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Holiday messages for deployed Soldiers

ABC Radio Network

The ABC Radio Network will be at the Fort Carson Main Post Exchange Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to record families' holiday messages, which will be sent to deployed Soldiers. The messages will run Dec. 24 and 25 in the United States and in the Middle East as a tribute to Soldiers deployed during the holiday season.

SoldiersRadio.com

SoldiersRadio is again providing a way to let friends and family member tell servicemembers worldwide that they care and are thinking about them during the holidays.

Interested friends, or family members can record a 30-second Audio Post Card or just a random message of good will. SoldiersRadio will then take your message and put it on the radio Web cast throughout the holiday season. Call SoldiersRadio at (800) 330-5090. Your recorded personalized message will be played back on www.SoldiersRadio.com.

AnyServiceMember.org is also promoting the call-in holiday service in hopes of reaching a large group of people who would like to send a message to Soldiers serving away from home. The cut-off date for the call in is Dec. 15.

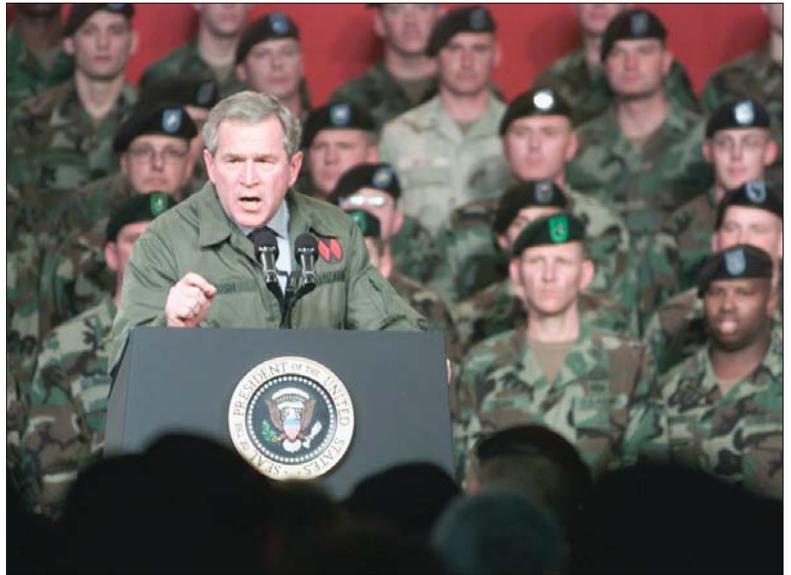


Photo by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

President George W. Bush speaks to 5,500 Soldiers and civilians from all over post at a hangar at Butts Airfield. He visited Fort Carson Nov. 24 to address Soldiers from all over post and meet privately with widows and family members of fallen Soldiers.

President visits post

by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix
Mountaineer Staff

A backdrop of 100 Soldiers and an American flag set the stage for the commander in chief. Stepping up to the stage, the president was welcomed by 5,500 Soldiers chanting: "U-S-A, U-S-A!" President George W. Bush spoke to Soldiers from all units on Fort Carson Nov. 24 at a hangar at Butts Airfield.

In his morale-boosting address, the president showed great gratitude to the units of Fort Carson, and he

empathized with the family members of deployed Soldiers.

Bush described the war as a hunt that will not end until all enemies are seized.

"The United States will not be intimidated by a bunch of thugs."

President George W. Bush

"Anyone who seeks to harm our Soldiers can know that our great Soldiers are hunting for them," he said. A thunderous applause followed, but the loudest response came when he declared that democracy would go undefeated because "the United States will not be intimidated by a bunch of

thugs."

Throughout his speech, Bush pressed for continued support for the war on terrorism as he commended the Soldiers of Fort Carson for their part in the war.

Singing the praises of his military, the president ended his speech saying he was "proud to be the commander in chief of the greatest military ... on the face of this earth."

Also during his visit to Fort Carson, the president met with selected Soldiers from units all over Fort Carson at a luncheon. Afterward, the president met privately with widows and family members of fallen Soldiers.

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Photo courtesy Sgt. Jack Morse

Ready to fly ...

A UH-60 Blackhawk medical evacuation helicopter lands on the flight line at Logistical Support Area Anaconda in Balad, Iraq, as Sgt. Daniel Schulze, 54th Medical Company, which supports the 4th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team, readies his own helicopter for departure on a routine training flight.

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Flu shots

Occupational Health, in building 2059, is providing influenza vaccinations for all civilian employees Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Call 526-2939 for more information.

Post Weather hotline:
526-0096

What it means to love a Soldier

Commentary by Jamie Reese
Army News Service

She stands in line at the post office waiting to send a package to her husband, a U.S. Army Soldier serving in Kuwait. Envelopes, pens, paper, stamps, sunscreen, eye-drops, gum, batteries, powdered Gatorade, baby wipes and Twizzlers.

He said he needed the sunscreen and baby wipes. She threw in the Twizzlers.

There's a common bond at the post office in this military town. People aren't just sending letters and packages; they are sending smiles, hope, love and just a touch of home.

People look around at the others, sharing their concern, fear and pride. They take comfort knowing they are not alone.

Passing through the gate leaving the Army post, she enters another world. A world filled with pawnshops, surplus stores, barbershops, fast food galore and, of course, "Loans, Loans, Loans."

This is a life that includes grocery shopping at a place called the commissary. A life that has her venturing to the post exchange instead of heading to Wal-Mart. This is where you come to learn, appreciate and respect the ceremonious traditions of Reveille and Retreat, and of course, the national anthem, from a completely different perspective.

At 6 a.m., or as the soldiers call it, 0600 hours, Reveille can be heard across post. The bugle call officially begins the military workday. At 1700 hours Retreat sounds signaling the day's end. Soldiers render salutes, chat

ter fades and all eyes are drawn to the nearest flag. At 2300 hours, the bugle sounds Taps, denoting not only the "final hour" of the day, but also honoring those we have lost.

When the national anthem plays in a military town, a special aura fills the air. Men, women and even children stop to pay their respects. Civilians place their hands over their hearts. Soldiers salute. In this world, the anthem isn't just a prequel to the echo of "Play Ball."

Since she married her soldier and experienced the "Star Spangled Banner" from this perspective, she's noticed how people in civilian towns react to the national anthem. She notices the people who continue to talk, the hats that stay on, the beer that doesn't get put down and even the jeers at the person singing the anthem. The meaning seems to be lost to a majority of people. But if she looks closely, she can see who has been blessed enough to learn this lesson. Some are grandparents, some are parents and some are young children.

To cope with it all, she learns military families communicate via the Internet so he doesn't miss out on what's happening back home. But he does miss out. He won't be there for the baby's first steps, and he may have to hear his son or daughter's first words through a time delay across a static-filled telephone line.

She remembers what it was like before he left, when everything seemed "normal." Normal except for the pressed uniform, the nightly ritual of shining boots, the thunder-like sound of the Apache helicopters flying over-

head, and the artillery shells heard off in the distance. OK, relatively normal - when they occasionally went to the park, spent holidays together and even enjoyed four-day weekends when he could get a pass. But, the real challenge began with the phone call.

She relives the moments before she kissed him goodbye. A phone ringing at 0400 hours is enough to make her heart end up in her throat. They've been expecting the call, but they weren't sure when it would come. She waits to hear the words, "Don't worry, it's just a practice run." But instead she hears, "Here we go."

So, off he goes to pack, though most of the packing is finished because as a Soldier, he is "always ready to roll." She gets the baby, but leaves his pajamas on because it is just as well that he sleep. She takes the dogs out, she gets dressed, all the while trying to catch glimpses of her husband. She wants to cherish his presence because she doesn't know when she'll see him again.

She knows that in other homes nearby, other families are enacting exactly the same scene.

Within 15 minutes, the family is in the car heading to the "rally point." As they pull up, they see Soldiers everywhere, hugging their loved ones. While people love to see tearful, joyous homecomings, fearful, anxious, farewells are another story.

Too soon, with his gear over his shoulder, he walks away. She is left behind, straining to keep an eye on her Soldier. As the camouflage starts to blend, only his walk distinguishes him from the others.

She takes one last look and takes a deep breath. She reminds herself she must stay strong. No tears. Or, as few tears as possible. Just words of encouragement to the children, to her friends and to herself. Then she turns, walks back to the car, and makes her way

home to a house that is now eerily quiet.

She mentally prepares for the days, weeks, even months ahead. She needs to focus on taking care of her love while he is overseas. Her main priorities will be the care packages, phone calls, e-mails and letters sprayed with perfume. And, she can't forget to turn the stamp upside down to say, "I love you."

Taking care of her family, her friends, even strangers - this is her mission as an Army wife to do these things without a second thought. At the ripe old age of 22, she knows the younger wives will turn to her for advice. "How do you balance a check-book? How do you change a tire? When are they coming home?"

Only when she knows everyone else is OK, the bills are paid, the cars maintained, the lawn cut, the kids asleep, the pets calmed down, and the lights are off, does she take time for herself.

Along at night, she runs the next day's events over in her mind to make sure they will all get finished. She reviews her checklist of things to do, things to buy for his care package. Once again, she checks the calendar to count down the days. Before turning in, she checks to make sure the ringer is on for the late night phone call that might come in from overseas.

Before she falls asleep, a few fears hit the pillow. But even as the tears escape, strength enters her mind, body, spirit and soul. She remembers why she is here. She remembers the pride and the love that brought her here in the first place, and a sense of peace comes over her, replacing, if only for a second, the loneliness, the fear and the lingering heartache she feels while her soul mate is away.

This is what it means to love a Soldier. She wouldn't have it any other way.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Soldiers, families and staff at Fort Carson:

Please accept our most sincere condolences on the loss of your loved ones, treasured friends and colleagues. Your grief is shared and felt so deeply by our countrymen. We owe our lives and freedom to all of you. We honor our fallen heroes in each thought and prayer, and we thank God for their lives, which were a blessing to all who knew

them and to our nation.

I know our nation has many problems and our citizens have many differences with each other. But no other nation has strived and struggled harder to be just and generous with its resources for the benefit of humanity than our America has.

Whatever arguments we might have about the direction our society is going, we are united in support of our courageous soldiers. You are the very

best of us, and you have volunteered to serve the very best nation that ever was or will be. So please be proud of everything you have done in defense of our U.S.A. and our precious liberty. A more noble cause and calling does not exist. Thank you for making us so proud and for keeping us safe.

May God bless and protect you.

Marisa and Jeanette Harris
Henderson, Nev.

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News



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dee McNutt

President George W. Bush greets Soldiers and civilians as he is escorted out of a hangar at Butts Airfield Nov. 24. Bush had just delivered a morale-boosting speech.

President

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“He cried with us; it was amazing to see he was just as emotional as we were” said Barbara Bucklew of the president. Bucklew’s husband, Sgt. Ernest Bucklew died supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, she

said.

During his visit, the president recognized Diane Campbell, an active volunteer with the Fort Carson Army Family Team Building program.

“The true strength of America is the American people, because we’re a compassionate, decent, caring, loving people, just

like Diane Campbell.”

Earlier this year, the president celebrated the first anniversary of the USA Freedom Corps, his initiative to engage all Americans in service to their neighbors and their nation. He is recognizing individuals around the country, like Campbell, who are answering the call to volunteer service.



Photo by Spc. Jon Wiley

A new star ...

Newly promoted Brig. Gen. Joseph Orr embraces his wife Renee after being pinned at a ceremony in front of the post headquarters Monday. Orr is the deputy commanding general of the 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson.

Conditional promotions suspended Armywide

by Spc. Bill Putnam
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — All conditional promotions Armywide from sergeant to sergeant first class will be suspended until further notice after Jan. 1.

The new policy, dated Nov. 21, states that Soldiers must graduate from their respective noncommissioned officer education school before being considered for promotion.

Highlights of the new policy:

- A sergeant has to graduate from the Primary Leadership Development Course to be considered for promotion to staff sergeant.
- A staff sergeant has to graduate from the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course to be considered for promotion to sergeant first class.
- A sergeant first class has to graduate from the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course to be

considered for promotion to master sergeant.

The only exception to the policy is conditional promotion from specialist or corporal to sergeant. They don't need to attend PLDC to be promoted, said Sgt. Maj. Julian Edmondson, the personnel policy integrator at the Pentagon's G-1 staff.

In fact, the requirement for a specialist or corporal to complete Primary Leadership Development Course within one year of promotion has been waived too, Edmondson said.

A Soldier promoted to sergeant doesn't need PLDC at all to keep the rank but will need it for consideration for staff sergeant, he said.

"We always figured (conditional promotions) would stop," Edmondson said of the old policy. "It's hard enough to manage during peacetime. With a war it was a nightmare."

Currently there are 36,641 Soldiers waiting for seats in the Army's various Noncommissioned Officer Education System schools, said Command Sgt. Maj. Lionel Parker, of the institutional training shop at the Army Operations. That breaks down into 15,373 sergeants, 13,367 staff sergeants and 7,901 sergeants first class waiting for that important step in their careers.

Parker said the Army's operation staff is working out details of a plan to train those Soldiers waiting for school seats.

That plan was announced Oct. 10 by Parker and his staff at the Pentagon. As it stands now, units tapped for deployment will send their Soldiers to school before going and units coming back will send them afterward, Parker said.

That plan was sent down to the command sergeants major of the Army's major commands and should be down to

the battalion level, Parker said.

Some of those Soldiers were actually pulled out of school before completing it so they could deploy with their units, Parker said.

Retiring Soldiers or those leaving the Army will depart the Army in their current rank regardless of their NCOES status, the policy also states.

The policy is "back to what it was" before 1992, said Edmondson. The goal of the NCOES is to get a Soldier ready for the next rank, he said.

Edmondson said the suspension wasn't a threat to Soldiers. In fact, he said, it could bolster them. Sending a Soldier to a school to validate his promotion may not have been the best plan, Edmondson said.

In Edmondson's opinion, it's better to go to school to learn how to do their jobs prior to being promoted to the next rank.

Military

Italians show solidarity ...

Tanks delivered with yellow ribbons

by Chiara Mattirolò
Army News Service

Camp Darby, Livorno, Italy — Yellow ribbons signifying hope for a safe return have been popping up all over America for years. But when M-1 Abram tanks sporting yellow ribbons on their gun barrels returned from an Italian painting contractor, heads turned.

In an unsolicited show of solidarity in the war on terrorism, workers at Armanino Import-Export have been making their feelings known by adding yellow ribbons and prayer cards to freshly painted tanks.

Army Materiel Command's Combat Equipment Battalion—Livorno has been sending vehicles and equipment to civilian contractors in order to meet a high-priority mission.

"I have been working in repainting vehicles for Camp Darby since 1997, I counted over 500 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles and over 150 tanks" said Umberto Armanino, one of the owners of the Armanino Import-Export, a father and son firm.

Armanino Import-Export first delivered two tanks with a bit of non-standard gear to CEB-LI Sept. 11, 2003.

"I knew that I was sending these vehicles back on

the anniversary of the Twin Towers terrorist attack, so I decided to place a yellow bow on each vehicle to express our sympathy to the United States" explained Umberto Armanino. Also attached was a hand-written card in Italian and English, saying, "May this vehicle bring you safely home by the grace of God..."

When Lt. Col. Sandy W. Pogue, CEB-LI commander, inspected the tanks, he was impressed by more than the top-quality paint job.

"I was amazed to such solidarity, especially in these contentious times. Yellow ribbons have a deep meaning to American Soldiers and their families, so I was moved to respond to the Armanino's gesture," Pogue said.

Pogue visited the shop in the small Italian town of Carrara, in November to present coins and award certificates for continuous support and solidarity shown to Americans.

The Armanino family has a history of comradery with Americans.

"My father rescued an American pilot that crashed with his plane in Sestri Levante, during World War II. He helped him crossing the Gothic line, and brought him to the United States Command. Since then,

through his bedtime stories, the United States has always been part of our family story," Umberto said.

"Right after World War II, I started collecting American jeep vehicles, I collected them from bases in Germany and in Holland. These were vehicles that needed repair and were no longer in use. I took them, brought them to my shop, completely restored them, and sold them to collectors" said Armando. Armanino, ex-partisan and owner of the company.

"Since then I continued working through the Directorate Reutilization and Marketing Offices, mainly Livorno and La Maddalena. I buy old American items, I fix them and sell them. Now all of the family is sharing my project: My daughter Giuditta just opened an American military clothing shop in Sestri Levante, and we named it "Ground Zero" in honor of the victims of the Twin Towers terrorist attack," he said.

"It's a great honor for us to receive this recognition today" Umberto said. "America is a free country that always fought for democracy, the Americans are in Iraq to free the country from a dictatorship. America is a free country, we are allies and friends, we are there to fight for ourselves too."

Military Briefs

Misc.

West Point

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point is looking for branch-qualified company grade officers and noncommissioned officers in the rank of sergeant first class interested in an assignment to the USMA. NCOs should have drill sergeant or platoon sergeant experience with 12 to 15 years of service to be assigned to the staff and faculty as instructors and Company Tactical NCOs. Selected officers will normally attend advanced civil schooling for up to two years followed by a three-year tour at West Point. For application information, go to <http://www.usma.army.mil/adjutant-general> or write to Management Operations Branch, AG Division, West Point, N.Y. 10996-1926.

Go Warrant Officer

The 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.

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 versus 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 and 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

The Army Career and Alumni

Center briefing is required for all departing servicemembers. The current ACAP policy is to register personnel ETSing one year out and retirees two years out.

Briefings are held Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Call 526-1002 or 526-0640 to schedule a briefing.

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 McMahon 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, CVC 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.

MPs to enforce seat belt laws Armywide

by Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Drivers and passengers who get caught on Army posts not wearing a seat belt during the holiday season can expect harsher penalties, according to officials at the U.S. Army Safety Center.

The Army is aggressively enforcing seat-belt use by joining the nationwide "Click It or Ticket" campaign. Military police will issue tickets to drivers and passengers who are not buckled up. Along with the ticket, offenders at some installations can expect other penalties, such as suspension of their on-post driving privileges.

"The Army can and must take positive action to

save the lives of our Soldiers and civilian employees," stated a message released to all Army activities Nov. 26 by Director of the Army Staff Lt. Gen. James Lovelace. "We must increase seat-belt use both on and off the installation."

Over the past three years the Army has lost 318 Soldiers in privately owned vehicle accidents, and a significant number of those Soldiers were not wearing seat belts, according to the message.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld formed the Defense Safety Oversight Council earlier this year, and has challenged all Defense agencies to reduce the number of accidents and injuries recorded in 2002 by 20 percent in fiscal year 2004 and 50 percent in 2005.

One way the Army is hoping to decrease its accident numbers is by displaying zero tolerance when people disregard seat-belt laws during holiday weekends. The "Click It or Ticket" campaign will run from Dec. 21 through Jan. 3 and over all of the 2004 national holiday weekends.

U.S. Army Europe has already initiated the program, and it revokes the driver's licenses of first-time offenders for seven days. Lovelace's message directed other major commands to also take a hard stance.

"USAREUR ... successfully increased seatbelt usage. The USAREUR campaign should be used as a model to implement campaigns Armywide," stated the message.

Dining Schedule

Dec. 6 to 12

Exceptions

- Butts Army Airfield dining facility is closed until further notice.
- 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)

'Tis the season to be wary ...

Safety driving tips for the holidays

by 2nd Lt. Kira Dawkins
Provost Marshal Office

Unfortunately, many deaths take place on roads during the holidays. Roads are more dangerous due to higher traffic density, winter-driving conditions and more people driving while sleep deprived or under the influence of alcohol. Since many Soldiers will spend a lot of time on the roads over the holidays, here are a few handy driving tips.

There are a number of things you can do to prevent getting into an accident on crowded roads. Be aware of other vehicles-blind spots; don't assume the person in the next vehicle can see you.

Leave one car length of space between you and the car in front of you for every 10 miles per hour you are driving. Those in front of you can slam on their brakes at any time. Some drivers tend to slam on the breaks if they see a police car or if they think they see something in the road.

Pay attention to your speedometer in order to maintain a proper speed. Believe it or not, driving too slowly could actually be more dangerous than driving too fast. Also, remember that big trucks create wind gusts so keep both hands on the

steering wheel when passing them.

Winter driving conditions tend to be more extreme in mountainous states. Icy and snowy roads cause a lot of accidents in Colorado. Temperatures tend to be low due to the high altitude. When the temperature drops below freezing, drivers should slow down and increase their following distance.

If your vehicle skids, ease off the accelerator and steer in the direction of the skid. Be sure to keep a flashlight with extra batteries, a sleeping bag or blankets, canned food with a can opener and a cell phone if you have one. These items will come in handy in case of an unexpected emergency.

Experts recommend at least eight hours of sleep a night in order to function properly. Most Americans routinely receive less than eight hours of sleep, especially during the holiday season due to last minute shopping, partying, decorating and traveling. Sleep deprivation and operating a motor vehicle is a very bad combination.

Drivers tend to drive faster when they are sleepy in an effort to "beat the sleep." The best thing to do when you are traveling long distances during the

holiday season is to spend the night in a hotel or motel. It may cost, but it will save your life. As a last resort, pull off the road, and take a brief nap. Be sure to schedule regular stops every two hours during your trip; tired drivers have reactions like those of people who have been drinking alcohol.

Drinking and driving is a dangerous mix. Drinking alcohol increases the risk of falling asleep behind the wheel. Unfortunately, more than 20 percent of all traffic fatalities in the United States each year are caused by drunk drivers.

A lot of people tend to go to parties, bars and clubs more than usual during the holiday season, which means more people will be drinking and driving during the holidays.

The average blood alcohol content among drivers who were killed as a result of their drinking is .17, which is much higher than the state law defines as driving while intoxicated. Remember to have a designated driver if you plan to consume alcohol or have extra money for a cab if you do not have a designated driver.

Lastly, try to avoid traveling after midnight. Drunk drivers are more likely

to drive late at night.

The holidays are a time for families to come together in celebration. Take the necessary steps to be safe on the road to ensure a safe arrival, enjoy the holidays and have fun with your family. Always remember to buckle up.

Provost Marshal Office hours of operation:

The PMO help desk is open Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. The office is closed on national holidays, training holidays and Fridays for Sergeant's Time Training.

Traffic roll up Nov. 13 to 27

In the past two weeks, there were 112 total citations:

- 36 for speeding.
- 13 for running a stop sign or red traffic light.
- 5 for having expired plates.
- 1 for not having on a seatbelt.
- 25 for improper parking.
- 32 for other violations (e.g.: malfunctioning equipment, passing on shoulder, lack of insurance or registration, improper vehicle operation etc.).

Increase in death gratuity benefits for beneficiaries

Courtesy 1st Lt. Theodore Stutz
4th Finance Battalion

The president has recently signed into public law House Resolution 3365, known as the Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003. The major provisions of that law are as follows:

1. Increase death gratuity payment from a lump-sum of \$6,000 to a lump-sum of \$12,000.
2. The increase is effective Sept. 11, 2001.
3. Death gratuity payments are exempt from federal income taxes.
4. The effective date of this income tax exemption is Sept. 11, 2001.

Making sure you receive what you are entitled to

If you are or have been the beneficiary of a death gratuity for a loss that occurred on or after Sept. 11, 2001, you will be receiving an announcement letter issued by the Department of Defense, providing full details on the new entitlement and provisions for obtaining full payment. Along with the letter a DD Form 397, Claim Certification and Voucher for Death Gratuity Payment, will be mailed to each beneficiary with instructions on how to file to receive your payment, or payment

increase if you have only received \$6,000.

The letter will also include instructions for filing amended tax returns for 2001 and 2002 tax years. Now that the death gratuity payments are exempt from federal income taxes, filing an amendment to the last two years' tax returns will ensure that you get back money that you paid in tax on your death gratuity payment. Corrected Treasury Department Form 1099s will not be issued.

You must act quickly in order to receive your benefits

If the DOD does not receive a filled out DD Form 397 within 30 days of mailing, a follow-up letter, indicating "Second Request," will be mailed to the address provided by the Casualty Division listing. If no answer is received after another 30-day period, the case will be filed and maintained in a suspense file. Therefore, if you do not receive this letter in the next few months, it is probably because the DOD does not have your correct mailing address. Contact the Casualty Branch and provide them with your current address.

Defense Finance and Accounting Service

ATTN: CASUALTY BRANCH
8899 East 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249



Courtesy photo

St. Nick ...

Lynn Wilson shakes hands with Santa at the St. Nick's Tea event at the Elkhorn Conference Center Nov. 21. The event was a Project Santa community effort on the part of the Ironhorse Sertoma Club. It was the last big push for the toy drive sponsored by the Officer's Spouses' Club, the Enlisted Spouses' Charitable Organization and the Directorate of Community Activities.

Community

Human bones still puzzling CID

by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix
Mountaineer staff

A human skull was discovered on post Nov. 10, 2002, resting among a nest of animal bones.

Its mystery has yet to be solved. The Criminal Investigation Division on post hopes to get some feedback from anyone in the community who might know something about this case.

Discovered by hunters in range 10, the skull finding was immediately reported to CID.

After further searches by CID, more human bones were found as were a pair of Levi's 505 Red Tab jeans and a pair of All-Star Converse sneakers. The jeans had a 31-inch waist and a 30-inch length, and the sneakers were size eight and a half. All of these items were found within a 100-meter-square area in the Fort Carson training area and range 10.

The other human bones found included a small fragment of the femur, the thighbone and the right tibia shaft.

According to a forensic anthropological review, the skull belonged to a Caucasian male between the ages of 40 and 50, and the time since death is estimated to be between two and four years, said Matthew Elliott, a special agent at the 48th military police detachment CID.

The subject's time since death is determined by the amount or lack of flesh on the bones, said Elliott. It is also based on the bleaching and weathering of the bones. Age is determined by the shape of the bones and on the size and development of the skull.

"Our head is made up of floating bones that come together with age. The analysis is based on which ones are fused and which ones are not," said Elliott.

The sex is determined by the morphology of the skull. Men have a bridge above their eyebrows while women have a flat ridgeline, he added. Ancestry is determined based on the shape of the eye sockets. "We say

Caucasian because the sockets were circular," said Elliott. Ancestry is also based on the shape of the nasal passages.

Because of the limited thighbone parts and because it has not been confirmed that the jeans correlate with the skull, the subject's height has not been determined.

The skull and bones have been sent to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology for further analysis, to include DNA analysis (genomic and mitochondrial). There will be a delay in the AFIP results because the institute is responsible for examining the bodies of all combat casualties. This is yet another reason it would be great to get some tips or clues from anyone in the community with knowledge on the case, said Elliott.

A forensic odontologist, a cadaver's dentist, is examining the subject's teeth to see what teeth are missing and what dental work has been done. "Teeth are an outstanding means of identifica-

tion," said Elliott. The information gained will allow CID to compare the subject's dental records to the dental records of missing people. Also, depending on how old the remains are, DNA can be extracted from the pulp of the tooth.

If the subject is a Soldier, he will be easier to identify because of DNA profiles in the Department of Defense records.

It is possible that there are more bones throughout range 10 or perhaps in other ranges within a five-mile radius, but expanding the search would require more CID manpower than is available, said Elliott.

If anyone has any information about a missing person from the surrounding area, during the last two to four years, it should be reported to CID. Also, if anyone finds bones, "don't assume they are animal bones," said Elliott. CID can only do an expanded search if something is reported.

Safety concerns will close road temporarily

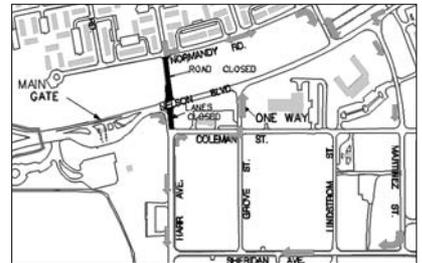
Courtesy Directorate of Public Works

In an effort to ease traffic congestion and reduce the accident rate at the intersection of Harr Avenue and Nelson Boulevard, the Directorate of Public Works is developing a design to reconstruct this intersection. Until funds are available, sections of Harr Avenue will be closed and traffic rerouted to other less crowded intersections. This closure is scheduled to go into effect Dec. 16.

North of Nelson Boulevard: Harr Avenue will be blocked off and closed to all vehicle traffic between Nelson and Normandy Road. Traffic will be rerouted along Normandy Road and Ware Street to Nelson. South of Nelson Boulevard: Harr Avenue will be partially blocked between Nelson and Coleman Street. Inbound

Gate 1 traffic will still be allowed to turn south onto Harr in this area. Northbound Harr Avenue traffic will be detoured east on Coleman Street to Grove Street and along Grove to Nelson Boulevard. Grove Street will be designated as one way, northbound, between Coleman and Nelson Boulevard, to provide dedicated left and right turn lanes onto Nelson. Other than inbound Gate 1 traffic, all traffic heading for southbound Harr Avenue will be routed from Nelson Boulevard along Martinez Street and Sheridan Avenue to Harr. With the exception of the changes noted, east and westbound traffic along Nelson Boulevard will continue as normal.

There will be traffic control, detour and information signs in place to assist drivers in adjusting to these route changes. The changes will go a long way in easing the



on-going traffic problems just east of Gate 1. If you have questions or concerns regarding this issue, contact Rick Orphan, DPW Traffic Section, at 526-9267.

Thanksgiving dinner ...

Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson commanding general, along with his wife Lynn serve Thanksgiving dinner at the Oddfellows Hall Thanksgiving Day. The food was cooked by Fort Carson Soldiers.



Photo by Maj. Russ Goemaere

Chaplain's Corner

'Deposits' reap eternal rewards

Commentary by Chap. (Lt. Col.) Scottie Lloyd
Deputy Command Chaplain

When I was a little kid running around the neighborhood, one of my chief summer delights was scrounging for deposit-only soda bottles to turn in for two cents a piece. A good day would bring in enough change to buy four or five packs of baseball cards. Trading these cards was a summer ritual. Nowadays, a deposit-only bottle is a rarity. Aluminum cans and throwaway bottles have replaced them.

In fact, a lot of things in our society are throwaway. Recent studies indicate America's doom may not come from nuclear war or acid rain but from inundation of our own trash that is proliferating at alarming rates. Even the chaplaincy has joined this parade of paper throwers. Chaplains can now purchase a small packet consisting of a plastic "shot glass" filled with wine or grape juice covered by a separate pouch with a bread wafer. Once consumed, the worshiper is asked to "deposit" what's left in throwaway garbage bags for quick dumping.

Don't get me wrong. I love the convenience of paper and plastic, but I believe our habits are begin-

ning to affect our thinking about some 'deposit-only' items in our lives.

Take baptism for instance. The way some people treat their adoptions of God into his family, the church, you would think baptism is a throwaway. I'm alarmed when I ask people "What does baptism mean for your daily living?" and they respond, "Why nothing. That happened a long time ago." Perhaps it's the attitude that encourages the exit of so many folks from attending church. It was great "doing church" when the newness of faith excited a person about Christ and his love, but now the euphoria has worn off.

Baptism (and confirmation for those traditions that practice it as an extension of their coming to faith) is certainly not a throwaway. A famous Christian writer, Martin Luther, once put it this way,

"It means that our sinful self, with all its evil deeds and desires (that's all of us till death do us part from this Earth), should be drowned through daily repentance (Start your morning with, "I'm sorry, Lord. Let's begin again this new day you've given me in your name, Oh Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whom I've been baptized.") and that day after day a new self

should arise (God's reclamation of our nature's temper) to live with God in righteousness and purity forever (let the good times roll, hereafter).

Repentance is turning ourselves in for the promised "deposit on return." Paul reminds us, "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-to the praise and glory;" (Eph. 1:13,14-NIV).

Certainly some of that "deposit" is with us before our return, but the big cash for renewed daily living becomes ours to spend for the trip to receive the final prize, the possession of eternal life with Christ, when we return our empty self. As again Paul preaches,

"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (Rom. 6:3,4-NIV)

No throwaways here only living deposits on return.

Soldiers use patriotic quilt to raise money

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger
Mountaineer staff

A great piece of craftsmanship adorned with red, white and blue colors and stars and stripes, was constructed by 12 women associated with the 10th Combat Support Hospital and given to one lucky ticket holder. It was not an American flag they made, but a quilt made with great care to help their unit. The quilt was part of an "opportunity drawing" to raise money for activities for the 10th CSH.

"There was a group of 12 women within the CSH that got together while the guys were deployed to make a quilt," Leslie C. Glad, leader, Family Readiness Group, B Company, 10th CSH.

"Originally we did it as just a thing to get together." Joyce Roberts, wife of Lt. Col. David Roberts, executive officer, 10th CSH, came up with the idea to make the quilt sewing more than just a friendly get-

together.

"We decided that we could sell tickets to raise money for the unit," said Glad. Money raised in the opportunity drawing will go for the homecoming ceremony, a Christmas celebration and other such events, said Glad. The quilt took approximately three weeks to complete.

The winner of the quilt was Emily St. Louis, wife of retired Staff Sgt. Ronald St. Louis, who was in the Army for 26 years and is a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

"I was walking into the PX to go do an errand," said St. Louis. "I stopped at the table and thought the quilt looked very nice. They explained what the purpose of the drawing was. I went ahead and bought a ticket. I went on vacation shortly after that and when I came back I got a call saying I had won the quilt."

"The interesting thing is that she only purchased one ticket," said Glad.

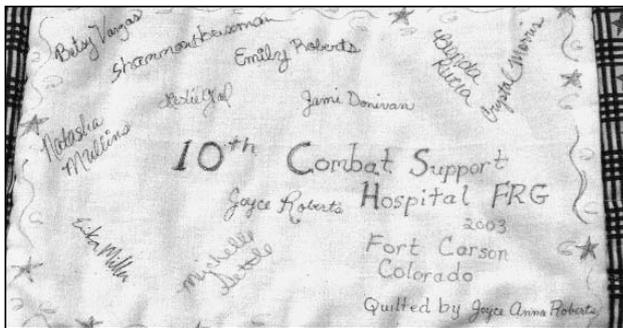


Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger
The back of the quilt displays the names of the members of the 10th Combat Support Hospital Family Readiness Group who assisted in the creation of the quilt, given out in an opportunity drawing.

"That's all it took."

Tickets were sold for \$1 for one ticket or \$5 for six tickets at the Fort Carson Main Post Exchange and Ironhorse Park

during the Fourth of July celebrations. This is the first quilt of this kind given away in an opportunity drawing by the 10th CSH.

Community Events

Miscellaneous

DOL closure — The Directorate of Logistics will be holding its annual holiday party Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Most offices will be closed during this time, however, sections staffed by contractor personnel will remain open. For more information, call Connie Griffin at 526-5504.

Thrift Shop — The Fort Carson thrift shop will be closed Dec. 19 to Jan. 5. Regular business hours will resume Jan. 6. The thrift shop is currently accepting applications for disbursement of funds. These funds are available to non-profit organizations and individuals who are advancing their education. For more information call 526-5966.

Evans Army Community Hospital closures for the holidays — The emergency room will be open 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

Outpatient pharmacy:

Dec. 19 - Reduced staff after 2 p.m. for holiday parties

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve, limited staff

Dec. 25 - Christmas day, closed

Dec. 26 - Military training holiday, closed

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day, closed

Jan. 2 - Military training holiday, limited staff

Jan. 16 - Military training holiday, limited staff

Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King's birthday, closed

Clinics:

Dec. 19 - Closed after 2 p.m. for holiday parties

Dec. 25, 26 - Closed

Jan. 1, 2 - Closed

For assistance call a patient representative at 526-7225/7256.

The Fort Carson Tour of Homes — **The tour will be Sunday** and will start at the Elkhorn Conference Center. The tours will start between 4 and 6 p.m., and the cost is \$5. This is a great chance to donate to Project Santa. Tourists will pick up their tour program at the Elkhorn and have a chance to shop for the holidays from our Ways and Means and other vendors. The tour will end at 7 p.m. This event is open to all military ID card holders and their guests. For more information call 559-7865.

Tax season — The end of the year is fast approaching and so is the need to file your taxes. The Fort Carson Tax Center will open Jan. 20. The free tax services are available for active duty servicemembers and their family members; mobilized reservists and their family members; servicemembers receiving either retirement or disability pay and their family members; and surviving family members of active-duty, mobilized reservists and retired servicemembers.

The Fort Carson Tax Center will electronically file your return and have federal and state tax forms available. In order for your tax return to be completed, you will need to bring all W-2s, Social Security cards for yourself and all family members, and a power of attorney if filing for your spouse. If you are using a power of attorney, you should have either a power of attorney that authorizes you to sign the return or an Internal Revenue Service Form 2848 (Part one must state that you are granted authority to sign the return). In addition, if relevant, you should bring either Form 1099 INT or DIV, mortgage interest statement, child-care information, Individual Retirement Account contributions, sale of stocks, bonds, and/or mutual funds, alimony either paid or received and court orders for either divorce or child custody.

The Fort Carson Tax Center is located in building 6264, which is on Woodfill Road across from the Colorado Inn and the Elkhorn Conference Center. Furthermore, the IRS has established a new section on its Web site, which contains helpful information for servicemembers and their family members. The

link "Armed Forces Tax Benefits" is easily accessible from the Web site found at www.irs.gov.

Nominate Your Hero — Army Community Service Financial Readiness is promoting the "Community of Heroes" award program. This program was designed to blend the missions of the American Red Cross and the Better Business Bureau. They have joined together to recognize those within our community who exhibit the spirit of kindness and community service, without hesitation, as a way of life. For details and nomination applications visit www.csbbb.org/index.php?CAT_UID=98, information will also be available on the ACS Web site at www.carson.army.mil (click on ACS). Applications are available at ACS, building 1526 (next to the commissary). For more details, contact the Financial Readiness Manager, Pat Randle, at 526-4590. Deadline for nomination of your hero is Dec 31. The Community of Heroes awards program will be held at a breakfast March 5 at the Sheraton Hotel (2886 South Circle Drive).

Santa suit rental — The Enlisted Spouses Charitable Organization is conducting its annual Santa suit rental for only \$20. For more information, call the ESCO office at 524-1115. Membership in ESCO is open to all spouses of enlisted or warrant officer soldiers, whether active duty, Reserve, Guard or retired and all are invited to attend. If you are interested in meeting new people and having a great time, please join us. ESCO members participate in making long lasting friendships, volunteer opportunities on and off post, and sponsor military family events. ESCO meetings consist of family events like craft night and themed potlucks. Children are always welcome to attend with a parent. If you are interested in joining, please attend a meeting or e-mail us at CarsonESCO@hotmail.com or call our office at the Family Connection 524-1115.

Christmas assistance registration — Come help The Salvation Army register and distribute Christmas and emergency holiday assistance to families. Volunteer service may be a minimum of three or six hours, at either of two locations.

Registration

908 Yuma St. registration: Until Saturday; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

901 N. Santa Fe-Fountain registration: today; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Distribution

908 Yuma St. distribution: Dec. 22 and 23; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

901 N. Santa Fe - Fountain distribution: Dec. 24; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

2003 Kettle campaign bell ringing

Groups and individuals are welcome to participate at one of 60 locations throughout the city until Dec. 24. Volunteers may volunteer for a minimum of four hours, a day, weekend or the entire bell ringing season.

Angel tree attendant: You may volunteer at either Chapel Hills Mall Saturday to Dec. 20, or Citadel Mall now until Dec. 20. Volunteer service may be a minimum of four hours or more.

Adopt a family: Your company or group may adopt a family and provide food, clothing and toys. Sign-up now through Dec. 15; distribution will be Dec. 18 and 19.

"Stuff the truck" Come and join KILO 94.3 at King Soopers, 6930 N. Academy (at Woodmen), for our annual "Stuff the Truck" food drive Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers needed help load food into the truck.

League of Mercy: Dec. 14: The Salvation Army's League of Mercy distributes gifts to seniors at local nursing homes. Five teams are needed.

Fill a stocking: We provide the stockings! Fill some up today for a needy child or elderly person.

Toy drive: Your company or group can help The Salvation Army collect toys for children.

Claims against the estate



Army Community Service
Family Readiness Center
719-526-4590

Installation
Volunteer
Holiday
Social

THURSDAY
11 December
3-5pm

Elkhorn Conference Center

All volunteers are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact the
SOC office at 526-4590.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Cpl. Darius Jennings, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Chief Warrant Officer 3 Tracy Forehand, 232-4581 or 392-0374.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. Brian Peniston, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Randy Mitchell at 526-2095 or (478) 335-3531.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. Christy Tillman, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to her estate should contact Chief Warrant Officer Silas Bland at 930-7961.

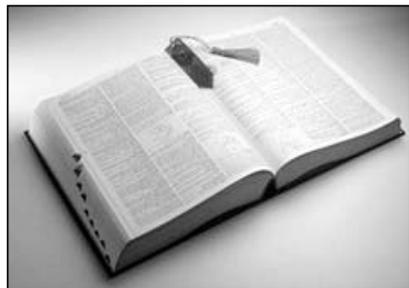
Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Daniel A. Badder, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Justin Journey at 526-2785 or (502) 727-6066.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. James R. Wolf, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Capt. Jason M. Whitten at 526-0028 or 526-0029.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Ernest Bucklew, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact CW2 Robert Alequin at 201-7129.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Stephen A. Bertolino, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact CW2 Robert A. Alequin at 210-7129.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Dale A. Panchot, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Collin Bissell at 526-1567.



Chapel

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

Native American Sweatlodge — Native American Sweatlodge ceremonies (He Ska Akicita Inipi) are offered to military personnel, dependants and Department of Defense personnel for traditional prayer and purification. Fasting before the ceremony is recommended and refreshments are offered following the ceremony. Please call Michael Dunning at 382-5331 or (c) 330-9537 for ceremonial information and directions.

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 4 & Revelations 12-14
- Saturday** — Psalms 5 & Revelations 15-17
- Sunday** — Psalms 6 & Revelations 18-20
- Monday** — Psalms 7 & Revelations 21-22
- Tuesday** — Psalms 8 & Isaiah 1-3
- Wednesday** — Psalms 9 & Isaiah 4-6
- Thursday** — Psalms 10 & Isaiah 7-9

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/526-3787
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. Scheck/526-5626
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Fox/524-1166
Sunday	11 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Ellison/526-8890
Sunday	6 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Scheck/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

Monday	6:30 p.m.		Family University	Building 1161	Melissa Dalugod/330-7873
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MORMON

Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Jones/526-3718
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NATIVE AMERICAN SWEATLODGE

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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.

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 supporting Homeland Defense missions and/or serving in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

Army: For all Foreign Area Officers and their families, especially as they celebrate Thanksgiving over the world while separated from their own families.

State: For all soldiers and their families from the state of Ohio. Play also for Gov. Bob Taft, the state legislators and municipal officials of the Buckeye State.

Nation: For the Tom Ridge, director of the Office of Homeland Defense. Pray that God would strengthen and guide him in his efforts to coordinate the safety of our great land.

Religious: As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, even as we face an enemy that seeks to destroy our very way of life, let us be ever grateful to God for all of his blessings, and to seek his protection and mercy.

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.usarmychaplain.com.



Photos by Spc. Jon Wiley
Eddie Three Eagles, a Cherokee-Apache whose songs are featured on local country and western radio stations, plays a traditional American-Indian flute at the Native-American celebration at the Elkhorn Conference Center Nov. 20. Three Eagles' son carved the flute.



Joe Toddy, of the Seven Falls Indian Dance Group, moves his feet to the drum beat of Staff Sgt. Harold Marris, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Corps Support Battalion.



Nine-year-old Andrea Marris performs the Navajo hoop dance.



Joe Toddy displays some fancy footwork.



Story by Spc. Jon Wiley
Mountaineer staff

American Indians from many tribes joined Fort Carson in a celebration of National American Indian Month at the Elkhorn Conference Center here Nov. 20.

Members of the Carson community gathered during lunch to watch American-Indian dancing, listen to traditional drum and flute music, view historical displays and munch on Indian fry bread.

"A lot of people don't know about our culture, so it's good for us to come out and show them some of the things we do," said Staff Sgt. Harold Marris, a Navajo-Chocotaw with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 68th Corps Support Battalion. He and his wife Sue worked closely with Carson's Equal Opportunity Office to organize the event.

The celebration began with Marris' 16-year-old daughter Britney, named Miss Indian Colorado for 2003, reciting the Navajo International Anthem in Navajo.

Afterward, Calvert Garcia, the executive president of the Navajo Nation, spoke. He told the audience about the contributions American Indians have made to the U.S. Armed Forces and mentioned the code based on the Navajo language used during World War II by the Allies. He also recounted the Navajo creation myth and explained how contemporary Navajos live. He closed by encouraging everyone to continue to respect the diversity of the nation and its armed forces.

In honor of multiculturalism on the Mountain Post, Garcia presented a Navajo national flag to Fort Carson.

After Garcia's speech, Seven Falls Indian Dance Group, a local organization of about 20 American-Indian dancers, performed. Also on hand was Eddie Three Eagles, a Cherokee-Apache who plays the American-Indian flute. Three Eagles performed songs from his "Red, White and Blue" album, which is a tribute to servicemembers from all eras.

"I hope everyone learned a little bit about Native-American culture," said Rosario Avila, from the Carson EO office.



The Seven Falls Indian dancers invite Soldiers to join them on the floor for a friendship circle dance.



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Sports & Leisure

59th Quartermaster takes intramural basketball tourney

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

In a pre-season intramural basketball tournament Nov. 17 to 21, the 59th Quartermaster squad demonstrated it will be the team to beat when the intramural basketball regular season begins at Fort Carson Monday.

Last year at this time, it was basically the same scenario regarding intramural basketball. 59th Quartermaster won the holiday tournament and was undefeated in league play. But prior to the post championship tournament, the unit was deployed to the Middle East and did not get a chance to win the overall title.

The pre-season tourney was a highly competitive one. 59th Quartermaster was pushed to the limit by the team from the 7th Infantry Division, and two title tilts were

required the night of Nov. 21 as a result. The 7th ID team came through the loser's bracket and had to win back-to-back games Nov. 21 just to earn the right to get a shot at 59th Quartermaster.

In title tilt I, 59th Quartermaster played the first 16 minutes of the first half as if it wanted to put the game away rather rapidly. 59th Quartermaster put together a 14-4 run and maintained a 28-16 lead with four minutes left in the first half. At that point, 7th ID made an 11-0 run of its own and cut the gap to 28-27 at intermission. 59th Quartermaster forward Sean Anderson was the leading scorer at halftime with 16 points.

The second half was a see-saw battle most of the way. The contest was tied at 43 with 1:20 remaining in regulation play. The 7th ID players got their second win down the stretch and tallied the last 10 points of the contest and posted a 53-43 win to force title tilt II.

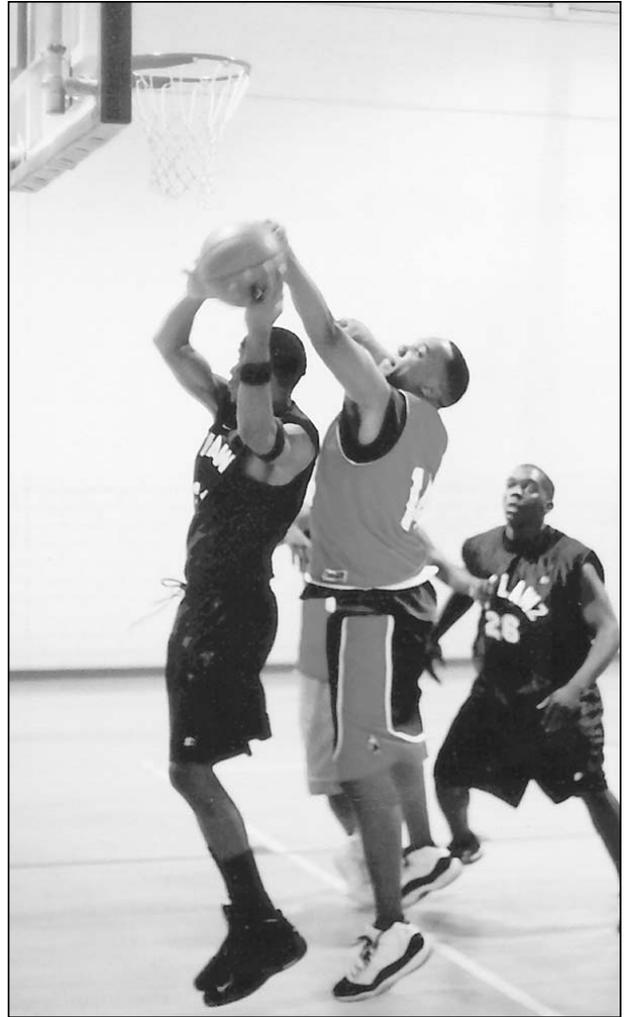
A key to the victory was the fact that 7th ID's defense held Anderson to three points in the second half. 7th ID's Clif Davis was the game's top scorer with 23 points.

One more game, 7th ID's fourth in a row, would now have to be played to decide the pre-season intramural tourney champion.

The first half of title tilt II was close and competitive. 59th Quartermaster owned a slim two-point lead (26-24) at halftime.

At this point however, the 7th ID gas tank went dry and the players could not catch a third wind. Anderson was unstoppable in the second half with 22 points (33 for the game), as 59th Quartermaster steamrolled past an exhausted 7th ID squad by the score of 64-45.

Anderson was voted tournament Most Valuable Player by the media in attendance. He knew he would have to crank his game up a notch in title tilt II in order for his team



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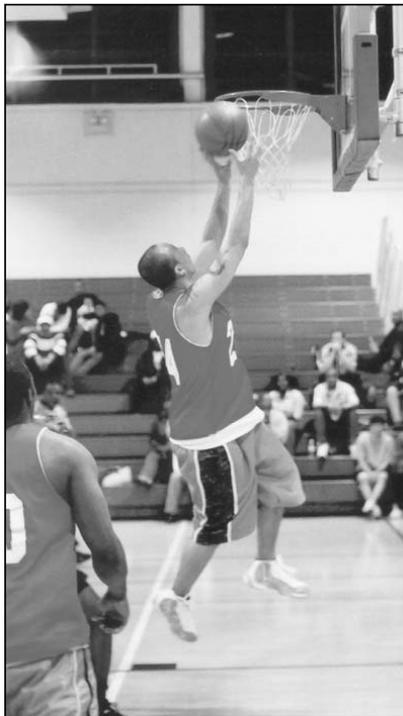
7th Infantry Division forward Cory Smith, right, attempts to block a shot by 59th Quartermaster Company forward Sean Anderson during pre-season intramural basketball tournament title game I at McKibbin Physical Fitness Center Nov. 21. Smith and Anderson were the most valuable players for their respective teams.

to win the crown.

"I knew I would have to pick up the pace in the second game because our other co-captain, Jatavis Jackson, is on leave," said Anderson.

"We knew they (7th ID) were tired in the second game, so we kept running and attacking and this wore them down. Hopefully, we will get to play the full season this year and capture the post championship."

Members of the 59th Quartermaster pre-season championship team included: Felix Guerra, Nate Simmons, Rasool Wright, Jesse Cobble, Dominick Chisman, George Hosster, Terence Parky, Chamon Smith, Damont Wallace, Timothy Norris, Kevin Samuels, Bryant Flukea, Jerome Anderson, Nolan Rozco, Sean Anderson, Jatavis Jackson and coach Thomas Harrell.



7th Infantry Division intramural basketball team member Anthony Ringold scores an uncontested layup against 59th Quartermaster Company during the pre-season intramural basketball tournament title game II Nov. 21 at McKibbin Physical Fitness Center. 59th Quartermaster won the tourney title but was pushed to a second game to decide the title.

Annual 10K Turkey Trot draws crowd

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

The morning of Nov. 22 was frigid, but several hearty and brave runners still participated in Fort Carson's annual Turkey Trot 10-kilometer fun run. The event started and finished at the Special Events Center.

Col. Michael Terry, assistant division commander (support), served as the official starter for the run. At approximately 9 a.m., Terry fired the starting gun and the shivering runners were pleased to start moving in the cold conditions.

Two of the runners were Col. Walter Winger, 7th Infantry Division chief of staff, and his dog Rocky. They finished the 10-kilometer distance in about an hour and the cool air did not appear to bother the tandem.

"At first, I wasn't going to bring Rocky this morning," said Winger. "But when he saw me put on my running clothes, he went crazy.

"We usually run this distance three times a week. We run off road and on trails, so every time we passed a trail, he took off for it and tried to pull me along."

Army World Class Athlete Program distance runner Philip Castillo ran the 10-kilometer Turkey Trot in 36 minutes and cruised across the finish line way ahead of the field. Ron Dean, a Fort Carson running team member, crossed the finish line three minutes later in second place.

Dean was a member of the Medical Activity squad that won the Turkey Trot team competition. The other MEDDAC runners were Brian Lien, Steve Drennan,

Cesar Garcia, Honor McQuinn and Michelle Julian.

The Mountain Post Wellness Center squad of Bridget Minihane, Daryl Danning, Tracy Perfors and Ken Sperry placed second in the team competition. Following the 10-kilometer trot, the Mountain Post Wellness Center once again carried through with its custom of organizing a short-course children's race.

•Mountain Post Wellness Center staffers Karen Brasfield and Tony Claiborne ran with the pack around the Special Events Center and made sure the youthful runners made it to the finish line. Nine-year-old Michael Resty won the race in 2:50.

The Lien family won the award for most family members running and 59-year-old Ray Gentinili won the elder statesman honor.



Photos by Bill Scharton

Mountain Post Wellness Center staff member Tony Claiborne guides the children out of the starting gate at the beginning of the Turkey Trot children's run Nov. 22 at the Special Events Center.



Col. Walter Winger and his dog Rocky keep warm inside the Special Events Center prior to the start of the annual 10K Turkey Trot at the Special Events Center.

Eagles up, down during recent basketball action

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Up and down would be the best way to describe Carson Middle School seventh and eighth-grade boys basketball action the past two weeks.

For the eighth-grade Eagles, success has been on the upswing recently. The eighth-graders have won two of their last three games and this gave them a shot at finishing regular season division play at the level .500 mark.

Following a season-opening win at Horizon Middle School, the eighth-grade Eagles went into a slump and lost four games in a row. The monkey came off the back and the losing skein ended Nov. 19 when the Eagles defeated The Classical Academy 40-38 on the road.

The Eagles used a balanced scoring attack, good defense and consistent, timely rebounding to pull off the victory over the Titans. Chris Locklin moved to point guard in this game and effectively ran the offense. He led the Eagles in scoring with 14 points and was also tops in assists. Darius Hill and Dominique Smith also scored in double figures for Carson with 10 each.

Shawn Artis was the Eagles best rebounder.

"We finally got a victory," a relieved Eagles coach Greg Williams said following the game. "Down the stretch, we got the opponents in foul trouble instead of us getting in foul trouble and this was a key to victory.

Locklin did an especially good job in the first half and the big guys (Smith and Artis) made big plays in the second half."

The next outing was a tough one for the eighth-grade Eagles. The team traveled to Colorado Springs Christian School Nov. 24 to play the most talented and tallest team in the division. Carson scored the first basket of the game, which was the Eagles only lead in the contest.

The CSCS Lions went on a 16-0 run in the first quarter, outscored Carson 17-10 in the second stanza and led 35-15 at halftime. The CSCS starters rode the pine in the fourth quarter and the Lions second five helped produce a 52-36 victory.

In a matchup against Florence Monday, the eighth-grade Eagles were bound and determined to get their first home win of the year. The Eagles demonstrated this determination from start to finish. A smothering Eagles defense amazingly kept Florence from scoring a single point in period number one. At the other end of the floor, forward Jerry Ventura was pacing Carson's scoring attack with nine first quarter points and the Eagles led 14-0 after one quarter.

Florence finally found the basket in the second quarter, but Carson forward Artis countered offensively and this gave the Eagles a 22-10 halftime lead. Ventura and Artis remained productive in the third



Photo by Bill Scharton

Darius Hill, 4, scores a layup for the Eagles eighth-grade boys basketball team Nov. 19 at The Classical Academy. The Eagles snapped a four-game losing streak by winning this game 40-38.

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quarter and kept Carson in front by 12 points after three quarters of play.

A strong fourth frame at both ends of the floor sealed the win for Carson. The Eagles outscored Florence 12-9 in period four and this produced a solid 42-27 victory. Ventura played his best all-around game of the season and led all scorers with 15 points.

“Jerry Ventura is a good player, a good athlete and he really showed that today,” said coach Williams. “I’m also happy with the play of Shawn Artis. He has really improved a lot during the course of the season.”

The seventh-grade Eagles soared above the clouds during the first four games of the season. Woodland Park brought the Eagles back to earth Nov. 17 with a 46-41 setback.

The tailspin continued Nov. 19 when the Eagles played at The Classical Academy. Carson’s leading scorer, rebounder and shot blocker Devyn Harris dressed for the game but was visibly weakened by flu symptoms. For some reason, Harris’ teammates did not rise to the occasion and pick up the slack.

The end result (31-28) was a second loss in a row.

At Colorado Springs Christian School Nov. 24, the Eagles blew a third quarter lead, faltered in the fourth frame and ended up losing to the Lions 34-30.

A Thanksgiving break proved to be just what the doctor ordered for the seventh-grade Eagles at this point in the season. Carson returned from the break with a dominating 33-10 win over Florence at home Monday. Harris led the Eagles scoring parade with 16 points, followed by Anthony Pritchard with eight and Jeremy Green with seven. The victory assured the team of a winning record for the season.

The seventh-grade Eagles finished the season Wednesday at home

against Ellicott. The eighth-graders also concluded the regular season Wednesday at home against Ellicott and will begin post-season play Monday.



Photo by Bill Scharton

Eagles eighth-grade boys basketball team center Dominique Smith snares a rebound while teammate Shawn Artis, 43, makes sure things are well in hand during game action Nov. 19 at The Classical Academy. The Eagles won this game 40-38 to bring an end to a four-game losing streak.

Happenings

Dec. 5, 2003

Story and photos
by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

The holidays will be different for many Fort Carson families this year as soldiers serve their country in far away lands and will not be at home to share in preparations, traditions and festivities.

Perhaps this is the time to find additional or alternative holiday activities to occupy the family and help fill the calendar.

There are many holiday activities in Pueblo, Denver and the Pikes Peak area, many of them are free, others are available at low cost and some are on the expensive side. A variety of activities and costs are listed below.

Fort Carson's Holiday Village, with a Winter Wonderland theme, is in the Special Event Center through Saturday. There's a community Christmas tree, hay rides, magic, crafters, magic, children's activities, music, entertainment and food vendors. The village is open from noon until 6 p.m., admission is free.

The fifth annual Denver Christkindl Market is at the Denver Pavilions, just off the 16th Street Mall through Dec. 21. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays through Saturdays the Christmas market is open from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m., and Sundays it is open from noon to 6 p.m. German and international vendors sell blown glass, hand-carved wooden toys and nutcrackers. There's hot cider, gluhwein, bratwurst, a nativity scene, an antique carousel and musical entertainment. Admission is free.

Buffalo Bill dresses as Santa Claus during the "A Cowboy Christmas with Cody" all day Sunday. Buffalo Bill Museum is on Lookout Mountain in Golden, just off Interstate 70 west of Denver.

The mountain town of Georgetown hosts its annual Christmas Market celebration Saturday and Sunday and Dec. 13 and 14. The Victorian-era mining town is a great setting for the European-style Christmas Market. There's no admission charge, and entertainment, hay rides and holiday music take place at this popular market beginning at 10 a.m. Shop at wooden stands in the park and in Georgetown's specialty shops. Georgetown is about 40 miles west of Denver off Interstate 70; call (303) 569-2840. There's free admission.

"Holly and Ivy" is a free concert by the Air Force Academy Band Sunday at 3 p.m., in the World Arena. Tickets are required and can be obtained at any Ent Federal Credit Union facility or at the World Arena box office. There is a charge for parking at the World Arena.

Mile High Parade of Lights is today at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 6 p.m. The two-mile parade through downtown Denver includes lighted them floats, giant balloons, marching bands and performers. There's no admission.

"The Eternal Gift" is a free gift to the community from the Fine Arts Center. Saturday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. a reception is free and open to the public, and marks the opening of exhibition of artwork from the center's permanent collection. The collection includes works of Marc Chagall, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Georgia O'Keeffe and John Singer Sargent.

Seven Falls is lighted each year during the holidays, Saturday and Sunday and Dec. 13 and 14, from 5 to 9:30 p.m., for the regular admission price of \$7.25 for adults and \$4.75 for ages 6 to 15. However, from Dec. 18 to 28, evening admission is a \$3 donation to charity. The falls is closed Christmas Eve. Thousands of lights and several scenes set the holiday stage along the cañon leading to the falls.

Souvenirs and refreshments are available for purchase. Call 632-0765 or go online to www.sevenfalls.com.

Old Colorado City celebrates "A Rocky Mountain Christmas" during weekends until Christmas, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., there's Santa Claus, carolers and horse-drawn carriage rides. The streets are decorated like a fairyland. Old Colorado City is a restored historic shopping district on West Colorado Avenue, between 24th and 27th streets

Enjoy a free "Tuba Christmas Concert" at 4 p.m. Saturday in Acacia Park downtown, between Tejon and Nevada.

The Fountain Creek Brass Band performs a free concert Sunday at 3 p.m. in Colorado Springs Christian School, 4825 Mallow Road, just off Austin Bluffs Parkway.

The annual Yule Log Hunt is in Palmer Lake Dec. 14 beginning at 1 p.m. Meet at the town hall in Palmer Lake, near

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the town of Monument, off Interstate 25 north. Participants enjoy carols and looking for the hidden log. The yule log hunt is free.

Handel's "Messiah" is a free presentation by the Air Force Academy Cadet Chorale and Orchestra at 8 p.m. today at the Academy Cadet Chapel.

Free activities are at Pioneers Museum all day Saturday 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the "Festival of Lights Family Fun Day." Children can make a tree decoration and watch spinning, weaving and basket-making demonstrations. A Christmas carol singalong is in the museum's lobby at 2 p.m. Free hot cider will be served during the Festival of Lights parade.

The annual "Festival of Lights" parade begins at 5:50 p.m. in downtown Colorado Springs. Dozens of lighted entries parade south from St. Vrain to Vermijo, west to Cascade Avenue and north to Kiowa. The parade is free.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors," is presented by the Colorado Springs Conservatory and the Chamber Orchestra of the Springs. A free presentation is Sunday at the Fort Carson Special Events Center at 1 p.m.

Admission required

Santa is at the Elkhorn Conference Center Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. The holiday party includes free face painting, food, children's movies and music. Admission is \$5 at the door, children 6 to 10 are admitted for \$2.50 and children under 5 years are free; call 576-6646

"A Christmas Carol" is Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Arnold Hall Theater at the Air Force Academy. Tickets start at \$15, call 333-4497.

"A Christmas Carol" is in the Stage Theatre at the Denver Performing Arts Complex until Dec. 28. For tickets call (303) 893-4100.

"A Cripple Creek Christmas Carol" is presented in Cripple Creek at the Butte Opera House Fridays and Sundays at 2 and 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 2 p.m. through Dec. 28. Call (719) 338-7674. Tickets start at \$7.

"It's a Wonderful Life," a new musical based on the black and white movie, is in the Fine Arts Center theater through Dec. 21. Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sundays. Call 634-5583 for tickets.

"Electricritters" is through December in the Pueblo Zoo. The special holiday exhibition allows visitors to take a lighted walking tour on the wild side. A small admission is charged; go online at www.pueblozoo.org.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo has its "Electric Safari" through Jan. 1, except for Christmas Eve. The zoo is filled with electric lights and animal sculptures. Santa, his helpers and carolers

are in "My Big Backyard." Admission is \$5.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 3 to 11 and free for those under 3. Electric Safari is open from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m., but the last ticket is sold at 8 p.m.

"Wildlights" at the Denver Zoo runs through Dec. 31, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., when the whole 35 acres are bathed in holiday lights. Warming stations and warm treats are throughout the zoo. Admission is \$7 for ages 12 to 64; Children ages 3 to 11 are \$4 and those under 2 are admitted free. The Denver Zoo is in City Park, just off Colorado Boulevard going north.

"Blossoms of Light" is in the Denver Botanic Gardens the month of December. The gardens are turned into a winter wonderland, with dazzling lights. There's entertainment and seasonal refreshments. The hours are 6 to 9 p.m. every day in December. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children ages 4 to 15, and free for children 3 and under.

Scuba Santa is at Colorado's Ocean Journey at 3 p.m. and Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21. There will be two shows Dec. 22 and 23, at 11:15 a.m. and 3 p.m., and a show on Christmas Eve at 11:15 a.m. Adult admission is \$14.95.

Cut your own Christmas tree. Permits to cut a tree will be sold by the Pikes Peak Ranger District at its office at 602 S Weber St., call 636-1602. Permits will be sold Saturday and Sunday and Dec. 13 and 14 at Woodland Park. Permits are \$10 each, call 636-1602 for information. A map and cutting rules will be furnished.

Rosemount Castle in Pueblo is decorated in elaborate Victorian style for the holidays. Tours are available Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults and children 6 to 18 are \$4.

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument celebrates the holidays in 1880s style with "homestead holidays" at the Hornbek Homestead Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The woodstove will be fired up and the smells of baking in the air. Park entrance is \$3 per person older than 16. The homestead is on Teller 1, one mile south of the town of Florissant, west of Colorado Springs.

Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site near La Junta holds its holiday celebration today and Saturday in 1840s style, including toy making, bonfires and candlelit tours. The fort closes at 4 p.m., opening again at 7 p.m. for candlelit tours. The living history fee is \$3 for each person over 13 and \$2 for ages 6 to 12. Bent's Old Fort is on Colorado Highway 194, eight miles east of La Junta.

Visit Miramont Castle in Manitou Springs Saturday and Sunday and Dec. 13 and 14 while a Victorian Christmas is celebrated. There's cider, cookies and entertainment, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, and \$1 to \$3 for children; call 685-1011.

Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site holds a "19th Century Holiday Celebration" from 4 to 8 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14. The ranch is at the Garden of the Gods entrance off 30th St. Admission for adults is \$5, teenagers \$3 and \$1 for ages 6 to 12.

Michael Martin Murphey



The Georgetown Christmas Market draws crowds for its traditional observance in a Victorian-era mountain setting.

presents **"Cowboy Christmas"** at the Pikes Peak Center, at 8 p.m. today. The Pikes Peak Center is at, 190 S. Cascade; call Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Santa is available through Christmas Eve for last minute visits and wish lists at the North Pole, near the entrance to the Pikes Peak Highway off Highway 24 west. The theme park is open 10 to 5 p.m., weather permitting. Admission is \$14.95. Get a \$3 discount coupon online at www.Santas-colo.com.

Brian Setzer Orchestra's "Christmas Extravaganza" is Tuesday at the Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade. Call Ticketmaster, 520-SHOW or 520-9090 for tickets starting at \$35.

"Sounds of the Season" features Christmas and winter selections in a concert Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. by the Pikes Peak Philharmonic. The concert is at Benet Hill Center, 2577 N. Chelton Rd. Tickets are available at the door and start at \$4.

The Pueblo Symphony presents its concert Saturday, featuring Australian pianist Bernard Walz. The concert is Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Hoag Recital Hall on the campus of Colorado State University-Pueblo. Tickets start at \$20; call (719) 545-7967.

Colorado Springs Children's Chorale Holiday Concert "Home for the Holidays," is Sunday at 3 p.m., Pikes Peak Center. Call 520-7469 for tickets which start at \$10.

"Deck the Hall" with the Colorado Springs Chorale is Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Pikes Peak Center. Call 520-7469 for tickets.

Colorado Springs Philharmonic presents "A Classical Christmas" Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 21 at 2:30 p.m. at the Pikes Peak Center, Call 520-7469.



The Broadmoor Hotel is a great place to view holiday lights and decor.



Lights and greenery decorate Old Colorado City during its "Rocky Mountain Christmas."

Get Out!

Mining Museum

Super Saturday at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry is Dec. 13. "What's Mined is Music" is from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn how mined minerals become the musical instruments and make an instrument to take home. Admission is \$3 per person, call 488-0880 for reservations. The museum is at 1025 North Gate Road, opposite the north entrance to the Air Force Academy.

Denver Art Museum

"**El Greco to Picasso**," a collection from the Phillips Collection, is at the Denver Art Museum through Jan. 4.

Ice show

Disney on Ice Presents Disney's Princess Classics at the Pepsi Center Wednesday to Dec. 14. Call (303) 830-TIXS for tickets.

Musical

"**Grease**" is set for Dec. 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. in the Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade Ave. in downtown Colorado Springs. Tickets begin at \$25 and are sold at 520-SHOW or 520-9090.

Big Band Dance

A **Big Band Dance** commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Glenn Miller, a Colorado native, is set for Feb. 28, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the Colorado Springs City Auditorium. Active military duty soldiers in uniform with valid ID will be admitted free.

Dragon Tales Live

"**Dragon Tales Live**" takes a Journey to Crystal Cave. This kid-sized adventure with singalong music features Emmy, Max and their Dragon Land friends. Shows are Jan. 16 at 7 p.m., Jan. 17 at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Ticket prices begin at \$12; call 587-2626 or go online at www.dragontaleslive.com. Tickets go on sale Monday.

Musical

"**The Unsinkable Molly Brown**," a musical depicting the life of Margaret Brown, a Denver citizen, is performed at the Country Dinner Playhouse, 6875 S. Clinton St., just off Interstate 25 in southern Denver. Tickets start at \$25.50 and includes a buffet; call (303) 799-1410.

Nutcracker

"**The Nutcracker**," a Colorado Ballet production, is in the Paramount Theatre, 1621 Glenarm Place in Denver, just off the 16th Street Mall Performances are Thursdays through Sundays, with some matinee performances. Ticket prices begin at \$10, and are available online at www.ColoradoBallet.com or through Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Indian Market

The **annual Denver Christmas Indian Market** is Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the National Western Complex, Interstate 70 (east) and Brighton Boulevard. Parking is free, admission to the market is \$7 for adults and those under 12 are admitted free. The market features demonstrations of sand painting, entertainment, Indian fry bread, rug weaving, silversmithing and the works of 100 artists.

Broadway shows

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

Christmas at Children's Museum

The **Buell Children's Museum celebrates the holidays with "Everything Nutcracker,"** through Jan. 3. The museum at 2100 N. Santa Fe Ave., in Pueblo, is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Take exit 98b off Interstate 25 south.

National Stock Show

The **Denver famous "National Western Stock Show"** is set for Jan. 10 to 25 in Denver.

Matchbox Twenty

The **Matchbox Twenty concert**, which was canceled in November has been rescheduled for Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the World Arena. Call 576-2626 for reservations or information about using original tickets.

An Everyman's Christmas Revels

A **night of dinner, music and merrymaking in medieval style** is available at Glen Eyrie Castle, 3820 N. 30th St, north of the entrance to Garden of the Gods. Call 634-0808 for information. Tickets are \$65 for adults and \$40 for those under 12. Information is online at www.gleneyriegrup.org.

Imagination Celebration

"**Sarah, Plain and Tall**," a presentation by TheatreWorks USA, from New York City, is at the Pikes Peak Center at 7 p.m. Dec. 16. Tickets are \$9.50, call 520-SHOW. The doors open at 6 p.m. for lobby activities, in conjunction with Imagination Celebration.

Holiday at the Zoo

"**Holiday at the Zoo** is the Colorado Springs Philharmonic presentation Dec. 28 at 2:30 p.m. at the Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade. Call 520-7469 for tickets.

New Years Eve Concert

The **Colorado Springs Philharmonic presents a New Year's Eve Concert** at 8 p.m. Dec. 31. Tickets are available at 520-7469.

Denver concerts

Bette Midler is in the Pepsi Center Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$48.50, call Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Sting is in Fillmore Auditorium, 1510 Clarkson Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are at Ticketmaster, 520-9090 and start at \$62.50.

Big Head Todd and the Monsters, along with the Hazel Miller Band, are in Fillmore Auditorium, 1510 Clarkson, Dec. 31. Call Ticketmaster for tickets which begin at \$42.50.

Comedian

Jerry Seinfeld is set for Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade. Call 520-SHOW for tickets which start at \$46.50.



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Parade of Lights ...

Denver's Mile High Parade of Lights is today at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 6 p.m. The two-mile long parade goes through downtown Denver and includes floats, balloons, bands and performers.

Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to Dec. 12.

Special Program: President George W. Bush addresses the Soldiers, civilians and family members of Fort Carson. Airs at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. and midnight.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on the Defense Supplemental Bill, the next Troop Rotation Plan and Afghan squad training (repeat). Airs 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 a World War II Marine Corps combat cameraman, Operation Enduring Freedom and the Marine Corps boxing team. Airs at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on urban warfare training, the new chase aircraft and the Global

Hawk. Airs 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.

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

For additions to the Community Calendar, please submit an e-mail or clean, typewritten copy of the information to the Public Affairs Office, room 2180, 6151 Specker Ave., Fort Carson, CO 80913 or fax information to 526-1021 no later than the Friday before airing time.