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Hunting preference for deployed Soldiers

Courtesy Directorate of Compliance and Management

Deployments may have prevented some active-duty hunters from applying for Colorado's limited game license drawing. The application deadline for limited game licenses was April 1. As a result, the Colorado Wildlife Commission initiated a program to allow deployed servicemembers access to big game licenses and preference points.

The Preference Point Program allowed deployed service members to purchase leftover hunting licenses prior to the licenses being offered to the general public Aug. 12, 2003. Although this deadline has past, military hunters are still eligible to apply for a preference point for next year's hunt.

To apply for a preference point, the soldier must have been deployed overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on or about April 1, 2003. Documentation to prove the deployment must be included with submission of the application. (Photocopies are acceptable.)

The Preference Point Application is available at http://www.wildlife.state.co.us/hunt/BigGame/military/preference_point.pdf, must be received at the Colorado Division of Wildlife by Jan. 2, 2004. It is unknown at this time if the Preference Point Program will be continued in 2004 by the Colorado Wildlife Commission. For more information, call the Wildlife Office at 579-9094.



Photo courtesy Sgt. Jack Morse

On patrol ...

Soldiers patrol an area around Forward Observation Base Eagle, near Balad, Iraq, after the base came under mortar fire. No one was injured, and several Iraqis were detained in connection with the attack. The Soldiers are assigned to Fort Carson's 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

Fort Carson honors retiree community



Photo by Spc. Jon Wiley

Maj. Wesley Morgan, community health nurse at Evans Army Community Hospital, gives a flu shot to a retiree. He estimated that the flu clinic staff members gave shots to about 600 people Saturday.

by Spc. Jon Wiley
Mountaineer staff

Hundreds of the Army community's most experienced members flocked to the Elkhorn Conference Center on post Saturday to attend the Fort Carson Annual Retiree Appreciation Day.

Veterans of a broad span of eras — from World War II to the current War on Terror — attended the event's information fair and health clinics, where they obtained essential services and gathered information about other services available to them on post and beyond.

"The purpose of Retiree Appreciation Day is to service and educate the retiree community in the area and to build and retain the relationship between them and the installation," said retired Lt. Col. Joseph Gmelch, co-chairman of the Fort Carson Retiree Council, an advocacy group that briefs the command on issues important to local retirees.

Gmelch said that there are nearly as

many retirees in the Colorado Springs as there are active duty Department of Defense personnel. He added that they enhance the Carson community by utilizing funds-generating services such as the post exchange and golf course.

Thousands of retirees also volunteer at Evans Army Community Hospital and other agencies on post, said Maryce Haagenson, chief of Retirement Services here.

"Retiree Appreciation Day is our way of reinforcing our thanks to them for their sacrifices and service to our community," Haagenson said.

Some of the organizations that attended the event's information fair were Tri-West Healthcare Alliance, Army Community Services, AAFES and the American Legion. At the event, retirees were able to register their vehicles with the DOD, get flu shots, draft wills, take care of military pay issues and more at a convenient one-stop location.

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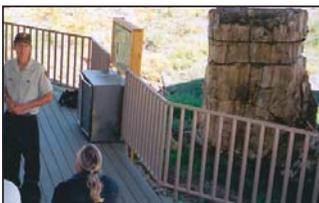
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Children take to the field for last fall game.

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Happenings



Petrified trees and fossils can be seen at Florissant Fossil Beds, west of Colorado Springs.

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What's new

Daylight-saving time ends Sunday at 2 a.m. The old saying "Spring forward, fall back," applies. Clocks should be set back one hour, beginning at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Post Weather hotline:
526-0096

Soldiers of today pay tribute to Army's famous past explorers

by Kathryn Pardo
Army News Service

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Soldiers honored a U.S. Army expedition that paved the way for America's future during The Falls of the Ohio — Lewis and Clark National Signature Event in Louisville.

The historic meeting of Capt. Meriwether Lewis and retired Lt. William Clark was recognized during the opening ceremonies of the bicentennial commemorative event that

began Oct. 15 in Louisville and will last until Oct. 26.

The renowned explorers met in Louisville Oct. 14, 1803, and remained there until Oct. 26. While there, they chose the first nine members of their expedition, all enlisted men, before departing on their extraordinary journey.

The National Signature Event will mirror their time spent in Louisville.

"From this event, we want people to take away that Lewis and Clark

(expedition) was an Army expedition, that the Army basically opened the West and that the Army existed peacefully with American Indians as Lewis and Clark went there and back," said Lt. Col. Mark Reardon, the chief of the Lewis and Clark Commemorative Office, U.S. Army Center for Military History. CMH is the Army's coordinating agency for the bicentennial.

"It was truly a noble venture," Reardon added, "that set the tone for our country's expansion to encompass the borders that it does today."

The Lewis and Clark expedition, also known as the Corps of Discovery, also demonstrated the Army's reliance on the noncommissioned officer, who was the backbone of the military then and now, said Dr. Charles E. White, the Army's Lewis and Clark historian of the CMH.

The Corps of Discovery was part of a tradition of military expeditions in American history. "As the public watches this ceremony, they realize that the Army has been through . . . pretty much everything this nation has been through, and that it has been leading from the front the whole time," said Sgt. Phillip Kitts of the Company A, 3rd U.S. Infantry, The Old Guard's Lewis and Clark 1803 Color Guard.

Kitts participated in the opening ceremonies as a member of the Lewis and Clark 1803 Color Guard, along with members of The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. The Lewis and Clark 1803 Color Guard presented and retired the Colors. The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps provided the musical prelude, national anthem and recessional for the ceremony.

"Being here makes me feel proud of the unit that I stand for and of everyone overseas," said Spc. Christopher Mack, also of the Lewis and Clark 1803 Color Guard.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provided historical interpreters and a traveling barge filled with exhibits about the Lewis and Clark expedition, which will be on display for the entire event. Col. Robert A. Rowlette, com-

mander of the Louisville District Corps of Engineers, spoke at the opening ceremony on behalf of the USACE.

"President Jefferson turned to the United States Army to provide the leadership, the discipline, training and the knowledge of the frontier 200 years ago," said Rowlette.

"Those expedition veterans exuded the values of today's Army: Honor, Duty, Respect, Loyalty, Integrity, Selfless Service, and Personal Courage," he continued.

The USACE is a founding partner of the Falls of the Ohio — Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee, and it has been heavily involved with the Bicentennial Commemoration from its inception.

Lewis and Clark met at The Falls of the Ohio in Louisville 200 years ago, but the October event is only one of many nationwide to commemorate their three-year Army expedition. The Bicentennial Commemoration includes many events nationwide that recognize these famous explorers and trace their journey across the United States.

The Falls of the Ohio is one of the 15 National Signature Events that headline the commemoration, according to Reardon. Many communities along the soldiers' route will also hold local commemorations.

In addition to the Army's participation, local dignitaries spoke at the opening ceremonies. Historical interpreters re-enacted the meeting of the two explorers.

Though the commemorative event took place Oct. 15, it was scheduled to directly reflect the meeting of the two explorers. Inopportune weather conditions prohibited the Oct. 14 ceremonies, however.

"The bicentennial ceremony helps the public realize that the Army has always been here and will always be here," said Kitts.

Editor's note: Kathryn Pardo is a college intern working in the Community Relations and Outreach Division.



Photo courtesy Kathryn Pardo

Sgt. Phillip Kitts and Spc. John Nunn of the Lewis and Clark 1803 Color Guard stand ready with the colors before their presentation at a ceremony to honor the three-year expedition of Lewis and Clark. The Army participated in the opening ceremony of The Falls of the Ohio — Lewis and Clark National Signature Event in Louisville.

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News

Help online ...

Web site offers help with PCS moves

by Pfc. Andrew Hillegass
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The frustrations that sometimes accompany reassignment moves may become a thing of the past, with the introduction of a new Web site designed to consolidate the various housing sites into one.

The Army Housing OneStop at www.onestoparmy.com is now accessible and provides a variety of useful information to Soldiers, whether they are veteran movers or newcomers.

“Officers and senior NCOs (non-commissioned officers) generally know where to look for information,” said Wendy McIntosh, housing management analyst for the Department of the Army. “But for junior enlisted, who have no idea where to find stuff about housing, this site is going to be invaluable.”

“We wanted to put all of the housing information into a single site that was easy to find and navigate,” said

McIntosh. “The Web sites that were out there were all very different, some were tricky to find or difficult to navigate and find what you wanted to know. We wanted to create a ‘friendly’ Web site.”

Through the site you can take a photo tour of homes, view the floor plans of various houses and find contact information for the housing office of a specific installation. You can also get the installation’s specific policies and procedures.

“Seeing the floor plans doesn’t just help you decide which neighborhood you’d like to live in, it helps you figure out if you’ll have enough room for your furniture,” said McIntosh.

“There are several things that can be done on this site that you were unable to do on many of the existing Web sites. You are able to instantly view the waiting list for housing and see if you are going to have to wait, or if there will be a house available for you when you arrive,” said McIntosh.

The site also allows you to get to know your new community long before you arrive on post.

“You can look at the Web site and look up the different programs and facilities on post before you even arrive. You are also able to find out more information about the local area so you can get a better picture of what kind of neighborhood you will be moving into,” said McIntosh.

The site is also looking to expand its services so a Soldier one day may be able to view off-post housing, such as apartments.

“We are working with apartments.com to eventually get a listing of apartments available off-post for Soldiers, while they wait for post housing to become available,” said McIntosh.

The site currently has 66 Army locations and expects to add 31 more posts by January to cover all installations that offer housing.

“Even posts that are not fully represented on the Web site right now have something on the site,” said McIntosh. “We still have useful information such as the housing office’s contact information and links useful in the moving process.”

By putting the site online before all of the installations are fully represented, site planners are hoping to get valuable feedback from users so they can implement more user-friendly site improvements before the contract ends.

“We want to hear what (Soldiers) want out of a site like this,” said McIntosh. “That is the best way to improve this site and maximize its potential.”

Editor’s note: Pfc. Andrew Hillegass, is a journalist with the 107th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Florida Army National Guard, on active duty supporting Operation Tribute to Freedom. Spc. Lorie Jewell of the 107th also contributed to this story.

Army makes drinkable water from exhaust

by Spc. Bill Putnam
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army is nearing the end of testing a pump that will make potable water from vehicle exhaust.

Doug Snowden, an engineer from Hamilton Sunstrans, displayed the two-part pump at the Army's Tank and Automotive Command booth at the Association of the U.S. Army's annual convention in Washington, D.C., Oct. 6.

"All we're simply doing is recovering the water that's present in the fuel," Snowden said.

In development for three years, the pumps when fielded may cost about \$25,000 each, Snowden said, adding that they may eventually go on every vehicle in the field.

The biggest benefit will be the reduction on the Army's in-the-field logistics, Snowden said. Currently the Army is using 40 percent of its supply chain on distributing water in Iraq, he said. By minimizing the amount of water being sent forward, the demand and burden on the logistics tail will be reduced, Snowden said.

The numbers being tossed around for a soldier's drinking water requirement vary, Snowden said. It's anywhere from three to four gallons per day, he said.

How it works is simple: the pump combines oxygen and hydrogen in vehicle exhaust into water.

The water comes about by taking the hydrogen, which is also already present in the fuel, and combining it with oxygen, he said. That oxidation makes water, he said.

Now here's where it becomes complicated. The process involves regenerative heat exchangers, evaporative coolers, filters and pumps.

The vehicle exhaust moves from the exhaust system to a heat exchanger. That exchanger lowers the temperature of the exhaust before it hits those coolers. The cooler is similar to a car's Freon-based air conditioner, said Snowden. The cooler lowers the exhaust temperature to a point where water starts to condense.

"For us, we run our condenser at about 80 degrees Fahrenheit," he said.

That now cool exhaust goes back to the heat exchangers on the other side and cools the incoming stream of exhaust, said Snowden.

From there, the water is put into a small receiver, Snowden said.

At this point the process isn't done. The last step is chlorination. The system, Snowden said, uses Myox or a mixed oxidation generator. This generator uses salt, water and electricity to make the water drinkable.

It will also replace the use of iodine to make water potable, he said.

The system is set up on two sides of a vehicle, Snowden explained. At the booth, a humvee held the system. The driver's side held the receiver and a small pump. The passenger side had the water treatment parts.

On the passenger's side, the water is brought up through the system's "treatment beds," or filters. A sensor inside the Humvee tells the soldiers when those filters are used, he said.

The filters will produce about 150 gallons of water before they need to be replaced, Snowden said.

For every two gallons of fuel, the pump can make about one gallon of water. In other words, if a Humvee's fuel tank is 30 gallons, the system can

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Military

Carson truck driver earns award for valor

by Spc. Petersi Liu, Coalition Forces Land Component Command Public Affairs Office
CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — An infantryman

turned truck driver received an Army Commendation Medal with a “V” device for valor Oct. 10 for his decisive actions when Iraqi soldiers ambushed his convoy April 9 with mortars and small-arms.

The story of heroism began when Spc. Cole Hottle, a heavy-wheeled vehicle operator for the 360th Transportation Company of Fort Carson, volunteered for the convoy mission to relocate the 260th Quartermaster Battalion headquarters from Beech Point West, Kuwait, to Cedar I, Iraq.

“We had about 15 people in the convoy.

Approximately half way to our destination, we noticed a five-ton trailer hauling a mobile dining facility at the rear of the convoy was missing, so we had to stop the convoy on the road. Using radio communications, we learned the trailer had a flat tire and was being repaired, and we waited 45 minutes for it to catch up,” Hottle said.

The enemy saw the stopped convoy and fired three mortar rounds with off-target hits of approximately 300 meters, 150 meters and then 50 meters from the convoy, Hottle said.

“When the first mortar landed on the ground, everyone ducked instantaneously. Seven Soldiers

were together at the same location. I told them if the mortar hit us, we would all be killed in the blast field,” he recalled.

Hottle took charge of the situation and told the Soldiers to spread apart. He repositioned two soldiers with M-249 squad automatic weapons to provide suppressive fire toward the enemy. Other Soldiers went prone with their M-16 rifles.

Hottle’s “timely decision” and “prompt execution” kept the enemy pinned down until military police came on the scene, according to his award citation.

“The assailants kept their distance,” he said. “Ten minutes into the battle, a heavily armed Marine military police convoy responded to the threat. They engaged two enemy tactical vehicles and killed the assailants.”

Hottle’s convoy continued the mission with no injuries, loss of equipment or loss of cargo.

Hottle attributed his quick response on April 9 to his training as an infantryman from 1998 to 2000.

“What I did is little compared to what those guys in the 3rd Infantry Division had done. They are the real heroes,” Hottle said modestly. Meanwhile, he has accumulated more than 8,000 miles on the road while supporting Coalition forces and humanitarian aid missions in Iraq.



Photo courtesy Spc. Petersi Liu,

Col. Jack Vance, commander of the 49th Quartermaster Group, presents the Army Commendation Medal with “V” device to Spc. Cole Hottle, a heavy-wheeled vehicle operator for the 360th Transportation Company.

“Heroes like Spc. Hottle risk their lives on a regular basis and ask for little in return. They face dangerous missions. They find themselves in situations that demand courage and leadership. And they meet these challenges outstandingly,” said Col. Jack Vance, commander of the 49th Quartermaster Group, as he presented Hottle’s award for valor.

Military Briefs

Misc.

Pregnant and postpartum physical training program helps soldiers:

- Stay in shape, minimize weight gain,
- Exercise with other moms-to-be.
- Lose the weight.
- Educational classes on parenting, infant care, nutrition, pregnancy, and more.
- Tailored to all pregnant and postpartum soldiers

Register now at the wellness center 526-3887, building 1526, Family Readiness Center.

Aerobic instructors are needed for pregnant, active duty soldiers one day a week from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

Volunteers will work with units during PT hours if active duty. For more information, call Capt. Cindy Craddock at 526-4393.

Support single soldiers and bowl at a discounted price at the bowling center, building 1511, Saturday from midnight to 3 a.m. The cost is \$7.50 per person which includes shoes and unlimited bowling. For more information, call Sgt. Kara Hines 524-2677

Go Warrant Officer — The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated soldiers to fill its Warrant Officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties if you qualify. Soldiers with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or DSN

536-0484/0458/0488/0478/1860/0271.

Be a recruiter — The U.S. Army Recruiting is seeking highly motivated and dedicated noncommissioned officers to assist in providing the strength of America's Army. Take the challenge and learn how you can become a member of the recruiting team. For more information, visit www.usarec.army.mil/recruiter or DSN 536-0215/0465/0210/0547.

CIF Hours

Central Issue Facility hours of operation

Regular business hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Initial/partial issues

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Direct exchange

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Partial turn-ins

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Full turn-ins

Appointments are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 524-2006 or 526-2729.

Effective immediately:

Replacement will be scheduled Mondays, Thursdays and Friday mornings.

Demobilized units tentatively have Tuesdays and Wednesdays to schedule out processing.

Mobilization units will schedule unit direct exchange by appointment. Unit supply sergeants will collect soldiers' DX items and schedule CIF appointments. A CIF employee will work one-on-one with supply sergeant vs. having bus loads of

soldiers arrive at CIF to exchange one or two items.

Active-duty units — PCS/ETS/chapters/retirees will make an initial out processing appointment (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays) for turn-in. All follow-on appointments (14 OCIE items or less) will be scheduled if needed.

Bulk issue and turn-ins — By appointment only.

Appointments can be made with Connie Thompson at 526-4057 or 524-2006. POC for this information is Mark A. Rudd Sr., CIF supervisor at 526-6477.

Briefings

eArmyU — eArmyU program briefings are conducted at the Mountain Post Training and Education Center, building 1117, Tuesdays at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Are you ETSing? If you're within 120 days of end of time in service, you must immediately call 526-2607 or 526-2599 to make your appointment for your mandatory Reserve Component Briefing.

The Commanding General's Newcomers' Brief is the third Wednesday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m. at McMahan Theater.

Laundry Service

Post Laundry Service — The Post Laundry service provides free laundry and dry cleaning service to soldiers for government-owned property only. Items issued by the Central Issue Facility should be cleaned at the Post Laundry prior to turn in. Soldiers are reminded to allow extra time for items to return from the cleaners. It is not recommended to pick up your equipment on the same day as the scheduled CIF appointment. The turn around for the service is 72 hours. No appointment is necessary. The Post Laundry will not clean personal items like

BDUs, boots, tent pegs, canteens, entrenching tools or wet-weather gear. Material TA-50 items that can be washed include: sleeping bag assembly, chemical suits, Gortex, ruck sacks, coveralls, PVC jackets and most web equipment.

Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:45 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. For more information, call 526-8806 or 526-8804.

Hours of operation

The Mountain Post Training and Education Center's hours for certain programs and services will change Monday.

Hours are:

eArmyU Testing center, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Army Learning Center and Basic Skills Classes, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Counselor Support Center, Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Claims Division hours — The Claims Division office hours are now Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. The office is closed Fridays.

Personnel Claims hours:

Mandatory briefing: Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Submit DD 1840/1840R

Receive documents for filing:

Submitting completed Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Claims: 1 to 4 p.m. Closed on Friday.

If there is an emergency personnel claims issue on Friday, call Tina Kolb at 526-1352 to see if it warrants an appointment.

Editor's note: The deadline for submitting "briefs" to the Mountaineer is 5 p.m. Friday before publication.

Water

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produce about 15 gallons of drinkable water, he explained.

That one gallon of water can be produced in about an hour of operation, Snowden said.

The vehicle's temperature determines how hot the water is, said Snowden.

"If the vehicle is 120 degrees, (the water) is going to be 120 degrees," said Snowden.

Although the price per system hasn't been fixed yet, the Army would like it to be about \$25,000, said

Marit Jagtoyen, president of Lexington Carbon Company. Snowden's company is a sub-contractor for Lexington, the prime contractor for the pump project.

The first vehicles likely to see this system will be the units that need to stay self sufficient like the Special Forces, Jagtoyen said.

The water, which Jagtoyen said tasted like distilled water, also meets U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards for drinking water, she said.

There were two jars of water on the humvee. One was filled with a black muck designed to show what condensed vehicle exhaust looked like. The other had the finished product, clear drinkable water.

The black water was acidic and when someone said they shouldn't drink it unless they absolutely had to, Snowden replied: "I wouldn't drink it."

The pump will enter field-testing next year at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz., and the Army Surgeon General's office is about to approve it too, Jagtoyen said.

A prototype is also being built for the Army's Future Combat System, she said.

When Jagtoyen first heard about the Army's request to get water from exhaust, it was a pretty "novel" idea. "Most people don't believe it" could be done, Jagtoyen said.

Dining Schedule

Week of Oct. 25 to 31

Exceptions

- Butts Army Airfield dining facility is closed until further notice.
- Patten House is closed Saturday and Sunday.
- Mountaineer Inn is closed until further notice.



Weekday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)
10th SFG (A) (building 7481)
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

Weekday Meal Hours

Breakfast 6 to 9 a.m. (All facilities)
6:30 to 8:30 a.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

3rd ACR Cav. House. (building 2461)
43rd ASG (building 1040)
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Meal Hours

Breakfast 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
3 to 5 p.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)

Military police blotter ...

October is Crime Prevention Month

Courtesy Provost Marshal Office

Our specific focus will be driving under the influence. Although most of us know the dangers and risks involved with drinking and driving, many tend to believe that as long as you don't "overdo it" you will be sober enough to drive a vehicle. The truth is many don't know what "overdoing it" is. There are many catalysts to consider when consuming alcohol; such as one's body weight, how much water is in the body, how long it has been since one has eaten and time between each alcoholic beverage. Alcohol is absorbed in the first 10 inches of the small intestine and is not digested in the stomach as many believe. The above mentioned catalysts play an important role in intoxication. The main reason for this is since alcohol is absorbed at a certain rate and exits the body at a certain rate, the alcohol can be diluted or take more time to react with the blood

Traffic Roll Up — Oct. 2 to 15

There were 159 total citations:

- 53 for speeding
- 33 for running a stop sign or red traffic light
- 15 for having expired plates
- 3 for having a personal vehicle on a physical training trail
- 55 for other violations (e.g.: malfunctioning equipment, lack of insurance or registration, failure to wear a seatbelt, improper vehicle operation etc.)

stream.

Colorado State Revised Statutes state that anyone who has a Blood Alcohol Content or Breath Alcohol Content above 100 percent is deemed as intoxicated and should not operate any motor vehicle. Anyone who drives at this level of intoxication will be charged with Driving Under the Influence. Many Fort Carson soldiers know the level at which they will be charged; but what about a level that is lower than 100 percent?

As many soldiers leave post to drive to bars, clubs or even a friend's house they must understand police authority may pull them over for any minor traffic offense. If a Soldier has been drinking and has a BAC or BRAC of 50 percent or above then that Soldier can be charged with a Driving While Ability Impaired. Although this is a lower charge, the consequences may be the same as a DUI charge. A DUI or DWAI on the Soldier's record will limit him when trying to acquire a civilian occupation. A Soldier may receive unit punishments or UCMJ charges. Anyone who is charged with DUI will be taken to either the Provost Marshal's Office or civilian police department and will be asked to submit to an intoxication level test. This test is optional to the DUI suspect. The individual will have three choices for the test. One will be to take a Breath Alcohol Test, another will be a Blood Alcohol Test and the last choice will be

to refuse both tests. If the individual decides to take either the breath or blood test and is found to have an intoxication level at or above a 100 percent he will be charged with the DUI and will lose his driver's license for a period of three months. If the individual decides not to submit to any test, the individual automatically loses his license for one year.

Many people who drink one or two alcoholic beverages think that they are not in danger of negative consequences. In many cases, these people may already be at an intoxication level that is above 50 percent. Alcohol exits the body at a rate of 15 percent each hour. Therefore, if one has had enough to reach a level of 100 percent, that person would still be at a 50 percent level after three hours. This means that if one was at an intoxication level of 100 percent and stopped drinking, that person would have alcohol in his system for six hours after he stopped drinking. Another thing to consider is that once you stop drinking, your intoxication level is still increasing.

Intoxicated drivers are responsible for 20 percent of all fatal traffic accidents in the United States every year. This is one of the most staggering statistics that can easily be avoided.

We have all heard the myths of drinking and how to



Predator guards skies for Soldiers in Iraq

by Chief Warrant Officer
Sergio A. Diaz
3rd Brigade Combat Team

Force protection in Iraq is a very sensitive issue, but the Predator 93, a Q-36 V.8 Firefinder Radar System, assigned to Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, is standing guard. In Balad, Iraq, this radar section provides radar coverage seven days a week and 24 hours a day, for an estimated population of more than 20,000 Soldiers and civilians.

The Q-36 V.8 Firefinder Radar has a range of 24 kilometers for detecting rockets, 18 kilometers for mortars and about 14.5 kilometers for artillery pieces. It can cover 360 degrees in its "extended azimuth" which allows the commander to "search" in any direction with a few computer commands.

The Q-36 V.8 firefinder radars can be emplaced and fully operational within nine and a half minutes and ready to "march order" in four and a half minutes. Usually, radars of these characteristics are assigned to the maneuver elements for their mobility and operational flexibility.

Firefinder radars are excellent tools to help the commander locate enemy mortar positions. Combined with ground forces elements, makes this team a "deadly system" that has been proven to be effective in Iraq. Once the radar detects a mortar acquisition, the radar crew sends the computerized information to the Fire Support Elements with 10 seconds of the initial track. There, the Fire Support Officer, Brigade Operation Officer, and the Brigade Commander analyze the radar information. Within

one minute the radar information is analyzed, verified and disseminated to the already assigned Fire Direction Cell, within a 155 millimeter howitzer battery and is ready for counterfire.

Predator 93 has performed since arriving in country in April this year, in support of the Operation Iraqi Freedom. They have acquired more than 300 radar acquisitions since they crossed the country borders and been at 100 percent fully mission capable status since day one. In their shelter, the Soldiers proudly display 13 mortar tubes captured from enemy forces due to radar acquisitions.

Staff Sgt. John Waterman, the radar section chief speaks highly of his radar crew, and their achievements. "We are the best Q-36 V.8 radar section in Iraq; we are the predator of mortars. You may shoot once, after

that ... you are mine, baby."

With still another six months remaining, this radar section is working hard at maintaining and keeping every radar and vehicle component at the maximum of its capabilities. They know how important and crucial their mission is for the safety of thousands of soldiers.

Spc. Keith Schneider, the radar mechanic said, "I have the lives of more than 20,000 soldiers in my hands. I can't let the radar go down. If they (the enemy) shoot, I'm going to get them."

Firefinder radars are keeping the enemy mortars in check here in Iraq. Certainly, the Predator 93 Q-36 V.8 radar section is doing its job and keeping the tradition of the Field Artillery "King of Battle" in its highest position.

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lessen the effects of alcohol in the body, such as drinking coffee or eating bread. Please understand that these are only myths. Here are some other interesting myths that you may want to remember the next time you are out and consuming alcohol.

Myth: Mixing between beer, wine and hard alcohol will intoxicate you faster.

Fact: Since alcohol is the only ingredient that intoxicates you, the only thing

that will intoxicate you faster is the speed in which you consume the alcohol.

Myth: A woman and a man that are the same height and weight can drink the same amount of alcohol before intoxication.

Fact: Due to the fact that women have a higher body fat ratio than men; they are usually effected more rapidly than men.

Myth: Taking "sober up" pills decreases the intoxication level.

Fact: Once again, since the alcohol has already been absorbed into your body only time will sober you up.

Myth: If you only drink until you get

a "buzz" you are still not above the legal limit.

Fact: Those who get a buzz are most likely already intoxicated above 100 percent and the intoxication level is still climbing.

Unfortunately, Halloween is one of the deadliest times of year for alcohol-related crashes. Even worse, Halloween falls on a Friday this year, which increases the likelihood that people will celebrate at parties where alcohol is involved, increasing the chances of people drinking and driving.

There are steps you can take to help others before they get behind the wheel:

- Suggest that you or a sober friend drive your alcohol-impaired friend home in a calm, relaxed voice. Their car can always be picked up at another time

- Have your friend be taken home in a taxi. Pay for the ride yourself. It's hard to object to a free ride.

- If the person is intoxicated at your home, suggest that your impaired friend stay overnight. This may sound inconvenient, but you could be saving your friend's or someone else's life.

- Whatever you do, don't give in. Friends don't let friends drink and then drive. In the morning, you'll have a safer and maybe even closer friend.

Community

Cleaning up ...

Yellow truck part of post cleanup

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger
Mountaineer staff

There is a new initiative to clean up the Mountain Post and a new truck to get things rolling.

A new yellow Chevy 1500 four-door pickup truck has arrived at Fort Carson and it is being used to help with trash cleanup.

The truck runs everyday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Four soldiers, assigned to the trash pickup detail, operate the truck. The unit assigned to this detail is rotated on a monthly basis.

There is a noncommissioned officer in charge, a driver and two soldiers standing on the back of the truck secured by safety straps, who keep an eye out for trash along the roads.

The NCOIC is responsible for safety as well as supervision. There is a safety check the NCOIC must make every time the vehicle is ready to move to the next stop.

The Soldiers riding on the back of the truck, which is not to be driven faster than 5 miles per hour, wear orange safety vests. "Safety is the key," said Sgt. 1st Class Chadwick Q. Crawford, warehouse NCOIC, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison. "We are in the process of getting walkie-talkies for better communication for all involved."

Environmental concerns were taken into consideration as well. "It's a very good vehicle," said Crawford. "It uses diesel fuel, which means less fuel used."



Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

Pfc. Uchenna P. Obioha, supply specialist, 3650th Maintenance Company, Colorado National Guard, performs post cleanup during a detail Monday. The new yellow truck, purchased by U.S. Army Garrison, is modified to be utilized in post police call detail.

"The FORSCOM (U.S. Forces Command) maintenance team put the truck together," said Crawford. "They painted it bright yellow and put a modified trailer hitch on the back. There are also flashing lights on the top of the

truck for extra safety."

At present, the cleanup team covers all the major roads on post, but future plans include the residential areas as well, said Crawford.

"We can't be everywhere at one

time, but it shows the Fort Carson community that we are trying to keep the post clean and make better living conditions," said Crawford. "We plan to keep the post clean and keep our standards up."

Energy saving measures set for Carson

Courtesy of the Directorate of Public Works

In an effort to realize immediate energy savings; units, directorates and agencies will keep heat temperature in the coldest part of the building between 65 and 68 degrees in the barracks and offices during occupied hours and 55 degrees in all facilities when buildings are not occupied.

Due to special requirements, medical facilities will keep the temperature in their facilities between 70 and 72 degrees. Maintenance shops, bays and hangars should be set at 55 degrees. Buildings will be monitored during cold period to prevent freeze damage.

The Field Officer of the Day and Directorate of Environment Compliance and Management will conduct compliance checks reporting to the garrison commander. Units with two or more repeat findings will report preventative and corrective action taken through the GC to the commanding general, with a copy furnished to the DECAM, within two working days of notification.

The major subordinate unit staff duty officer

will conduct daily energy inspections.

Turn off all lighting, incandescent and fluorescent, upon leaving a room regardless of duration of vacancy. Do not use lights when adequate outside light is available.

Turn off personal computer monitors when not needed for five minutes or more and the complete system when not needed for one hour, unless otherwise directed by the Directorate of Information Management.

Per Army Regulation, space heaters are not authorized for use, unless approved by Fire Prevention. An approved space heater must be UL or FM approved, contain a tip-over switch, and not be set on combustible materials. Electrical extension cords will only be used temporarily. If the facility heating system is not adequate, contact Directorate of Public Works for repairs/modifications.

Off-duty hours and exterior lighting will be eliminated, except when essential for safety and security purposes. Except for security lighting required by AR 190-11, no Army requirement exists

for security or fire lights over the doors of buildings.

The DPW will place additional emphasis on attention to cleaning and preventative maintenance on HVAC equipment, e.g., oil bearings, clean filters, etc. The Utility Control System will be utilized to reduce usage while minimizing impact on building occupants.

Encourage these common sense energy saving measures:

- Dress for lower temperatures.
- Keep motor pool bay doors closed unless a vehicle is ready to enter or leave.
- Keep all doors and windows closed while the heat is on.
- Keep blinds or drapes open on sunny but cold days to bring in natural heat.
- Buy energy efficient or Energy Star label appliances, windows and equipment.
- Repair windows and doors which have air leaks immediately.
- Shut off heat vents in unoccupied rooms.

Community Events

Miscellaneous

Delay in flu vaccine

Due to circumstances beyond the control of Evans Army Community Hospital, the "Flu Clinic" will be delayed for one week.

Starting Nov. 3 through Nov. 14, Evans Army Community Hospital will be providing influenza vaccine to our healthcare beneficiaries. The Flu Clinic will be located at building 1007 (TMC 9) on Wetzel Avenue from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Nov. 11, the Flu Clinic will be closed because of Veterans Day.

It is our goal to vaccinate all our healthcare beneficiaries.

Active-duty servicemembers will receive influenza vaccine from their units as planned.

The pediatric clinic will be providing the influenza vaccine to "high-risk" children and adolescent beneficiaries from Thursday during regularly scheduled walk-in hours 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:20 p.m. at the Pediatric Immunization Clinic. Please call the Pediatric Clinic for further questions at 526-7653.

Eligible federal employees can receive their influenza vaccine starting Nov. 18 through January, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 11:30 a.m. from the Occupational Health Clinic located in building 2059 on Magrath Avenue.

People can call the Influenza Hotline at 526-6422 for updates.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly on Fort Carson

Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who desire to stop drinking or remain sober. All members of the Fort Carson community are invited. During meetings the members share their experiences, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Since 1935, AA has been working successfully for men and women from every age and kind of background. There are more than 100 meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous in Colorado Springs. The AA meeting on Fort Carson is at Evans Army Community Hospital, fourth floor wing, Room 4918 every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. The meeting is sponsored by the Colorado Springs AA Center Office and lead by a retired Army sergeant. Call 526-2862 for further information.

Halloween trick or treating — Halloween trick or treating in the housing areas on Fort Carson will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31. To ensure the safety of our children, the Military Police will provide added support in your community during these times. However, it is imperative for parents to ensure their children wear light-colored clothing or reflective gear and lighting

equipment to ensure maximum visibility to motorists.

Beat Air Force — The Army-Air Force game will be Nov. 8 at noon at the Air Force Academy's Falcon Stadium. Tickets are available at Information, Tickets and Registration, building 1532, 526-2083/5366. The cost is \$30 each. There will be a pre-game rally at Xtremes parking lot Nov. 7 beginning at 7 p.m. There will be a Fort Carson Tailgate party in Lot 2A at Falcon Stadium beginning 9 a.m. Nov. 8. The West Point Society will also be hosting a Tailgate party next to the Fort Carson party. For information about and reservations for the Society's party, go to <http://www.west-point.org/society/wps-pikes-peak/>.

Attention modelers: The 4th Annual Mountain Post Armor Show will be held at the Elkhorn Conference Center. There will be figures from the 1860s through the present, dioramas, helicopters, artillery and more. Door prizes will be given as well as "best of" awards. The competition categories include: Junior (under 17), Basic (first-time competitors, intermediate (average to above average), advanced (highly skilled) and masters. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Awards will be given from 3 to 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Steve Kiernan at (719) 282-3093 or smkiernan@adelphia.net.

ACAP 8th Annual Open House at the Army Career and Alumni Program Career Center building 1118, room 133, Oct. 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Are you a soldier about to embark on a new adventure as a civilian? Come find out about the different programs that are available to you. For more information, call 526-1002 or 526-0640.

ACAP job openings — Army Career and Alumni Program currently has the following job listings for interested personnel. For more information about the jobs, call 526-1002.

What: Information Operations Officer in Colorado Springs Who: People with top secret/SCI clearance

What: Help desk level II in Colorado Springs Who: People with a high school diploma

What: QA project manager Omaha, Neb., no clearance required

What: Equipment technician in Utah, Wyoming, Colorado Who: Soldiers, E-3 and above with no DWIs or felonies.

Annual leave donations — Joe Martinez, Directorate of Community Activities and Alan Wright, an employee in the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management, need annual leave donations to help cover absences because of illnesses and the exhaustion of available paid leave, call Robin Spencer at 526-0427.

Civilian employees willing to donate annual leave under the "Voluntary Leave Transfer Program" should call Patrick McCusker at 526-1696 or Kathy Green at 526-1729.

Claims against the estate

Claims against the Estate — With deepest regrets



**Army Community Service
Family Readiness Center**
526-4590



Army Family Action Plan
Fort Carson AFAP

This is your opportunity to participate in the **2004 Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Conference**. AFAP provides the Fort Carson Community with the opportunity to voice their quality of life concerns. Many issues prioritized at the conference can be resolved locally while those that cannot are forwarded to the regional level & possibly the DA level for their annual conference.

To submit a quality of life issue (i.e. housing, re-enlistment, health-care, education) stop by the Army Family Action Plan Office in ACS, Bldg. 1526. For details, contact Nancy Montville at 526-4590.

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to the family of Sgt. Tamarra J. Ramos, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to her estate should contact Chief Warrant Officer 3 Edward L. Buss, 526-6514 or 526-1954.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Capt. Brian R. Faunce, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Geoffrey C. Dietrick, summary court officer, 238-5674 or 526-4485.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Frederick Miller, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. David Rittenhouse, 559-8522.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Sgt. Thomas Broomhead, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Scott Weaver at 577-4096.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Pfc. Jesse Givens, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Scott Weaver at 577-4096.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Pvt. Benjamin Freeman, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Chief Warrant Officer Eric Oleson at 526-2824 or 659-4097.

Chaplain's Corner

Peace of God guards heart, soul

**Commentary by Chap. (Capt.) Jesse Staunton
1st Battalion, 157th Field Artillery**

First, I want to thank the Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 157th Field Artillery for guarding Fort Carson and the Pueblo Chemical Depot. I'm proud of you for providing security as a part of Operation Noble Eagle III. You have established a standard of excellence in your work. I'm also thankful for all the Soldiers deployed worldwide who dutifully guard their posts day and night, in the blistering heat, freezing cold, wind, rain, snow and sleet until they are properly relieved.

These men and women remind me of Philippians 4:7 which states, "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." The word "guard" in this verse is the same word used to describe the ancient soldiers who stood atop the city wall watching and ready to repel any enemy attack. However, in this context it is almighty God who will stand guard on the walls of our heart guaranteeing the peace that surpasses all understanding. This is not the peaceful mountain picture of a babbling brook on a quiet day with blue sky,

but the picture of a man who has taken shelter in a cave when outside the sky is dark with storm clouds, and the trees are being tossed about by the wind. The psalmist describes God as our: "Rock," "Hiding Place," "Shelter in the midst of the storm," "Stronghold in time of trouble."

This is the same peace inspired Horatio

Spafford to pen the words, "When sorrows like sea billows roll whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul." His words become more meaningful when we know that he wrote them on a ship sailing above the water where only a short time before the ship caring his family sank taking his children (his wife alone survived) to their watery grave.

Satan, the enemy or our souls, wants our life to be full of anxiety, worry and frustration. He does not want us to experience and reside in the

peace that God alone can give. The apostle Paul personally experienced the peace of God as he wrote to the Philippian Church from within a prison and he wanted the Philippians as well as us today to experience the same kind of peace. As we pay heed to the apostle's exhortations in Philippians 4:4-9,

we can victoriously experience the peace of God in our lives.

We can remember his exhortations with the acoustic "stop RaGN." First, verse six says we must make a conscious decision to stop being anxious.

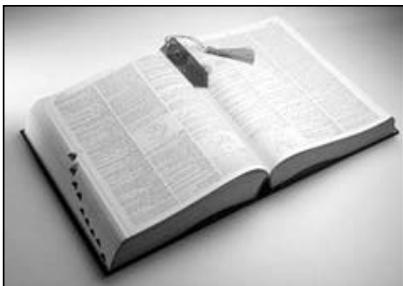
Secondly, Paul exhorts that, "whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things. Elsewhere the apostle commands us to, "be transformed by the renewing of your mind." God has given us his word, the Bible, which fulfills all of these characteristics and is sufficient to transform us.

Thirdly, offer prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Elsewhere, we are commanded to give thanks in all things — even in the difficult things, which bring us anxiety. We thank God because he will use this difficulty in our life and he will bring good out of it (Romans 8:28). Instead of petitioning God to take the problems away, we should ask for strength to trust him to give us victory through the difficulty.

Fourthly, "whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me put it into practice." We all should live our lives so that we could tell others, "follow my example as I follow Christ" and then we should also seek out godly mentors who will encourage us to put into practice



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Chapel

AWANA — Because children matter to God!

— Fort Carson's AWANA club is gearing up for another exciting year. Club No. 13,334 meets every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Soldier's Memorial Chapel.

Every child gets involved and has a chance to unleash energy while learning good sportsmanship and respect. During handbook time, children work one-on-one with a trained leader to complete assignments that promote memorization and understanding of key Bible verses. Council time is when everyone gathers for an engaging Bible-based lesson.

AWANA is divided into age appropriate clubs, similar to Scouts, in that the children wear uniforms and progress through handbooks. A series of awards reward achievements at every level AWANA teaches kids that God is real and he loves them. They learn how God can help them in their daily lives. AWANA Clubs give children clear guidance in a world full of conflicting messages.

Adult volunteers are needed to serve in this ministry. If you have a heart for reaching children with the gospel of Jesus, call Stacy Chapman at 382-5331 for further information.

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/649-5260
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CRE	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/649-5260
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	RCIA	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Saturday	4 p.m.	Reconciliation	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769

PROTESTANT

Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Kincaid/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Borden/526-3711
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Fox/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Schreck/526-5626
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Fox/524-1166
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Ellison/526-8890
Sunday	6 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Schreck/524-1166

LITURGICAL

Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Lutheran	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Lloyd/526-3888
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JEWISH

For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.

WICCA

Tuesday	6:30 p.m.		Family University	Bldg. 1161	Ms. Costantino-Mead
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MORMON

Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS	Provider	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Jones/526-4416
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NATIVE AMERICAN SWEATLODGE

Please call the following for ceremonial information and directions. Michael Dunning (h) 382-5331 or (c) 330-9537

Youth of the chapel — Activities for Protestant and Catholic Middle School and High School Youths take place Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Protestant High School activities include Bible Studies on Sundays, 9:30 a.m. and Tuesdays 6 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Catholic youth classes meet at 10:45 a.m. Sundays, Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

For additional information, contact the Installation Chaplain's Office, building 1550, at 526-5209. Normally, free child-care is available during on-post worship services.

Daily Bible readings: In order to assist in regular scripture reading, the following scriptures are recommended. These scriptures are part of the common daily lectionary which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.

Friday - Psalms 119:81-88 & Ezekiel 22-24

Saturday - Psalms 119:89-96 & Ezekiel 25-27

Sunday - Psalms 119:97-104 & Ezekiel 28-30

Monday - Psalms 119:105-112 & Ezekiel 31-33

Tuesday - Psalms 119:113-120 & Ezekiel 34-36

Wednesday - Psalms 119:121-128 & Ezekiel 37-39

Thursday - Psalms 119:129-136 & Ezekiel 40-42

The Army Cycle Of Prayer — Each week the Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains will highlight Army units, the Army at large, the nation and religious organizations to focus prayer. You are invited to join with the chaplain community and pray for these individuals and organizations. Please pray this week for the following UNIT: For the soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers of V Corps headquartered in Wiesbaden, Germany forward deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Army: For all Army mechanics, whose behind-the-scenes maintenance of our fleet ensures soldiers can safely accomplish their transportation missions.

State: For all soldiers and their families from the state of Indiana. Pray also for Gov. Joseph Kernan, the state legislators and municipal officials of the Hoosier State.

Nation: For the many staff, faculty and students in America's vocational and technical training institutions. Pray that God would call dedicated men and women to serve him as tradespeople, laborers and skilled professionals.

Religious: For soldiers and families of the Assemblies of God. Pray also for the chaplains endorsed to military service by this community of faith.

For more information on the Army Cycle of Prayer, or to pray for items from previous weeks, visit the cycle's Web site at www.usarmy.chaplain.com.



Photo by Spc. Chris Smith

In appreciation ...

The Fountain-Fort Carson High School Trojanares choir serenades the crowd with the national anthem at the Fort Carson Education Appreciation Ceremony held Tuesday at the Elkhorn Conference Center in honor of educators of the children of the Fort Carson community.



Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

Job well-done ...

Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, right, commanding general, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, presents Maj. Jeff Bradford, executive officer, 759th Military Police Battalion, with a certificate for second place in the U.S. War College strategic land power essay contest. Bradford also received a check for \$500 which he plans to spend on his troops and his "better half," Ann.

Chaplain's Corner

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all that we know to do. A Christian scholar was once asked if the things he did not understand about the Scriptures bothered him. He answered by saying that what bothered him the most was all that he did understand and did not practice.

Fifth, rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! We can rejoice because we know that God is in control, and he loves us and he has designed this trial specifically for us to test our faith. "The testing of our faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything" (James 1:3-4).

Sixth, "let your gentleness be evident to all." Another way of saying gentleness is "sweet reasonableness." To be gentle is not to demand our own way ... to lay aside our own wishes for the sake of others ... to consider others as more important than ourselves ... to deny ourselves ... to lay down our rights.

Finally, "the Lord is near." The Lord did not keep Daniel out of the Lion's den nor did he keep Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego out of the fiery furnace, but he went through the trial with his people. We have his great and precious promises which state that, "He will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6) "Surely I will be with you always, even to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

When Hurricane Isabel was bearing down on Washington, D.C., Washington did what it often does — panic. The federal government was closed as were the area's schools — even though the day before was only rainy with brief gusts of wind. But while everyone else was running for cover, there was a different character on display at Arlington National Cemetery. The cemetery is "home" to 260,000 veterans. It is also the site of the Tomb of the Unknowns. The tomb is watched 24-hours-a-day by the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, known as "The Old Guard." Cemetery officials were in a dilemma. The Old Guard has never abandoned its post guarding the tomb. But as Isabel slammed into the area winds hit 75 miles an hour and the rain was torrential. The cemetery officials, no doubt thinking of possible lawsuits, gave the Old Guard permission to leave their posts for safety sake. You guessed it — the soldiers refused to leave. Staff Sgt. Alfred Lanier said the tomb was something "we cherish." Sgt. Christopher Holmes said leaving the tomb is "never an option for us" and added he was prepared to die while guarding it.

Even as these gritty soldiers were willing to risk their lives to guard this tomb, our God promises to be ready, willing and able to guard our hearts so that we may experience his peace.

Carson youth sports

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

There were a whole lot of "thank yous" being dished out Saturday at Pershing Field.

Most of the thank yous were being served up by the parents and players to the Fort Carson youth sports volunteer coaches. Saturday marked the last day of the Fort Carson youth sports fall season that is sponsored by the Youth Services Center youth sports division.

The 2003 Fort Carson youth sports fall season featured 19 soccer teams in four age categories, 13 flag football teams in three age categories and four cheerleading squads in three age divisions.

Following his soccer game with the 5- and 6-year-old Gold Lightning team Saturday morning, Eli Johnson came over to his coach, Lynn Lageman, and said, "Coach, thank you for my badge and trophy."

"You are welcome," said Lageman while explaining that all team members had received medals and trophies at an end-of-season gathering earlier in the week.

Lageman was the head coach for the Gold Lightning this fall and she said the team achieved its goals during the season. "I wanted them to learn to play as a team and to learn to pass to each other," said Lageman. "They were doing this by the end of the season."

Youth sports cheerleading squads cheered for flag football teams during the fall youth sports campaign. Diane Campbell coached one of the 5- and 6-year-old cheerleading squads this fall.

"It was fun for me and that was also one of my main goals for the squad — to have fun," said Campbell. "I also wanted the squad to learn about team spirit. I believe we accomplished this."

Chad Allen and his 5 1/2-year-old son Bryce were involved with the 5- and 6-year-old Broncos flag football team this fall. Chad was one of the coaches and Bryce was one of the Broncos' star players.

"I liked flag football because I got to run with the ball all the time," said Bryce. He said he also enjoyed making touchdowns, passing the ball and pulling flags off the other players.

Chad Allen said the coaching philosophy for the Broncos was fairly simple and was carried out during the course of the season. "We wanted the players to have fun and we wanted the players to learn the game while they were having fun," said Allen. "They came a long way as a team during the course of the season."

Stephanie Meyers, a recreation program leader at the Youth Services Center, was pleased with the fall season. "It was a good fall season for youth sports," said Meyers. "The kids had fun and the number of participants was up from last year."

2003 Flag Football Coaches

5- and 6-year-olds:

Broncos — Head coach Doug Green and assistant coach Chad Allen

Steelers — Head coach Lloyd Neal, assistant coach Jason Musser, assistant coach Barrett Skaggs

Cardinals — Head coach Steven Trent

7- to 9-year-olds:

Texans — Head coach Michael Bashant and assistant coach Kevin Brown

Jets — Head coach Christopher Brown and assistant coach Montez Bonner

Steelers — Head coach Al Magalei and assistant coach David Braadland

Cardinals — coach Barrett Skaggs

10- to 12-year-olds:

Texans — Head coaches Russell Campbell and Garland Auten

2003 Soccer Coaches

BamBam (3- and 4-year-olds):

Alligators — Head coach Dan Baker and

assistant coach Bill Whitman

Bears — Head coach Leigh Carnell and assistant coach Laura Dolloff

Cougars — Head coach Angie Evans and assistant coach Barbara Bucklew

Dinosaurs — Head coach Valerie Calle and assistant coach Andrea Kelleher

Eagles — Head coach Jackie Veigel and assistant coach Yvette Kelley

Tigers — Head coach Myrna Munoz

Giants — Head coach Dorcus Byrd and assistant coach Karla Molina

Polar Bears — Head coach Marisol Gensamer and assistant coach Phil Swinford

5- and 6-year-olds:

Eagles — Head coach Anna Shepherd and assistant coach Rachel Horner

Golden Lightning — Head coach Lynn Lageman and assistant coach Tracy Patterson

Sharks — Head coach Stephanie Smith and assistant coach Toni Klug

Red Dragons — Head coach Earlene Pemberton

Werewolves — Head coach Tom Powell

Dragons — Head coach Deborah Zentkovich

7- to 9-year-olds:

Eagles — Head coach Ryan Holland and assistant coach Al Carter

Tigers — Head coach Rachel Horner

Eagles — Head coach Michael Pasahow and assistant coach Leanna Felts

10- to 12-year-olds:

Vipers — Head coach Joshua Jordan and assistant coach Clinton Torney

Blaet — Head coach Joe Bennett and assistant coach Lenin Molina

2003 Cheerleading Coaches

5- and 6-year-olds:

Squad 1 — Head coach Diane Campbell

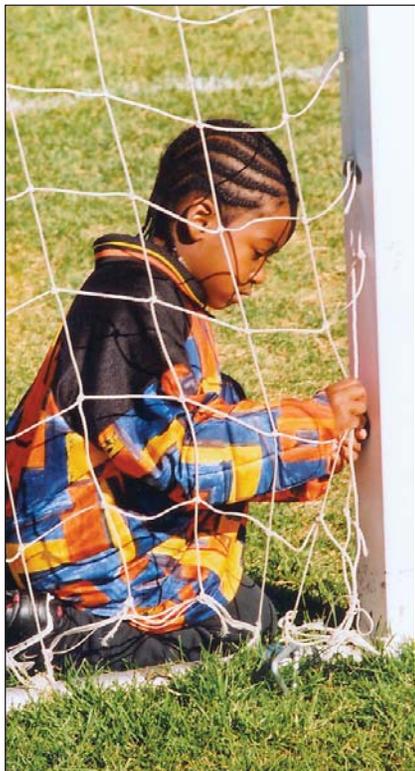
Squad 2 — Head coach Britton Sullivan

7- to 9-year-olds:

Squad 1 — Head coach Melissa Patterson and assistant coach Tiffany Edwards

10- to 12-year-olds:

Squad 1 — Head coach Michelle Anchutz and assistant coach Kimberly Blatchford



Photos by Bill Scharton

Red Dragons goalkeeper Kathryn Watkins does some netmending for the team during a recent Fort Carson 5- and 6-year-old youth sports soccer game at Pershing Field.



The 5- and 6-year-old Fort Carson youth sports cheerleading squad, coached by Diane Campbell, kicks and screams Saturday at Pershing Field on the last day of fall youth sports at Fort Carson.



Golden Lightning 5- and 6-year-old players (from left) Kaleb Patterson, Kallie Brooks, Xavier Harper and Clayton Jackson go after the soccer ball Saturday during the final game of the 2003 Fort Carson youth sports fall season.



Golden Lightning player Clayton Jackson, left, and Werewolves' player Juan Pangelinan hustle after the ball during their 5- and 6-year-old youth soccer game Saturday at Pershing Field. Saturday's game marked the end of the fall season.



Broncos' players (from left) Bryce Allen, Montre Bonner and Alec Ferguson execute the old double hike play Saturday at Pershing Field. The Broncos played in the Fort Carson youth sports 5- and 6-year-old flag football league this fall.



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Sports & Leisure

Practice makes perfect

Boys' basketball practice begins at Carson

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Carson Middle School coaches and athletes switched gears Monday. Their mindset switched from football to basketball because Monday was officially the first day of practice for the Eagles' seventh and eighth-grade boys basketball teams.

Two of the Carson football coaches, Justin Arnell and Greg Williams, will now be handling the boys basketball coaching chores for the Eagles. Arnell will be the coach of the seventh-grade squad and Williams will be at the helm for the eighth-graders.

At the first day of practice Monday, a variety of running, agility and passing drills were on the agenda. According to Williams, conditioning first with shooting coming at a later date.

"Let's practice hard fellas, with a minimum of mistakes," Williams told the players as season session number one got under way. "Concentrate to the best of your ability. Be an athlete. Don't come up short in practice. If you need information, ask me a question or ask a teammate."

Williams inherits an eighth-grade squad that captured the Mountain View Middle School League Seventh-grade championship last year with an 8-1 record. All but two of the players returned to Carson as eighth-graders this year.

This sets the stage for a fun-filled season and Williams said he will coach the eighth-grade Eagles with the same philosophy that made the team successful last year.

"We will be strong on the defensive end of the court," said Williams. "This, along with full court pressure will give us turnovers leading to points.

"If it all falls into place, I really think it will be a good season for the eighth-grade Eagles boys basketball team."

Shooting guard Chris Locklin was one of the Eagles' captains on the seventh-grade title team last year and he expects an equally successful season from the eighth-grade Eagles' squad in 2003.

"Most of the teams we played last year were taller than us," said Locklin. "It will probably be the same way this year.

"So once again, we will have to play good defense and use our speed and quickness effectively in order to



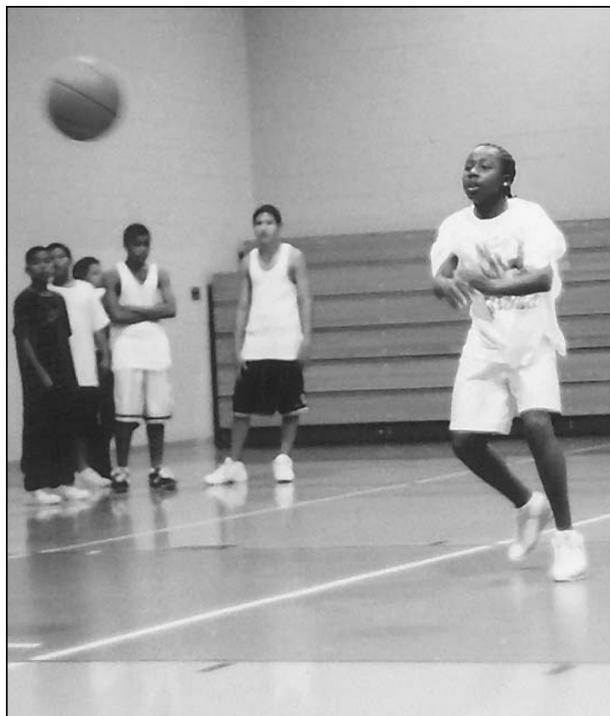
Carson Middle School eighth-grade boys' basketball coach Greg Williams, middle, puts the team through conditioning and agility drills during the first day of practice Monday.

have a successful season. We should have gone undefeated last year and that is what we will be shooting for this season."

The first game of the season for both Eagles' squads will be a non-division contest Nov. 3 at Horizon Middle School. Seventh-grade games tip-off at 3:30 p.m. and are followed immediately by the eighth-grade contest.

2003 Carson Middle School boys' basketball schedule

Nov. 3 at Horizon
Nov. 5 Canon City
Nov. 10 Penrose
Nov. 12 at Manitou Springs
Nov. 17 Woodland Park
Nov. 19 at TCA
Nov. 24 at CSCS
Dec. 1 Florence
Dec. 3 Ellicott
Dec. 8 Playoff (8th-grade only)
Bold indicates division games



Eagles' eighth-grade point guard Terrance Hutchins goes through a passing drill Monday during the first day of practice for the 2003 campaign.

Photos by Bill Scharton

Carson counselor running marathon to raise money for Leukemia, Lymphoma Society

by **Bill Scharton**
Mountaineer staff

Carson Middle School counselor Kim Rhodes went looking for a personal challenge and then turned it into one that will also help other individuals.

"I wanted to challenge myself," said Rhodes. "So I thought, 'What do I truly hate to do,' and the answer at the time was running."

This was in May. At this point in time, she attended an informational meeting about Team In Training. She was told that Team In Training would provide everything she needed to run or walk a marathon, cycle a century bike or participate in a triathlon. This would include personalized coaching, group training and support.

In exchange, Rhodes would commit to raising funds for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to invest in research to find cures for blood cancers and to help improve the lives of patients and their families. Since Team In Training began in 1988, participants have raised \$430 million for the Society.

Rhodes decided to train to run a marathon. The marathon she is running is the Dublin City Marathon and it will take place Sunday in Dublin, Ireland.

After attending the informational meeting, Rhodes became a Team In Training member in Colorado Springs and joined a group of people with



Photo by Bill Scharton

Carson Middle School sixth-grade math and science teacher Jill Ciolli, left, her son Anthony and Carson Middle School counselor Kim Rhodes look at pictures drawn by Anthony.

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running ability ranging from novice to seasoned ath-

Youth sports basketball registration

Registration for Fort Carson youth sports winter basketball and cheerleading is now under way and will run through Dec. 13. Registration is taking place at Building 5510 Harr Ave.

The age groups for basketball will be: 5- and 6-year-olds; 7- to 9-year-olds; 10- to 12-year-olds; 13- to 15-year-olds; and 16- to 18-year-olds. The season starts Jan. 17 and runs to March 6.

Youth participants must provide a medical statement signed by a licensed health professional that certifies the individual is physically fit to participate in the chosen sport(s) and addresses any pertinent medical condition(s) or constraints(s). This medical statement must be current the time of the first practice and remain valid through the completion date of the chosen sport season. These requirements are a condition of participation and no child will be authorized to play or practice until a valid physical is furnished.

Military ID cardholders can be volunteer coaches. Coaches receive training, continuing education and excess liability insurance coverage. Each coach is held accountable to a code of ethics when coaching.

For additional information, call the Fort Carson youth sports office at 526-1233 or 526-6810.



Photo by Bill Scharlton

Registration is now under way now for Fort Carson youth sports winter basketball and cheerleading. Call 526-1233 for additional information.

Counselor

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letes.

"I was not a runner, so I was definitely in the novice category," said Rhodes.

Experienced coaches helped her train based on her own goals and abilities. The program provided advice on form, technique, race strategies, injury prevention and nutrition.

"I started out not being able to run a mile," said Rhodes. "Now it is a piece of cake. This is one of the great things about this program."

The fund-raising part of the exchange has also been a challenge for Rhodes. Her goal is to raise \$5,700 for the Society. To date, she has raised slightly more than half that amount and her deadline for the full amount is Nov. 27.

She is raising money in a variety of ways and is getting help from some pleasantly surprising sources. One such source is 5-year-old Anthony Ciolli, the son of Carson Middle School sixth-grade math and science teacher Jill Ciolli.

One day at home, Ciolli was talking to son Anthony about leukemia and lymphoma, how it affected children and the fund-raising efforts of Rhodes. After hearing this, a light bulb went off in Anthony's head.

"I have an idea," Anthony said to his mother. "I can draw pictures and sell them to help raise money (for Ms. Rhodes)."

Anthony has been drawing and selling his pictures ever since that conversation in order to help with Rhodes' fund-raising efforts. Anthony's mother has taken some of the pictures of Carson Middle School to sell and Anthony has sold others to relatives and via e-mail messages.

In addition, Rhodes is raising money through garage sales, business sponsors and a letter-writing campaign.

"Just like the running, the fund raising has been a major challenge," said Rhodes. "But I am more than half way there and plan to be all the way by Nov. 27."

Sports briefs

Red Ribbon Week Costume Dance

The Fort Carson Youth Services Center will have a Red Ribbon Week costume dance today from 7 to 10 p.m. The dance is for middle school teens (sixth to eighth-graders).

If you wear a costume to the dance, admission is \$2. Otherwise, the cost is \$3. You must have a military ID card for admission. The Youth Services Center is located at building 5950 Ware Street. For additional information, call 526-2680.

Harvest Fest

The Fort Carson Youth Services Center will have a Harvest Fest from 4 to 6 p.m. Halloween Day.

The event will feature fun, games and candy. It is open to all ages.

The Youth Services Center is located at building 5950 Ware Street. For additional information, call 526-2680.

Racquetball tournament

A Red Ribbon Week racquetball tournament took place Oct. 14

to 16 at Forrest Fitness Center.

In the doubles competition, Simeona Simeona and Manioa Mua captured first place and Levell Dishmon and Stephanie Timmons placed second.

In the women's bracket, Timmons placed first and Maylen Gaspar finished second. Ernie Costello won the Men's B Division title and Kenny Comstock placed second.

Bowling league

The Fort Carson intramural sports department and Thunder Alley Bowling Center are sponsoring an intramural bowling league this fall and winter.



1829). The intramural office phone number is 526-6630.

Intramural basketball

In addition to the regular intramural basketball league this season,

The sign-up deadline is close of business Friday. Sign-up sheets and general information can be picked up at the intramural office in the Special Events Center (building



Photo by Bill Scharton

In addition to regular intramural league play, teams representing McKibben, Garcia and Waller physical fitness centers will compete against each other in a separate intramural league.

teams will be selected to represent McKibben, Garcia and Waller physical fitness centers.

These teams will compete against each other in a separate league that will not conflict with the regular intramural league schedule. For additional information about the physical fitness center teams, call 526-2597

(McKibben), 526-3944 (Garcia) or 526-2747 (Waller).

The sign-up deadline for the regular intramural basketball league is close of business Monday.

Information about the league is available at the intramural office in the Special Events Center (building 1829). The intramural office phone number is 526-6630.

Abdullah to coach U.S. Olympic boxing team

by Tim Hippi

U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center

Staff Sgt. Basheer Abdullah, coach of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program boxing team, has been selected by USA Boxing as head coach for Team USA in the 2004 Olympic Games at Athens, Greece.

"I'm very excited about my selection as Olympic head coach," Abdullah said. "I know I have a big challenge ahead of me, but I am looking forward to it. We have a lot of work to do after our showing in the 2000 Olympic Games, but I know that our Olympic staff and athletes will make the United States proud."

Abdullah gained international experience as technical advisor for the United States' boxing team in the 2000 Olympics at Sydney, Australia.

He also was named 2002 Coach of the Year by USA Boxing after two of his soldiers won gold medals in the 2002 U.S. National Boxing Championships at Las Vegas.

Abdullah, 41, a light-wheel vehicle mechanic

from St. Louis, Mo., also served as an assistant coach for Team USA during the 2003 Pan American Games at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

"We are excited to have a coach of Basheer's caliber leading our athletes at the 2004 Olympic Games," said USA Boxing Executive Director Eric Parthen. "His experience at the 2000 Olympics and 2003 Pan American Games in addition to his work with the U.S. Army athletes will be extremely valuable as he attempts to lead our athletes to Olympic gold."

Abdullah began serving as an Army assistant coach in 1993 after retiring from the ring. He became the Army's head coach in 1996 and since has worked several national and international competitions.

Team USA's assistant coaches and manager will be selected this week. The athletes will be chosen at the 2004 Olympic Team Trials in Tunica, Miss., and the Olympic Box-offs in Cleveland, Ohio, in the spring of 2004.



Photo by Bill Scharton

Army World Class Athlete Program head boxing coach Basheer Abdullah provides instructions to one of the Army WCAP boxing team members during the 2003 USA Boxing Championships earlier this year in Colorado Springs.

Fossils show evidence of ancient landscape

Story and photos
by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

Millions of years ago a volcano erupted about 30 miles east of Colorado Springs near the town of Florissant. A giant redwood forest was in the area as well as a lake about 2-miles wide and 12 miles long. When the volcano erupted, mudflows covered the redwood trees. The mud hardened around the trees, minerals penetrated wood cells and the trees slowly turned to stone.

Plants and insects were also covered when the volcano erupted, usually with volcanic ash and sediment, which sunk to the bottom of the lake. The sediment became layers of shale through the centuries, each shale layer trapping insects and plants.

Shale is a fine-grained rock that can be easily split into horizontal layers. This shale is abundant in the present-day Florissant area. The Florissant shale revealed many insects, flowers and plants, including species which are now extinct. The world's largest variety of butterfly fossils were found at Florissant.

Visitors can see fossils and petrified redwood trees at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, a few miles south of the town of Florissant on Highway 24 West.

Florissant was settled in the early 1870s, about the time the fossils and petrified trees were discovered. The discovery brought excited scientists and collectors to the site. Thousands of fossils were found in the area and sent to museums throughout the world. Landowners let tourists and collectors



Some of the thousands of fossils found at Florissant are displayed in the visitor center.



Several visitors approach the visitor center at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument west of Colorado Springs.



Visitors at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument listen to Ranger J.J. Huie in the amphitheater. One of the petrified redwood trees is at right.

on their property and priceless fossil specimens were taken.

The huge redwood tree stumps were the most spectacular find in the Florissant area. One redwood tree stump was 12 feet high and 40 feet around. Many pieces of petrified wood were carried away by curious visitors. Some landowners tried to pull the stumps out of the ground with chains. The landowners planned to sell the petrified wood to tourists as souvenirs and at the same time, clear the land.

Twelve thousand species of insects have been found at the fossil bed site, making it the richest insect fossil find in the world. More than 50,000 fossil specimens from Florissant are in museums and universities around the world. The largest collection is at Harvard University, where 8,000 insect fossils from Florissant are housed. The Smithsonian, American Museum of Natural History, The Natural History Museum of London, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and the University of Colorado Museum have Florissant fossil specimens in their collections.

The most rare fossils found at Florissant have been birds, fish and

snails. More than 140 species of plant fossils have been found at Florissant. Evidence of fish, birds and mollusks has been found.

For the next 90 years private owners somewhat protected the fossil beds by running various businesses and enterprises in the area, perhaps selling fossils and souvenirs and in their own interest, preventing people from carrying off large numbers of fossils and petrified trees. Eventually developers wanted to put a subdivision on the fossil site. A group of women, called "Defenders of Florissant" began a move to protect the fossils.

Concerned citizens were able to stop development; 6,000 acres of land around the site were purchased and the federal government established the Fossil Beds National Monument in 1969. Not only were the fossils and remaining stumps saved, visitors can now learn about the fossils by visiting the site, hearing a ranger presentation and looking at the fossils and petrified trees.

The visitor center serves as a museum and educational center. Exhibits explain how fossils are formed; fossils

Harppemings



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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Fossils

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and petrified wood are displayed. Rangers on duty answer visitors' questions and provide trail maps.

Several miles of hiking trails are at the monument and range from easy to moderate. Some trails lead past petrified redwood stumps, the ancient lake bed and shaded streams. Signs of wildlife are seen on some of the trails. Trails begin at the visitor center and a trail map is available at the visitor center.

The Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument has undergone a significant change in the past few years. Permanent structures have been built over the petrified redwood stumps to protect them from deterioration, replacing the temporary yurts which covered some of the stumps. A new amphitheater is on site.

In summer the Florissant Fossil Beds staff provides seminars about subjects related to the fossil beds. Some seminars are offered for college credit through Adams State College. Call (719) 748-3253 to learn about seminars and to make reservations.

The visitor center has a variety of books, posters, videos, games and gifts, including many titles about Colorado.

Soft-drink machines, water fountains and rest rooms are in the visitor center.

Picnic tables are located nearby, but no food is available. There's ample free parking.

The entrance fee is \$3 for anyone older than 16. Visitors pay the fee at the honor station outside the visitor center. About 66,000 people visit the fossil beds each year.

Although summer is the most popular time for visitors, fall is a good time for a visit when cooler weather makes hikes more enjoyable and wildlife is active, however there are no ranger talks or ranger-led hikes. Popular self-guided



Visitors explore the 1870s Hornbek Homestead located on the grounds of the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument.

tours include a one-mile hike called Petrified Forest Loop and a half-mile hike, Walk Through Time.

It is illegal to remove fossils from the national monument. Hunting, camping and biking are also prohibited.

Located on the grounds of the national monument is another piece of history — the 1870s Hornbek homestead. The homestead was on property acquired when the national monument was established. The homestead is available to fossil bed visitors.

Although the homestead is open only from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in summer, visitors can walk around the grounds and view the rooms through windows at other times.

There are two special events held at the Hornbek homestead each year. "Homestead Days" are observed the last weekend in July. Dec. 6 and 7 an 1870s Christmas is observed.

The homestead is a few hundred yards north of the visitor center and can be accessed by taking a trail from the visitor center or parking by the homestead gate.

The Hornbek homestead is unusual because it was homesteaded by a woman and her four children. Adeline Warfield Harker first arrived in Colorado in 1861 from Massachusetts. Her husband died a few years later and Adeline then made a home for herself and her three children near Golden City. She later married Elliot Hornbek and had a fourth child. It isn't known what happened to Elliot, but Adeline



A piece of petrified wood is displayed at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument visitor center.

and her four children ended up on the ranch near Florissant. By spring of 1878 Adeline was living in a large log house which had been built on the ranch. A skilled carpenter had fitted the logs so expertly that no nails were used. The house is still sound more than 125 years later.

The house has a parlor, kitchen and bedroom on the first floor and three bedrooms on the second floor.

The homestead once had a barn, bunkhouse and carriage shed. However, only the house remained when the national monument took over the site. Since that time other historic buildings were moved to the homestead to replicate its original look.

The fossil beds are open daily from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. between September and Memorial Day. The national monument is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

To reach the Florissant Fossil National Monument, take Highway 24 West past Woodland Park and Divide, to the town of Florissant. At Florissant, take Teller 1 south for two miles to the visitor center.



A visitor takes a close look at fossil specimens in the visitor center at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument.



Details of insects captured in shale deposits can be seen in magnification by using magnifying glasses provided at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument visitor center.

Just the Facts

- **Travel time** about an hour
 - **For ages** all
 - **Type** fossil beds, hiking trails
 - **Fun factor** ★★★★★ (Out of 5 stars)
 - **Wallet damage \$ (entry)**
 - \$ = Less than \$20
 - \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
 - \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$80
- (Based on a family of four)

Get Out!

Pikes Peak Center

Michael Martin Murphey's "Cowboy Christmas" is set for Dec. 5, 8 p.m.

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker and San Diego Ballet Nutcracker are both scheduled for November.

Brian Setzer Orchestra "Christmas Extravaganza" is Dec. 9.

Call Ticketmaster, 520-9090 for tickets.

Upcoming concerts

Colorado Springs World Arena is selling tickets for upcoming events. "Matchbox Twenty" is Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. "Bill Gauthier" is Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.; "Trans-Siberian Orchestra" Nov. 22, at 7 p.m., Charlie Brown and Friends" is Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. and "Christmas from the Heart" is Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Ice Skating World Finals Dec. 12 to 14. Call 576-2626 for tickets to any event.

Buell Children's Museum

Called "Handprints Around the World," hands-on activities help children learn about customs, language and clothing of seven continents. Admission to the Buell Children's Museum at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Admission includes entry to the Arts Center and White Galleries. Take Interstate 25 south to Pueblo, Exit 98b.

Free concert

The U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus presents a free concert Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. in Palmer High School auditorium. Up to four free tickets may be requested by mail, by enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Academy Concerts; USAFA/34/TRW/SDAE; 2302 Cadet Dr., Ste. 12; U.S.A.F. Academy, CO 80840-6000.

Bear in a blue house

"Bear in the Big Blue House Live!" is scheduled for the Pikes Peak Center Nov. 6 to 9. Shows Nov. 6 and 7 are at 7 p.m. There are daytime shows Nov. 7, 8 and 9. Call 520-9090 for tickets, which begin at \$13.50.

Art exhibition openings

The Fine Arts Center has four new exhibits featuring well known Western artists, photographs of the early West; tourism and marketing; and a final exhibit of prints by Gene Kloss. To see the exhibits, go to the Fine Arts Center at 30 W. Dale St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. The center is free on Saturdays; other days, admission is \$2 to \$5.

Art show

The Denver Art Museum has one of its best ever special exhibits: "El Greco to Picasso," through Jan. 4. The art features artists Picasso, van Gogh, Monet, Renoir and Degas. Special admission is \$14.75 for adults, \$11.75 for students and \$6 for youths 6 to 18. Tickets include general admission to the museum. Exhibition hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The museum is closed Mondays. The museum is on 13th Avenue in downtown Denver. Go online at www.denverartmuseum.org or call (720) 865-2000.

Halloween activities

Emma Crawford Coffin Races and fun runs are Oct. 25 in Manitou Springs. Emma Crawford lived in Manitou Springs more than 100 years ago. A few years after she was buried on Red Mountain, her coffin washed down the mountain. She was reburied in the cemetery and the city marks the event with this unique festival. The races begin with a parade of coffins at 12:30 p.m., followed by the races at 1 p.m. Lantern-lit walking tours are scheduled in downtown Manitou Springs after dark. Call 685-5089 for information.

Fountain Creek Nature Center holds its annual "Jack-O-Lantern Trail" Saturday and Sunday..

Help carve the pumpkins into Jack-O-Lanterns Saturday, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., then decorate the trail. The haunted trail is open from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$10 per vehicle. Call 520-6745 for information.

Haunted Houses

"The Inferno," is at the corner of Nevada and Pikes Peak Avenue Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and daily beginning Oct. 22. Admission is \$12; call Theatreworks at 262-3232 for information.

"Planet of Terror" is a haunted house at

JoyRides Family Fun Center, 5150 Edison Ave., Admission is \$8. "Misery Mile" is a haunted two-acre corn maze, with \$7 admission. Call 573-5500 for information.

Jason Voorhees of Friday the 13th movies, as played by actor Kane Hodder, is at JoyRides' "Planet of Terror" today, Saturday and Sunday. He will meet and greet the public, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"Boo at the Zoo" includes trick or treating, animals, bats, magic and a lighted pumpkin path at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, 4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Road. Boo at the Zoo is \$4 per person, children under 2 are admitted free, 5:30 to 8 p.m. today, Saturday and Sunday.

Dinosaurs

Dinosaur World Tour is at Denver's Pepsi Center through Nov. 16, Sundays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and weekends until 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children to see museum-quality fossils, interactive exhibits and life-size animatronics. Call (303) 830-TIXS or www.ticketmaster.com or www.dinosaurworldtour.com.

Seussical the Musical

"Seussical the Musical," is Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in Arnold Hall theater at the Air Force Academy. Tickets for adults begin at \$15, and children under 12 are \$10. Call 333-4497 for tickets.

"A Christmas Carol" is Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Arnold Hall Theater. Tickets start at \$15. Call the box office at 333-4497.

Military Appreciation at JoyRides

Active military, Reservists, National Guard and retired military personnel can ride and golf for free during October. Show a current military ID and receive a three-hour all access wristband free.

Broadway shows

Tickets are on sale for Pikes Peak Center's Broadway series. "Cats," is Jan. 23 to 25, with tickets starting at \$29. "Fame," is Feb. 17 and 18, and tickets start at \$26.50. "Rent," is set for March 16 and 17, and tickets begin at \$31.50. Call 520-9090 for tickets.

Veterans Day Parade

The annual Veterans Day Parade begins at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 8, in downtown Colorado Springs.

Happenings



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Children's Museum ...

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Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to Oct. 31.

Special Program: The Town Hall Meeting with the Secretary of Defense at Fort Carson. Airls at 6:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on the Association of the U.S. Army conference and the Army Ten-Miler. Airls at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: includes stories on the USS Enterprise Strike Group, the USNS Lance Corporal Roy M. Wheat and preparations for the 2004 Olympic games. Airls at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on Hurricane Isabel, the Thunderbirds crash and Air Force

Academy changes. Airls at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Channel 9 daily broadcasts SCOLA, foreign language news broadcasts. Access the schedule at the Fort Carson Web site.

If you have comments on Channel 10 programming or wish to coordinate a broadcast on Channel 10, please contact Chief of Command Information at 526-1241 or via e-mail at CommandInfo@carson.army.mil.

Program times will be published in the *Mountaineer* provided coordination is made one week prior to publication.

If you wish to have a training videotape shown on Channel 9 only, contact the Regional Training Support Center, 526-5111.

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