1997 with 21 students and four teachers. NCTHS opened as a half day school for juniors and seniors from Huntsville City Schools' other five high schools.

Evalyn Humphrey, the school's principal, said the recruitment tools were not getting the desired response. "Because of this fact, we went back to the discussion table and decided we would go full time."

In the spring of 1999, more than 100 ninth-grade students were admitted, creating the first full-time class — 10 percent of which were military family members. Of those 100 initial students, 74 stayed at NCTHS and were part of the first graduating class in May 2003.

NCTHS was created through partnerships between the high tech business community and higher education, mainly Calhoun Community College, along with the Huntsville city schools. Calhoun serves as home for the school, providing NCTHS with 16 classrooms on the first floor. The school also has second-floor use of the library, computer labs and science labs.

Some of the school's business partners

since its inception include Marshall Space Flight Center, Computer Sciences Corporation Inc. (formerly called Nichols Research), Huntsville Hospital and medical community, New Horizon Computer Learning Center, Adtran Inc., the Alabama Supercomputing Center and the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce. All have helped develop the curriculum which distinguishes NCTHS from other schools.

Several local physicians also helped get the program started, Humphrey said. None of the business partners make monetary contributions but contribute in other ways. Many have provided their own workers to help with instruction. New Horizon, for example, trains NCTHS' teachers in the area of technology.

NCTHS is a Huntsville city school on a normal schedule and has the same calendar as the other schools. It was the first school to use the Block Schedule and is one of only three Huntsville city schools to use such a schedule.

"The most unique difference between NCTHS and other traditional high schools is that NCTHS is geared strictly toward technology," Humphrey said. For example, in a traditional high school, a student may choose from a variety of courses known as electives. But at NCTHS, those electives are filled with technology courses.

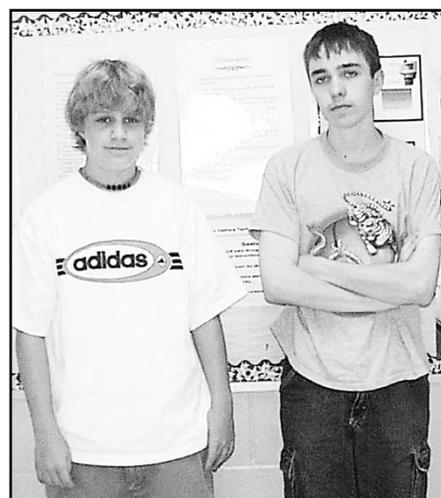


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FUTURE STUDENTS— Seth Companation, left, and Brandon Hancock visit New Century Technology High School for interviews as potential students.

As a high-tech high school, NCTHS offers students five areas from which they may choose as a focus for their high school diploma. These include Aerospace Technology, Computer Science and Information Technology, Earth Science and Technology, Life Science and Health Technology, and Manufacturing and Electronics (Telecommunications) Technology. The earth science and technology and

the manufacturing and electronics technology areas are not yet open but should become available when the school has a larger facility and more teachers.

There is no minimum grade point average requirement for admission to NCTHS. The only requirement is that a student must be grade level, that is, not deficient in his or her studies for their grade.

"We look for regular kids who are interested in what we have to offer, or, in other words, those who want to learn technology," Humphrey said. Any student who wants to attend NCTHS must submit a written application, and must be interviewed by the school along with his or her parent or legal guardian. Students attending NCTHS may earn a high school diploma, regular or advanced.

"I am proud to say of the recent 74 graduates in this past year's graduating class, 41 of them earned an advanced diploma," Humphrey said. "The class as a whole received over one million dollars in scholarship offers, and more than half of them have been accepted to a four-year college or university. Several students (12) have taken advantage of the dual enrollment program earning college credit and high school credit at the same time. One student is a candidate for the associate degree from Calhoun Community College."

Whosoever members aren't just playing for fun

Athens-based rock band fuels career aspirations

By NICHOLAS MILLER
For the Rocket

The next Rolling Stones or Aerosmith might reside in North Alabama because four local kids hope to someday attain the same success.

Keith and Kyle Chronister, Jonathan Young, all 12 and entering seventh-grade, and Jay Johnson, 13 and entering eighth-grade, make up the rock group Whosoever. "I'm very proud of how much they've progressed," Ronnie Chronister, deputy director of Engineering Directorate and father of Kyle and Keith, said.

The group's name comes from the Bible verse Johns 3:16, which the mem-

bers agreed on before their first performance at a church talent show. Jonathan and the Chronister brothers were the original members and Jay joined a little later when a counselor at their school, Athens Middle, told them he could play.

The group, performing at local events for about a year, was asked to perform at Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles organization day, June 18, in front of building 5250.

"Playing here will give us more exposure and hopefully get us more gigs," Kyle said.

Kyle plays bass, Keith guitar, Jay lead guitar while Jonathan plays drums and sings lead.

They were approached about performing on post when an Athens reporter did and article on the group, which an Arsenal employee read and then contacted the

group.

Whosoever has been together about a year and performed 25-30 times in the Athens area.

"I'm their fan, I just want them to stay passionate and continue to have fun," Deana Young, Jonathan's mother, said.

The members have even bigger plans. Jonathan hopes to someday play the Oak Mountain Amphitheater in Birmingham while Kyle and Keith both want to make it big and have fun doing it.

The boys are working on an album, but for now they play some of their favorite tunes during performances. "Some songs we have to play in different keys because we can't get as low as some older singers yet," Jonathan said.

"Music gets me pumped," Kyle said. "It's fun," said Keith. "I like to see the crowd's faces."



Photo by Nicholas Miller

BANDED TOGETHER— From left are Kyle Chronister, Jonathan Young and Keith Chronister.

HHC 59th slugs way to preseason softball final



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WARMING UP— HHC 59th left fielder Patrick Perry warms up for a game last season.

Defending preseason champ outscores opponents 56-12

By SKIP VAUGHN
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HHC 59th looks like the team to beat entering the troop softball season.

The 59th went 3-0 in advancing to the preseason tournament final scheduled

June 24. The defending preseason champion outscored its opponents 56-12.

"The team this year is three times stronger than last year's and expects to go undefeated the whole year," HHC 59th pitcher Michael McGilton said.

Stephen Dix had two homers and a single as the 59th beat Delta 16-5 on Thursday night at field 14 off Patton Road. McGilton homered and doubled. Joe Cox had a home run, double and single. Jerry McIntyre had three hits with a triple and

Glenn Lundy added three hits with a double.

Luis R. Ortiz and Donald Osborne had two hits apiece for Delta which was out-hit 23-7 in five innings.

In elimination games, Bravo beat MEDDAC 21-4 and the Marines stopped NCO Academy 22-18. Bravo beat the Marines 18-3 and Delta 20-14 for the right to face the 59th in the final.

Bravo won the post championship last year.

Taekwondo competitors to get their kicks at sports festival

Youngsters from Redstone try for medals this weekend

By EVETTE BROOKS
For the Rocket

Jeffrey Davis, a Chicago native and recent military retiree, now finds himself in the world of fast, high spinning kicks.

Those kicks, in fact, are Taekwondo, a

modern martial art from Korea. Davis gets his kicks teaching Taekwondo at the Youth Center; and his students will participate in the Alabama Sports Festival this weekend.

"The Taekwondo training program has been under way here at the Arsenal for two years," he said. "We have intermediate classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., with beginner classes on those same days from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m."

Taekwondo has no age limit and is a good sport for children. They learn to react faster, gain respect for others and appreciate their abilities.

Competition rules differ for children and adults. Although children wear full body protection, only kicks and punches to the

body are allowed — no kicks to the head.

Monthly class prices are \$40 for one family member, \$33 for two and \$27 for three. If four family members sign up, the fourth membership is free. Classes are open to military members and DoD civilians, with enrollment at any time.

Taekwondo students find that this martial art form builds confidence, stamina, coordination and discipline," Davis said. "I am a third-degree black belt, have 18 years Taekwondo experience and have been teaching for six years. The parents and kids have worked very hard and I am looking forward to my students participating in the Alabama Sports Festival."

Festival competition is Friday and Saturday at the Von Braun Center. For more Taekwondo information, call Davis at 830-4322.



Photo by Evette Brooks

GETTING READY— Taekwondo students practice at the Youth Center in preparation for the Alabama Sports Festival.

Summertime safety just takes common sense

Occupational health specialist offers warm weather advice

By PATRICIA R. ALBERT
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School's out, pools are open and people across the country are looking for fun ways to cool down as summer temperatures heat up. As you head to the beach, to the pool, or to the mountains for a camping vacation, keep safety in mind. Here are a few things to remember.

Helmet safety

- One of the best ways to stay safe this summer is to wear a helmet and other safety gear when biking, skating and skateboarding, and when riding scooters, all-terrain vehicles, and horses.
- Studies on bicycle helmets have shown they can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent.

Barbecue safety

- When using barbecue grills on decks or patios, be sure to leave sufficient space from siding and eaves.
- Monitor barbecue grills closely when in use.
- Keep children and pets far away from grills.
- With charcoal grills, only use charcoal starter fluids designed for barbecue grills and do not add fluid after coals have been lit.
- With gas grills, be sure that the hose connection is tight and check hoses carefully for leaks. Applying soapy water to the hoses will easily and safely reveal any leaks.
- Always follow the manufacturer's

instructions and have the grill repaired by a professional, if necessary.

Water safety

- Only swim in approved areas.
- Supervise children near water at all times.
- Teach children to swim.
- Check the depth of the water with a lifeguard before jumping in.
- Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal floatation device when boating, jet-skiing, tubing or water-skiing. Air-filled swimming aids, like water wings or inner tubes, are not substitutes for approved PFDs. An adult should always supervise children using these devices.

- Be sure to extinguish all smoking materials and shut down motors, fans and heating devices before fueling a boat. In case of a spill, wipe up fuel immediately and check the bilge for fuel leakage and odors. After fueling and before starting the boat's motor, ventilate with the blower for at least four minutes.

Camping

- Always use a flame retardant tent and set up camp far away from the campfire.
- Only use flashlights or battery-powered lanterns inside the tent or any other closed space, not liquid-filled heaters or lanterns.
- Always build your campfire down wind away from your tent. Clear all vegetation and dig a pit surrounded by rocks before building your campfire.
- Store liquid fire starter (not gasoline) away from your tent and campfire and only use dry kindling to freshen a campfire.
- Always put out a campfire when



going to sleep or leaving the campsite. To extinguish the fire, cover with dirt or pour water over it until all traces of fire and red embers are gone..

Fireworks

- Fireworks lead to thousands of injuries requiring emergency room treatment, according to National Fire Protection Association.
- These dazzling, but dangerous devices can burn up to 1200 degrees and can cause burns, lacerations, amputations and blindness. Stay safe by always leaving fireworks to professionals.
- Stay back at least 500 feet from professional fireworks displays.
- Treat all fireworks, whether legal or illegal for consumers, as suitable only for use by trained professionals.
- If you find fireworks, do not touch them but instead direct authorities to them.
- Leave any area where amateurs are using fireworks.

Yard work

- When mowing, keep small children

out of the yard, and turn the mower off if children enter the area.

- If the lawn slopes, mow across the slope with the walk-behind rotary mower, never up and down. With a riding mower, drive up and down the slope, not across it.
- Never carry children on a riding mower.

Playgrounds

- Make sure your home playground is safe. Falls cause 60 percent of playground injuries, so having a safe surface is critical.

• Concrete, asphalt or packed dirt surfaces are too hard. Use at least 9 inches of wood chips or mulch.

Insect stings

- If you have known allergies to insect stings, be sure to carry your insect sting kit. Avoid wearing clothing with floral patterns that may attract insects. If you are stung, use a credit card to sweep away the stinger.

Ticks

- If you find a tick, remove it by pulling steadily and firmly. Grasp the tick with fine-tipped tweezers, as close to the skin as possible, and pull slowly. Wash area and apply antiseptic or antibiotic ointment. Watch area for infection. See a physician if you see signs of a rash in that area.

Food storage

- Keep cold foods cold — especially dairy foods — to avoid food poisoning. Also do not store perishable foods in the car where temperatures are usually hotter than outside the car.

For more information, log on www.cpsc.gov.

Don't let heat injuries get under your skin

Take precautions to keep your cool

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Now that summer is finally here, it's time to think about hitting the beaches and pools, playing ball, and other warm weather activities. With all that sun beating down and the sticky Alabama humidity, heat injuries become a real threat to our health.

Heat injuries, like all accidents, are preventable if you follow protective measures and know how to respond to warning signs.

Heat injuries occur in response to four environmental factors — temperature, humidity, wind, and radiant heat or heat absorbed from the environment (such as inside a vehicle). Our bodies need to maintain a stable internal temperature. When body temperature rises, the heart pumps more blood to the skin where heat is lost to the cooler environment. When external temperatures approach body temperature, the loss of heat through the skin

is hindered. Sweat is produced which cools the body through evaporation. Wind can speed up evaporation, cooling the body faster.

If humidity is high, sweat evaporation decreases and the body's ability to cool itself is impaired. Since so much blood is at the surface of the skin, less is available

for the muscles, brain and other organs. Alertness declines and fatigue sets in. Without preventive measures, heat injury is likely to occur.

There are numerous preventive measures that you can take to avoid developing a heat injury. The most important preventive measure is to drink enough water.

Hydration is necessary for the body to produce sweat to cool the body. If the body is dehydrated, fluids will be used to maintain the organs and there will be none available for sweating. Alcohol and caffeinated beverages increase urine production, so avoid using them as fluid sources. Also, avoid excessive salt intake since salt affects the sweat mechanism by causing retention of fluids.

Schedule heavy work for cooler parts of the day. If this is not possible, take occasional rest breaks, preferably in a shaded area and drink plenty of fluids. This allows the heart rate to drop and gives the body time to cool. Wear loose, lightweight, light colored clothing that allows perspiration to evaporate and wear a wide brimmed hat and use sunscreen on exposed skin. You can attain and maintain acclimatization by gradually increasing physical activity during the hours of the day that you will be exposed to the heat.

For more information on heat injuries and heat injury prevention, and heat injury classes, call the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center, at 955-8888, ext.1026. You can also get information at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil>.

Type of Heat Injury	Symptoms	First Aid for Casualty
Heat Cramps	Muscle cramps usually in large muscles of abdomen and legs, excessive sweating, thirst	Move to a shaded area, loosen clothing. Monitor and, give more water as needed. Seek medical attention
Heat Exhaustion	Weakness, faintness, dizziness, cool to touch, clammy skin, headache, loss of appetite, nausea	Move to shaded area. Loosen or remove clothing. Pour water on casualty and fan. Have casualty drink cool water. Elevate legs. Monitor until medical assistance
Heat Stroke	Hot, dry skin to touch, dizziness, confusion, headache, nausea, seizures, breathing difficulties, loss of consciousness, faint pulse	A MEDICAL EMERGENCY! Seek medical attention immediately. Perform life-saving measures. Move to shady area. Remove outer clothing.

**Sports & Recreation****Alabama sports festival**

Registration is under way for the 2003 Alabama Sports Festival XXI State Games, June 26-29 in Huntsville. Opening ceremonies are June 27 at 7 p.m. in the Von Braun Center. "This is Alabama's largest, Olympic-style, multisport event for amateur athletes of any age or skill level," a prepared release said. For more information, visit the festival's web site at www.alagames.com or call (800) 467-0422.

Golf classic

MAG 7, Men Aiming for Goodness, will hold its 10th annual Golf Classic, Saturday at 8 a.m. at Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville. Cost is \$65 per player; and proceeds benefit the Harris Home for Children. For more information, call George Kelly 852-1618 or Leon Bradford 837-5328.

King of Hill tournament

The King of the Hill bowling tournament is noon Saturday at Redstone Lanes. Signup starts that morning at 11 with a \$15 entry fee. For information call Pat Hunt 837-1834.

Basketball clinic

A girls and boys basketball clinic is July 12 and again July 19 at Randolph School, 1005 Drake Ave. Times are 9 a.m. until noon for grades four through six, and 2-5 p.m. for grades seven and eight. The \$65 fee includes a free T-shirt and water bottle. Call 325-7529 for registration and more information.

Youth basketball camp

Registration is under way for the Child and Youth Services' Basketball Camp, July 7-11 for children 6-16. Instructors will be Kelly McCarty, Israeli pro basketball player, and Doc Martin of the University of Alabama and the Huntsville Flight. The pros will be teaching defense and offense, shooting, ball handling, rebounding, as well as passing and receiving. The cost per child is \$55 plus \$15 Central Registration fee if not already registered. Times are 8:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 6-10 and 12:30-3:30 p.m. for ages 11-16. This program is open to all active and retired military, DoD, Department of Army, NASA and contractors' dependents. For information call 876-3704 or 313 3699.

Bowling promotion

Redstone Lanes is host for another summer of fun with Mystery Bowl II. New prizes, more prizes, and chances to win await you at the bowling center. Eighty-seven Army bowling centers are participating in this summer's promotion. The

nine weekly winners at each participating bowling center will be entered into a drawing at Community and Family Support Center for a chance to win one of two resort packages, plus \$500 to defray travel costs. The resort vacation includes hotel/resort accommodations for seven nights at the Palm Desert Resort in California, and a vacation activities and amenities package worth at least \$2,000 in-kind services per package. The promotion runs for nine weeks, with weekly winners from each installation entered into a chance to win resort vacation packages. For more information, go to www.redstonemwr.com or call 876-6634.

**Conferences & Meetings****Alcoholics anonymous**

An Alcoholics Anonymous group meets each Thursday at 11 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4309. For information call 313-1478. The Redstone Arsenal group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of Bicentennial Chapel.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will hold its monthly meeting Thursday at Sparkman building 5302. The location has been changed from the Executive Dining Room to the separate seating area behind the main cashiers in the Sparkman Cafeteria dining room. Those who wish to have lunch should go through the line and proceed to this area. The meeting will start at 11:20. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275 or Meg Lipsey 955-6262, extension 112.

Officers association

Military Officers Association of America, formerly The Retired Officers Association, will hold its informal monthly breakfast Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the Redstone Golf Clubhouse. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows, of all branches of service, are invited. For further information, call retired CWO 4 Aniceto Bagley 852-7973.

Industry briefing

The 2003 Team Redstone Advance Planning Briefing for Industry is July 15-17 at Bob Jones Auditorium. This briefing is a continuing effort to keep industry informed of the Army's long-range technology development objectives and contractual opportunities. APBI early registration cost through July 1 is \$425 for industry and academia, and \$300 for military and government employees. APBI registration from July 2-17 is \$475 for industry and academia, and \$350 for mil-

itary and government employees. Registration the day before the conference will be available July 14 from 1-4 p.m. at the auditorium. For registration or information visit the web site at <http://apbi.redstone.army.mil>, or call Lauretta Mitchell 876-4270 or Christi Wilson 519-6682.

Air defenders

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association is having a membership appreciation social and general membership meeting July 24 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Firehouse Pub. This social is free to members in good standing and prospective members. Applications for membership will be accepted at the door. For more information, contact the association secretary at mhowell@ad-art.com.

Helicopter society

The Redstone Chapter of the American Helicopter Society will hold an "After Hours With Industry" meeting Thursday at 5 p.m. at Firehouse Pub, Redstone Arsenal. Boeing Corporation will provide a presentation on Innovative Rotorcraft Concepts.

**Miscellaneous****Thrift shop**

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays 9-5, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12:30. Appointments are Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop, which now accepts handmade craft items for consignment, seeks volunteers. The shop will be closed July 4-5 and reopen July 9. It will be open for sales July 12 from 10-2. For more information, call 881-6992.

Association scholarship

The Army Space and Missile Defense Association will award a \$1,000 scholarship in August. Applications are due by July 15. For more information, call Bob Belton of Quantum Research International 971-1800, ext. 257.

Logistics course

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics is offering a 50-hour Logistics Management course. The course provides a comprehensive review of logistics, preparing interested students for the next CPL exam scheduled Nov. 1. For more information, call Joyce Bilodeau 842-9968.

Youth sponsorship

Youth Sponsorship Training will be held

on the first Tuesday of each month from 4-4:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148. Youth (grades 6-12) that would like to become a Youth Sponsor or youth that have recently moved to the Redstone community are invited. For more information, call Pam Berry 955-6309.

Car show helpers

Volunteer are needed for the Army Emergency Relief fund-raising car show, "Car and Camouflage," July 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking area off Zeus Road near Gate 10. Volunteers are needed for everything from directing participants to staging areas and traffic control for public parking areas, to registration, setup and judging (some experience or background is required for those volunteering to judge). Individuals interested in volunteering should call SFC Thomas Perkins 955-8888, ext. 1141 or e-mail him at thomas.perkins@se.amedd.army.mil.

Academy fund-raiser

The third annual Charity Fund Raiser Dinner for the Janice Mitchell Isbell Academy is July 11 at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Parish Life Center, 2300 Beasley. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 for two tickets. Scheduled speaker is Mayor Mims Hackett of Orange, N.J., a Birmingham native. He was a teacher for 32 years, twice winning "Teacher of the Year" for his excellence in teaching science. The evening will feature a fashion show, dinner, silent auction and dancing. For more information call Lillie Townsend, executive director, 746-9026.

Summer musical

Pocahontas will be the 2003 summer musical for the Madison Community Chorus. Performances are 7 p.m. July 25 and 26, and 2 p.m. July 26 at Bob Jones High School in Madison. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. Corporate sponsors receive a \$2 discount off the adult ticket price. Groups of 15 or more may receive a 10 percent additional discount. For tickets call 316-0521 or 316-0522. Tickets are also available at Shaver's Books in Huntsville and Mulberry Street in Madison.

Theater tickets

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring Broadway Theatre League season tickets for 2003-04. There are five shows in the season ticket package this year: Miss Saigon, Oct. 21-26; Jesus Christ Superstar, Nov. 28-30; Cats, Jan. 30 to Feb. 1; Grease, Feb. 20-22; and Les Miserables, April 27 to May 2. Performance times and discounted ticket prices for orchestra-2 seating are: Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., \$210; Saturday and

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Sunday at 2 p.m., \$198; Sunday at 7 p.m., \$192. Contact Charles Urban at charles.urban@redstone.army.mil to purchase season tickets. Ticket payments must be made by July 9 at Sparkman building 5303, first floor, room 3136. If you had reserved seats for last year's season and would like to reserve your same seats for this season, please e-mail your reply by June 27.

Scholarships aired

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is accepting nominations for local scholarship awards. The Embry-Riddle Excellence Award consists of a certificate and eligibility for authorization of payment of non-reimbursed tuition expenses for one 3 or 4 credit hour course, or for the books for one term up to the amount of 1 credit hour of tuition. Nominations will be accepted from military and civilian organizations that have a formal recognition system for regularly identifying outstanding employees; and who provide employees with partial or full tuition assistance for voluntary, off duty enrollment in college courses. To be eligible, nominees must have received an employer-sponsored award for outstanding performance, and must be nominated for the scholarship by their employer. Nominations must be submitted in writing and must include an organization and employee name, the type of award, and the date received. ERAU Huntsville is in the Army Education Center, building 3222. For more information, call director Christy Pinero 876-9763.

Soldier Show

The 2003 U.S. Army Soldier Show will perform two shows July 16, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Morale, Welfare and Recreation will distribute tickets to active duty military personnel beginning July 2. Tickets will be available (limit four per person) for Redstone Arsenal employees beginning July 8 through MWR at the Recreation Center, building 3711, on Patton Road and the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce, 225 Church St. Individuals that do not receive tickets can go to the Concert Hall for "standby" seating. While seating is not guaranteed as with a ticket, any seats that remain unfilled 15 minutes prior to the performance will be offered to the individuals on standby on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, call Brandie DeRemer 313-1203.

Health center hours

Fox Army Health Center announces holi-

day hours for Independence Day. The Primary Care Extended Hours Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to noon July 3-5 for scheduled appointments. All other clinics will be closed. The health center is closed Sundays. The pharmacy will be open regular hours, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. July 3 and closed the Fourth of July. Advice nurses are available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments. Access to the building may be gained through the Pharmacy entrance on the south side.

PX hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following holiday hours the Fourth of July: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; concessions, closed; GNC, closed; mall barber shop, closed; beauty shop, closed; cellular service, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; furniture store, closed; One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; service station, closed; Burger King, closed; military clothing, closed; barber shop, building 3479, closed; Food Court - Anthony's, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, closed; Robin Hood, closed; and Church's, closed.

Furniture sale

The PX Furniture Store Sidewalk Sale is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "You will find great savings on categories of merchandise: selected mirrors, selected lava lamps, selected furniture and selected mattresses," a Post Exchange release said. "Register to win a free Lava Lamp. Also register to win a \$50 furniture shopping spree." The drawing is 4:30 that afternoon.

Post library

The MWR Post Library, building 3323 on Redeye Road (across from Army Community Service), features an online catalog at www.redstonemwr.com, best-sellers, Internet ready computers, books on both tape and CD, a children's collection, research databases, a general non-fiction collection, as well as military, mystery, romance and adventure books. The library is open Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 876-4741 for more information.

Virtual sweepstakes

Drop your "virtual business card" at www.redstonemwr.com for a chance to win prizes — MWR merchandise, dining coupons, gift certificates and more. Simply go to the web site any time and drop your virtual business card and you're reg-

istered to win. Entries will be drawn weekly and winners will be contacted via e-mail or phone.

Bingo special

"Beach Party Bingo" is this Sunday at the Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. There will be

door prizes, extra games, a dance contest and grilled chicken with all the trimmings. Doors open and cards go on sale at 12:15 p.m. and games start at 1:45. Challenger bingo is open to members of the Redstone community ages 19 or older. For more information, call 837-0750/0751.



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Deployment party

Brig. Gen. Mastin Robeson, left, Marine forces commander at Horn of Africa, and Army Col. Bob English cut a cake to celebrate the Army's 228th birthday. English, of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, is detailed for operations in Southwest Asia.

