

The SHEPPARD SENATOR

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

Play auditions

Missoula Theatre Children's Program will hold auditions for the play, "The Pied Piper," Monday at 4 p.m. in the community center ballroom, Bldg. 430. To sign up, stop by the Madrigal Youth Center, Bldg. 196, or call 6-5437. See Page 4 for more information.

383rd TRS change of command

The 383rd Training Squadron will change hands Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the large auditorium in Bldg. 1900. Lt. Col. Dana Howard will take command from Lt. Col. Brian Morr.

Yards of the month

Congratulations to the winners of July's Yards of the Month competition. The winners are Chief Warrant Officer James Young, 382nd TRS, for officer and Tech. Sgt. Joseph Fuccio, 362nd TRS, for enlisted in Capehart; Master Sgt. Walter Purevich, 362nd TRS, in Bunker Hill; and Staff Sgt. Derrick McLaughlin, 366th TRS, in Wherry. All winners received congratulatory letters from the Mission Support Group commander and a gift from the BX.



Texas Secretary of State pays visit

Texas Secretary of State Gwyn Shea meets an airman during a medical readiness exercise conducted by the 381st Training Squadron Aug. 8. Secretary Shea, along with Texas Director of Elections Ann McGeehan, visited Team Sheppard for the day to promote voter registration. Between presentations during the visit, both got a glimpse of Sheppard's mission by visiting armament training in Hangar 1045 and the medical readiness site. (Photo by Lt. Col. John Skinner)

82nd Training Wing welcomes new vice commander

By 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander
Base public affairs

The 82nd Training Wing welcomed a new vice commander Tuesday.

Col. Darrell Sims replaced Col. Joe Harrison, who left Sheppard to become the deputy director of logistics for Air Education and Training Command.

Before joining Team Sheppard, Colonel Sims was the commander of the Officer Training School at Maxwell Air

Force Base, Ala., commanding the same program he went through in 1978 to receive his commission as a 2nd lieutenant.

Colonel Sims received his bachelor of arts degree in government and his master's of science in business management.

In addition to being an OTS commander, Colonel Sims has had a wide variety of assignments.

He has operational command experience and has served in the Office of the Secretary of De-

fense, the Headquarters U.S. Air Force Staff and the Intermediate Headquarters for the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

Colonel Sims also has more than 2,100 flying hours under his belt and has commanded flying detachments in the CONUS, Europe, Middle East and Latin America.

Throughout his career, he has received a number of awards and decorations, including the Defense Superior Service



Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Combat Readiness Medal, to list a few.



 Team Sheppard Training 2002 

82nd Training Wing: 48,724 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., 82nd Training Wing commander, presents Master Sgt. Sheila Hale, a primary care orientation instructor with the 383rd Training Squadron, with the award for AETC Technical Training Senior Noncommissioned Officer Instructor of the Year for 2001 during a recent ceremony. (Photo by Sandy Wassenmiller)



And the winners are...

The 82nd Training Wing quarterly award winners pose with sponsors after the Aug. 8 awards luncheon. Award winners were for Airmen: Airman 1st Class Mark Hill, 82nd SPTG; NCO: Tech. Sgt. Thomas Wukawitz, 982nd TRG; Senior NCO: Senior Master Sgt. Dale Koonz, 982nd TRG; CGO: Capt. Nicole Ogburn, 82nd MDG; Honor Guard, Junior Guardsman: Airman 1st Class Charles Aklujobi, 882nd TRG; Honor Guard, Senior Guardsman: Staff Sgt. James Chouinard Jr., 82nd TRG; Civilian (Wage Grade): Clarence Ritchie, 82nd LG; Civilian (Wage Grade Supervisor): Alvin Schmidt Jr., 82nd LG; Civilian (GS-8 and Below): Joe Wallace, 82nd MDG; and Civilian (GS-9 and Above): Mary Whitley, 82nd LG. (Photo by Sandy Wassenmiller)

AADD

Need a lift after a night out? Call the Airmen Against Drunk Driving hotline at 676-AADD (2233).

Every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., drivers are available for Team Sheppard members who need a ride home after drinking.

Drivers will ask no questions and take no information, and they will not release the name of any person using this program. Don't risk your life or your career. Cut this out and put it in your wallet:

For a ride home after a night out, call 676-AADD



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Classroom 2005: Training today's airmen in tomorrow's classroom

By 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander

Base public affairs

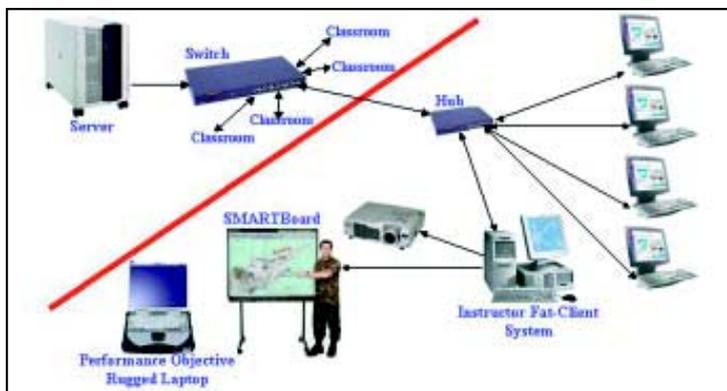
Students in the 982nd Training Group's 44 geographically separated detachments are learning on tomorrow's technology thanks to Classroom 2005.

CR2005 is an initiative that is taking the overhead projectors and transparencies out of the classroom and replacing them with SMARTBoards and networked computer stations between students and instructors.

The ultimate purpose of this classroom standard is to provide instructors the tools to teach maintainers how to use digitized technical data in troubleshooting and fixing aircraft.

AETC got the ball rolling with \$2M for computer technology and followed it with another \$800,000 to fund the CR2005 initiative. About 50 percent of all classroom and detachments that fall under the 982nd TRG will be equipped with the SMARTboards and projectors.

The goal is to have all classrooms and detachments under the 982nd TRG fully



equipped and prepared with the SMARTboards and a fully networked computerized classroom by 2005.

"Classroom 2005 is the 'total learning' environment, which leads to increased motivation, retention and interaction," said Master Sgt. Billy Shackelford, 373rd Training Squadron. "It creates the one Air Force, one network, one learning environment that is extremely flexible for all applications of training."

SMARTBoards are interactive 50-inch screens that allow the instructors to project a presentation and use the board as a touch screen computer. The boards can be written on and erased with special electronic pens and erasers.

In addition to the SMARTboards, CR2005 also encompasses a networked computer system of "fat" and "thin" clients. "Fat" clients are used by the instructors and consist of a computer, flat screen and keyboard that are networked

into a central hub. "Thin" clients are used by students, consist of only a flat screen monitor and keyboard, and are networked into the instructors' computer.

CR2005 was adopted by the 373rd and 372nd TRS to train their students on electric technical orders. The Air Force is converting from training orders printed in thousands of books to E-TOs that will be accessed from a central network, just like the system utilized in CR2005.

"Anything we can do to better help our customers (the students), we want to do," said Capt. Paul Sturges, director of operations of 373rd TRS. The CR 2005 standard sets the stage by providing most of the infrastructure needed to move to web based learning systems.

CR2005 is only the tip of the iceberg said Sergeant Shackelford.

"As Classroom 2005 matures and the Air Force migrates to a more mobile fighting force, we must continually seek innovative ways of providing training solutions to meet the Expeditionary Air Force mission," he said.

80th OSS commander's commentary: "The Mentoring Business Rocks"

By Lt. Col. Jeffrey Moragne

80th FTW Operations Support Squadron commander

If you already know you can't spend more time mentoring your people beyond mandatory feedbacks, staff meetings and the occasional "How's it going John/Jane" small talk, then stop reading. This article is not for you, so go read something else.

For those of you who have five minutes, on my way to graduation from the Air Force Academy 20 years ago, my senior-year advisor told me something I still wish I'd adopted a lot sooner.

He said, "Find a mentor: someone who has been successful and is willing to explain the Air Force and how you can make a difference."

Unfortunately, the excitement of leaving the academy clouded that guidance. In fact, it didn't make sense to me until

years later. By then, I had been in the Air Force seven years and was flying EF-111s in England.

About two weeks into his new command, my squadron commander asked me a simple question, "Do you want to be leader or just a pilot?" Like a bolt of lightning from the sky, I immediately understood his question; he wanted to be my mentor.

The Air Force supports the role of mentoring with both policy and institutional tools. Air Force Mentoring, AFI 36-3401, enforces this philosophy by making commanders' responsible for mentoring their subordinates.

Institutional commitment is supportive as well. Presently, commander involvement drives the Assignment Management System. The AFPC "open door" policy fosters an air of mutual trust and cooperation. The new supervisor's e-Vector mentoring system provides a

great tool for feedback. And finally, the addition of the enlisted career assistance advisor provides the enlisted professional with career insights.

Despite these gains, the need to provide formal mentoring shouldn't be underestimated. Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, former Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff in personnel, aggressively advocated mentoring. Through a service-wide campaign and a series of messages on "Career Expectations," General McGinty created Air Force precedence by stating, "We owe it to our people to ensure they realize how attainable – or how ambitious – their goals may be... in short, mentoring is paramount."

Clearly, as supervisors we have the responsibility to mentor. Equally important in the general's message was the idea that we must also have the passion and commitment to do the

job right.

So put away your reservations. Here are a few rules of thumb I've developed for effective mentoring. Consider them our blueprint: define your audience, do a little research and develop a mentoring game plan.

First, define your audience. Start by answering these questions: Do you supervise officers, enlisted or government service civilians? Are you seasoned enough to offer your subordinates anything of value? Perhaps a better way to address that dilemma is to answer: Will this individual benefit from my experiences? For instance, if you know that you can't adequately mentor someone because you lack the fundamentals, simply offer to find them a mentor who can.

However, if you can reasonably assess that you could make a difference, then move on to the next mentoring rule.

Now that you've defined your audience, it's time to do a little research.

Let's begin by building a comprehensive picture of each person. First, order their records from the MPF. While you review them, take note of their strengths and areas to improve.

Next, go into Assignment Management Systems and print out their SURF. Review their SURF for MILMOD errors. Then using one of three publications – AFI 36-2630 for officers; AFI 36-2618 for enlisted; AFMAN 36-606, Vol. 2 for civilians – review their professional career track. Ask an expert for advice if you don't understand the jargon.

Finally, make an assessment of their professional potential. Although this may not be the most popular thing you do as a mentor, it is at the heart of your



Award winning excellence

Col. Patrick Fink, commander of AETC Environmental Division, along with (from left) Col. Ralph Jodice, 80th Flying Training Wing commander, and Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, present Staff Sgt. Cassandra Amos, a dental instructor with the 381st Training Squadron, with an award for excellence in the Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program. Sergeant Amos is one of four Team Sheppard members honored with this award. The other recipients were J.J. Atkinson, 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Larry Phillips, 365th Training Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Jens Walle, 82nd CES. All four were cited for their outstanding environmental programs and superior performance in their environmental fields. (Photo by T.R. Steele)

Air Force re-leases staff sergeant promotion data

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force has selected 19,448 of 30,880 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant, a 62.98 percent selection rate.

The Air Force released the promotion list Wednesday with the complete list of selectees posted to the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site today.

"This is great news for the Air Force," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, enlisted promotion and military testing branch chief here. "The message to our young airmen is that their hard work and tremendous sacrifice, particularly during this past year, is being rewarded. The Air Force believes in them and wants to capture their potential to serve as noncommissioned officers. It's very exciting to see these young professionals step up to the challenge of that next stripe."

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices by the end of August, allowing them to see just how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they are directly competing with for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code. Individuals can also get an electronic copy of their score notice by clicking on 'vMPF' at the AFPC Web site.

The average score for those selected was 264.06

points based on the following averages:

- 130.37 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 54.16 PFE
- 52.11 SKT
- 15.63 time in grade
- 10.79 time in service
- .058 decorations

The average selectee has 1.64 years time in grade and 4.35 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant from September 2002 to August 2003.

See next week's *Senator* for a complete list of Sheppard's new staff sergeants. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Staff sergeant stats at a glance

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Sew-on dates — Sept. 2002-Aug. 2003

Pied Piper coming to children's theater

The Pied Piper is coming to Sheppard, and he needs help from Sheppard children.

The base community center and youth activities will host the Missoula Children's Theater Program's production of the play, "The Pied Piper."

The MCT team will hold a theater workshop starting Monday through Aug. 23. The workshop will conclude with Sheppard children giving a live performance of "The Pied Piper" at 7 p.m., Aug. 23, in the community center ballroom.

Auditions begin Monday at 4 p.m. in the ballroom with roles for all ages, kindergarten through 12th grade, and all skill and experience levels. There is no need for advance preparation or previous experience. Children can just come out and have a good time.

Since only 60 children can be cast in the show and between four and eight assistant directors will be chosen from among the older youth auditioning to help teach and direct the show, there is no guarantee there will



be a role for everyone who auditions.

Parents are welcome to attend the auditions, but children must remain in the community center ballroom for the entire two hours of auditions.

Rehearsals, also held in the ballroom, begin Tuesday and will

be conducted daily in two-hour sessions from 4-9 p.m. Not all children will be required to attend the complete rehearsals.

With 27 teams using eight different musical workshops, the Missoula Children's Theater annually provides hands-on theater experience worldwide to about 55,000 children. Last year, under their guidance, Sheppard youth put on a live performance of "Treasure Island."

By hosting the MCT, the community center and youth activities give our children an opportunity to perform a live play under professional guidance.

There is no fee for participating in the theater workshop, and youth can register at the Madrigal Youth Center or the Community Center. (Courtesy of Missoula Children's Theater Program)



Another stripe please

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Kerver, Air Mobility Command command chief, congratulates Master Sgt. (Sel) James Blasi, a quality assurance evaluator with the 982nd Maintenance Squadron, during a Senior NCO induction ceremony Aug. 9. Sergeant Blasi is one of more than 100 Sheppard NCOs inducted. The event was sponsored by the base Top Three. *(Photo by Lou Anne Sledge)*

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

Tips for avoiding West Nile Encephalitis

Cases of West Nile Encephalitis are increasing throughout the southern United States.

This disease of birds is transmitted through mosquitoes that feed on infected birds then bite people and horses, infecting them.

The tips listed below 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 swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. If not in use, keep empty and covered.

- Drain water from pool covers.

- Change the water in bird-baths 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. *(Courtesy of Sheppard Air Force Base Public Health)*



Safety Corner

Scooters, bikes, in-line skates and skateboards are associated with numerous injuries every year. Follow these safety tips to reduce your chances of being injured:

- Wear a comfortable, properly-fitted helmet bearing the label of an independent testing lab. The helmet must sit level on top of the head – not rocking in any direction – and fasten the safety strap.

- Be sure that safety gear such as wrist, elbow and knee pads, fits properly and doesn't interfere with move-

ment, vision or hearing. Wrist pads aren't recommended for scooter riders since they may affect maneuverability.

- Ride scooters and bikes on smooth, paved surfaces during daylight hours.

- Learn the proper hand signals and use them when you turn or stop.

- Come to a complete stop before entering driveways, paths or sidewalks, then look left and right.

- Teach crossing safety to children by setting the example. *(Courtesy of 82nd Training Wing safety office)*

Hotter 'n Hell Hundred to return to base

When a Wichita Falls committee planned its Centennial Celebration in 1982, members proposed a rocking-chair marathon to begin the festivities.

But Roby Christie of the Wichita Falls Bicycle Club had another idea.

A better kick-off, he said, would be a bicycle ride: 100 miles in 100-plus degree weather to celebrate 100 years. So the name Hotter 'N Hell Hundred was coined, and the largest sanctioned century ride in the country was created.

The 2002 Hotter 'N Hell event will be held in Wichita Falls Aug. 23-25. There will be 25-, 50-, and 100-mile, and 10- and 100-kilometer routes available. The 25- and 50-mile and 100-kilometer portions of the race, and any rollerbladers participating, pass through Sheppard.

Those bicycle riders who wish to participate may register through the Web site at www.hh100.org, obtain a registration form from Tech. Sgt. William Negri at 6-3840, or they can register the morning of the event. Anyone interested in volunteering for the event should also call Sergeant Negri. *(Courtesy of Hotter 'n Hell Steering Committee)*



A father and son ride through one of the routes on base during the 2001 Hotter 'n Hell Hundred bicycle riding event. This year's event will take place Aug. 23-25. (Photo by Lynn Bullard)

Support Sheppard's clubs. Join today!



Sgt. Looksharp says...

**“TDY personnel
will comply with
Sheppard AFB
supplement to
Air Force
Instruction 36-2903.”**



Drivers are required to stop when the red lights on a yellow or blue bus are flashing. *(Courtesy photo)*

Safe travel around school busses

By Charlan Towsley

82nd Training Wing safety office

School is almost in session again.

It's time for children to gather school supplies and begin their trek back to school.

Keeping this in mind, children will be awake, but not necessarily alert, while waiting for school busses in base housing areas.

Speaking of children and busses, here's some vital information to know.

On base, yellow and blue busses are used in base housing to transport children to and from school. You'll notice the color of the bus is different, but other than that, they are both the same.

These busses are equipped with red and yellow flashing lights. If the red lights are flashing on either of the busses, vehicle operators are required to stop, regardless of direction of travel, until the lights have stopped flashing.

The only exception to the rule is when a motorist is traveling in the opposite direction from the stopped bus, and a concrete or grass median separates traffic. Motorists are not required to stop under those circumstances. However, all drivers should still be alert for children crossing the roadway near the bus stop.

Drivers must stop if they are behind or approaching a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing.

To place an ad in *The Sheppard Senator*, call 767-SOLD (7653).

Student Stuff

Happenings on base and in the community

Student center events

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

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

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.

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 Pe-gasus Loft at 855-5020.

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.

Win a trip to MSU football game

Students can win a trip to the Midwestern State University football home game Aug. 31. Entry forms are available at the student center. For more information, call Sam Reola at 6-7659.

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: Why I joined

By Airman Dante Raines

361st Training Squadron

Ever since we all decided to go to the recruiter's office that fateful day, whether it was by the recruiter, friends or family, we have all been asked: Why did you do it?

Some of our answers may have been: it was the calling of undying patriotism, for educational reasons or to get out of an element that we were in. Those are all good answers, but many of us now, after basic training, have begun to ask ourselves that question. Why have I joined the Air Force?

When I first asked myself that question, my answer sometimes was education, and I answered quickly. Other times, my answer was to make my family proud. Again, it was another quick answer. Now, when I ask myself, I pause, take a deep breath and say, "It's the least I can do for my country - a country that has allowed me to live free."

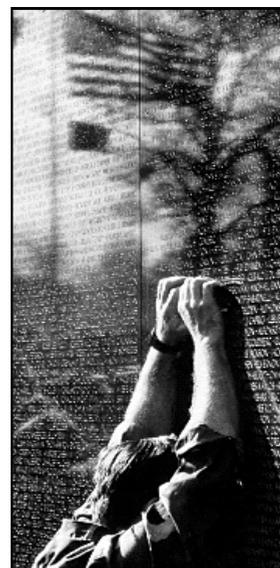
As I look back at my life, I see so many things that I have taken for granted or taken advantage of: going to the store when I want, buying things

that I want, going to that church that I want, having friends who have a different religion than I do, and even having the choice to be in the armed services, just to name a few.

So many of us seem to forget or fail to realize that in some countries, simple liberties aren't given. In others, they're non-existent. I realized that I can do all of those things because of those who made the ultimate sacrifice and had the courage to step up and dedicate their lives to the armed services. They didn't have to do it, but they did it to ensure that I - we - could have a good life; so that my country, our country, could remain free. To them, I am forever grateful and thankful.

I'm here to be a part of something greater than myself - to give back to those who took care of me and my freedom. I'm here to make sure that my freedom lives on so that my children may be free - so our children are free.

I ask you now, with all seriousness, to take the time and ask yourself: Why did I join the Air Force?



The Moving Wall

The Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall is coming to Wichita Falls today through Sunday at Crestview Memorial Park.

Volunteers are needed to assist with all aspects of the event, including assisting elderly, parking, security, passing out water bottles, computer assistance and helping people find names on the wall.

For more information or to volunteer, call Cheri White with the Vietnam Veterans at 855-6088.

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.

17. What is an Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force (AETF)?

An air and space expeditionary task force is the organizational structure used to present the Air Force force deployed in support of a contingency operation. An AETF is composed of elements normally drawn from in-theater forces and supplemented as needed by the on-call numbered air and space expeditionary forces. Remember, the AEFs do not deploy, AETFs do. AEFs are like the tool chest; AETFs are the actual screwdrivers and hammers used for the job. AETFs can vary in size. Typically AETFs will range from squadron-size to NAF-size organizations. The AETF commander is the COMAFFOR. (Courtesy of Air Force Doctrine Center)

Military Personnel Flight closure

All offices in the MPF will close today at 11:30 a.m. for an off-site, official function. Offices will reopen for customer service Monday at 8 a.m. In the event of an emergency, contact the command post at 6-6266 to page an MPF staff member.

Pass and Registration move

Pass and Registration will be moving to a new location Monday and Tuesday. The office will be closed both days. The new location will be Bldg. 402, the MPF.

New claims office hours

The claims office has moved to accepting claims by appointment. They take claims in on Mondays from 8-11:30 a.m. and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Anyone having a claim approaching the two-year limit for filing a claim needs to come by or call for immediate assistance. Walk-in service is still available for turning in the DD Form 1840/R. If you have any questions, please contact the Claims Office at 6-2447.

Officers' Spouses' Club Coffee

The Sheppard Officers' Spouses' Club will hold its Community Activities & Organizations/Membership Coffee Tuesday in the officers club. The coffee will be held from 6-8 p.m. with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Join us as we learn more about community and base services, spouses club membership and activities. There is no cost for this event, and reservations are appreciated, but not required, by

noon today to Betsy O'Connor at 691-7542. **Child care is available. Reservations must be made by calling Ms. O'Connor at the above number.**

AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1054 will hold a general membership meeting at the enlisted club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Lucia Carracedo, president, at 6-6221, or Master Sgt. Bionca Dean, treasurer, at 6-2286.

Changes to refractive surgery

Until further notice, the optometry clinic will no longer accept new applications for refractive surgery. The deadline for pending applications will be

Aug. 23. This change is due to current manning issues. The manning situation should improve to allow the clinic to begin accepting applications again in early 2003.

Wherry Housing notice

There is a parking problem in Wherry Housing. Some areas are much worse than others. Housing residents should use their carports. This will help alleviate the problem somewhat. Your cooperation is appreciated. For more information, call 82nd Civil Engineering Squadron Housing Flight at 6-5769.

NCMA speaker

National Contract Management Association presents "Your Role in Transformation" by guest speaker Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., commander of the 82nd Training Wing.

The event will take place Aug. 27 at 11:30 a.m. at the officers club.

Women's Equality Day Luncheon

Sheppard will host a Women's Equality Day Luncheon Aug. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the officers club. The guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr. The cost is \$8. For more information, contact Sherry Murray-Garrett at 6-4393.

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.

Recruiting Screening Team cancels visit to Sheppard

Although the Air Force Recruiting Service's Recruiter Screening Team cancelled their regularly scheduled visit Monday, Air Force members don't have to wait for the next one to apply for recruiter duty.

Information about recruiting and the application for duty can be found online at <http://www.afrecruiting.com/>

rescreening.asp. This site can also be accessed through Sheppard's Web site at www.sheppard.af.mil.

Senior airman selects through master sergeants with less than 16 years service may apply.

For more information, visit the Web site or call the Recruiting Screening Team at DSN 487-3511. *(Courtesy of Air Force Recruiting Service)*

Achievers

Congratulations to the following 82nd Training Wing Staff Quarterly Award Winners for April to June.

Capt. Tyler Merkel, Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, 82nd TRW Staff Judge Advocate

Master Sgt. John Gropp, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter, 82nd Comptroller Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Stacy Michalski, NCO of the Quarter, 82nd Command Chief Executive

Senior Airman Tarhan Marigny, Junior Enlisted of the Quarter, 82nd Comptroller Squadron

Mary BoBo, GS-9 and Above Civilian of the Quarter, 82nd Comptroller Squadron

Samual Graham Jr., GS-8 and Below Civilian of the Quarter, 82nd TRW Manpower Office



A banner greets Sheppard Elementary's students. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear)

Sheppard Elementary to accept transfer students, host 'Meet the Teachers'

By **2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear**

Base public affairs

Beginning with the 2002-2003 school year, Sheppard Elementary School will be open to all children in kindergarten through 6th grade, regardless of which housing area they reside.

Parents wishing to transfer must act quickly, as school starts Monday.

Many parents will stay with the status quo, although the policy still comes as good news to families in the

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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

Wednesday-Saturday, noon-7:45 p.m.

Closed Thursday and Friday for maintenance.

Closed after Labor Day.

Family swim time during 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 today from 7 to 10 p.m. 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. The FCC office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5 p.m. For more information, call the office at 6-4237.

Club activities

King Neptune

The officers club presents all-you-can-eat-crab Wednesday from 5:30-8 p.m. Cost for members is \$16.95. For groups of six or more, make reservations by calling the officers club at 6-6460. All ranks are welcome to attend.

Family Night

Family Night at the enlisted club will be held Thursday from 5:30-8 p.m. with the Gong Show and Karaoke starting at 8 p.m. The event is sponsored by Patterson Auto Dealership and Chaney Financial Group Inc. *(No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.)*

Mongolian BBQ

The officers club will offer a taste from the Far East Thursday 5:30-8 p.m. All ranks are welcome to attend. 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.

Clubs closed after Labor Day

The officers and enlisted clubs will be closed Sept. 2. For further information, call the officers club at 6-6460 or enlisted club at 6-2083.

Live jazz music

The officers and enlisted clubs present live jazz music performed by Jeff Smith. Dates and times are Sept. 6 from 5-9 p.m. at the officers club and Sept. 7 from 9 p.m.-midnight at the enlisted club. Call 6-6460 or 6-2083 for more information.

Upcoming trips

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

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

For outdoor activities, contact Outdoor Recreation at 6-4141 for more information about upcoming trips.

Sept. 14 – Wichita Mountains Hiking Trip will cost \$16 per person.

At the Flicks

Friday 6:30 p.m.

Minority Report

Friday 9 p.m.

Mr. Deeds

Saturday 2 p.m.

Mr. Deeds.

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Like Mike

Saturday 7 p.m.

Minority Report

Sunday 2 p.m.

Like Mike

Sunday 4:30 p.m.

Minority Report

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Deeds

This schedule is subject to change without notice.

For movie information, call 6-4427.

Minority Report (PG-13) – Tom Cruise, Colin Farrell – In Washington, D.C., in 2054, police use a panel of three psychic judges to arrest and convict murderers before they commit their crimes. A “minority report” occurs when one judge’s correct verdict is overruled by the other two. Then the head of this Precrime unit is himself accused of the future murder of a man he hasn’t even met.

Mr. Deeds (PG-13) – Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder – Longfellow Deeds is a sweet, lovable guy leading a simple,

happy life in the tiny hamlet of Mandrake Falls, N.H. The popular owner of the town’s only pizzeria, Deeds has become a kind of homegrown celebrity as he entertains his patrons by reciting his offbeat but hilarious poetry.

Like Mike (PG) – Lil’ Bow Wow, Morris Chestnut – Calvin buys a “magical” pair of sneakers that were once worn by professional basketball player Michael Jordan, transforming him into a basketball wiz able to compete despite his size who soon gets a chance to join an actual NBA team.

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

Soundoff

Why did you join the U.S. military?



"I wasn't ready for college, but I wanted to do something with my life. And what better way than in the military?"

~Airman Chauntia Moye, student, 361st Training Squadron



"To support my wife and two kids and to ultimately become an officer in the United States Marine Corps."

~Sgt. Christopher Stein, USMC, student, 364th Training Squadron



"I come from a big Army family and saw the military as a stepping stone into the medical career field."

~Spc. Gabriel Jimenez, USA, student, 381st Training Squadron



"For more discipline and to serve my country."

~Petty Officer Third Class Derrick Stephens, USN, student, 364th Training Squadron

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responsibilities: be honest, visionary and available. Once you've gotten the research process down, you'll be able to accomplish it in 15-20 minutes. More importantly, you'll be equipped to develop a game plan.

Develop a mentoring game plan for your subordinate.

This will save time and ensure the important topics get emphasized. Here are a few tips to remember. First, set a maximum time limit. Second, guide the discussion by asking questions from your research notes as well as any of those your subordinate might have. And third, design a mentoring outline.

Make your outline universal enough for everyone to benefit from your insight. Consider these basics: what you found in their records review; what their Air Force or government career track requires; define your expectations; and talk about special interest areas.

Finally, finish your mentoring session by focusing on the future: build a quick three- and 10-year game plan that balances academic growth, professional military education requirements, and identifies major career challenges.

During your sessions, you might find yourself in a debate, a dialogue or even the dreaded monologue. Don't get concerned. You're trying to professionally encourage growth, and not all of us respond in exactly the same way. Be flexible and start engaging your people.

My encounter with talented mentors has taken many different forms. An Army mentor taught me how to conquer personal and team challenges. An Air Force flag officer's mentoring exposed me to the value of long-range planning. More recently, a friend and fellow commander's mentoring enhanced my understanding of the challenges of command. This September, when I travel to the Air Force Academy for my 20-year reunion, I intend to stand on the same spot where I received my senior-year advisor's guidance and renew my passion for the power of mentoring. The mentoring business rocks!

Do you have a sports story you want published? Send it to sheppardsenator@sheppard.af.mil.

Sports

Sports shorts

Bowling meeting for ladies

The Thursday Rejects Pre-season Bowling Meeting for Ladies will be held Aug. 29 at 11:30 a.m. at the activities center, Bldg. 430. For those bowlers whose vehicles aren't registered on base, a seasonal pass is available. Drivers must have proof of current vehicle insurance, registration and inspection. Bring a covered dish and enjoy fellowship, fun and food. Bowling season will begin at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at the south lanes. Contact Donna Dobbins at 569-2430 or Vivian Umlah at 569-1619 for more information.

Bowl the Colorama

Bowl the Moonlight Colorama at the south lanes, Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$13 per person. For more information, call 6-2170.

Aerobics classes

The aerobics 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 at 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at 4:15 p.m., Thursday at 6 p.m., and Saturday at 3 p.m. For more information, call the fitness center at 6-2972. All classes are free.

Golf course events

Wind Creek Golf Course holds many tournaments, clinics and lessons each week. For more information on these events, call the golf course at 6-6369.

Partners B.A.S.H. Tournament: The golf course will hold a Partners B.A.S.H. golf tournament Saturday with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. The

format will be two-persons using 75 percent of their combined average handicap.

The Longest Drive Golf Tournament: The golf course will hold a Longest Drive Tournament for all airmen Sunday at noon. The deadline for registration is Saturday. Four trophies will be awarded: two for women and two for men.

AAHC golf tournament

The African-American Heritage Committee will host a Unity Golf Tournament Sept. 6 at the Wind Creek Golf Course with a noon shotgun start. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the Annual Scholarship Program for High School Seniors pursuing higher educational endeavors. The format will be a four-person scramble/best ball. The cost is \$40, which includes green fees, carts and meal. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Hale at 6-1408, Master Sgt. Harry Newsome at 6-2354, Master Sgt. Bionca Dean 6-2286 or Capt. Bryan Simpson at 6-3963.

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Capehart housing area.

"I think it's great for parents to have that kind of flexibility, although we'll stay at John Tower," said Bryan Oplinger, the assistant NCO in charge of maintenance support at the 82nd Communications Squadron, and father of three.

In addition to announcing the new policy, Sheppard Elementary is holding a "Meet the Teachers" event tonight at 7 p.m. at the school.

The annual parent-teacher meeting is an opportunity for Sheppard families to familiarize themselves with their child's classroom, instructor and administrators.

"I strongly encourage parents to attend 'Meet the Teachers.' It's the first handshake in what we hope will be a wonderfully cooperative relationship. Education is about parents and teachers working together," said Sheppard Elementary Principal Shannon Hill.

Hill said she is excited about the new school year. "We've been working hard this summer to improve the school. We built a new roof and replaced all the ceiling tiles. Teachers and staff have been busy dusting off desks and getting ready for students," she said.

School secretary Cheryl Brandon said she can't wait for summer to be over. "A school just isn't the same without the children. Everybody is ready and eager to get started," she said.

For more information on classes and "Meet the Parents," call Sheppard Elementary at 716-2950.

**Need concert tix?
Call ITT at 6-2302.**