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Museum of Aviation gala weekend to feature WWII exhibit opening, Lee Greenwood concert

BY BOB DUBIEL

Museum of Aviation

A Gala Weekend to honor World War II veterans is planned at the Museum of Aviation this weekend featuring the grand opening of a new hangar and exhibit and a free public concert by Lee Greenwood and the Band of the Air Force Reserve.

Today at 6 p.m., a reception and black tie dinner will take place with a special patriotic presentation by the U.S. Air Force Band, the Airmen of Note — the Glen Miller Band of today. The Robins Honor Guard drill team will also perform. Reservations are required for this event.

On Saturday, the Lee Greenwood concert will be held in the museum front parking lot at 6 p.m. to honor World War II veterans and other veterans of yesterday and today. Coolers and alcoholic beverages are not permitted and people are encouraged to bring their own chairs. Hotdogs and drinks will be available.

The highlight of the reception will be the opening of a new 6,000 square foot exhibit titled "Down To Earth: The 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment and The Air Invasion of Normandy."

The exhibit demonstrates how the cooperation of airborne, troop carrier and glider units contributed to the success of the invasion of Normandy, France on June 6, 1944 and the eventual victory in Europe a year later.

Elements of the exhibit will be an actual C-47 troop carrier suspended 22 feet above the exhibit; a cut-away C-47 fuselage showing paratroopers and crew members; weapons, photos and artifacts from World War II; a replica of a French country church in the town of Cauquigny where paratroopers of the 507th PIR landed; and a simulated invasion planning room in England. A special 24 minute film designed for younger visitors will also be part of the exhibit.

Several World War II aircraft will



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Michael Pierce, Museum of Aviation exhibits designer, talks about the different areas in "Down to Earth," the 6,000 square-foot exhibit that will be the highlight of the new World War II hangar.

be on display in the new hangar including a B-25 Mitchell Bomber, an A-26 attack bomber and several other aircraft approximately 70 years old. World War II veterans register to receive an invitation to the exhibit opening dinner by going to the Museum of Aviation Web site at www.museumofaviation.org. For more information, call 923-6600.

LEE GREENWOOD CONCERT: WHAT TO KNOW

The concert will take place in the Museum of Aviation parking lot Saturday at 6 p.m. Seating will be provided for about 500 disabled persons, WWII veterans and other VIPs. All others will need to bring chairs or blankets to sit on.

PARKING — Parking for VIPs, entertainers, disabled persons will be on the museum grounds. Disabled persons should display their disabled card in the windshield. They will enter the museum through the main gate on Ga. Hwy 247 and be directed to the Century of Flight hangar parking lot. If that lot fills up we'll use the ARINC parking lot for overflow handicapped parking. Attendees who have access to the base can park in and around the civil engineering complex and walk through the Museum's Macon Street gate to the concert. All others will park at Anchor Glass. They can walk across the street to the museum grounds or ride the transportation provided for this event.

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Laura Furr reads a book with her 2-year-old daughter Grace, who was born with a condition where the left ventricle of the heart doesn't properly form.

PLAYING CATCH UP

EDIS helps children of active-duty military members meet developmental milestones

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD

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Grace Furr was born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, a condition where the left ventricle of the heart doesn't properly form.

Staff Sgt. Robert Furr, a network manager in the Integrated Network Operations Security Center East Detachment 1 in the 83rd Network Operations Squadron, and Laura Furr, Grace's parents, discovered their daughter's condition one day into her life.

After Grace endured two open heart surgeries and extensive hospital stays, her parents realized their 2-year-old daughter was behind in her development such as talking and gross motor skills.

Her parents knew she needed help to reach these critical milestones.

Mrs. Furr said Grace received assistance through services in Birmingham,

Ala., where they previously lived, and she knew her daughter would need to continue similar services at Robins.

The young mother found that help through the Educational and Developmental Intervention Services, an Air Force program that helps such children gain valuable developmental skills.

"They just truly go above and beyond," she said. "LeAnn Scott, the EDIS coordinator, worked with my husband six months before we ever got to Georgia. He was stationed in Korea for a year. She did all of the paperwork for us to make sure they provided all the services that we needed."

LeAnn Scott, EDIS coordinator in the 78th Medical Operations Squadron, said EDIS, which serves children from birth through 3 years, involves the services of speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and a developmental pediatrician in its screenings of children and works

with families one-on-one in the home.

Ms. Scott said she wants military families who make permanent changes of station to Robins to know about EDIS.

"Parents can self refer," she said. "They can call in and say, 'I have a concern about the way my child is developing' and we'll make a home visit and do some screening to decide if there's anything else we need to do."

Ms. Scott said she gets referrals from private doctors and has been working with the Pediatric Clinic on base to do the screenings through well baby checks.

In 2007, more than 650 babies were screened, 23 of which were identified with special needs, Ms. Scott said.

Ms. Scott said a five-area questionnaire addresses various developmental milestones.

"It's just critical that every child's

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THE TWO-MINUTEREV

Quarterly Awards

The 78th Air Base Wing third quarter awards ceremony will be Oct. 24 at 9 a.m. in the Heritage Club. All 78th ABW personnel are encouraged to attend and support the nominees.

Toner Cartridge Roundup

In conjunction with America Recycles Day, the 78th Civil Engineer Group Environmental Division is initiating a toner cartridge round-up Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the west parking lot of Bldg. 359. Bring all toner, fax and inkjet cartridges and printer ribbons. Only government procured cartridges will be accepted. All cartridges will be recycled by a local company. For more information, call Ken Wharam at 327-4169 or Ben Torrey at 327-4173.

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AF to ship 18 cargo planes to Afghanistan

BY WAYNE CRENshaw
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The deal is done for the Air Force to ship 18 G-222 cargo planes to the Afghanistan National Army Air Corp.

Officials signed the \$287 million contract at Robins on Sept. 29. The Italian-built planes are being purchased from Alenia North America and will be refurbished, with 16 to serve as medium tactical support transport aircraft and two others will get VIP configurations to serve as aircraft for the president of Afghanistan. The contract calls for shipment to begin in September of next year with deliveries to continue through 2011.

Although Robins won't be doing any work on the planes, the contract was signed here because the program office is here, said Debbie Mashburn, the security assistance program manager.

The planes are known in the U.S. Air Force as the C-27A Spartan, though the Air



Giuseppe Giordano, president and chief operating officer of Alenia North America, and Col. Tim Freeman, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing commander, shake hands after signing a contract to ship 18 G-222 cargo planes to the Afghanistan National Army Air Corp.

Force no longer uses the planes. The planes are capable of delivering 10 tons of cargo, transporting vehicles and providing medical evacuation for 36 patients, according to Ms. Mashburn.

She said the Air Force has determined that the planes are vital to helping the

Afghanistan government rapidly provide humanitarian assistance, medical evacuation and logistic support throughout the country.

The G-222, she said, has a reputation as a rugged aircraft that is well suited for take off and landing from unprepared and short landing strips.

Robins trio nets \$10K for idea

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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When the Programmable Signal Data Processor, a high-speed computer designed to drive one or more cockpit displays aboard the F-15 aircraft, looked like its life would be cut short, three workers at Robins knew something had to be done to save it.

Robert Foster, an equipment specialist in the 407th Supply Chain Management Squadron's Navigation Flight; George Crawford, an electronic technician in the 568th Electronic Maintenance Squadron; and Leroy Phillips, an electronics worker in the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group, discovered that the signal's air plenum had detached from the chassis, causing electrical shorts and overheating problems.

"It wasn't getting air to the unit efficiently," Mr. Foster said. "It was shorting out wires when the air plenum came loose, which in turn caused the unit to overheat."

Mr. Foster said to solve the problem, he and his co-workers devised a way to reattach the air plenum to the

chassis without having to discard the whole unit. It was a solution that saved the Air Force a little more than \$4 million and earned the trio a \$10,000 reward through the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program, an incentive program that promotes progress, improvement, and resource savings through ideas submitted by military and civilian employees.

Mr. Crawford admitted finding a workable solution wasn't easy. "It's hard to condemn these units, especially when soon we won't have any to condemn," he said. "We just started putting our heads to come up with a solution. We went through some engineers to make sure the epoxy we used was right, and we finally came up with something."

Mr. Phillips said the group had to get the assistance of others to make the solution a success. "To streamline the process, we had to go through several different processes," he said. "We had to go to the Machine Shop and try to get them to get us a template plate to hold it down after we epoxied it. We had to

have schedulers and planners go outside and get the proper tools we needed because these were tools that we did not have in our work area."

It took the group about six months of locating the right materials and the right procedure to reattach the component and get it in working order.

Mr. Foster said before their solution, there was no replacement for these units, and the Air Force was paying \$63,000 per unit.

That's not the case for the units now. More than 70 units have been restored using the group's solution and the solution has eliminated back-orders.

"Even since we've done this process, we've yet to receive one back with the same problem," Mr. Phillips said. "We went from over 75 back-orders to none for this process in a year's time."

While the team brought great benefit for the Air Force through its idea, Mr. Phillips said they owe a lot of their idea's recognition to Doug McCulloch, Electronic Integrated Systems Mechanic supervisor, for going the extra mile to ensure the con-

T-38

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Robins detachment of Defense Supply Center Richmond.

Only about 32 people have hands-on involvement in the lever work at Robins, but it's important enough that the squadron participates in weekly, worldwide conference calls updating progress of the work. Mr. Hunnicut expects the squadron to boost its output to 75 levers per week, which would put com-

pletion of the contract at about Nov. 14. That would be well ahead of the original completion date of Dec. 26. The T-38 is a twin-engine jet that serves as the primary trainer for Air Force pilots. It also has the same basic airframe as the F-5 Freedom Fighter, and Mr. Hunnicut said the F-5 aileron levers will also be replaced.

According to an Air Force fact sheet, the Air Force purchased about 1,100 T-38s between 1961 and 1972, when production ended, but the aircraft remains the pri-

mary trainer. Air Education and Training Command is the primary user, training pilots for front-line fighter and bomber aircraft that includes the F-15E Strike Eagle, F-15C Eagle, F-16 Fighting Falcon, B-1B Lancer, A-10 Thunderbolt and F-22 Raptor.

Due to the age of the T-38, the original aluminum forgings used to make the levers are no longer available, which is why the parts had to be manufactured from scratch. The Air Force currently operates 546 T-38s.

EDIS

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development starts early and the earlier that we can catch a child that's having difficulty with his speech, with his motor control, or with his social skills, the better," she said. "If we can get him on track before he starts school, then he has a leg up. If we wait until school age to remediate him, then he will fall farther behind."

Susan Daughtry, a speech and language pathologist for EDIS who diagnoses and treats children with language problems, said it's very important for parents to get their children help as soon as they know there's a problem. "Research has shown that the earlier you intervene with these types of problems, the better the chance for the child to reach the level of his or her peers," she said.

Ms. Daughtry said working within the child's home helps her to include the child's family, an important part of

ensuring therapy continues between the parents and their child.

Maj. Wendy Travis, 78th MDOS' Mental Health Flight commander, said EDIS is an invaluable resource to the active-duty military family.

"It is a life saver for families who have children with special needs," she said. "I encourage any family who has a child that they think may be developing a little slower than their peers to call and see what LeeAnn can do to help them."



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Left to right, George Crawford, Robert Foster and Leroy Phillips developed a repair process for a data processor that helped the Air Force save more than \$4 million. The innovation netted the trio \$10,000.

Are you a dog or a cat person?

Glenda Reed
Military dependent

Dog person. I just love dogs. I had two but one died so I just have one, a Shih Tzu."

Senior Airman Jamal Nelson
54th SCMT

Dog person. I have a dachshund. I just don't like cats."

Jessica Pope
Military spouse

"I like dogs. They're more loving. Cats are too demanding when they want attention."

Tech. Sgt. Juan Vasquez
116th AMXS

"Dog person. I have a miniature schnauzer. I like dogs for their loyalty and companionship. When they greet you at the end of the day you feel so good you forget if you had a bad day."

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Smith
5th CBCSS

"Cat person. They're self sufficient and can take care of themselves. I think they are better for children too."

► IN BRIEF

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS LUNCHEON

A Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon will be held Wednesday at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Doors open at 11 a.m.

Ticket price is \$10. The deadline to purchase tickets is today. Tickets are sold on first come first serve basis.

For more information call Shaneka Wright at 327-8480.

HALLELUJAH NIGHT

The Base Chapel Parish will host Hallelujah Night Oct. 29. The annual fall festival will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and will feature a "trunk or treat" at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel parking lot. The event will also include games and treats like popcorn, cotton candy and hotdogs. No scary costumes please. For more information call Marcia Little at 926-2821.

AFCEA LUNCHEON

Armed Forces Communications-Electronics Association, Middle Georgia Chapter will be partnering with the local Logistics Officers Association chapter to host Lt. Gen. Robert Elder, 8th Air Force commander, as guest speaker for a luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Nov. 5. The theme of General Elder's talk will be "Global Operations and Mission Assurance in a

contested Cyber Environment." This event will take place at the Museum of Aviation in the Century of Flight Hangar. Please RSVP by Wednesday via the following link if you plan to attend:

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/Elder420/>

An AO will contact you with payment options once you RSVP. Cost for lunch is \$9 for club members and \$10 for non-club members yet

lunch purchase is not required to attend the event. For more information call Carl Unholz, AFCEA chapter president at 222-0503 or Sue Gruber, LOA chapter president at 926-0396.



Joshua Weatherspoon

TITLE: Fire inspector in the 78th Civil Engineer Group's Fire Emergency Services Flight.

BACKGROUND: Mr. Weatherspoon has been at Robins since October 2007. He has worked in fire protection since 2000.

AGE: 28

HOMETOWN: Columbia, Mo.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB: "I like dealing with the base personnel and teaching them about fire prevention. I especially enjoy participating in the education of the kids at the Child Development Centers, the Youth Center, and the Teen Center. I think it's important for kids to be well versed on evacuation routes and fire safety."

HOBBIES: Mr. Weatherspoon enjoys playing softball, golfing, and being involved in his church.



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Commentary

"He that gives good advice, builds with one hand; he that gives good counsel and example, builds with both; but he that gives good admonition and bad example, builds with one hand and pulls down with the other." — Francis Bacon

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The Action Line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to work and live.

The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

<https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will not be processed.

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High-flying rifles make quite a sight



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN MARC LANE

Staff Sgt. Ruben Trejo Sanchez (left) and 1st Lt. Erik Ruiz practice an over-the-head rifle toss Oct. 3 at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. They are members of the Ellsworth AFB Honor Guard Drill Team.

Giving to CFC means making a difference

As you know, Combined Federal Campaign has officially begun. As always, our goal is two-fold: one, 100 percent contact, such that everyone understands the CFC and has an opportunity to contribute; and two, to provide some support, if possible, to one or more of thousands of worthwhile charities that rely on peoples' generosity to survive and provide services to those who are less privileged.

Here's my plea. I know

we are experiencing difficult times ... those of you reading the papers and watching the news understand the economy is a little uncertain. But there is an underlying strength in this country, and in our Air Force...the strength of caring and wanting to make a difference. So all I ask is that you thoughtfully consider the CFC and its many charitable opportunities...and that we not let that brochure sit on our desk until the last day. "Early Bird"

ends Oct. 24... we should all strive to have our unit-level campaigns complete by then. My experience tells me that people make their decisions about CFC pretty early in the drive...yet let the materials sit. Take

5 to 10 minutes today...decide if you want to participate and can find a charity that means something

to you...and then, if you decide to contribute, do so now. And if not, then simply return the materials to your keyworker.

Thanks for all you do...and you all contribute greatly to our air base wing mission success every day.

— This comment was written by Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander.

Robins CFC Early Bird

Robins' goal for the local Combined Federal Campaign, which runs through Nov. 14, is \$1.35 million.

The deadline for Robins Early Bird, which is earned by base organizations that earn their organizational CFC goal during the first three weeks of the campaign, is Oct. 24.

Pledged CFC contributions marked for payroll deduction will take effect beginning the first pay period in calendar year 2009.

Airman's Roll Call places energy at the forefront

The 78th Air Base Wing energy office now provides Team Robins an avenue to make a difference in the battle to reduce our energy impact here in Middle Georgia.

By sending your questions, comments and suggestions to our watchful staff, we can do our part in helping make Robins Air Force Base an environmentally friendly place to live work and play.

Email your energy-related questions or concerns to: commanderkillawatt@robins.af.mil.

Soaring fuel prices and the push by more and more Americans to "go green" are constant reminders of the energy crisis we face here in America and around the world. The Air Force is the federal government's largest consumer of energy. While individual Airmen can't necessarily control the amount of fuel we require for our aircraft, we can all

do our part to ensure we conserve energy in other ways.

As you know, October is Energy Awareness Month and our theme this year is "Secure Today's Energy, Fuel Tomorrow's Mission." This theme fits with the Air Force's overall energy strategy to reduce our demand for energy, increase our energy supply and change our culture to make energy a consideration in all we do.

Several leaders, organizations and Airmen around the Air Force are doing just that. Here are some initiatives that have been undertaken by the Air Force to make the Air Force a little more

"green," and save a few bucks along the way:

► To reduce demand, the Air Force continues to pursue energy efficiency and alternative sources at our facilities and in our ground vehicle fleet. We employ more than 5,800 flex-fuel vehicles and have reduced the energy intensity at our facilities by nearly 18 percent since 2003.

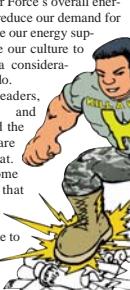
► To increase our energy supply, the Air Force is in the middle of testing and certifying our airframes on an alternative fuel blend. This fuel will be better for the environment and will help reduce the Air Force's demand on foreign oil. We are also exploring and developing

alternative source of energy at our bases, such as the photovoltaic array at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., an array that provides \$1 million in annual savings to the base.

► To change our culture, we are instilling energy awareness through focused leadership efforts, energy-specific training, effective communication, and adjusting the curriculum at the U.S. Air Force Academy and other schools to ensure energy awareness is addressed.

While those mentioned above are large-scale energy initiatives, individual Airmen are also in a position to make a huge impact in the Air Force's overall efforts to conserve energy. Enlisted Airmen make up 80 percent of the Air Force, and by taking simple actions you can save the Air Force valuable resources and dollars.

— Airman's Roll Call



Chief of staff emphasizes logisticians' role

BY JOHN SCAGGS
Air Force Materiel Command PA

You don't have to sell Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz on the value of logistics.

"Acquisition, engineering and wholesale logistics form the foundation of numerous Air Force capabilities ... Logistics professionals who perform these services are critical to everything the Air Force does and to its success."

The chief of staff made those remarks Oct. 13 while speaking to about 1,200 attendees from logistics career fields during the first day of the Logistics Officer Association conference. The conference took place in Columbus, Ohio, ending Oct. 15.

The Logistics Officer Association is an organization that strives to enhance the military logistics profession. The conference provides an open forum to promote quality logistical support and logistics officer professional development.

General Schwartz praised logisticians for their efforts to keep Air Force weapon systems ready well beyond their intended, designed service life.

"Our systems continue to perform miraculously because of what logisticians do," General Schwartz said.

He relayed two stories recently told to him by Army personnel. In one, an improvised explosive device stranded a group of 18 soldiers. One of the surviving soldiers said the enemy, numbering about 60,

attacked the soldiers and killed five.

"He told me that when things looked bleak, there was a huge explosion not more than 100 meters from U.S. soldiers' location," General Schwartz said. "The Air Force delivered a close strike that neutralized the enemy."

"When I think about that story, I'm reminded how years of sustainment effort came together that day to save American lives and make that mission a success," the general added.

He also shared that an Army general with the 101st Airborne Division told General Schwartz that the infantry's best friend is an Air Force pilot.

"How does this tie in to the logistics community?" General Schwartz asked those in the audience. "Air Force pilots are there for ground troops because 'logistics' are always there."

"From 'loggies' who are on the ramp in hot zones, to those supporting efforts in theater, to 'loggies' delivering munitions, to those working acquisition and sustainment at our depots ... our aircraft would not have their capability, reliability and precision without the logistics community," he said.

General Schwartz challenged attendees to take advantage of the opportunities the LOA conference provides.

"There is no substitute for experience and leadership," the general said. "LOA is a critical component in educating Air Force logisticians. Network and build relationships while you're here."

"Remember that 'support' is not a dirty word," General Schwartz said. "Deliver what you promise. Making others successful is significant and worthy."

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Alyssa Calvert, Robins Elementary pre-kindergarten student, learns to crawl to safety under the simulated fire smoke in the Fire Safety House Oct. 8.

And the poster winners are...

Kindergarten

1. Gianna Kelley

2. Hanna Ibanez

3. London Klug

1st grade

1. Maddie Walden

2. Colby Robertson

3. Marian DeJournett

2nd grade

1. Destinee Williams

2. Clay Daniel

3. Colin Battard

3rd grade

1. Davy Ibanez

2. Illiana Esquivel

3. Tyler DeJournett

4th grade

1. Alyssa Toellner

2. Nicole Perez

3. Will Best

5th grade

1. Jordan Croy

2. Jasmine Reighard

3. Jianna Salas

6th grade

1. Brittany Fiveash

2. Julie Kirkpatrick

3. Emily Sipos

Overall

1. Alyssa Toellner

2. Brittany Fiveash

3. Julie Kirkpatrick

An ounce of prevention...

Robins Fire Prevention week educates children, adults on how to prevent home fires

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Robins Fire Emergency Services held several events last week to give children and adults tips on preventing home fires, but for those who missed it Assistant Fire Chief Tom Kennedy summed it up in two words.

"Common sense," Mr. Kennedy said. "I couldn't use that enough."

The education effort, which involved appearances by Smokey Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog, is a part of Fire Prevention Week from Oct. 5-11, recognized by fire departments across the nation. The theme this year was preventing home fires.

Although not many people live on the base now, Mr. Kennedy said the aim is not just to prevent fires at residences on the base but also in the homes of everyone who works at Robins.

Cooking mishaps are the biggest cause of home fires, usually the result of leaving the stove unattended, and grease fires are the most common problem, Mr. Kennedy said. Grease tends to overheat when left on the stove too long and can combust. Water should not be used to put out a grease fire.

The easiest thing to do is to put a lid on the pan, according to the National Fire Protection Association, or use a dry chemical fire extinguisher. Water will not only fail to put the fire out, but it will cause the grease to splash and spread the fire. Also, no one should try to take a burning pan outside.

Some people do not recognize the dangers of cooking and will intentionally leave a stove unattended, Mr. Kennedy said, but in most cases people simply forget as they engage in other activities around the house. Mr. Kennedy said he's even done it himself.

"I think we have all tended to do that."

The leading cause of fire deaths is space heaters because people are often asleep when space heaters ignite a fire. Mr. Kennedy said all space heaters pose a risk, even newer models. The



Alyssa Toellner, Robins Elementary 4th grade student, was the overall winner of the Fire Prevention poster contest. She received a trophy and a \$25 gift card.

key is to follow the rule of not placing any combustible material within three feet of a space heater. Space heaters should always be turned off when the user goes to bed or leaves the room.

The fire department held events to try to get those and other points across, including giving handouts at Robins Elementary, the Child Development Center, the Base Restaurant and the BX.

Mr. Kennedy said it's especially important to teach fire prevention to children.

"In fire prevention, it has always been the contention that if we can start small it will stay with them," he said. "Hopefully they take it with them and they can take it home and they can correct the parents. The main reason is they learn quicker and they will retain it and grow up with it."

Although Mr. Kennedy said most fires are preventable, there are some causes where the risk wouldn't necessarily be known to the homeowner, such as electrical



Robins Elementary pre-kindergarten students have their chance to tour the Fire Safety House Oct. 9. Children learn safety tips for the kitchen, living room and bedroom and are taught how to call 911 and make an escape from a house in the event of a fire.



Above, Sparky the Fire Dog and Smokey Bear visit with Robins Elementary students.



Robins firefighters spent time on base spreading the word on fire prevention last week. Tom Kennedy and Smokey Bear visit patrons at the BX Oct. 6 as Sheryl Winn helps herself to some free literature and gifts.

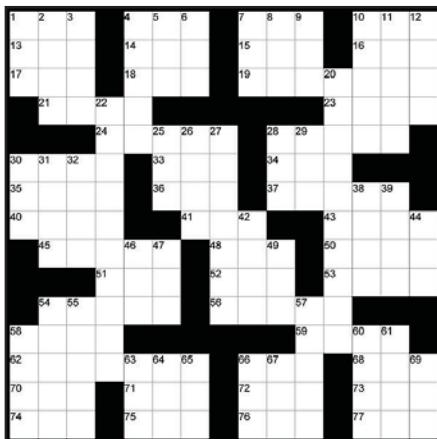
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DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.

Submissions run for two weeks.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



The Cornhusker State

By Capt. Tony Wickman
USAFE Public Affairs

ACROSS

- 1. Vega
 - 4. ___ alia
 - 7. Donkey
 - 10. USAF E-4
 - 13. Bullring cheer
 - 14. Engine need
 - 15. Also
 - 16. Aglow
 - 17. Former HQs at the Comhusker State base
 - 18. Brother
 - 19. Disenfranchise
 - 21. Daze
 - 23. ... said the blind man ...
 - 24. Gird
 - 28. Should
 - 30. Questions
 - 33. Brother
 - 34. Burn residue
 - 35. Small opening
 - 36. Grande
 - 37. Bring in
 - 40. Desistute
 - 41. Boxing outcome
 - 43. Dash; impetuous ardor
 - 45. Open space in a forest
 - 48. Got a Secret
 - 50. First capital of Japan
 - 51. Bath place
 - 52. Homer's neighbor
 - 53. Black
 - 54. Second son of Isaac
 - 56. Adult
 - 58. B-18
 - 59. Shrek was one
 - 60. On the ... running from the law
 - 68. Mining goal
 - 71. Feline
 - 72. Mock
 - 73. See 32 DOWN
 - 74. Mil. phone system
 - 75. Flirtatious
 - 76. Victory
 - 77. Moines
- DOWN**
- 1. Alamos
 - 2. Sigh
 - 3. Cult
 - 4. See 11 DOWN
 - 5. Part of USAF
 - 6. Type
 - 7. Dined
 - 8. Male offspring
 - 9. USAF PME for O-3s
 - 10. Cut vertically
 - 11. EC-135; plane assigned at the Comhusker State base
 - 12. Fit to ...
 - 20. P-38; one time aircraft at the Comhusker State base
 - 22. Combat Command currently at the Comhusker State base
 - 25. Hearing tool
 - 26. Erase
 - 27. EC-135 ... Glass; one time mission at the Comhusker State base
 - 28. Galoot
 - 29. Deploy
 - 30. Viper
 - 31. Clump about
 - 32. Drink invented in the Comhusker State
 - 38. Tribe
 - 39. Listen
 - 42. Above
 - 44. Negotiate reply
 - 46. Couple
 - 47. Wane
 - 49. Tokyo, formerly
 - 54. Sir John James ...; current 55 WCGO at Comhusker State base
 - 55. Foreigner
 - 57. Little
 - 58. Heartland of America ...
 - 59. Comhusker State tenant unit
 - 60. Highway
 - 61. Great Lake
 - 63. MAJCOM the Comhusker State base is assigned
 - 64. Mekong Delta denizen
 - 65. Pig's pen
 - 66. Canon
 - 67. Overseas mil. Address starter
 - 69. O'Neill and Harris

SOLUTION



FRIDAY

The 78th Force Support Squadron will hold a sealed bid sale, to raise excess equipment and other items, Oct. 17. Bids will be on tables and chairs at the base restaurant and lodging items, such as various home appliances and furniture, at Bldg. 659. Customers may deposit a sealed bid any time from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the base restaurant and Bldg. 659. For more information, please call Gary Estvanki at 926-5717.

SATURDAY

An America's Kids Run is slated for Oct. 18 starting at 9 a.m. at the fitness center track. Register day of event at 8:15 a.m. This event is for children ages five - 13 years old. Each child will receive a free T-shirt for completing their run. For more information or to register call the community center at 926-2105 or go to www.americaskidsrun.org.

SUNDAY

Watch WWE Wrestling "Cyber Sunday" Oct. 26 in the Heritage Club lounge, located in Bldg. 956. The action begins at 8 p.m. for both events. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call the Heritage Club at 926-2105.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies Under the Stars Oct. 24 for a presentation of "Monsters, Inc." The movie will start at dark (8:30 p.m.) in a new location behind the Heritage Club. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

A fall festival will be Oct. 24 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Children and parents from CDC East and West and Family Child Care are invited. For more information call Child Development Center East or West at 926-5805 or 926-3080.

Bring your dancing partner and arrive in costume to a Halloween dinner and dance Oct. 31 from 6 to 11 p.m., with dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. and dancing from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$15 members and \$20 guests and includes choice of prime rib, sautéed salmon or grilled chicken. Entertainment will be provided by the Bob Cummings band. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

The 2008 Family and Teen Talent contest will be Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom. Contestants may enter in one of many categories: parent and child team, husband and wife team, chil-

SERVICES BRIEFS

Commander's Trophy



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON
Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, speaks at the opening ceremony for the annual WR-ALC Commander's Trophy Golf tournament Oct. 10 at Pine Oaks Golf Course. The format for the event was a four-person scramble.

dren: ages 3 - 5 years and ages 6 - 8 years, preteen solo and preteen group; ages 9 - 12 years, teen solo and teen group; ages 13 - 15 years, teen solo and group; ages 16 - 18 years and family.

Anyone interested in honing their talents for the Family and Teen Talent Show may come to the community center to practice Oct. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information call the community center at 926-2105 or for further details go to www.afccommunityprograms.com.

The A&FRC Fall festival will be Nov. 1 from noon to 4 p.m. in Robins Park. All Robins ID card holders welcome (no guests). Festivities will be for all ages and will include an obstacle course, bungee run, joust, golf chipping, touchdown toss, basketball free throw, Simon Says game, bubble machine and arts and crafts. For more information call A&FRC at 926-1256.

The RAFB Chili Cook off and tailgate party is scheduled for Nov. 8 from noon to 5 p.m. in the Heritage Club parking lot. Enjoy music and college football on big screen televisions while cooking. Cost is \$20 per team and teams may register now until Oct. 31. For more details call the community center at 926-2105.

ONGOING
The Child Development Centers East and West have openings for ages six weeks through 5 years old. Both centers are accredited by the National Association for the

Education of Young Children and offer full time care. Hourly care is available at CDC West. For more information call CDC East or West at 926-5805 or 926-3080.

Come out for a spectacular store sale on selected merchandise. Receive 50 to 70 percent off in the frame shop, gift shop and on engraving. Sale includes prints, frames and gift items during the month of October. For more information call Arts & Crafts at 926-5282.

Private pilot ground school registration will be now through Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Robins Park. All Robins ID card holders welcome (no guests). Festivities will be for all ages and will include an obstacle course, bungee run, joust, golf chipping, touchdown toss, basketball free throw, Simon Says game, bubble machine and arts and crafts. For more information call A&FRC at 926-4867.

The Airmen Against Drunk Driving program provides rides free of charge to all Robins DOD card holders. Coverage is from Perry to Macon. For a free, anonymous ride, please call 222-0013.

Children's birthday party packages are available at Robins Lanes Bowling Center. Rent a lane for \$15 per hour per lane (6 bowlers per lane). Shoe rental is \$1.50 per person, birthday meal for \$3 per meal and for each meal ordered receive a free shoe rental. A 50 percent deposit is required to confirm reservations. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

SERVICES PHONE DIRECTORY

- Services 926-5491
- Community Center 926-2105
- Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- Arts & Crafts 926-5282
- Horizons 926-2670
- Library 327-8761
- HAWC 327-8480
- Fitness Center 926-2128
- Fitness Center Annex 926-2128
- Youth Center 926-2110
- ITT 926-2945
- Bowling Center 926-2112
- Pine Oaks G.C. 926-4103
- Pizza Depot 926-0188

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in *The Edge* and at www.robinsservices.com

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m., vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month featuring the latest praise and worship music. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational music. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

NOW PLAYING



FRIDAY — 7:30 P.M.
BABYLON A.D.
RATED PG-13

In the near future, Toorp is a mercenary who takes the job of escorting a woman named Aurora from Central Asia to New York. While he thinks this is just an ordinary mission, he gradually finds out that his guest is carrying twins that have the potential to become the next Messiahs.



SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M.
THE HOUSE BUNNY
RATED PG-13

Shelley Darlington has lived at the Playboy mansion for the last nine years. She is her favorite and acts like a den mother to the other girls. On her birthday, she is uncannily evicted from her pad for being too old.

Homeless and without essential skills, Shelley wanders around L.A. until she finds a new job—the housemother at the most unpopular sorority on campus.



UPCOMING:
THE FAMILY THAT PREYS
RATED PG-13

Charlotte and Alice have enjoyed a lasting friendship throughout many years. Suddenly, their lives become mired in turmoil as their children's extramarital affairs, unorthodox business practices and a dark paternity secret threaten to derail family fortunes and unravel the lives of all involved.

Tickets: \$4 adult; \$2 children (11 years old and younger. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919

COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACHES POLL

A look at the top 10 teams in the USA Today Coaches Poll — By Kendahl Johnson

- 1 TEXAS** (6-0) — The Longhorns jumped from No. 5 to the top spot after a thrilling 45-35 upset of then-No. 1 Oklahoma. Texas will need to stay focused this week when the team faces No. 12 Missouri.
- 2 ALABAMA** (6-0) — With a bye week last week, the Crimson Tide had an extra week to prepare for conference foes Mississippi. The team enters the game as a heavy favorite.
- 3 PENN STATE** (7-0) — Penn State embarrassed Wisconsin on national television, rolling to a 48-7 victory. Although a 41-point victory might not happen again this week, Michigan fans have to be worried.
- 4 SOUTHERN CAL** (4-1) — After being shocked by Oregon State, USC has recovered nicely and climbed back into the top 5. They are 43-point favorites this week against Washington State.
- 5 TEXAS TECH** (6-0) — Texas Tech continues to play well and are legitimate contenders for a Big 12 title. They take on Texas A&M on the road this week.
- 6 OKLAHOMA** (5-1) — The Sooners suffered a disappointing loss to Texas, falling from the top spot in the country. They hope to rebound against Kansas this week.
- 7 FLORIDA** (5-1) — Florida rolled over defending national champs LSU 51-21 and climbed to No. 7 in the polls. Team is idle this week and takes on Kentucky next.
- 8 BRIGHAM YOUNG** (6-0) — The Cougars defense shined as the team defeated New Mexico 21-3 last week. To stay in the hunt for a BCS bowl, BYU will have to keep its 16-game winning streak alive against TCU.
- 9 GEORGIA** (5-1) — The Bulldogs handed Tennessee a 26-14 loss in a game that wasn't as close as the score might indicate. Georgia hosts No. 23 Vanderbilt this week.
- 10 OKLAHOMA ST.** (6-0) — The Cowboys makes its first appearance in the top 10 this season after a stunning upset of then-No. 2 Missouri. The team takes on Baylor this week.

MUST SEE TV

Missouri has one of the best offenses in the nation. The team is reeling from a loss at home to Oklahoma State last week and could be out to prove it is still one of the NCAA's elite teams this week when it takes on No. 1 Texas.

The Longhorns are coming off a huge, emotional victory over top-ranked Oklahoma and could be ripe for a letdown. Several No. 1 teams have already lost this season. This will be the game of the week and should be a close, back-and-forth battle.

The game will be televised at 8 p.m. on ABC.

UPSETS ABOUND

Top ranked teams continue to drop like dominoes. The top three teams in last week's poll were upset, including then-No. 1 Oklahoma, then No. 2 Missouri, then No. 3 LSU. It's tough to think that any of the top 10 will lose this week, although Missouri could knock off No. 1 Texas if the Longhorns letdown after last week's big win.

UPSET SPECIAL

Amazingly, BYU is not favored over Texas Christian in a Mountain West showdown, but picking BYU, the team with the longest win-

Football Quick Hits

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON

ning streak in the country, as my upset special just doesn't feel right.

Instead, I am looking to the Big Ten, where No. 11 Michigan State hosts No. 11 Ohio State. The Buckeyes started the season ranked in the top five, but a big loss to USC dropped the team out of the top 10.

Michigan State has struggled in big games in the past, but running back Javon Ringer is having a tremendous season and the Spartans are challenging for conference title.

Michigan State has won six straight and look to make it seven by upsetting the favored Buckeyes at home.

Prediction: Michigan State 30, Ohio State 24.

BCS BUSTER WATCH

A new team has entered the mix as a possible BCS Buster — No. 25 Ball State. The Cardinals play in the Mid-American Conference and are unbeaten in seven games. The national ranking is the teams first in the modern era as the team is off to its best start in 43 years.

Other undefeated teams in non-BCS conferences with a shot at a BCS bowl include Tulsa, BYU, Utah and Boise State. Utah and BYU play each other late in the season.

SUPER CONFERENCES

While the Southeastern Conference is widely considered the best football conference in the country, the Big 12 is making some noise. Big 12's Texas took the No. 1 spot, while three other teams (No. 5 Texas Tech, No. 6 Oklahoma and No. 10 Oklahoma State) are ranked in the top 10. The SEC has three teams ranked in the top 10 — No. 2 Alabama, No. 7 Florida and No. 9 Georgia.



Courtesy photo

Colt McCoy, quarterback for the Texas Longhorns, has lead his team to the No. 1 ranking and is making a case for the Heisman award. Texas takes on No. 12 Missouri this week.

VIRTUALLY SEAMLESS Virtual servers help Robins go green

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Robins is changing the way computers interact in order to significantly reduce the number of servers through "virtualization," which conserves energy and improves operating efficiency.

Virtualization involves making computers work together through a virtual server rather than a physical one, said Terry Stewart, flight director of the 78th Communications Group. A "software shell" is created to mimic an actual server, so that computers can operate on a common hardware platform, much like Microsoft's Word, Excel and PowerPoint programs operate under the same operating system, Mr. Stewart explained.

To the user, Mr. Stewart said, the virtual server would operate the same as an actual server. In the servers that have been switched over so far, the users don't even notice the difference, he said.

"We try to do it transparently," he said. "We usually do it on the weekend. They come in Monday morning and access applications and they never know. For most people it's impossible to tell whether you are accessing a physical stand-alone server or a virtual."

The computer would have better processing, memory and data-storage ability, running any application and almost any operating system. Also, when a physical server crashes, computers tied to it would be disrupted. But with the virtual server, one computer could crash and the others would operate uninterrupted.

The driving motive behind the switch is the effort to meet federal mandates and local management directives to reduce energy consumption, but Mr. Stewart said that's not necessarily the biggest benefit. The virtualization, he said, is also important for the improved operating efficiency and reduced maintenance costs because there are fewer servers.

The 69 servers already virtualized at the Robins Data Center over the past year and half achieves the same pollution reduction as removing 207 cars from the road. The reduction means 1.2 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions have been eliminated annually. The

environmental impact is also the equivalent of planting 2,750 trees.

From the efficiency standpoint, Mr. Stewart explained that a physical server typically uses its processor 8-15 percent of the time. The remaining time the server is idle, although it is still consuming power, Stewart compared it to having a Corvette and only driving it 30 miles per hour. Effectively, he said, virtualization results in a 70-percent or more efficiency increase. In the event of a spike in usage, resources such as processors, memory and hard drive space can be added to that virtual until the spike is over. The user would never know it happened, Mr. Stewart said. The Robins Data Center is currently achieving a 10 to 1 reduction in the number of servers

through the virtual environment, Mr. Stewart said.

The center is also reducing the number of servers through consolidation, combining applications and databases into fewer machines. Servers might previously have held a single database or application, but through consolidation servers hold multiple databases or applications.

In the first eight months of fiscal 2008, 74 servers were eliminated, saving \$1.2 million in hardware costs. The effort to reduce the number of servers through virtualization has been going on for over a year and will continue, Mr. Stewart said.

For the servers that are still needed, the Robins Data Center is moving to more compact "blade servers." The blade servers have

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

Have you received your requested absentee ballot for the Nov. 4, general election?

► Yes? - Vote it as soon as possible and send it back to your local election official. Be sure to follow all signing and completion instructions on the ballot!

► No? - Vote the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. It's a back-up ballot for Federal offices to ensure that there is plenty of time for you to reach your state by Election Day (or your state's deadline). The ballot and completion instructions are on our website, www.fvap.gov and available from your Voting Assistance Officer.

Since the FWAB is already at your location and online, no one can say "I didn't vote because I didn't get my ballot."