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Photo by Walt Johnson

## Between rounds ...

Kevin Alexander, 165-pound weight class, gets a little help from his father James, right, and friend Wilbert Porter, left, during a water break between rounds at the boxing smoker at the Special Events Center Friday night. Alexander won both of his bouts, defeating his opponents Jesus Vila and Jeffery Williams. It was the first smoking boxer on post in more than a year. For results of the matches see pages 20 and 21.

## Historical program needs volunteers

### Courtesy Fort Carson Office of Historical Programs

The Fort Carson Office of Historical Programs is looking for volunteers to serve as interviewees for Project Enduring Memory, an oral history project to preserve the history of Fort Carson and attached Soldiers who served in the Global War on Terrorism.

The project consists of two phases. The first phase is a short, videotaped interview with those who knew or commanded Fort Carson's fallen Soldiers, detailing their remembrances of the deceased. These videos will be used by military museums, historical centers and units to memorialize the fallen. In addition, a copy of the videotape will be made available to the next of kin. The second phase of the project is to collect more detailed oral histories from a wide range

of Fort Carson Soldiers who served in the Global War on Terrorism. These histories will serve to further capture the experiences of Fort Carson units in combat.

The historical program is designed to try to capture memories before they begin to fade; to assist Soldiers in reintegration by giving them an opportunity to tell their stories to a veteran; to record these Soldiers' experiences for the historical record; and to assist Soldiers in recording their stories for themselves, their families and future generations.

For the first phase of the project, the casualties should have been servicemembers assigned to Fort Carson or the enhanced separate brigades; Soldiers attached to Fort Carson units at time of death; and Soldiers who mobilized

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Photo by Spc. Stephen Kretsinger

## Every vote counts ...

Michelle Stark, family member, casts her vote for the Navajo Village mayor Aug. 26. Residents of on-post housing were given the opportunity to have their voices heard in this year's village mayoral elections held Aug. 25 and 26. Full story on page 3.

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Women's Equality Day commemorates women's right to vote and many other accomplishments. See Pages 16 and 17.

### Happenings



Get up early and watch the balloons go up in Memorial Park on Saturday, Sunday or Monday. See Pages 25 and 26.

### Closed

The Fort Carson Public Affairs Office will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. All classified ads will be due Tuesday by noon.

Post Weather hotline:  
526-0096

# Remember safety first this Labor Day

Labor Day is a traditional American holiday celebrated for our national workers. It marks the end of summer and it is the last four-day holiday of the summer season.

Unfortunately, it has also proven to be one of the most dangerous weekends of the entire year. Motor vehicle accidents and drownings are the two main causes of Labor Day injuries and deaths. These types of accidents can be avoided with good planning of holiday activities and safety awareness.

The increase in holiday traffic and drunk drivers will significantly increase the probability of being involved in an

automobile accident. Alertness, seat belt use, good trip planning and defensive driving are the best means of survival. Plan trips to ensure you allow plenty of time for rest stops to reduce fatigue, improve alertness and reduce your vulnerability to accidents.

Another safety concern is accidents resulting from water sports as continued warm weather makes water activities a favorite for many individuals during this holiday period. Commanders and supervisors will ensure all Soldiers and civilian employees are given pre-holiday safety briefings that cover potential safety hazards, conduct personally

owned vehicle safety checks to ensure vehicles are ready for travel and focus on leave and pass recall procedures.

It is imperative that the Mountain Post community starts this holiday weekend with heightened safety awareness. Active unit leadership and firm application of risk management at every level will reinforce an attitude of "full-time" safety awareness. Let's have an enjoyable, fun and safe Labor Day holiday!

**Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson**  
7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson commanding general



**Wilson**

# Units need to observe Carson PT policies

by Sgt. Chris Smith  
Mountaineer Staff

Just the other day, I was returning from physical training on Specker Ave., when a non-commissioned officer led his line of troops directly across the road (with no road guards) against a red light at the intersection of Specker and Prussman.

I guess he failed to realize that my lane's line of sight was block by a semi-truck in the turning lane. I was forced to slam on the brakes to avoid creaming his Soldiers when they suddenly appeared from in front of the truck and then the leader proceeded to glare at me.

The reason I bring this to light is so leaders will realize that PT is not supposed to be run outside of the running trails or Magrath. According to Fort Carson Regulation 350-1. The only three roads authorized for running during PT are Magrath, Minick and the concrete tank trail, along with the running trails.

Speaking of running trails, there are many two-person running trails around post, which are not meant for entire formations to run on, forcing other Soldiers out of their way. The aforementioned regulation also states that formations can run on the trails while only taking up half the trail.

Another problem concerning formations on the running trails, is singing cadence on the trails. I guess that families living on post just don't deserve to sleep past PT in the morning. Fort Carson Regulation 350-1 does state units are to avoid on-post housing areas.

These problems bring to mind only one possible solution — leadership. Despite all the training leaders must go through to attain their positions, they still somehow seem not to care for the two primary lines of the NCO creed — accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers — and the welfare of those Soldiers includes courtesy and

respect for their families.

Fort Carson has set off entire areas for PT for the use of every Soldier on post. Units need to utilize these areas to provide safe environments for their Soldiers. Leaders also need to provide fellow Soldiers with the ability to perform PT by allowing enough space for others to comfortably use these areas.

All Soldiers must start trying to ensure they don't put themselves or their subordinates at any risk during a very simple and routine task. Mistakes happen, but if they happen more than once then preventive measures should start to take place. A preventive measure may be as basic as checking with your peers as to whether it is being done the right way.

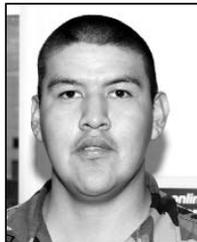
Morning PT is an everyday occurrence and something that should be a simple process set with safety in mind so Soldiers don't run the risk of being run over or don't impede others from performing PT.



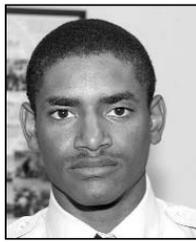
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360th Transportation



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52nd Engineers



Pfc. Tydias Foster  
52nd Engineers

**What was the most memorable thing about this year's Olympic games?**

"I liked watching the men's basketball, but they need a real dream team."

"Everything going off without a hitch... a smooth Olympics despite the height of terrorism level."

"I liked watching Phelps in the swimming events, he won a lot of medals."

"The sprints in track. It was a close race and Greene took third."

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# News

## Village mayors elected

by Spc. Stephen Kretsinger  
Mountaineer staff

The annual Village Mayoral Elections were held Wednesday and Thursday in various locations around the Mountain Post and from a recreational vehicle that traveled from village to village.

Residents of the various Fort Carson Villages were allowed the opportunity to vote for a mayor to represent their needs at bi-monthly meetings and to keep them informed on important information put out by the garrison commander.

"The mayor program is set up to address quality-of-life issues in on-post housing," said Joey Bautista, coordinator, Mayoral Program. "It's a like an open channel for residents to tell the mayor what's wrong with the villages. The mayors, in turn, go to the mayor's meeting and ensure that each concern is addressed to the garrison commander, because the garrison commander and the garrison command sergeant major preside over the meetings. The mayors are really the eyes and ears of the garrison commander."

Voting booths were set up at the main exchange, the commissary, Evans Army Community Hospital and the Family Readiness Center. Also, volunteers traveled from village to village in an RV provided by Morale, Recreation and Welfare making it easier for residents to have their voices heard through voting.

The winners of this year's Mayoral Elections are Tanisha Cobel, Apache Village; Mylia Phouamkha, Arapahoe Village; Sgt. Maj. Arnold Lewis, Blackfoot Hill Village; Dani Jurjens, Cherokee East Village; Christina Marcum, Cherokee West Village; Sylvia Baca, Cheyenne Village; Kristy Little, Choctaw Village; Virginia Carl, Comanche Village; Dominique Haftmann, Kiowa Village;

Bianca Baldwin, Navajo Village; Holly Thornell, Pawnee Village; Dawnette Walters, Shoshoni Village; Vanessa Guerra, Sioux Village; and Lori Gill, Ute Hill Village.

"This is a volunteer position," said Bautista. "These elections give everyone a fair chance to be a mayor."

There are a few requirements to become a village mayor. According to Fort Carson regulation 608-1, which covers the Mountain Post Mayoral Program, those volunteering to be a village mayor must have at least one year left at Fort Carson, they must live in the village they wish to represent, they must be able to attend a Community Mayor's Meeting, the bi-monthly Mountain Post Community Forum and the community meetings and the annual Army Family Action Planning Community Forum, and they must pass a Fort Carson background check.

"We check with the provost marshal's office, (and) the housing liaison, to make sure they don't have a citation or anything like that, and check for domestic abuse misbehavior," said Bautista. "They are exposed to children in the neighborhood and we want to make sure they can be trusted."

Being a village mayor has its privileges as well, said Bautista. "The incentives are; a person serving six months, will get assisted cleaning through GMH," said Bautista. "That means when they PCS (permanent change of station) they are going to help you clean your house. They also get a T-shirt, a briefcase, 30 free games of bowling with shoes and a mayor parking pass."

Deputy Mayors are appointed by the mayors and still are required to fulfill the same requirements as the mayors and they receive the same benefits.

### Historical program

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through Fort Carson. For the second phase, interviewees will be determined by the project team. The project team will consist of active duty unit liaisons detailed from the affected units, the U.S. Air Force Academy Global War On Terror Oral History Project, and reservist and retired volunteers, led by Maj. Michelle McKenna.

Interviews are being conducted on post at the 3rd Cavalry Museum by active-duty Soldiers, Reservists, and retired volunteers. The majority of the interviews will be done by retired noncommissioned officers and officers.

If you can volunteer one to two hours weekly, call McKenna at 964-8153 or e-mail [michelle.mckenna@carson.army.mil](mailto:michelle.mckenna@carson.army.mil). The group particularly needs former NCOs with combat arms experience, combat experience, or experience in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment or 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

# Funded Legal Education Program accepting applications until Nov. 1

by Raini Wright  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Office of the Judge Advocate General is accepting applications from Aug. 1 to Nov. 1 for the Army's annual Funded Legal Education Program.

Under FLEP the Army projects sending up 15 active duty commissioned officers to law school and paying 100 percent of their school expenses.

Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall of 2005 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

Eligibility is determined by chapter 14, Army Regulation 27-1 and cannot be waived. Applicants must be commissioned officers in the grades of second lieutenant through captain and must have at least two but not more than six years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligible

officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test because submission of LSAT results is required. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and is non-waivable.

Applicants select the law school they wish to attend but are encouraged to choose schools with in-state tuition, said Yvonne Carr, FLEP manager. Those law schools have to be approved by the American Bar Association.

"If a junior officer wants to stay in the Army and has the desire and dedication to get a law degree, then there is no better program available," said Maj. Patrick Barnett, who graduated FLEP in 1997. "FLEP provides the opportunity to get a great education, to continue your service, and then to apply the knowledge and experience from your first years in the Army to provide great legal sup-

port to soldiers and commanders."

Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at Human Resources Command, with a copy furnished to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, DAJA-PT, 1777 North Kent St., Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194, to be received no later than Nov. 1. Submission of the application well in advance of the deadline is advised.

Interested Fort Carson officers should contact Chief Warrant Officer Blase Johs, Chief Management Division Legal Administration, at 526-1442.

The FLEP is an outstanding opportunity for officers interested in pursuing a career in the JAG corps free of charge to themselves, according the 7th Infantry Division Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

# Military

## Real-world training on a budget

by Pfc. Clint Stein  
Mountaineer staff

Two Army pilots are on a mission to fly a UH-60 Black Hawk to an off shore aircraft carrier, pick up eight other Soldiers and transport them to a nearby island for insertion training — while never leaving the state of Colorado.

This flight mission was made possible with the UH-60 flight simulator located at Butts Army Airfield, where many Fort Carson Soldiers and several National Guard units train on different scenarios that may be impossible or too dangerous to do in a real Black Hawk.

The Flight Simulator Facility was built in 1991 to not only help train pilots to fly a Black Hawk, but to help them train at a lower cost and safer way of doing so, rather than using an actual aircraft.

“One of the biggest advantages of having a simulator is it’s cost effective,” said Claude Hopper, instructor and operator at the Flight Simulator Facility. “A flight in a real Black Hawk costs about \$2,000 an hour, but flight training in the simulator only costs about \$300 an hour.”

There were around 650 pilots that did some training in the simulator last year, said Conny Shatz, training coordinator at the Flight Simulator Facility. “There were more than 2,000 training hours used on the simulator,” she said. “If you compare the cost of the simula-

tor to the real thing, that’s a big difference.”

In addition to being cost effective, the simulator allows training for certain situations that just aren’t possible in a real Black Hawk. “There are several programs or scenarios we can put the pilots in that they can’t do in real life,” said Hopper. “There are some programs where we can present threats, and the pilots can practice defensive maneuvers.”

There are also instrument training, tactical, night vision goggle and aircraft carrier training as well. The training situations are made-up by Hopper and one other training instructor, Jim Snyder. Either Hopper or Snyder are present inside the simulator while the pilots are put to the test. The instructors can alter the program or even stop it if the pilot wants to repeat a particular task he thinks he needs work on or can do better. “You can’t do that in real life,” said Hopper.

Before the pilots enter the simulator, they have a

briefing with an instructor on what type of flight training they are doing for that session, with each session lasting about two hours. “All regular Army (pilots) are required to do a minimum of 20 hours in the simulator per year,” said Hopper. The National Guard units do a minimum of six hours, except for member of the Colorado National Guard, who do 12 hours.

“We get a lot of good responses from the different pilots who use the simulator,” said Hopper. The simulator was designed to make the pilots feel as if they were flying the real thing. “It’s great,” said Chief Warrant Officer Todd Rossignol. “The controls feel exactly the same and the cockpit is identical to the inside of a real Black Hawk.”

The simulator’s movement is operated with hydraulics and responds to every move the pilots place on the control sticks. There are four viewing monitors located where each of the windows would be in the cockpit. The advanced computer system that runs the

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*“We get a lot of good responses from the different pilots who use the simulator ... I’ve even had people come jumping out of (the simulator) throwing up.”*

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Claude Hopper, instructor and operator at the Flight Simulator Facility

# Military Briefs

## Misc.

**Enlistment bonus** — All Soldiers may be entitled to a lump sum re-enlistment bonus of \$15,000. Effective Aug. 30, the Army announced a new listing for Lump Sum Selective Reenlistment Bonus (LSRB). All Soldiers have the opportunity to take advantage of this bonus regardless their reenlistment window, provided they have never received an A or B Zone Bonus.

Time is critical, once the positions are filled the chances of getting the money bonuses could be gone.

To see if you are qualified, please see your local Career Counselor:

3rd ACR — 526-3417  
3rd BCT — 526-4549  
43rd ASG — 526-9366  
Meddacc — 526-6356  
10th SFG — 526-3248  
Division troops — 526-3983.

### Officer Candidate School Board

— There will be an Officer Candidate School board Aug. 5 and 6. All participants must report in Class A's. All packets must be turned in to the 478th Personnel Support Battalion, building 1118, Room 208, no later than July 27. For more information, call Spc. Samantha Lamping at 526-1906.

**Warrant officer recruiting** — The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airman to fill its warrant officer ranks.

Positions are open in all 45 specialties if you qualify.

Applicants 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](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant) or call (502) 626-0484.

**U.S. Military Academy positions available** — The U.S. Military Academy at West Point is looking for branch-qualified company grade officers and non-commissioned 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/adjutantgeneral> or write to Management Operations Branch, AG Division, West Point, N.Y. 10996-1926.

**Special Forces briefings** — Special Forces briefings will be conducted weekly at the Grant Library. The briefing times are Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The Army's Special Forces is a strategic, multi-purpose force capable of rapid response to various contingencies around the world. Called "Green Berets," these highly-skilled Soldiers are trained in unconventional warfare, foreign internal defense, direct action, special reconnaissance, combating terrorism, information operations and counter proliferation.

Special Forces candidates must be mature and self-motivated; open and humble; and better conditioned physically and emotionally than the average Soldier. All interested male Soldiers, privates first class to staff sergeants, and second and first lieutenants are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Bill Roope at 524-1461.

## CIF Hours

**Central Issue Facility hours of operation:**

### Regular business hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

### Initial/partial issues

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

### Direct exchange

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

### Partial turn-ins

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

### Full turn-ins

Appointments are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, call 526-3321.

Effective immediately: Replacement will be scheduled Monday, Thursday 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 a supply sergeant.

**Active-duty units** — Permanent Change of Station/End of Time in Service/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 Kristine Harald at 526-3321. POC for this information is Frank Howard, CIF supervisor at 526-6477.

## Laundry Service

**Post Laundry Service** — The post laundry service provides free laundry 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. 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. Turn around for service is 72 hours.

No appointment is necessary. The post laundry will not clean personal items like Battle Dress Uniforms, 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.

## 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 depart-

ing 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 end of time in service?** 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.

## Hours of operation

**Education Center hours of operation** — The Mountain Post Training and Education Center's hours for certain programs and services are as follows:

**Counselor Support Center** — Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Army Learning Center and Basic Skill Classes** — Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

**Defense Activity for Non-Tradition Education Support and Advanced Personnel Testing** — Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**eArmyU Testing** — Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

**eArmyU Office** — Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Military Occupational Specialty Library** — Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.

**Claims Division hours** — The Claims Division office hours are 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.

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



**BOSS meeting** — The post BOSS meeting, for BOSS representatives, meets the third Thursday of each month at Xtremes from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, call 524-BOSS.

# Dining Schedule

Sept. 4 to 10

## Wolf Inn (building 1444)

	Weekdays	Weekends
Breakfast	7:00 to 9:00 a.m.	7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 to 1:00 p.m.	11:30 to 1:00 p.m.
Dinner	4:30 to 6:30 p.m.	4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

## Striker Inn (building 2061)

	Weekdays	Weekends
Breakfast	7:00 to 9:00 a.m.	7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 to 1:00 p.m.	11:30 to 1:00 p.m.
Dinner	4:30 to 6:30 p.m.	4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

## Patton Inn (building 2161)

	Weekdays	Weekends
Breakfast	7:00 to 9:00 a.m.	7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 to 1:00 p.m.	11:30 to 1:00 p.m.
Dinner	5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

## Exceptions

- Open Sept 11 and 12 Wolf Inn, Striker Inn and Cav Inn.
- Open Sept 4 thru 6 Patton Inn.



## Cav Inn (building 2461)

	Weekdays	Weekends
Breakfast	7:00 to 9:00 a.m.	7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 to 1:00 p.m.	11:30 to 1:00 p.m.
Dinner	5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

## La Rochelle Inn (building 7481)

	Weekdays	Weekends
Breakfast	7:00 to 9:00 a.m.	Closed
Lunch	11:30 to 1:00 p.m.	
Dinner	5:00 to 6:30 p.m.	

## Long Knife Inn (building 9612)

	Weekdays	Weekends
Breakfast	7:00 to 8:30 a.m.	Closed
Lunch	11:30 to 1:00 p.m.	
Dinner	Closed	

*Police beat:*

# Fort Carson Police get new vehicles

**by Spc. Lance King  
Provost Marshal Office**

Many people have grown accustomed to seeing Jeep Cherokees driving around post with those V-shaped light bars flashing while going to the scene of an accident or some other important call. However, those sights are soon to be a memory.

Every jeep that used to patrol Fort Carson is being turned in. Over the next month, Provost Marshal Office will exchange those Jeeps for 2004 police package Ford Explorers. PMO has a few Explorers already, so it is not exactly a new look. However, the new Ford Explorers will have new decals on the side to include the civilian police now working the road. The new Ford Explorers are only going to read Fort Carson Police in big reflective blue lettering on both sides of the vehicle. Also, there will not be any shields or stripes on the new vehicles.

The V-shaped light bars are being changed, too.

Those light bars have reached its lifespan so PMO began looking for something new for the vehicles; something that would be more visible to the public. PMO got new light bars which are called Arjents. They will sit low to the roof of the vehicle in order to be more fuel efficient. They also put light out in 360 degrees from the vehicle. The new lights will help the vehicle be seen, no matter which direction it is coming from. This will also help other drivers determine the emergency vehicle's location and direction of travel.

Another reason why these light bars will be an improvement over the old ones is they are light emitting diode light bars. This will result in the light bars not having a bulb go out for about 100,000 hours. This allows our focus of the vehicles to be more on improving officer safety than replacing burnt out bulbs. These light bars also drain very little power from the battery which will allow PMO to improve

the vehicle in other areas.

Over the next few months, expect to see some minor changes to the patrol vehicles on the road. The changes may not be drastic, but they will make it safer for the officers and everyone else on the road.

## **Traffic Roll Up for Aug. 11 to 24**

In the past two weeks, there were 316 total citations:

- 79 for speeding
- 21 for running a stop sign or red traffic light
- 1 for not wearing a seatbelt.
- 39 for improper parking
- 11 for DUI
- 165 for other violations (e.g.: malfunctioning equipment, passing on shoulder, lack of insurance or registration, improper vehicle operation etc.)



Photo by Pfc. Clint Stein

Chief Warrant Officer Todd Rossignol performs a routine flight check on a UH-60 Black Hawk simulator before starting a two hour training session at the Flight Simulator Facility at Butts Army Airfield. The Flight Simulator Facility was built to help lower training cost and to train pilots on different scenarios that aren't possible in a real helicopter. The simulator helps train Fort Carson pilots and eight different National Guard units.

## Flight simulator

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flight training programs coordinates the movement with the monitors to give the feeling of flying a helicopter. "It feels so real, I've even had people come jumping out of there (simulator) throwing up," said Hopper.

After the two-hour session of flying all across the country, yet remaining inside a high tech box 20 feet off the floor. Pilots get an after action review from the instructor during which time the instructor will point out the good and the bad points of the training session. "Some pilots try to argue that they did something right, when really they didn't," said Hopper. One other feature the simulator has, is it can print out the flight patterns and playback radio transmissions for review later. "This makes it hard for them to argue, the computer never lies," he said.

In order to have the printouts and recorded radio transmissions, there is a massive computer that runs it all. Located in the bottom floor of the facility, the computer room is always air-conditioned to keep the temperature low enough so the computer doesn't overheat. "In the future, all of the computer systems will be condensed down to a desktop computer," said Hopper. The computer we have now takes three technicians in order to keep up the maintenance, Hopper added.

In the future, Hopper said, the facility would be getting satellite databases. This will allow pilots to train over areas that really exist, instead of made-up training areas.

The Flight Simulator Facility is operated by an independent contracting company. Although Hopper and Snyder are contractors, both have served in the military and were flight instructors. "I feel fortunate to have this job, this is a great program," said Hopper, "The pilots seem to like it, too."

## Dec. 15 deadline set for spousal compensation

**Courtesy Fort Carson Judge Advocate Generals Office**

The deadline for reinstatement of Dependency Indemnity Compensation draws near.

Surviving spouses of deceased veterans who remarried after age 57 have until Dec. 15 to apply for reinstatement of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation benefits.

Under previous law, surviving spouses who remarried were not eligible for DIC unless their marriages ended, at which time they could apply for reinstatement of benefits. Under the new law, surviving spouses who remarried after age 57 and before Dec. 16, 2003, have one year to apply for restoration of DIC. If the Veteran's Affairs receives the application later than Dec. 15, 2004, restoration of DIC will be denied.

Generally, the VA pays DIC to the surviving spouse of a military servicemember who dies while on active duty and to the surviving spouse of a veteran whose death resulted from service-related causes. The basic monthly rate is \$967 and is increased if the surviving spouse had dependents, is housebound, or meets criteria common to those who need a home aide. There are additional payments for dependent children. Parents who were dependent upon the servicemember's income also may qualify for DIC.

For more information about restoration of DIC, call the VA at (800) 827-1000 or TDD (800) 829-4833 or go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) or contact the Legal Assistance Office at 526-5572, Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# SAMC seeking members

**by Sgt. Chris Smith  
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While Noncommissioned Officer of the Month boards only recognize an outstanding leader, there is another option ... the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

Outstanding leaders can be recognized with membership in a club that bears the name of the most highly decorated Soldier of World War II. The membership bears recognition and opportunity for the NCO to become involved in the community with volunteering.

Candidates can be recommended through their MSC sergeant major for an opportunity to attend a board for membership. Minimum requirements for recommendations are to be a sergeant to sergeant first class, 270 on an APFT with 90 in each category, a minimum of two Soldiers, no flags or bars, good standing and the ability to teach a class to standard, according to Staff Sgt. Bryan Gaines, SAMC Fort Carson chapter president.

"The benefits are more or less recognition and community involvement," said Gaines.

The SAMC is an active force in the local community through volunteering. The club will be holding a cookout at the Post Exchange Sept. 15 at 10 a.m., in an attempt to raise money to purchase supplies to build a playground for the Family Connection Center.

"We've got members with more than 400 to 500 hours of community service," Gaines said. "Some really enjoy the involvement."

To obtain the ability to volunteer with the SAMC, NCOs must pass a "gruesome" board. Gaines said the board questions are more along the lines of situational than memorization. Questions regarding what would be the proper action to perform in certain situations are what the board focuses on.

"It's a really intense board," said Gaines. "You really

need to know your Soldiers." The NCOs are required to know their Soldier's strengths and weaknesses. The knowledge of their Soldiers is important due to the NCO creed's statement about knowing your Soldiers.

More leaders need to recognize their NCOs with more than a good NCO evaluation report, Gaines said and that it can be accomplished by the recommendation.

"The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club represents three percent of the Army," Gaines said. "That number needs to be larger. They need to come out and need to go to these boards."

The SAMC is a Forces Command organization with clubs at most Army installations. Members can expect SAMC support at most assignments.

Due in part to the recent Operation Iraqi Freedom deployments, Gaines said over the past year inductees have been fewer than hoped for. He suggested leaders might really need to try to recognize their outstanding NCOs.

"The last couple boards here have been really productive, 30 to 40 percent (of the attendees) joined the club," said Gaines. "Either (the boards) weren't that bad or they were good candidates."

Local membership in the club is 79 members. That number changes with Soldiers coming to and going from Fort Carson, but Gaines said he hopes that it will enlarge due to more NCOs being recommended.

Those interested in recommending an NCO for membership can contact Gaines at 200-6016 or his secretary Staff Sgt. Kanisha Prestridge at 338-0862. The SAMC also meets at the Family Connection Center every third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m.

"(Membership is important) because it not only recognizes the Soldier but it benefits the community," said Gaines.

# Community

## Fort Carson voting assistance officers

### Courtesy Fort Carson Voting Assistance Officer

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# Carson families enjoy free vacation

by Sgt. 1st Class Gary L. Qualls Jr.  
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Buena Vista, Colo. — Thirty-eight Fort Carson families enjoyed the “vacation of a lifetime” at the Trail West Summer Camp here Aug. 8 to 14.

The vacation — estimated to be worth about \$4,000 — was given free of charge to the military families who signed up for the vacation, as a gesture of gratitude for their service and sacrifice during the War on Terrorism.

“We wanted to do something for the Soldiers and when this opportunity came we knew that this was it,” said Jack Dennison of Impact Colorado, the charitable organization that funded the retreat for the Soldiers and their families.

The Soldiers initially paid a small portion of the cost of the summer camp, but when they got to the Trail West Lodge they were given their money back and told to “spend it on whatever they wanted.”

Many families were overwhelmed by the gesture and it set the tone for a memorable week of non-stop, inspiration-laced adventure. The Trail West Lodge is near the Collegiate Peaks in southeastern Colorado. The Army guests had a spectacular view of Mount Princeton, which towers more than 14,000 feet, from the lodge.

The Army families enjoyed white-water rafting, a looming ropes course,

four-wheeling in the mountains, a challenging hike in the Collegiate Peaks, horseback riding and square dancing with a real dance caller among other activities. Mountain Post Wellness Center Director Bridget Minihane challenged the families to step out of their comfort zone and “make it a week of risk taking” and many Soldiers and families responded to the call.

The ropes course involved negotiating a series of obstacles 40 to 50 feet above the ground, the completion of which was rewarded by being able to zoom down a zip line.

The hike challenged the families as a steep incline had to be traversed before the adventurers could get to the top. The hikers used teamwork during the hike, helping one another tackle the climb. Moreover, when the hikers reached the top they were rewarded with a view in all directions.

Included in the horseback adventure was a real, old-fashioned wrangler breakfast where family members had to catch the French toast with their plate.

The four-wheeling adventure got the drivers’ adrenaline pumping as they gunned their jeeps to get up steep climbs and flew over jumps.

Families enjoyed a variety of meals prepared by culinary arts professionals throughout the week and the lodge was



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Gary Qualls Jr.

**Families traverse the steep trail at Cottonwood Pass in the Collegiate Peaks during hiking day at Trails West Summer Camp. The hikers employed teamwork to complete the tough trek, including the last stretch, which was especially steep.**

comparable to five-star facilities at Colorado’s high-end ski resorts.

Besides all the adventure, the week had an added dimension for families. Families were inspired by waking up to the powerful and picturesque Mount Princeton every morning. Families were inspired by the resplendent country of the Collegiate Peak area during horseback rides, Jeep tours, white-water rafting, and hiking. They also found daily inspirational writings, based on positive perceptions and scripture, under their door every morn-

ing to set the tone for each day.

Another dimension of the camp was the rare opportunity families had to spend time together throughout the week. Several families commented on how the week allowed them to get back in touch with their family.

The combination of the camp’s challenging nature and the “five-star” treatment made the week unforgettable in the minds of the families who attended.

Many families commented on the experience being a lifetime highlight.

## FORSCOM augments Fort Carson Family Readiness Group

### Courtesy Fort Carson Family Readiness Group

Forces Command has recognized the need to send support for volunteer Family Readiness Group leaders.

Fort Carson now has newly contracted FRG assistants at each brigade to support FRG leaders, commanders and rear detachment personnel. Connie Roy is the site manager. The brigade assistants are: Caryn Baum, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment; Shirley Rudd, 3rd Brigade Combat Team; and Kim Alexander, 43rd Area Support Group.

The concept of this program started in April 2003 with the feedback to then Secretary of the Army, Thomas White, as he visited several FORSCOM installations. FRG leaders asked for paid assistants to help accomplish the often overwhelming details of running a FRG. Subsequently, Gen. Larry Ellis, then FORSCOM commander, was given the same feedback. In November 2003, the Department of the Army Leadership provided funding allocation to provide support services to the FRG. Resources Consultants is contracted to provide more than 85 paid family readiness assistants

at corps, division and brigade level across Forces Command in those units with a high number of deployments or imminent redeployment.

Now more than ever, the roles of the rear detachment commander and the volunteer FRG leader are critical to maintaining stability on the home front and ensuring mission success. The FRG assistant program will support and enhance the important link between mission success and the well being of families on the home front. For more information, please contact the FORSCOM FRG site manager, Connie Roy at 524-1278.

# Community Briefs

## Miscellaneous

**Thrift shop giveaway** — The Fort Carson Thrift Shop will be holding a clothing giveaway Sept. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Fort Carson Thrift Shop provides child-care for those who are able to volunteer at its facility. Stop and inquire within.

**Family Readiness Group Leader forum** — The Forces Command Family Readiness Group brigade assistants invite all FRG advisors and leaders to attend their first FRG leader forum Sept. 24 at the Elkhorn Conference Center from 9 to 11 a.m.

Explore ways to recruit volunteers, get ideas for fun, social activities, network with other FRG leaders and learn new ideas for fundraising.

Registration is required; limited childcare is available. Call Connie Roy at 524-1278 or Shirley Rudd at 526-3581 for more information.

**Volunteer Dental Assistant Program** — The American Red Cross is accepting applications for the Volunteer Dental Assistant Program. Applications may be picked up at the Red Cross office, building 1526, room 272, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Deadline for applications is Sept. 20. For more information, call 526-2311.

The American Red Cross is seeking individuals who are interested in volunteer leadership positions, public speaking at pre-deployment/deployment briefings and other public speaking engagements. Childcare funds are available. For information, call 526-2311.

**Seven Habits of Highly Effective Military Families** — Building a strong, healthy and successful family is challenging under the best of circumstances. Military families have their own special set of challenges that only they can understand. Fort Carson's Family Advocacy Program is happy to bring to the community a new program specifically designed to address the concerns that matter most to military families. In "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Military Families," they'll discuss more than basic family issues, they'll cover topics such as finances, relocation, deployment and many other issues that affect military families. This three-session class will meet on the following dates:

Thursdays: Oct. 6, 13 and 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the ACS Family University, building 1161 (off of Berkeley Avenue and Ellis Street).

- Free child-care is available.
- Refreshments, books, and other learning materials will be provided.
- This class is free and open to all military families.
- Register now, call ACS at 526-4590.

Visit us at [www.carson.army.mil](http://www.carson.army.mil) (Click on "Army Community Service").

**Food safety month** — Military food inspectors will be handing out food safety pamphlets, talking to the public about food safety and answering questions at the front entrance to the commissary Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in recognition of September as National Food Safety Month.

**Great ideas wanted for ACS Army Family Action Plan Program** — Your great ideas are wanted. Fort Carson will host the annual Army Family Action Plan Conference Nov. 4 and 5 at the Sheraton Hotel (off of Circle drive). Participants of the conference will discuss quality of life issues; however, we need your help. Let us know of some of your concerns/issues, provide your ideas on how it may be accomplished and why you think it needs to be changed. Any issues not resolved at Fort Carson will be forwarded to the regional level (Department of Army) for action and/or resolution.

AFAP drop boxes are located around Fort Carson: Army Community Service, Family Connection (off of Berkeley Ave. building 1354), 43rd, 3rd Brigade, 3rd ACR Family Readiness Assistant offices, Soldier Readiness Processing site, Fort Carson Welcome Center and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program office, building 1217.

Issue submission deadline is Oct. 1. For details, issue submission or if you are interested in volunteering as a conference delegate, contact Nancy A. Montville at Army Community Service, 526-4590 or e-mail [Nancy.Montville@carson.army.mil](mailto:Nancy.Montville@carson.army.mil).

**Active-duty servicewomen are invited to participate in a women in the military self-diagnosis study** — If you are an active-duty female and have symptoms of a vaginal infection (vaginal discharge that looks or smells abnormal; itching, burning, pain inside or outside your vagina) or a urinary tract infection (pain or burning upon urination; frequent urination; or greater than normal urge to urinate), you are invited to participate in a research study to test military women's ability to use a newly developed self-diagnosis kit to determine the cause of their vaginal/urinary symptoms.

If you are not on your period and are not pregnant, call DiRaimondo Troop Medical Clinic, 524-2047 or 524-2051 to schedule an appointment with Lynn Money, research nurse practitioner. When you call for an appointment, you must mention that you want to participate in the research study.

**Youth sponsorship training** — Army life means having to leave your home, school and friends to move to a new installation. Youth sponsorship offers you the opportunity to make new friends and help someone adjust to his or her new home.

Classes are offered one Saturday per month at the Family Connection Center in building 1354, from 2 to 4 p.m. Upcoming classes are Saturday, Sept. 18 and Oct. 16. For more information, call 526-1070.

**Yard Sale** — Fort Carson Mayors' yard sales are twice a month on the first and third Saturday of the month between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.; dates are Saturday, and Sept. 18, Oct. 2 and 16, and Nov. 6 and 20.

Both on- and off-post residents can participate. Housing residents can set up yard sales in front of their houses; barracks and off-post residents can set up in the Beacon Elementary School parking lot.

All residents and sellers must comply with the following guidelines:

- Residents are responsible for conducting their yard sale.
- Individual occupants are responsible for trash control and removal, which must be completed by 5 p.m. the day of the sale or citations will be issued.
- Commercial organizations and individuals will comply with regulations about solicitation.
- All sellers are prohibited from offering for sale items such as drugs, guns, food or anything that does not conform to the rules and regulations of Fort Carson or the state of Colorado.

For more information, contact your village mayor or the program coordinator at 526-1082 or 526-1049.

**ESCO Scrapbook fundraiser** — Come and catch up on all those photos you've set aside Sept. 11, 2 to 7:30 p.m. at Waa-Nibe House, building 1007.

The cost is \$25 to register in advance and \$30 at the door. Cost includes dinner. If you're new to scrapbooking and want to see what it's all about, bring six to 10 photos for a product presentation and demonstration. Bring someone new and receive a \$25 credit on your Memory Keepers Card. There will also be a raffle for a 12 by 12 inch album, and 15 percent of product purchase will be donated to ESCO.

If you are unable to attend but would like to sign up and would like your purchase go toward ESCO, call Jessica Masiasak at 597-1710.

**Soldiers' Memorial Chapel fall religious education program** — Protestant Religious Education at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel: Registration is under way for Protestant Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday Children's Church from 11 a.m. and AWANA, Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m.



Army Community Service  
Family Readiness Center  
719-526-4590

# Fort Carson Career Fair

This Job Fair is sponsored by the Army Community Service (ACS) Employment Readiness Program in partnership with local companies from Colorado Springs and the surrounding areas.

**Friday, 17 September**

**11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

**Special Events Center, Bldg. 1829**

**C** Dress for Success  
Companies will size you up based on your appearance and presentation, dress smart.

**a** Bring a portfolio  
Include copies of your resume (both targeted and general), reference notes, and a business card with your name and contact information.

**r** 1-page Resume  
When possible, but not more than two pages. Capture your skills and accomplishments using action verbs such as supervised, managed, organized, or analyzed.

**e** Have a plan  
Know what you are looking for, what you have to offer and know in advance what questions you will ask.

**f** Be prepared to give a brief 30-60 second verbal summary.  
Provide your relevant skills and experience. Respond truthfully to questions, while always painting a positive picture of yourself.

**a** Listen carefully  
Generate and maintain interest by smiling naturally and making eye contact.

**i** Ask for company information  
Information, application materials and the interviewer's business card; submit a resume if applicable.

**t** At the end of the interview...

**p** Offer a firm handshake, confirm your interest and express your appreciation, using the interviewer's name. Walk away with confidence, remembering that you are still on stage. If you are interested in the position follow up by sending a thank you note.

**s**

**Call 526-4590 for details.**

Sunday School includes combined classes for children and four adult Bible studies with special studies for young couples and single Soldiers.

Registration may be completed during business hours and on Sunday morning.

Volunteer teachers and musicians are needed. For information, contact Dr. Dennis Scheck at 526-5626

**Catholic Family Religious Education:** Registration is currently under way for all Catholic Family Religious Education programs. Please complete the registration forms at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel during duties hours and on Sunday morning. Space is limited so register today. For information, contact Pat Treacy at 524-2458.

**Catholic Women of Fort Carson** — Please join us as we kick off a new year. Our First Friday gathering will meet Sept. 10 beginning with Rosary and Mass at 5 p.m. A welcome program and light supper will follow. New this year is our Second Thursday gathering starting Sept. 9. The program will include Rosary and Bible study starting at 9:30 a.m. followed by the noon Mass. Our Bible study will include selected books by Scott Hahn. The first selection will be Swear to God: The Promise and Power of the Sacraments. Child-care is free for the first Friday and second Thursday; call Melanie Sorenson at 392-2983 three days prior to the gathering. Copies of the 2004-2005 Catholic Women of Fort Carson flier are available at the entrance to Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Call Dominique Haftmann at 559-6680 for more information.

**Claims against the estate:** With deepest regrets to the family of Sgt. Darryl Morgan, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his his estate should contact 1st Lt. Travis Edwards at 526-1776.

*Where there is music ...*

## There is faith

**Commentary by Chap.  
(Capt.) Noel Johnson**

**5025th Garrison Support Unit**

When I was in college, I had a rebellious period in which I did not attend church or have anything to do with religion.

I already played the piano, but I fell in love with the music of the autoharp and decided I must learn to play one. The only autoharpist I knew was a girl who played folk music and gospel hymns. So, in order to learn to play the autoharp, I had to practice a lot of gospel hymns. During my dry spiritual spell, I was still connected with the blessings of the gospel by the strings of that harp.

About five years ago, I worked for a summer in an elder care facility with an Alzheimer's wing. One of my worship participants was a grandma who would always return to the time period of her school days when I would set up chairs in the break area for Sunday service. This gave me the idea of reading a Bible story from a youth Bible and then playing hymns out of an old Baptist hymnal for another half hour. The nurses would lead in patients they thought would benefit from the event, and we would have church.

Sunday was a good day for adult children of Alzheimer's patients to come and visit, and the church service was an especially comfortable time to do that. Communication is

not very efficient with Alzheimer's patients, but sitting together and listening to hymns was a pleasant time. Patients would often tap their feet, rock in time to the music or join in to the best of their ability.

One Sunday, a visitor came up to me after the service. Her mother had been singing along with the hymns, and the daughter said, with tears in her eyes, "That is the first time I have heard my mother's voice in a year."

Music dwells in a special part of the mind. Songbirds tweet and chirp their mating chorus to perpetuate the species. Most popular music dwells on subjects of love and lost love, and the oldest tunes in many cultures are lullabies. When everything else is gone from the withered brain, many times music is left.

When I was traveling in Iraq, and I got that uncomfortable feeling that everything was not going to be all right, I would sing some of those old hymns under the noise of the "Humvee" or the helicopter. Not only did I feel better, but I believe that the claims of God's presence and care in the words of those songs called protection around us.

With all of the garbage put to words and music that pervades our environment, I would hope that we are all careful to store up a good supply of the words of faith and promise inspired by the gospel. You might need them someday.



Photo by Spc. Zach Mott

### *Remembering a father, friend ...*

**Soldiers from around the Mountain Post gathered at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel Aug. 26 to pay final respects to Sgt. Darryl M. Morgan. Morgan was a member of the 59th Quartermaster Company (Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants), 68th Corps Support Battalion.**

**Morgan deployed with the 59th QM Co. (POL) to Kuwait and Iraq from Feb. 23 to Sept 4, 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he served as a team leader with the Maintenance Platoon as a construction equipment repairer. He was preparing his Soldiers and other members of the platoon for a return trip to Iraq when he died in an off-post accident.**

## Chapel

**AWANA: Because children matter to God** — The Fort Carson AWANA Club will kick off its 2004/2005 season today at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. The group meets each Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m.

AWANA is an international, nondenominational organization; its goal is to reach young people with the Gospel of Christ, and train them to serve him. For more than 50 years, AWANA clubs have been reaching this goal through meetings that include fast paced and exciting games, scripture memorization and Bible-based lessons.

The Fort Carson club has spaces available for children from 3 years of age to 8th grade. We are also looking for committed individuals with a heart for teaching children God's word to be on our leadership team.

AWANA is a safe place they can go to feel accepted and get clear guidelines for living in a world full of conflicting messages. To register your children or for more information, contact Stacy Chapman at 382-3970.

**Native American services** — The He Ska Akicita Inipi, is located on Fort Carson. All native and non-native people, military personnel, family members and Department of Defense personnel are welcome. Anyone interested in attending and praying in this manner can contact Michael Dunning at 382-5331, (c) 330-9537, or (e-mail) [micheal.dunning@carson.army.mil](mailto:micheal.dunning@carson.army.mil), or Charles Erwin at 382-8177, (e-mail) [erwin106@juno.com](mailto:erwin106@juno.com), or Zoe Goodblanket at 442-0929 for more information and directions.

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. Amano/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Amano/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Amano/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Amano/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CRE	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/524-2458
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/649-5260
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Amano/526-5769
Tuesday	7 p.m.	RCIA	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/524-2458
Saturday	4 p.m.	Reconciliation	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Amano/526-5769
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Kincaid/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Borden/526-3711
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Deppmeir/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Bowman/526-5513
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Bowman/526-5513
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kennedy/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Martinez/526-8890
Sunday	6 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kennedy/526-8011

Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Lutheran/Anglican	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Mitchel/526-3888

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

Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
Monday	6:30 p.m.	WICCA	Family University	Building 1161	Melissa Dalugdug/330-7873
Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Jones/526-3718

Native American Sweat lodge ceremonies (He Ska Akicita Inipi) are offered to military dependents 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 the following for information and directions: Michael Dunning 382-5331 or 330-9537, or Zoe Goodblanket 442-0929.

**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 87 & Job 37-39  
**Saturday** — Psalms 88 & Job 40-42  
**Sunday** — Psalms 89 & Proverbs 1-3  
**Monday** — Psalms 90 & Proverbs 4-7  
**Tuesday** — Psalms 91 & Proverbs 8-10  
**Wednesday** — Psalms 92 & Proverbs 11-13  
**Thursday** — Psalms 93 & Proverbs 14-16

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. Amano/526-5769
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## PROTESTANT

Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Kincaid/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Borden/526-3711
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Deppmeir/526-8011
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## LITURGICAL

Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Lutheran/Anglican	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Mitchel/526-3888

## JEWISH

## WICCA

## MORMON

## NATIVE AMERICAN SWEAT LODGE

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.

The Army Cycle of Prayer. Please pray this week for the following:

Unit: For the Soldiers and leaders deployed to Kosovo, Macedonia, Bosnia, Croatia and Hungry in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Army: For Lt. Gen. Richard A. Cody, the G-3, and the military and civilian personnel who work in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans.  
 State: For all the Soldiers and families

from the District of Columbia. Pray also for the Mayor Anthony Williams, the members of the Council of the District of Columbia and local officials of our nation's capital.

Nation: For the American workforce as we celebrate Labor Day, our nation's tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well being of country.

Religious: For the memory of those killed and for healing and courage for family members, friends and co-workers of those wounded or killed in support of various operations throughout the world.

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](http://www.usarmychaplain.com).



Photos by Spc. Stephn Kretzinger  
Kathy Pigott, breast cancer survivor, shows that 20 percent of all women diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history of breast cancer to the attendees of the Women's Equality Day Observances at Elkhorn Conference Center Thursday. Pigott was 39 years old when she was diagnosed with breast cancer and said without women's right to express their opinion, she would not be able to talk about it in front of a crowd as she does.



Sgt. Joshua Hanafin, tanker, Company H, 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, is served lunch after the Women's Equality Day observances at Elkhorn Conference Center Thursday. The majority of the attendees were male and many of them said they learned a lot.

# Fort Carson celebrates Women's Equality Day

by Spc. Stephen Kretzinger  
Mountaineer staff

Fort Carson celebrated Women's Equality Day with observances held at Elkhorn Conference Center Thursday.

The ceremony began with an opening prayer by Chap. (Capt.) Noel Johnson, 5025th Garrison Support Unit. Next, Fort Carson's own Harmony in Motion performed the national anthem and "America the Beautiful." The observance featured two guest speakers; Kathy Pigott, a breast cancer survivor; and Lt. Col. Laura C. Loftus, commander, 4th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

Pigott began her speech by having everyone in the room count to 13. "Now I would like to tell you that someone just lost their mother, their sister, their wife and their daughter to breast cancer," said Pigott when the attendees had finished counting.

Pigott told the largely male audience that she was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 39 and had both her breasts removed.

"Fifty years ago, if a woman lost both her breasts to cancer, she would not have walked up in front of all you men

and say that," said Pigott. "They would have put her in a hospital somewhere hidden away and told her, 'Let's not talk about the breasts.' But not any more. Now we're out there saying, 'That woman survived breast cancer!'"

Next to speak at the observance was Loftus. The West Point Military Academy graduate is the first woman in military history to command a combat engineer battalion.

"Today we are celebrating Women's Equality Day," said Loftus. "And although we have progressed amazingly from that day in 1848 when the suffragists first met and have achieved much as women in society, we have still not achieved full equality. I do not say this as a negative, because we've come so far; rather, I say this as a battle call to all of you in this audience who can and are glad to do something to further women's equality."

Loftus went on to discuss the history of Women's Equality Day and the role of women in the military. In the past the men were the only ones on the front line, but this is no longer true, said Loftus.

"There is not a front line any more," said Loftus. "The enemy lives and works

all around us and attacks from 360 degrees, using a variety of weapons against us. Women are continuing to progress and perform ever more demanding and combat intensive tasks in the military."

Loftus sent out a call to audience to do their part to further women's equality, even if it was just they way spoke of their fellow Soldiers.

"How many times have you either heard or said these things in the military," said Loftus. "'She's really tough ... for a female Soldier' (or) 'she's the best NCO in the unit and she's a female' (or) 'she's an outstanding female officer.' Equality means that we are not singled out for our gender, but rather recognized for our accomplishments and our performance among our peers, who are Soldiers and not other female Soldiers."

Col. David G. Saffold presented both speakers with certificates of appreciation, Johnson said a closing prayer and attendees were then free to partake in a luncheon and view booths set up in the conference room. Booths included a voting booth for those attendees who need to register to vote.

Mostly Soldiers were in attendance

of the event and a majority of those were male; many of them learning information they had not heard before.

"It was great. It was very informative," said Spc. Duane B. Bird, tanker, Company H, 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. "I didn't know that Desert Storm was the biggest deployment of women ever."

August 26 was designated Women's Equality Day by the U.S. Congress in 1971 with direction by Rep. Bella Abzug from New York.

Women's Equality Day's primary purpose is to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality.

This year marked the 84th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution. Several women lectured, wrote, marched, lobbied, and practiced civil disobedience in the mid-19th century to achieve what many Americans considered a radical change of the Constitution. Few of these early suffrage supporters lived to see their final victory in 1920.



Lt. Col. Laura C. Loftus, commander, 4th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, speaks to the audience of the Women's Equality Day Observances at Elkhorn Conference Center Thursday. Loftus is the first woman to command a combat engineer unit in military history.



Fort Carson's own Harmony in Motion performs the national anthem at the Women's Equality Day observances at Elkhorn Conference Center Thursday. Harmony in Motion also performed "America the Beautiful."



# Out & About

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**Place:** McMahon Theater



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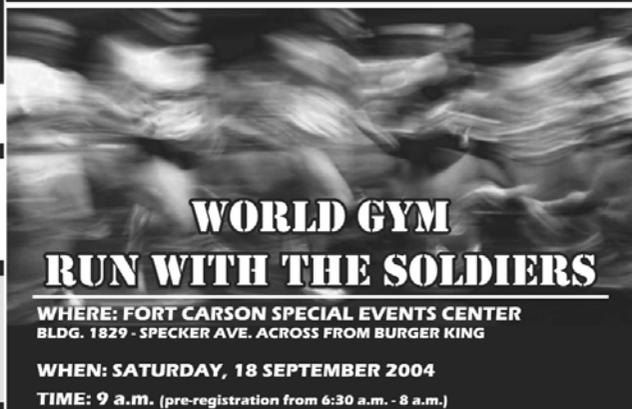
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Military Family  
Appreciation Week - Nov  
Holiday Village - Dec

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## WORLD GYM

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# Sports & Leisure

## Siblings skate at national event



Photos by Walt Johnson

Lauren McKernan practices her skating routines at the World Arena Ice Center Aug. 25.

by Walt Johnson  
Mountaineer staff

What started out as a recreational activity is slowly becoming a showcase for two very talented young people who could be representing our country at the Olympics in eight years.

Timothy McKernan (and his skating partner Piper Gilles) and his sister Lauren McKernan competed in a national skating event at Lake Placid three weeks ago and came away with impressive results.

Timothy McKernan and his ice dance partner, Gilles, placed first in the intermediate level competition at Lake Placid. Lauren McKernan, who was making her initial appearance in a national skating event, placed third in the novice solo and fourth in the junior solo events at Lake Placid.

This was the second time Timothy McKernan and Gilles competed on the national scene. The pair took a bronze medal at the junior nationals' juvenile level ice dance event in Arizona in December.

The McKernan siblings began ice skating at the early age of six and five years old and from the beginning it looked like they could do exceptional

things according to their mother Maj. Nikki McKernan.

"We realized they had a talent for skating when they first got on the ice when they were five and six years old. They weren't the kind of kids that hung on the wall. They put on their skates went out on the rink and just skated," Nikki McKernan said.

As if the accomplishments of the skating siblings were not enough, the rest of the story on their success is an impressive tale of desire and discipline setting the stage for something extraordinary. Not only are the McKernan children striving to be champions on the ice, they are also striving to be champions in the classroom and in life.

The McKernan family, which includes Lt. Col. Timothy McKernan Sr., is all about setting goals and keeping life's priorities in perspective, according to Nikki McKernan. They also are aware of what it takes to sacrifice in order to meet goals and objectives.

"They both are honor roll students and we are very proud of that. We

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## Mountaineer event of the week

### Trojans open season Friday night ...

Members of the Fountain-Fort Carson Trojans offensive and defensive linemen practice some drills Aug. 25 at Guy Barickman Stadium on the school's campus. The Trojans will open its season Friday when the team hosts Cañon City at 7 p.m. at the high school's football stadium. The game will be the first of two non-conference games for the Trojans this year. The other non-conference game will be against Grand Junction Sept. 25 at Grand Junction. The Trojans 2004 football schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 10 — Trojans at Pine Creek at 7 p.m.
- Sept. 16 — Trojans at Pueblo East at 7 p.m.
- Sept. 25 — Trojans at Grand Junction at 3 p.m.
- Oct. 1 — Mitchell at Trojans at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 8 — Trojans at Rampart at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 15 — Widefield at Trojans at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 22 — Pueblo Centennial at Trojans at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 29 — Cheyenne Mountain at Trojans at 7 p.m.
- Nov. 5 — Trojans at Sand Creek at 7 p.m.



Photo by Walt Johnson

## On the Bench

# Mountain Post boxers put on dazzling show at smoker

by **Walt Johnson**  
Mountaineer staff

**Congratulations are in order for the following members of the World Class Athlete Program who represented America at the Summer Olympics in Greece the past three weeks:**

Basheer Abdullah (head boxing coach); Shon Moore (assistant wrestling coach); Oscar Wood (wrestling); Dremiel Byers (wrestling); David Johnson (rifle coach); Anita Allen (pentathlon); Chad Senior (pentathlon); Dan Browne (marathon); Matthew Smith (rowing); Elizabeth Callahan (air pistol and pistol); and John Nunn (track and field);

**Action at the Special Events Center during the post boxing smoker was filled with exciting moments and good fights.**

This was the first boxing smoker for the post in more than a year and it looks like there will be more to come as post fighters showed they have the skills to be very representable in the boxing ring.

Good crowds filled the center both

Thursday and Friday evenings and the fighters did their best to make sure they did not go away disappointed. Bill Reed, Special Events Center manager, said this was a good show and people on post should be ready for more of this type of action in the future.

"We felt before this event that we have some outstanding amateur boxers on post and if you saw this event you know that we were right. We are very satisfied with the way the fighters handled themselves and we are looking forward to getting the fighters more training so our next event will be better and more competitive than this one was, and this was a very competitive event," Reed said.

The results of the boxing smoker is as follows:

**Thursday night:** David Barrios defeated Courtney White and David Hartford defeated Donald Zelander in the 133- to 141-pound weight class. In the 142- to 152-pound weight class Marcus Dawkins defeated James Thompson. In the 165-pound weight



Photo by Walt Johnson

## *Getting instructions ...*

**Jennifer Hulbert, right, gets instructions from her corner after the second round of her bout with Kathy Laracente. Many observers at the event felt this was the best bout of the evening.**

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## Mountaineer Leisure Spotlight



Photo by Walt Johnson

### *Poker night ...*

Patrons of Xtremes Entertainment and Sports Bar get together to practice their poker-playing skills Aug. 28 at the bar's ball room. Xtremes will host a poker tournament during the month of September on Tuesday evenings. People interested in participating in the tournament need to register by 6 p.m. Tuesday. There is a \$10 entry fee. First prize will be a 42-inch screen high definition television, second prize will be a 32-inch flat screen high definition television, third prize is a mini-bike and fourth prize will be a home boom box system. For more information on the tournament or to register, call 576-7540.



# Morning Glory

A balloon crew member checks the balloon as it is being inflated at last year's Colorado Balloon Classic.

## Colorado Balloon Classic features 88 hot-air balloons

Story and photos  
by Nel Lampe  
Mountaineer staff

**C**olorful hot air balloons in bright colors lift off from Memorial Park in early dawn every Labor Day weekend. This is the 28th anniversary of the Colorado Balloon Classic in the park.

The classic has always been one of the top Colorado events, but has been named one of the top 100 Events in the United States for 2003 and 2004, as well as one of the Top 100 Events in North America for 2004.

And for local citizens it's just an early morning wake up call and a drive to the park on Pikes Peak Avenue, between Hancock and Union, to be part of the adventure.

In the pre-dawn light, balloon crews spread out colorful balloons. Spectators stream into the park, milling around the busy crews. Propane burners are lit, huge fans turned on and inflation begins. As the air is heated, the brightly colored balloon begins to take shape. Most balloons are in the traditional shape, much like a light bulb.

Some balloons are in special shapes, such as the United Van Lines truck-shaped balloon and the 166-foot high pink Energizer bunny. Traditional balloons are eight to 10 stories high, but special-shaped balloons can be many times larger, such as the truck, which weighs nearly three times that of a nor-

mal size balloon. Both the truck and the bunny have been part of the Colorado Springs balloon event several times. Unusually shaped balloons take longer to inflate and are usually the last to takeoff.

The balloons in the Colorado Balloon Classic usually lift off in two waves. After the first wave of balloons are airborne, more balloons and crews move onto the vacated space, and the second set of balloon crews begin inflation.

Spectators begin arriving at the park about 5:30 a.m. when the Dawn Patrol balloons take off. Early balloons check out weather and flight conditions and report to the field.

If weather and flight conditions are a "go," crews begin inflation about 6:30 a.m. The first wave of balloons lifts off at around 7 a.m., followed about a half-hour later by the second wave. Once all balloons are airborne, about 8 a.m., activities in the park begin.

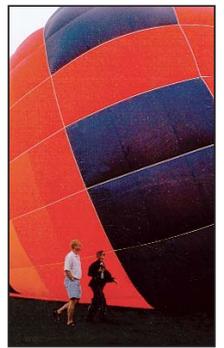
The United States Air Force Academy's elite parachute team, "Wings of Blue" jumps into Memorial Park each day of the classic.

Other entertainment in the park includes Andean New Age Music, Universal Kempo Karate, Pikes Peak Line Dancers, Colorado Springs Conservatory, Radio London, Chinese Shao-Lin Center, Fountain Creek Brass Band, ZHT Entertainment,



A balloon pilot lights the propane burner to heat the air inside the balloon, keeping it upright. Weather kept last year's balloons from lifting off.

# Happy Mountaineers



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.  
Sept. 2, 2004

## Balloons

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Colorado Cinderella and Baddogs, a local band performing a variety of music.

Although many veteran spectators come to the park carrying cups of coffee, bags of doughnuts or picnic breakfasts, it's not necessary as there's Country Breakfast serving breakfast in a large tent from 5:30 to 9:30 a.m., for \$5.

Other food vendors are serving potatoes, cinnamon rolls, funnel cakes, brats, hamburgers, turkey legs, hotdogs and the like. Food vendors will be open until 10 a.m. each day.

In addition to the morning liftoff, a evening Balloon-Glo is scheduled for

Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. A Balloon-Glo includes several tethered balloons which light up when the propane burners heat the air, making the balloons glow in the dark, much like a string of Christmas tree lights.

Prior to the Balloon-Glo, food vendors are again cooking in the park, beginning at 4 p.m.,

followed by a concert at 5 p.m.

An announcer keeps everyone informed throughout the event, tossing in tidbits of balloon trivia and information about each balloon.

Last year, for the first time in the classic's history, the balloons were unable to get airborne. Weather caused cancellations of Saturday and Sunday events. Monday, the balloons were inflated and stood up, but did not lift off.

The first balloon event was held in 1976 with a few thousand people watching. Now, the Colorado Balloon Classic attracts more than a quarter-million people over the three days of events.

Not everyone is qualified to pilot a balloon at the Colorado Springs balloon event. Balloon pilots need special skills for this 6,000 plus altitude.

The actual flight path of the balloons is at Mother Nature's discretion, but balloons usually head in a southerly, southeasterly direction.

Souvenir programs are sold throughout the park. Vendors sell T-shirts, collector's pins and other Balloon Classic souvenirs.

Be sure to get an early start in order to find a parking place near the park. You don't want to be late, just to glimpse the last balloon floating away. Only handicapped parking is allowed inside the park. Spectators will have to find parking along one of the streets surrounding Memorial Park and walk in. A few parking lots are set up as fund-raisers, charging a small fee for spectator parking.

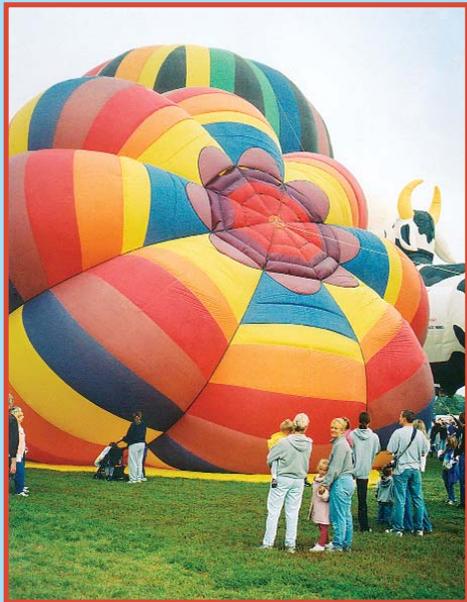
Don't forget strollers for younger children. Leave the pet dog at home. Pets aren't allowed at the classic nor is smoking allowed.

It's even possible to take a balloon ride during the classic. It costs \$175 per person, older than 13. Call 578-0935 or check at the Balloon Ride Concession Booth in Memorial Park during the classic.

Memorial Park is at the corner of Pikes Peak Avenue, between Union



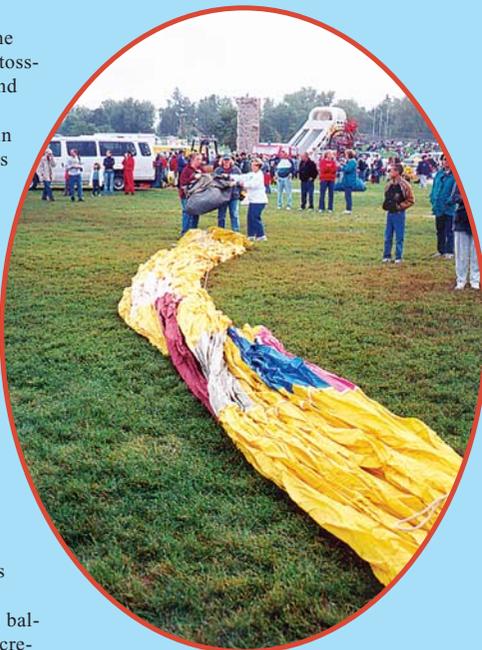
A balloon begins to take shape as crew members heat the air at the 2003 Colorado Balloon Classic.



A balloon begins to take shape at the 2003 Colorado Balloon Classic in Memorial Park.



The balloon envelope is adjusted by a crew member during inflation at the 2003 Colorado Balloon Classic.



Balloon crew members lay out the balloon envelope in preparation for inflation.

Boulevard and Hancock Avenue. Take Interstate 25 or Highway 115 to downtown Colorado Springs. Take I-25 Bijou Exit, go south one block and then east on Pikes Peak Avenue to reach the park — about 10 blocks.

Getting up early is the only price to pay to watch the Colorado Balloon Classic. There's no entrance fee to watch the balloons or entertainment. Bring money for food.

### Just the Facts

- **Travel time** 20 minutes
- **For ages** families
- **Type** hot air balloon fest
- **Fun factor** ★★★★★  
(Out of 5 stars)
- **Wallet damage** free entrance
  - \$ = Less than \$20
  - \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
  - \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$60
 (Based on a family of four)

# Happenings

# Get Out!

## Colorado State Fair

The 132nd Colorado State Fair runs through Sunday. Friday hours are 10 a.m. to midnight, Saturday and Sunday hours are noon to midnight. There's a carnival, fair food, merchandise booths and crafts. Some entertainment is free; concert tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster, 520-9090. There are tuff trucks and a demolition derby. Tickets are \$13 to \$33. For information go to [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com).

## Denver festival

The Festival of Mountain and Plain, a Taste of Colorado, is in downtown Denver Friday through Monday. The popular festival includes food booths from 50 restaurants, a carnival, arts, crafts, music and entertainment. Call (303) 534-6161 for information or go online at [www.atasteofcolorado.com](http://www.atasteofcolorado.com).

## Soldier Show

The Soldier Show will be in McMahon Theater Thursday and Friday, at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are free to all shows and are required for entry to the show. Tickets are in the Fort Carson Information, Tickets and Registration office.

## Whose line is it?

Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood, who appear in "Whose Line is it Anyway?" are at the Pikes Peak Center Sept. 24, 190 S. Cascade Ave.

Tickets start at \$34.50; 520-9090.

## Air Force Academy football

It's almost time for Division I-A football at the Air Force Academy's Falcon Stadium. The first home game is Saturday with California, followed by a Sept. 11 game at home with Eastern Washington at noon. The Falcons hosts Navy Sept. 30 at 5:45 p.m., in a game televised on ESPN. New Mexico is Oct. 9 and BYU is Oct. 23. The final two games are Nov. 13, with San Diego State and Nov. 20, with Colorado State University. Call 472-1895 for ticket information.

## Philharmonic

The Colorado Springs Philharmonic's second season features Itzhak Perlman Sept. 12. Ticket information at 226-9130.

## Broadway in Colorado Springs

Season tickets are on sale for the new season in the Pikes Peak Center, "Fiddler on the Roof," Oct. 20 and 21; "The Full Monty," March 15 and 16, "Defending the Caveman," April 8 and 9; "42nd Street," May 8 and 9. An optional show is Hal Holbrook in "Mark Twain Tonight!" Call 520-SHOW for tickets.

## Air Force Academy concerts

The Academy Concert season is now on sale. The schedule includes Emerson Drive, Sept. 17, Paul Rodriguez, Sept. 18 and Capitol Steps, Oct. 9. In 2005, "Crazy for You" is Jan. 22, "Steel Magnolias" is Feb. 25, "Broadway Rhythm" is March 5, "Da Noise, Da Funk" is March 12, "Contact" is March 30 and "Passing Zone" is April 23; call 333-4497.

## Performing arts in Pueblo

Preservation Hall Jazz Band opens the performing arts season Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jackson Conference Center in Pueblo. Marcus Belgrave's Tribute to Louis Armstrong is Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. at the Arts Center Theater. Aspen Santa Fe Ballet is Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. in the Arts Center Theater; "Rhapsody in Taps" is March 19 at 7:30 p.m., and "The Passing Zone" is April 22, call (719) 295-7222 for information.

## World Arena venue

The Colorado Springs World Arena is selling tickets to the Denver Nuggets/Milwaukee Bucks game Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. Tickets are also on sale for the TJ Maxx Tour of Gymnastics Champions, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. Randy Travis with Andy Griggs are in the arena Oct. 17. Visit the box office or call 576-2626.

## Bent's Fort

Beginning this week, Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with guided tours at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6 to 12. Children under 5 are admitted free. A free day is Sept. 18. Bent's Old Fort is on Highway 194, eight miles east of La Junta.

## Corn Maze

The annual corn maze at JoyRides Family Fun Center opens for the fall season Sept. 4, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Saturday. The admission for the maze is \$5 for anyone 12 and older and for \$3 for children 11 and under. JoyRides is at 5150 Edison Ave., two mile east of Academy Boulevard on Platte Avenue.



Photo by Nel Lampe

## Candy factory ...

Patsy's Candies, 154 S. 21st Street, offers free tours of the factory and samples of the candy. In the above picture, workers cut a batch of warm toffee with a hand-cutting machine. Tours are at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. The factory makes chocolate and caramel coated popcorn and many varieties of chocolate-covered candies. Patsy's is famous for its saltwater taffy.



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

Army Newswatch: stories on the Iraqi National Guard training, Bulwark Exercise 2004 and Blue-to-Green program. Airls at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: stories on Marine SCaMP platoons, the 4th Marine Regiment in Iraq and the recovery of a 1962 plane crash in Greenland. Airls at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: stories on the supply pipeline for Iraq, the Predator and the continuing search for those missing in action in Southwest Asia. Airls at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

The Mountain Post Community Town Meeting, held monthly, airs at 9 a.m.

and 5:30 p.m.

The Pentagon Channel plays on Channel 9. In addition to standard programs like Army Newswatch, the channel will feature other Army-related programs, including briefings and other Army news.

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

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

For additions to the Community Calendar, please submit an e-mail to the above address, send a 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 the desired airing time.