

The SHEPPARD SENATOR

Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, home of the 82nd Training Wing and 80th Flying Training Wing

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Dining facility closure

Dining Facility 1368, on the corner of Ave. J and 5th Ave., will be closed for maintenance today following the lunch meal and will reopen for breakfast Monday. Patrons are asked to use Dining Facilities 776 (Ave. H), 516 (Ave. E and 5th Ave.) and 726 (Ave. G and 8th Ave.) Saturday and Sunday.

80th FTW:



Excellent: A time to celebrate!

From left: Lt. Col. John Kreger, Maj. Brian Bowman, Senior Airman Rodney Jones, 1st Lt. William Gardiner and Staff Sgt. Kathleen Langley celebrated the 80th Flying Training Wing's "excellent" rating for their unit compliance inspection at the Team Sheppard post-operational readiness inspection/UCI party Tuesday. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander)

Change of command for 782nd Training Group

By Lynn Gonzales

Base public affairs

The 782nd Training Group held a change of command ceremony Wednesday at 9 a.m. in Hangar 1012.

Col. Arvil "Bobby" White took command of the 782nd TRG from Col. William Randall Floyd.

Colonel Floyd heads to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where he will serve as the deputy director of civil engineering for U.S. Air Forces in

Europe.

Colonel White came to Sheppard from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., where he served as the commander of the 99th Civil Engineer Squadron, base civil engineer and base fire marshal.

In this position, he maintained a \$951 million physical plant and supported more than 40,600 aircraft sorties annually. He also managed a \$32.9 million operating budget, a \$15 million construc-

tion program and a \$10.8 million fleet of 227 vehicles and equipment items.

Colonel White was commissioned through the ROTC program in 1978 after graduating from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

The colonel has held assignments at Headquarters Aeronautical Systems Division, Hurlburt Field, Sondrestrom Air Base in Greenland, Wright-

Patterson Air Force Base, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Moody Air Force Base, U.S. European Command in Germany and Tyndall Air Force Base.

Colonel White's military awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster and Air Force Recognition Ribbon.



 Team Sheppard Training 2002 

82nd Training Wing: 46,358 students trained to replenish America's combat capability

80th Flying Training Wing: 248 combat pilots trained for the NATO Alliance



Action Line 676-2000, action.line@sheppard.af.mil

The 82nd Training Wing's Action Line is your direct line to me for any concerns and suggestions you have. I am personally involved in every reply, and I am committed to making Sheppard AFB a better place to live, work and play. Before you call the Action Line, however, I ask that you give your chain of command or other base agencies an opportunity to work your concerns. If you still do not receive a satisfactory response, call me at 676-2000, or send an e-mail to

action.line@sheppard.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number. Those concerns with a wide impact at Sheppard may be published in *The Sheppard Senator*.
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Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr. presents Master Sgt. Michael Marberg (right), an instructor with the 366th Training Squadron, a \$5,000 check from the IDEA program for saving the Air Force more than \$135,000 with his fall protection pads. Doug Bogenrief (left), chief of the 82nd Manpower and Organization Office, assisted with the presentation. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Laura Renner)

Storm debris

QI'm calling about all the debris that was left from the storm we had over a week ago. I called housing, and they gave me a number to call. I called the number and left a message. My tree limbs are still sitting in my front yard. I was walking in Wherry housing last night, and almost every one of the yards are full of tree limbs. I'd like to know why these limbs have not been picked up. It's an eyesore to the base.

AI understand your frustration. An estimate for cleanup of debris and trimming or removing trees from the storm was sent to HQ AETC, and we are waiting funding. However, the grounds contractor and civil engineers are accomplishing some of the smaller work. They are removing only the smaller piles of debris and limbs. I understand that the tree limbs in your yard have now been removed. Once we receive the money from headquarters, the contracting office

will advertise the job for bids for the rest of the clean up.

KUDOS - Honor guard

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to the Sheppard Honor Guard. On Saturday, June 29, they represented the U.S. Air Force and Sheppard at a funeral in Iowa Park. Their presentation was truly noteworthy. We can all be proud of them.

I am a retired Air Force member and a church elder for the First Presbyterian

Church in Iowa Park. On behalf of our church, I want to thank you. You truly made us proud, and your presence made it easier for the family. I know that you make personal sacrifices, giving up your own time, to represent our great Air Force. I just want you to know how much it is appreciated.

ID cards for retired civilians

QI have worked at Sheppard Air Force Base for 36 years. I retired in

2001. I now have to get a sponsor to get on base. I would like to know if civilians can get retired ID cards, so we can get decals to enter the base.

AYes, and here are the steps to do so: pick up the appropriate form at the Civilian Personnel Flight Customer Service, Bldg. 402, Room 221, and then take that form to Security Forces Pass and Registration, Bldg. 2118, to receive the new ID card and vehicle decals.

“The Air Force enjoys an unprecedented level of organizational flexibility that originated in its common heritage.

Airman expect change, look forward to it and thrive on it.”

– Maj. Gen. David Deptula, former director, Air Force Quadrennial Defense Review



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Team Sheppard reorganizes to become combat wing

By 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander

Base public affairs

Team Sheppard isn't losing a logistics group. It's gaining a combat wing.

Sheppard reorganized its current wing structure and adopted the Air Force Chief of Staff's new Combat Wing Structure Thursday. The 982nd Training Group and the newly designated 82nd Mission Support Group will absorb Sheppard's 82nd Logistics Group, which ceased to exist Thursday.

"We need to embrace this change and focus on the future," said Col. Ned LaViolette, 82nd LG commander.

The Combat Wing Structure initiative was introduced to the Air Force April 22. The entire Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Components will adopt the new structure by October.

"[The Combat Wing] will help us become more expeditionary and allow us to train our leaders in warfighting, mainte-

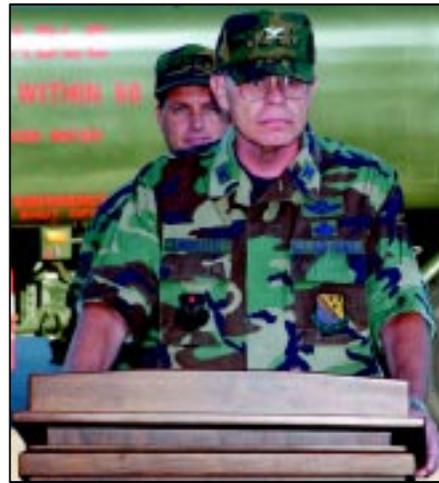
nance and expeditionary operations," said Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff.

For example, the mission support group will house under one roof all the components necessary to build a bare base tent city from which Air Force personnel can operate fully and successfully when deployed.

The combat wing generally consists of four groups: operations, maintenance, mission support and medical; whereas, the previous wing structure consisted of operations, logistics, support and medical.

However, Sheppard is different from the conventional Air Force wing due to the training that takes place here.

There is no maintenance group at Sheppard. The reorganization will only slightly change the way Sheppard looks. There will still be four training groups and a medical group. The support group will be redesignated as the mission support group with the addition of



the newly formed logistics readiness squadron and the contracting squadron. The 82nd Maintenance Squadron will be transferred to the 982nd Training Group.

Team Sheppard's leaders expressed confidence in the reorganization.

"The new logistic readiness squadron gives the [mission support] group more depth and impact on Team Sheppard," said Col. J.R. Tillery, 82nd Mission Support Group commander.

"We anticipate that this [re-



Colonel LaViolette says goodbye to the 82nd Logistics Squadron at the redesignation ceremony as the new 82nd Logistic Readiness Squadron shield is unveiled during a ceremony July 25. (Photos by Lynn Bullard)

organization] will be a seamless transition," said Col. Robert Simmons, 982nd TRG commander.

"Since 1985, the supply and transportation functions have been merged here at Sheppard," said Colonel LaViolette. "But we've integrated the logistics

plans function with supply and transportation to create the logistics readiness squadron."

"By putting the combat readiness activity that is responsible for moving mobility cargo and personnel under the same roof

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Sheppard to get Air Force's newest electronic key to future

by Chuck Courtney

AF PKI Systems Program Office

Sending e-mail and electronic documents without digital signatures will soon be history.

The Air Force is taking a giant leap into the digital age with the advent of the Department of Defense Public Key Infrastructure.

The Air Force recently adopted a new information technology strategy, "One Air Force...One Network." This strategy includes establishing an Air Force-wide directory and consolidating e-mail servers.

PKI is a key factor in achieving this strategy. Our "Air Force Vision 2020" acknowledges "information superiority" as a core Air Force

competency. Today's Air Force mission is more complex and globally dispersed. Electronic information we transmit is more varied while emerging technology is more sophisticated and accessible. Maintaining communications integrity is more challenging, and we need to trust our systems and modes of communication. Ensuring trust comes down to our ability to sign, encrypt/decrypt and authenticate information. Users of government systems need and should expect system integrity. PKI-enabled applications will maximize system integrity.

What is PKI?

A Public-Key Infrastructure consists of protocols, services, standards and tools that allow improved secure com-

munications over an unsecured network, such as the Internet. PKI supports a digital signature and encryption process, which uses electronic key pairs. Each pair has one private key and one public key.

By using your private key, you can place your digital signature on to documents and outgoing E-mail. You can also decrypt incoming E-mail. On the other hand, other people use your public key to verify your digital signature and encrypt E-mail to you. It's that simple. And for organizations hosting Web sites, PKI can allow queries that ask visitors to authenticate their identity prior to allowing them access, which controls access to an organization's sensitive information.

Why PKI?

The new global culture of electronic information exchange and networking poses greater threats than ever before of fraud, e-mail eavesdropping and data theft. By direction of Deputy Secretary of Defense directive called the Hamre Memo, all DoD departments and agencies are implementing PKI to ensure that information/data is transmitted securely across the Internet and all military networks. All unclassified E-mail transmitted through DoD channels will require a digital signature.

When to register?

You will soon be registered for your PKI credentials, which consist of certificates and electronic key pairs that

enable your ability to digitally sign E-mail and electronic documents. Through your orderly room, a time, date and location will be set up for your organization's personnel to be issued certificates.

The registration team will issue each person three certificates: identity certificate, E-mail signature certificate and E-mail encryption certificate. After loading the certificates on your personal computer, you can start using PKI.

Look for implementation of PKI here in the coming months. For more information, visit the Air Force PKI Web site at <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil>, or contact 1st Lt. Deborah Hummel, the base PKI POC, at 6-7790.



Staff Sgt. Tori Lockhart, a T-37 scheduler with the 80th Operations Support Squadron, lifts heavy weights at the 80th Flying Training Wing aircrew gym. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear)

80th FTW to revitalize flightcrew gym

By 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear

Base public affairs

The 80th Flying Training Wing received good news this month: \$100,000 in funding for new shower facilities and gym equipment for its pilots and staff.

The funds are part of the Focus Project, a \$1.88 million-dollar initiative by Air Education and Training Command to improve fitness facilities at 14 bases.

“This money will go a long way in improving fitness and help AETC provide a quality product to our people,” said Gen. Donald Cook, AETC commander.

The Focus Project began in January when General

Cook asked the AETC wing commanders to evaluate their needs and develop a comprehensive “wish list” of projects that would improve the quality of life for their people at work, home and play.

The 80th FTW submitted a proposal to renovate the existing shower facility in their flightcrew workout area to accommodate both male and female pilots. Up to this point, females have had to shower at other locations on base or their homes.

“We really needed to address the fact that there was only one shower,” said Col.

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Ralph Jodice, commander of the 80th FTW. "Our aircrews are made up of both genders, so it only makes sense to provide for them."

In addition to showers, some of the funds will be used to replace and upgrade the fitness equipment itself.

"It was time to get some state-of-the-art equipment just like 'Gold's Gym,'" said Colonel Jodice. "NATO is a physically-fit fighting force."

The \$100,000 should arrive soon, and construction is expected to begin in the next quarter.

The "focus on fitness" program is a reflection of the Air Force's priorities.

"Anything we can do to ensure physical fitness for our people means we're one step closer to ensuring we remain the best air and space force in the world," said General Cook.

Summer camp teaches kids to DEFY drugs and alcohol

By 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear
Base public affairs

Team Sheppard hosted the Drug Education for Youth summer camp for local children from area target neighborhoods this week.

With the help of the Wichita Falls Weed and Seed Program, more than 30 children, ages 9 to 13, learned the dangers of drug use and engaged in fun activities aimed at boosting self-esteem and promoting a positive self-image.

This is the fifth year for the DEFY program, which is a joint effort by the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force,

Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office and the Wichita Falls Police Department DARE program.

Master Sgt. Jose Egoavil, a distribution chief in the 82nd Training Group and the program's coordinator, was thrilled at the outcome.

"This week has been incredibly rewarding," he said. "I started out as a mentor four years ago, and each year I get the same uplifting feeling. It's a long week, but it's worth it."

The program is geared toward "high risk" youths in and around Wichita Falls and

the Vernon area. Its goal is to influence kids to stay drug-free and build skills to resist gangs.

The camp accomplishes this by focusing on a variety of academics, health and fitness, mentor interaction, and citizenship development.

Organizers and volunteer mentors spent the week with youths in a variety of activities, both on and off base.

"We've been on tours, explored a C-130, nature walks, and daily sports activities such as rock climbing," Sergeant Egoavil said. "The kids were able to see the military

and civilian police as positive role models and interact with people we hope they will emulate."

Other field trips had a more profound impact.

"We also visited the Wichita Falls police station and the juvenile detention center," said Master Sgt. Greg Heebner, a courseware developer in the 82nd TRG and assistant program organizer. "You can see that by exposing these young citizens to the consequences of illegal actions that they get the picture that this is not somewhere they want to be."

These long-term impacts make the whole adventure worth it emphasized Sergeant Heebner.

"I think everyone who volunteered would agree that they've made a big impact on these kids," he said. "It's good to know that we've given them the tools to resist the dangers of these behaviors and mentors they can lean on."

The DEFY program has volunteer opportunities and mentoring activities year round. For more information, call Calvin Holman at 763-2721.

**Be smart.
Stay safe.
Don't
drink and
drive!**

Public health prepares community for Texas West Nile Encephalitis

1st Lt. Samantha Elmore

Base public health

In mid-June, the first Texas West Nile Encephalitis cases occurred in blue jays from the Houston area.

It was next detected in birds from Dallas County. The first Texas human case, confirmed on July 23, was from Orange County, Houston.

WNE is a disease of birds. Mosquitoes that feed on an infected bird can then transmit the disease to another

bird. People and horses can also be infected through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Individuals who are infected with the West Nile Virus have either no symptoms or experience mild illness such as a fever, headache and body aches before fully recovering. Some may also develop a slight rash or swollen lymph glands.

Mild cases will recover quickly, but serious cases may require hospitalization and supportive care. The

very young, elderly and immuno-compromised individuals are at greatest risk of acquiring a more serious form of the disease causing encephalitis (swelling and inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the brain and spinal cord). At its most severe, the disease can cause permanent neurological damage and can be fatal.

Symptoms of encephalitis include the rapid onset of se

One more question every airman can answer

Editor's Note: Doctrine is the Air Force's accepted best practices, so it's important for all airmen to understand it, and, in turn, understand "why" and "how" we employ air and space power.

3. What is a commander?

A commander is delegated with the legal authority and responsibility to organize, equip, train and employ forces to accomplish assigned missions. Commanders also have responsibilities for the health, welfare, morale and discipline of the forces assigned to them. They often exercise their command responsibilities through an organization of personnel designed to assist the commander called the staff, but we should remember that the staffs don't command. Only commanders command. The legal authority and responsibility is vested in one person – the commander. *(Courtesy of Air Force Doctrine Center)*

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Student Stuff

Happenings on base and in the community

Student center events

Every Monday, 6-8 p.m.
- spade tournament

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- jam session, bring your own instrument/equipment.

Every Tuesday, 5-8:30 p.m. - Country Video Night in the pub.

Every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. - Variety Dance Night in the pub. Listen to Latin, hip-hop and R&B music.

Every Thursday, 5-9 p.m.
- Video Night in the pub.

Every Friday and Saturday, 7-11:30 p.m. Club BDU

Every Sunday, 3-5 p.m. - billiards tournament in the pub.

Hours of Operation

Mon-Thurs: 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday: Noon to 10 p.m.

Holidays: Noon to 8 p.m.

Games events

The student center hosts and demonstrates role-playing games, card games and miniature wargames, such as Dungeons & Dragons, Magic: The Gathering and Warhammer 40k, every Sunday in the sports bar at 2 p.m. For more information, call Pegasus Loft at 855-5020.

Golf etiquette lesson

Students are invited to the Wind Creek Golf Course for

free golf etiquette lessons. Lessons are held every Sunday from 12:30-1 p.m. For more information, call the golf course at 6-6369.

Bingo

Students are invited to enjoy a game of bingo Saturday from 6:30-8 p.m. The cost is \$1 per card. Prizes will be available for the winners. For more information, call Sam Reola at 6-7659.

1950s dance

The student center will host a 1950s dance Friday from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. There will be a prize for the best dressed person in 50s attire. Call Sam Reola at 6-7659 for more information.

Oratory contest

Students are invited to compete in an oratory contest Friday from 4-6 p.m. at the student center. Competitors will draw on a list of speeches provided by the student center within 72 hours of the event. Prizes will be given to first, second and third place winners. Students will be judged on delivery, interpretation and presence. For more information, call Sam Reola at 6-7659.

Steak night in the park

Students can bring their own steak or meat to cook on Aug. 24 from 4-6 p.m. The student center will provide all the trimmings. Call Sam Reola at 6-7659 for more information.

Chapel Events

Sheppard chapels offer a variety of programs for student enrichment:

Saturday

All students are invited to the "Solid Rock Cafe" held each Saturday at the south chapel. Dinner is served at 5 p.m., and a variety of scheduled activities take place from 4-9 p.m.

Tuesday

Base chaplains offer helpful classes every Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., in the north chapel for students awaiting training or those having already graduated.

Sunday

Students are invited to the north chapel at 5 p.m. on Sundays for Bible study, an informal get-together with refreshments and student-led music, ending with athletic activities at the north fitness center.

Other Events

Midwestern State University's art department invites students to the Student Exhibition and Graduating Senior Exhibition in the Fain Fine Arts Gallery. The exhibition runs through Sept. 5. Call Midwestern's fine arts department at 397-4267 for more information.

Student views: Who's your hero?

By Airman James Henry

361st Training Squadron

Someone recently asked me, "Who's your hero?"

It took me a minute, but I thought about it; and it wasn't some rapper, rock star, a president, a family member, an athlete, or any other famous person: it's my training instructor from basic training, Tech. Sgt. Jason Hilligas.

Why do I say my TI? He taught me three simple rules to live by: service before self, integrity first and excellence in all we do.

Let me start with service before self. It sounds rather selfish, but if you think about it, any job you have you put it first, right? It is the same with our job, only ours is on a 24-hour shift, not an eight-hour one. Service before self is putting our lives on the line, so our families will be free and safe.

Integrity first is doing what is right when nobody is looking, even if it means losing friends. It is much easier to do what is wrong when nobody is looking than to do what is right. People don't want to suffer the consequences of their wrongdoing, but they do it anyway.

There is a saying that goes, "What is popular is not always right, and what is right is not always popular." It means people will do something foolish just to fit in. We aren't perfect, but we can strive to be. That's integrity.

Excellence in all we do is doing the best you can do at all times. It is going above and beyond. Excellence is doing your job to the best of your ability and not letting anyone do it better than you. It can also be serving your country with honor and heart, doing whatever you can to ensure this country's freedom.

These are the rules that my TI taught me at basic. Sergeant Hilligas was the best there. He

taught us well. We were the best flight in our squadron. We had the highest academic score. He even did PC with us, while other TIs watched.

Sergeant Hilligas would take time out of his weekend to come and make sure that the dorm looked really good before inspections. He taught us better ways to do things, such as the way to fold a duffle bag so it ended up looking better than what the little manual we referred to, A.K.A. Basic Military Training Manual 1, showed. He also would inspect our wall lockers everyday in the fourth week, so we wouldn't fail when the blue ropes came to inspect it.

One special time I remember happened after we got our scores back from the test. He went "nuts." He told every person he saw how good we did. It was nice and kind of funny. He looked like a little kid at Christmas. He was proud of us, and I felt proud to be one of his trainees.

Sergeant Hilligas is more than a hero. He is a role model who taught me and many more students to come. If anyone thinks that a TI can't be a hero, then that person has never met Sergeant Hilligas or been to basic training. A hero is not just someone who saves lives. It can be a person who changes lives, too.

Sergeant Hilligas is my hero, and I know that I have pretty good reasons why. It is hard to find someone who still retains the values that basic taught.

I've been here three weeks, and my interaction with different people has shown me that not everyone has the same level of integrity, service before self or excellence. Sergeant Hilligas said I would sometimes meet people like that, but that all of us must strive to set the right type of example.



**Sgt.
Looksharp
says...**

**"Pens or pencils may be exposed
when carried in the compartment of the
left BDU pocket or in the left pocket of
Food and Hospital Whites."**

Sheppard Elementary

Sheppard Elementary School is now enrolling kindergarten students through sixth graders who live in Wherry or South Bunker Hill. "Meet the Teacher Time" is Aug. 16 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to set up and tear down for the non-commissioned officer induction ceremony Aug. 30 at the enlisted club. If interested, contact Staff Sgt. Edmund Allen at 6-4474, Senior Airman Kenneth Daniel at 6-2365, or Staff Sgt. Timothy Molock at 6-2810.

Dental assistant training program

The 82nd Dental Squadron in association with the American Red Cross is accepting applications for a Red Cross Dental Assistant Training Program. The program is six months long and will begin Aug. 12. For information or to register, call Tech. Sgt. James Scaife at 6-4474 or visit the dental clinic.

Air Force Marathon

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will host the 2002 Air Force Marathon Sept. 21. People interested in running can register in the following categories:

individual, wheelchair, four-member relay team and 3- to 5-member marathon team. The festivities for the event include a two-day sports exposition, pre-race pasta dinner, race day opening ceremony, awards ceremony and a free post-race party. Participants must register by Sept. 4. Registration and race information are available on the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil> or by calling 1-800-467-1823.

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Red Cross volunteer

The American Red Cross of North Central Texas needs

a volunteer to help coordinate volunteers at the 82nd Medical Group. The volunteer coordinator works closely with other hospital volunteers, and the position can require as little as one or two half-days a week. For more information, call 6-1855.



Sunglasses are referred to in a couple of popular songs of the past.

Corey Hart wrote about wearing them at night, ZZ Top wrote about cheap ones, and Timbuk 3 sang about the future being bright and having to wear shades.

While wearing them at night is not recommended, wearing them during the day is a great idea.

As the sun beats down on the pavement, vehicles and other objects, it creates a reflective glare.

This glare is very dangerous, especially for vehicle operators, by ob-

structing your vision.

A good way to combat this glare is to wear a decent pair of sunglasses while driving. Putting on those sunglasses is a form of personal risk management.

It's far more beneficial to wear a pair than run the risk of an accident. Plus, it protects your eyes from the sun's damaging ultraviolet rays.

So protect yourself and others by wearing a good pair of sunglasses on those sunny days.

(Courtesy of 82nd Training Wing safety office)

Have a safe summer. Practice ORM.

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vere headache, high fever, stiff neck, confusion, loss of consciousness or coma and muscle weakness. Serious disease from WNV is extremely rare in people. Less than two people per 1000 exposed will develop any symptoms at all.

Since WNE is caused by a virus, there is no treatment or cure. There is no human vaccine. The best preventive measures include avoiding bites from mosquitoes by wearing protective clothing and using insect repellent when you are outdoors.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that repellents used on children should not contain more

than 10% DEET and concentrations of up to 30% DEET have been shown to be acceptable for adults.

Indoors, you should make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace all screens that have tears or holes to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

The list of actions below can help prevent mosquito-breeding sites around your home, therefore, decreasing the mosquito population:

- Remove all discarded tires from your property.
- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar water-holding containers.
- Make sure roof gutters drain properly. Clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall.
- Clean and chlorinate swim-

ming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. If not in use, keep empty and covered.

- Drain water from pool covers.
- Change the water in birdbaths every three to four days.
- Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use.
- Eliminate any standing water that collects on your property.
- Remind or help neighbors to eliminate breeding sites on their properties.

For more information, contact www.westnilefever.com, www.cdc.gov, www.tdh.state.tx.us, Wichita Falls Health Department Mosquito Control at 761-7890, or base public health at 6-5978.



Special reenlistment

Staff Sgt. Craig Frerichs, Surgical Service Apprentice Course instructor with the 383rd Training Squadron, takes the oath of reenlistment from his brother, Maj. Brent Frerichs, a pilot assigned to the 10th Air Force Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas. Sergeant Frerichs has served with the Air Force for more than 10 years. During his career, he has had two career fields: chapel service support and surgical technician. He currently also serves as the information systems security officer and Web master for the 383rd TRS. (Photo by Master Sgt. James Burns)

Air power history

-Aug. 7, 1959-

The Air Force took a giant first step toward establishing space superiority, precision engagement and information superiority as core competencies when the U.S. satellite, Explorer VI, transmitted the first images of Earth from space.

The last contact with the payload was made Oct. 6, 1959. A total of 827 hours of analog and 23 hours of digital data was obtained.

Commissary prices cost less than average

By Mike McKito

Base public affairs

Do you wish you had money for a new bedroom set? Do you want a new home entertainment center with a big-screen TV and surround sound? Do you want to invest more money? Do you think you can't afford it?

You may already have the money but probably didn't realize it.

"The average family of four spends over \$675 per month on food and could save \$2,440 a year," said Mike Cox, Sheppard commissary manager. "And according to an independent nationwide market basket study performed for the Defense Commissary Agency, the average commis-

sary shopper saves over 30 percent."

The mission of the commissary is to provide a non-pay benefit in the form of significant savings, which improves the quality of life of its patrons and enhances military readiness and retention of quality personnel.

"Customers pay the price we pay for the food, plus a 5 percent surcharge," said Cox.

The surcharge is used to build new commissaries and modernize existing ones.

"Evidence of Sheppard's surcharge money can be seen as you walk through the store and see the work being done in our freezer area," he said.

New cooler display and

freezer areas are being replaced, as well as updating the the entire sales area, with a completion date of April, 2003.

In addition to paying only cost for food, the commissary periodically has Midnight Madness and Case Lot sales which offer more savings by providing excitement and special deals from commissary vendors. The special deals mean more savings.

Let's go back to the \$675 per month and 30 percent savings. In case you're still wondering, the money saved by shopping at the commissary is \$202 per month, which is over time more than enough to pay for almost whatever your heart desires. You can enjoy that benefit daily.



Master Sgt. Mark Sanders, 82nd Communications Squadron, checks out the baskets that resulted from comparison shopping spree between the commissary and a local grocery store. The commissary saved the shopper \$27.97. Buying the same items at the nearest civilian store cost 25 percent more. (Photo by Mike McKito)

General activities

Pool hours of operation

The main pool, Capehart pool and Bunker Hill Water Park are open from now until Labor Day. Daily fees are \$2 for people age 16 and older and \$1 for people age 15 and under. For information about lap swimming, call 6-6460.

Main pool – 6-6469

Monday-Friday, 1-7:45 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, noon-7:45 p.m.

Weekends only after Labor Day. Also open Monday and Friday for lap swimming.

Capehart pool – 6-4281

Everyday, noon-7:45 p.m.

Thursday, closed for maintenance.

Closed after Labor Day.

Family swim time all hours of operations at the pool.

Bunker Hill water park – 6-4161

Thursday-Tuesday, noon-7:45 p.m.

Weekends only after Labor Day.

Give Parents a Break Program

Give Parents a Break Program is now being offered once a month by the child development center. Those eligible to use the program include parents of children 6 weeks through 5 years old whose spouse is deployed, on extended TDY or required to work extensive extended shifts. Also included are those parents who have been experiencing family crises such as the birth of a baby, serious illness of a family member, death in the family or extended illness of a family member. The next program will be held Aug. 16 from 7 to 10 p.m. Register two weeks in advance or by today. Call the child development center at 6-2038 for more information or dates.

Family child care homes

Family Child Care Homes are now recruiting housing residents interested in earning an income while staying at home. All materials, licensing and training are free. Call the FCC office at 6-4237 for more information.

Ping pong tournament

A ping pong tournament is held every Saturday at the community center at 2 p.m. Cost is \$2 per person. Trophies are awarded to the winners.

Club activities

No smoking policy

The officers and enlisted club began the Air Force no smoking policy within the club buildings Thursday. They ask that people don't smoke inside the club buildings. Call the officers club at 6-6460 or enlisted club at 6-2083 for more information.

O'Club sandwich menu

The officers club offers a new sandwich line menu during lunch Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All ranks are welcome. The menu includes three combo meals, four wraps and four club specialties. Prices range from \$3.25 to \$5.25. For more information, call 6-6460.

Motown, blues and jazz

The enlisted club provides an evening of motown, blues and jazz music every Sunday from 6-11 p.m. Call 6-2083 for more information.

Wings or shrimp Wednesdays

The officers and enlisted clubs offer a choice of one pound of wings or one-half pound of shrimp Wednesdays during the social hour. For more information, call 6-6460.

Big Bucks club drawing

Officers and enlisted club members are eligible for the Big Bucks club card drawings every Friday from 6-7 p.m. at both clubs.

Upcoming trips

For tickets to area attractions, to sign up or get information about tours, visit the Information, Tickets & Tours office in the community center building or call 6-2302.

Tomorrow – Rangers game tickets cost \$28.

Aug. 10 – Six Flags tickets cost \$40. Sign up deadline is Aug. 5.

September – Dallas Cowboy game tickets are on sale now and cost \$45.

At the Flicks

Friday 6:30 p.m.

Closed for ENJJPT Graduation

Friday 9 p.m.

Closed for ENJJPT Graduation

Saturday 2 p.m.

Scooby-Doo

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Spider-Man

Saturday 7 p.m.

The Bourne Identity

Sunday 2 p.m.

Scooby-Doo

Sunday 4:30 p.m.

Juwanna Mann

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Windtalkers

**This schedule is subject to change without notice.
For movie information, call 6-4427.**

Scooby-Doo (PG) – Matthew Lillard, Freddie Prinze Jr. – This first-ever, live-action adaptation of the long-running animated series catches up with Scooby-Doo and the Mystery Inc. gang as they meddle their way into a mystery that leads them into merky, possibly supernatural waters.

Spider-Man (PG-13) – Tobey Maquire, Willem Dafoe – After being bitten by a radioactive spider, Peter Parker's body chemistry is mutagenically altered to allow him to scale walls

and ceilings and use a "spider sense" to feel approaching danger. As "Spider-Man," Peter uses those powers to fight evil.

The Bourne Identity (PG-13) – Matt Damon, Franke Potente – A Zurich safe deposit box yields an assortment of passports, a load of cash, an automatic weapon and a name, Jason Bourne. What it means remains a mystery, but Bourne quickly realizes that there are people who recognize him and do not wish him well.

Chapel Schedule

Student programs

Tuesday, 11 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., chapel rope meeting, North Chapel

Saturday, 4 p.m., Solid Rock Cafe, South Chapel

Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Evening Gathering, North Chapel

Catholic activities

Mass

Saturday, 5 p.m., North Chapel

Sunday, 9 a.m., North Chapel

Sunday, noon, North Chapel

Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., North Chapel

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4-4:30 p.m., North Chapel

Protestant activities

Worship services

Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Solid Rock Worship (Liturgical), South Chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Inspirational Gospel Service, South Chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Protestant Community Service, North Chapel

Religious education

Saturday, 4 p.m., Marriage Group, Intercessory Prayer Team, Women's Bible Surfing, South Chapel

Sunday, 9 a.m., classes for ages 3 to adult, Bldg. 962

Bible studies

Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 962

Saturday, 6:30 a.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, South Chapel

Second Saturday of month, 8 a.m., Protestant Men of Chapel breakfast

Lay-led faith groups

Islamic activities, Friday, 1:45 p.m., South Chapel

Jewish activities, call Maxine Simpson, House of Jacob Synagogue at 322-4177

Latter Day Saints, Sunday, 2 p.m., Hospital Chapel

Mystic Grove Pagan Study Group, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Bldg. 962, call Kalista at 6-4370

**For more information, call
the base chapel at 6-4370**

Airpower history

-Aug. 2, 1909-



The Signal Corps received its first military aircraft. The "Wright Model B" carried two passengers and had a top speed of 54 mph. Similar to the Model A, the Wrights built this aircraft with smaller wings to pass the Army's speed requirement of 40 mph.

Extra clothes

Airmen 1st Class Michael Healy, Sean Douglas and Shana Holloway, graduates of the Fuels Apprentice Course, 366th Training Squadron, pack clothes recently collected during a clothing drive for the North Texas State Hospital. The 366th TRS-sponsored drive collected more than 800 articles of clothing from squadron members. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Guillory)



Crime doesn't pay!

DUMB AND DANGEROUS: Drinking and driving doesn't mix. Aside from potentially ruining a military career, this reckless behavior could hurt or kill someone. Unfortunately, some people still crawl behind the wheel when they've had one too many. For example, recently two Sheppard airmen made some bad decisions and spent time with security forces. One individual was caught driving around base after drinking several alcoholic beverages. After security forces pulled him over, he took and failed a Standard Field Sobriety test and a breathalyzer. Later, another was caught trying to enter the gate after drinking too much. When he rolled down his window for a 100% identification check, the gate guard smelled alcohol on his breath. He, too, failed the Standard Field Sobriety and breathalyzer tests. Both of these individuals will pay a price for breaking the law and endangering themselves and, more importantly, others. It's simple. Don't drink and drive. It's not worth a career, an injury or death. If you do drink, do so responsibly.

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Submit it to sheppardsenator@sheppard.af.mil
the Friday before you want it to run!**

Sports shorts

Intramural bowling

The upcoming 2002-03 Intramural Bowling Organizational meeting will be held at the community center Tuesday at 3 p.m. The meeting will include a vote for a new secretary and on the constitution/by-laws. As a reminder, both bowling centers become no smoking facilities Thursday.

Bowl the Colorama

Bowl the Colorama at the south lanes, Bldg. 318, Saturday and Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. The

cost of each event is \$13 per person. For more information, call 6-2170.

R & R - Return to fitness prescription program

Fitness programs are now available for adults over age 50. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. at the south fitness center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Yulanda Moffett at 6-2972 or 6-7491.

Golf course events

Wind Creek Golf Course holds many tournaments, clin-

ics and lessons each week. For more information on these events, call the golf course at 6-6369.

Couples Tournament: The golf course will hold a couples golf tournament Aug. 11 with a 4 p.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$10. The format will be a two-person, male and female, scramble for nine holes with no handicap required. After nine holes of golf, the officers club will cater at the Wind Creek Snack Bar for all those who participated in the tournament. Food served includes cheeseburgers, potato

salad, and beans with tea or water.

Partners B.A.S.H. Tournament: The golf course will hold a Partners B.A.S.H. golf tournament Aug. 17 with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$15 per person. Entry deadline is Aug. 15. The format will be two-persons using 75 percent of their combined average handicap.

Aerobics classes

The aerobic center is located in the south fitness center and offers coed aerobics classes seven days a week. Classes are

offered as early as 5:30 a.m. and as late as 7 p.m. in low impact, intermediate and advanced exercise, including floor and step exercises, muscle sculpting and kickboxing. Call 6-2972 for specific times and classes.

Yoga-pilates classes

The south fitness center is now offering yoga-pilates classes Monday and Wednesday at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 4:15 p.m., Thursday 6 p.m., and Saturday 3 p.m. For more information, call 6-2972. All classes are free.

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with logistics plans, we will enhance Team Sheppard's deployment capability," explained Colonel LaViolette.

The reorganization creates a consistent structure across the entire Air Force that mirrors our core competencies. The combat wing can be applied to all wings in every major command because it's not dependent on the mission of the wing.

"Our Combat Wing Organi-

zation will allow us to grow leaders with the depth of experience and expertise needed to plan and execute in the full spectrum of deployment, combat training, execution and sustainment," said General Jumper.

Sheppard's 982nd TRG welcomed the MXS and the new team members that they will bring to the 982nd.

"The 82nd MXS mission will not change. They will continue producing the quality products they do today," said Colonel Simmons. "They will operate

out of the same facilities, and there will be no change in their manning."

Colonel Tillery said he is also looking forward to gaining the new team members to his group.

"Colonel LaViolette has left me with a great team of professionals," emphasized Colonel Tillery.

Colonel LaViolette said he is very confident in the logistics team members that will become members of a new team.

"No matter what organization they are assigned to, they will

continue to play a vital role in supporting our nation's national objectives," he said.

As applied to the entire Air Force, the reorganization will encompass five major components:

- The creation of a logistics readiness officer career field.
- All aircraft and space maintenance personnel currently assigned to operations and logistics groups will be reassigned to maintenance groups.
- All supply and transportation squadrons will be merged

into a logistic readiness squadron.

- All logistics plans will be placed into LRS.

- LRS, contracting squadrons and aerial port squadrons will be placed into the existing support groups to form a new group named the mission support group.

"We aren't fixing something that's broke, we are making it better," said General Jumper. *(Some information provided by Air Force Print News Service and CSAF Site Picture)*

