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Class of 2016 reports for duty

By Amber Baillie
Academy Spirit staff writer

Amidst housing evacuations, smoky skies and base closure due to the Waldo Canyon fire, the Academy pushed forward with their 2012 cadet inprocessing, as 1,035 appointees and their parents reported to the field house June 28, and the 2016 class embarked on their Air Force careers.

Col. Billy Walker, deputy director of Athletics, informed parents the Academy would monitor the fire throughout the day and relocate appointees to a three-mile site across the interstate if conditions worsened.

"I feel they'll do whatever they can to protect the cadets and the nation's estate," said Mark Lewis, a Sacramento native whose son will play football for the Academy this season. "I feel the kids are in good hands today."

Appointees clutched their backpacks, bid a brief farewell to their loved ones and headed off to join the long blue line of the military's finest, that is, the inprocessing line to start with.

For hours cadets stood at a tension and took orders from upperclassmen cadets. They also received military essentials such as haircuts, uniforms as well as donated blood and met their cadre.

"It's sad to see him go but I know he'll come out a better man," Lewis said. "They recruited him about a year ago and he committed to the Academy very early so he seemed hungry for it. It's a different college life at the Academy but he's really wanted it and I think you have to want it in order to succeed."

The class of 2016 rode a bus to the cadet area for processing. After a brief reminder of the seven basic responses, the pace picked up as cadets shouted at appointees to get off the bus.

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ELIZABETH ANDREWS

Cadet 2nd Class Victoria Perkins, of Cadet Squadron 11, introduces an appointee to cadet life during inprocessing for the Class of 2016 on June 28. Approximately 1,050 basic cadets joined the Long Blue Line even as the Waldo Canyon fire burned to the south.

10th ABW commander hosts town hall meetings

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

The 10th Air Base Wing commander held a series of town hall meetings Monday and Tuesday to inform Academy employees and base housing residents about the events surrounding the Waldo Canyon fire and evacuations from Pine Valley and Douglass Valley housing areas last week.

Col. Tim Gibson and a team of subject matter experts, including representatives from the Academy

Fire Department, the 10th Medical Group, the Finance and Personnel directorates and Forest City Housing, also answered questions aimed at quashing rumors and helping people who evacuated from their homes receive compensation for their day-to-day expenses.

Gibson kicked off each of his briefings with a short clip from "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," wherein a young woman named Simone says, "My best friend's sister's boyfriend's brother's girlfriend heard from this guy who

knows this kid who's going with the girl who saw Ferris pass out at 31 Flavours last night."

"We don't need Simone," Gibson said. "Rumors will hurt all of us if we don't get accurate information out there." He called the last week an "interesting week for communication" but praised the Academy's Public Affairs office for updating the public via social media and its Waldo Canyon fire information page.

FIRE

Gibson said he was on the road

when he first saw the fire, which started near the Waldo Canyon Trail on June 23 at about noon.

That evening, Academy firefighters joined the fight to keep the fire out of the Cedar Heights subdivision in southwest Colorado Springs, said Academy Fire Chief Ernst Piercy. Meanwhile, the 306th Flying Training Group converted the airfield into a helibase for helicopters assisting with firefighting.

But the fire quickly spread beyond

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Forged in fire

By Lt. Gen. Mike Gould
Academy Superintendent

Paula and I simply couldn't be more proud of all the members of our Air Force Academy team for the selfless and dedicated manner in which the team handled last week's Waldo Canyon Fire crisis! Col. Tim Gibson and the entire 10th Air Base Wing leadership team stepped up to face what was arguably the most severe threat in the Academy's history.

We are blessed to have professionals such as Academy Fire Chief Ernst Piercy and Deputy Chief Ken Helgerson leading the best fire department in the Air Force. The chiefs' expertise and tireless efforts, as well as those of our brave young fire fighters, were instrumental in protecting our community. Seamlessly and rapidly blending into the National Incident Management Structure, they brought together equipment and manpower from across the region and nation, synergizing efforts of the Larkspur, Donald Wescott and Palmer Lake Fire Departments; Buckley, Peterson, Schriever, and Vandenberg Air Force bases and support from Fort Carson, Pueblo Army Chemical Depot, Cheyenne Mountain, the U.S. Forest Service, and Wyoming Air National Guard. These defensive operations saved our Academy from devastating fire damage.

Dedicated experts such as Tech. Sgt. Jason Linta, who served as the incident safety officer, were critical to our response. Billy Jack Barrett ensured the safety and security of our beloved horses by leading a coordinated, rapid evacuation of the Academy Equestrian Center. The functional experts comprising our Emergency Operations Center team worked around-the-clock to ensure our safety and well-being.

Particularly impressive was the compassionate outpouring of support from our family members and local churches who, without any prompting, stepped forward to donate food, drink and supplies to the fire stations, offer sanctuary for displaced families, and implemented a quick and orderly evacuation of Pine and Douglass Valley housing areas.

We send our sincere thanks, as well, to leaders from across the state including Gov. John Hickenlooper; Mayor Steve Bach; Army Gen. Chuck Jacoby, commander of U.S. Northern Command; Maj. Gen. Joe Anderson, Fort Carson's 4th Infantry Division commanding general, Gen. Willie Shelton, Air Force Space Command commander; Maj. Gen. Mike Edwards, the adjutant general for Colorado; and El Pomar Foundation Chairman Bill Hybl. Each of them either phoned or visited the Academy offering and delivering assistance. It's all about what we call "community" and it's what makes having our nation's one and only Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs so special!

Academy historian Betsy Muenger put this crucial effort in perspective: "The Air Force Academy has never been so close to fire catastrophe. In fact, this is the first time in the history of the institution that Pine or Douglass Valley was evacuated for a wildfire."

Most impressive was the way the military and civilian neighbors from across the entire Pikes Peak Region and the state



MIKE KAPLAN
Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould and 10th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Tim Gibson hold a press conference June 27 to provide updates on the Academy's firefighting and evacuation efforts.

of Colorado came together as community partners with a single focus to help each other during this difficult time. Because of these collective efforts, we were able to care for our people, fight and defeat the fire — and continue the mission of the Academy, as witnessed in the flawless reception and inprocessing of the Class of 2016!

Led by our new commandant of cadets, Brig. Gen. Greg Lengyel, in only his second day on the job, the combined Commandant of Cadets staff, Admissions Department and 10th ABW team, including a most impressive cadet Basic Cadet Training cadre, exhibited tremendous flexibility as they welcomed 1,035 new cadets and reassured family members of their sons' and daughters' safety and well-being. At the same time, the team made necessary adjustments to continue summer academics, thanks to the generous accommodations of our friends at University of Colorado Colorado Springs, and to resume other cadet summer training activities across the Academy.

Our resilience is certainly tested during stressful times like these — and for many who lost their homes in the fire, the hardship and adversity will continue for quite some time. Please know, and help spread the word, there are many support resources available to service members, families, and civilian employees to help deal with any anxiety or distress this crisis may have caused. Please do not hesitate to contact a chaplain, first sergeant, the Mental Health clinic, the Employee Assistance Program or Military OneSource if you need assistance. Getting help when you need it is a sign of strength!

Team USAFA: thank you for your hard work and commitment! I am honored to be part of this remarkable team! **GO FALCONS!**

The human condition

By Tech. Sgt. Vann Miller
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

From the moment the news of the Waldo Canyon fire was first reported, calls trickled into the base. Concerned families wanted to know if their children were safe. Community members wanted to know if the Academy was in any danger. As the hours crept on, thousands of families across the country stayed glued to the news stations and web pages to stay updated on what was happening in the Centennial State.

It's the human condition. I'm not referring to a morbid curiosity to see what the fire was doing to the citizens of Colorado. I'm talking about the genuine concern so many people had for the lives here. It was prevalent in the calls and questions that families made to

the base. It was visible in the hundreds of people who stepped up to help in a great time of need.

The response was tremendous. Concerned citizens opened their homes to the families while military and civilian emergency responders worked seamlessly and professionally to take care of this shared community.

The human condition — that desperate endeavor that forces many of us to perform at our best in the pursuit of a greater purpose. Watching the members of our staff instinctively go into action and provide updates to the public and provide guidance to military leaders was more fulfilling than I could try to describe. Seeing so many agencies each do their parts to ensure this threat never got out of control was amazing to witness.

At the end of each day, I could sleep a little easier knowing that my day's work contributed to the overall goal of ensuring the safe execution of our mission. Just as I could tell my family not to worry, I could assure thousands of other families that their children were safe.

The Waldo Canyon fire will do what fires do. It will consume any fuel in its path. It will ebb and flow with the winds. It will even test our nerve and scare us at times. But the one thing it cannot do is break our resolve to extinguish it. For as long as the fire threatens to take from us more than we want to give, the professional men and women here in Colorado will work as hard and as long as it takes to protect and support our neighbors, families and friends. And that is the human condition.

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Academy cadet helps save a life

Burlington, Iowa, native pulls man from burning vehicle after accident

By Senior Airman Christina Brownlow
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — An Air Force Academy cadet put his military training into action when he saved the life of a civilian from a car accident in June.

Cadet 2nd Class Christopher Kirk, of Burlington, Iowa, has just completed his third year at the academy and was selected amongst his peers to attend a 5-week internship at the Pentagon.

On the early hours of June 9, Kirk was driving back to his temporary lodging at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling when a Dodge Charger sped past him at about 100 mph while driving east on Interstate 495. Soon after, he saw a flash of yellow light that looked to be an explosion. Within seconds he noticed the front of the Charger was completely smashed in and engulfed in flames.

Kirk pulled his car over as he assessed the accident. At this point, he and four other people were the first responders on scene.

"I stopped because I was so close in time and proximity to the accident," Kirk said, "just know-

"I was in the right place at the right time. I did what I thought anyone else would do, tried to keep calm and keep my bearing and let the training take over."

— Cadet 2nd Class Christopher Kirk

ing that there is someone in that car."

Two people began pulling one of the victims from the back seat out of the car. Kirk grabbed him under the arms and helped remove him from the vehicle. The driver and the passenger were still in the car and unresponsive, but there was no way to get those victims out because of the intensity of the flames and the condition the car was in.

Kirk then began to perform first aid and worked to stabilize the victim. The backseat passenger was fading in and out of consciousness and had substantial lacerations on his face and back of his head. Kirk has not had contact with him since



Cadet 2nd Class Christopher Kirk, of Burlington, Iowa, is credited with saving the life of a motorist by pulling him to safety from a burning vehicle.

the accident. He was later informed that the victim was airlifted to a local hospital and has suffered severe burn wounds but will survive.

"You know, you see that stuff in the movies all the time, so actually being involved was pretty foreign and surreal to me," he added.

Although they had three fire extinguishers at the scene of the accident, the flames were too intense to put out. The entirety of the vehicle was engulfed by flames within minutes.

I never really thought to have a fire extinguisher in the car before," Kirk said. "I would suggest having a first aid kit, fire extinguisher, a blanket and the mindset to be prepared for anything."

Kirk and his fellow cadets attend basic military training in addition to combat survival training which teaches them to deal with stress and perform basic medical care. Kirk attributes his Academy experience and training to being able to perform in this stressful situation.

"I was in the right place at the right time," said the cadet. "I did what I thought anyone else would do, tried to keep calm and keep my bearing and let the training take over."

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Firefighters work to contain blaze, ensure safety of local populace

Vandenberg Air Force Base Hot Shots join firefighters from Colorado Springs, Air Force Academy, Air Force Space Command, Warren Air Force Base, Fort Carson and others to help fight Waldo Canyon Fire



Vandenberg Air Force Base Hot Shot fire fighter Chris Loung wipes sweat from his face while cutting a fire line on June 28 in the Mount Saint Francis area of Colorado Springs while helping to battle the Waldo Canyon fire.

The Waldo Canyon Fire burns in the Peregrine subdivision area of Colorado Springs, June 28. No homes were lost in this area. By Thursday fire officials declared the fire 90 percent contained.



Vandenberg Air Force Base Hot Shot fire fighter Brad Mabery cuts a tree with his chainsaw while cutting and clearing a fire line on June 28 in the Mount Saint Francis area of Colorado Springs. His team is helping to battle several fires in Waldo Canyon. More than 90 firefighters from the Academy, along with assets from Air Force Space Command; F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.; Fort Carson, Colo.; and the local community continue to fight the Waldo Canyon fire.





C-130 MAFFS return to flight after S.D. crash

NORAD and USNORTHCOM Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The Commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command announced that the C-130 Modular Airborne Firefighting System fleet resumed operations Tuesday in support of the National Interagency Fire Center and its firefighters on the front lines in several states.

Operational flying was suspended for one day to review flying and safety procedures, in the context of what is known so

far about the crash of a MAFFS C-130 while fighting South Dakota's White Draw Fire.

An official accident investigation into the crash is ongoing, with the support of everyone concerned. Next-of-kin of the casualties have been notified.

USNORTHCOM officials said they and their Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard aircrews and support personnel are "fully committed" to helping protect lives and property in our homeland. In support of NIFC teammates, they are resuming MAFFS C-130 launches and firefighting.

STAFF SGT. STEPHANY D. RICHARDS
The 153rd Airlift Wing from Cheyenne WY use a modular air fire fighting system equipped C-130 Hercules aircraft in support of the Waldo Canyon wild fire June 27.

President Obama calls firefighting Airmen heroes

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — President Barack Obama released a statement Monday calling the Airmen battling wildfires in the Rocky Mountain region "heroes who deserve the appreciation of a grateful nation."

The statement comes following a crash Sunday of a North Carolina Air National Guard C-130 as its crew was battling a wildfire in South Dakota.

Here is the president's statement: "Yesterday (Sunday), a military C-130 from the North Carolina Air National Guard crashed while supporting firefighting efforts in South Dakota. The full details are still under investigation, but the crew of this flight - along with their families and loved ones - are in our thoughts and prayers.

"The men and women battling these

terrible fires across the West put their lives on the line every day for their fellow Americans. The airmen who attack these fires from above repeatedly confront dangerous conditions in an effort to give firefighters on the ground a chance to contain these wildfires — to save homes, businesses, schools, and entire communities. They are heroes who deserve the appreciation of a grateful nation.

"I know Americans across the country share my concern for the well-being of the surviving members of the crew and my deep condolences to the families of those who lost their lives. And I know that Americans join me in expressing my deepest gratitude for the selfless determination they and thousands of men and women involved in this fight in states across the country demonstrate every day."

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Academy Preparatory School gets new commander

By Amber Baillie
Academy Spirit staff writer

A 1992 Air Force Academy graduate became the 16th Academy Preparatory School commander during a change-of-command ceremony June 29.

Col. Kabrena E. Rodda, who received the Prep School guidon from Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, will direct the one-year academic, military, athletic and character development program for the next two years.

Outgoing preparatory school commander Col. Bart Weiss, who assumed the position in 2010, will be the Academy's assistant athletic director, and Rodda will command the Academy's 51st upcoming Prep School class.

Rodda is a 1992 Academy graduate and has served as a chemical research officer throughout her career. She holds Master of Science degrees in chemistry and project and systems management as well as a Doctorate of Philosophy in forensic toxicology.

This is Rodda's third command assignment. She previously commanded a remote seismic installation in South Korea as well as the Headquarters Air Force Drug Testing Laboratory. Rodda deployed twice to Iraq and was previously a consultant for Australian government officials on chemical disaster response for the Sydney Olympics.



Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, the Academy superintendent, passes the guidon and command of the Academy Prep School to Col. Kabrena E. Rodda during an Academy Preparatory School change-of-command ceremony June 29.

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Snapshots of A New Beginning

Inprocessing proceeds despite 18,000-acre Waldo Canyon fire on outskirts of Academy's grounds

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"The first shock and awe is when they get on the bus," said Cadet 1st Class Kristina Kemp who helped with the training. "It is our job to free the warrior spirit within them, instill courage and push them beyond their limit."

Each appointee stood at a 22 and half degree angle in line with their body, on paved footprints, as they were reminded of the big shoes they have to fill.

These shoes include heroic graduates dating back to 1959, such as Lt. Gen. Robert D. Beckel, Chesley Sullenberger and the late Air Force fighter pilot legend Capt. Lance Sijan.

Appointees stood firm in the 90 degree

heat, their eyes locked forward, hands cuffed and arms straight, down at their sides.

"My mentality today is to get through it, be broken and let them start building me up," Basic Cadet Brian Otte of Spokane, Wash said.

Otte is a 19-year old reapplicant at the Academy, who has a strong desire to play golf here and said he's been ready for military life for quite some time.

"I've been wanting this for years," Otte said. "I want to join the military, serve and that's really got to be your foundation if you're going to last. We have world class professors here, and amazing opportunities to go to different

parts of the world and help people. The list is endless and it's all worth it to me in the end."

Cadet 1st Class Joel Graley, the cadet in charge for inprocessing, said the main purpose for the training is to have basic cadets build a bond with their teammates.

"If you think you're in it for you, then you'll get to a point where you just want to quit and everyone wants to quit at some point," Graley said. "The focus is getting them to realize it's about their teammates, serving and ultimately breaking them down and building them back up."

Cadet 1st Class Jack Nelan said the

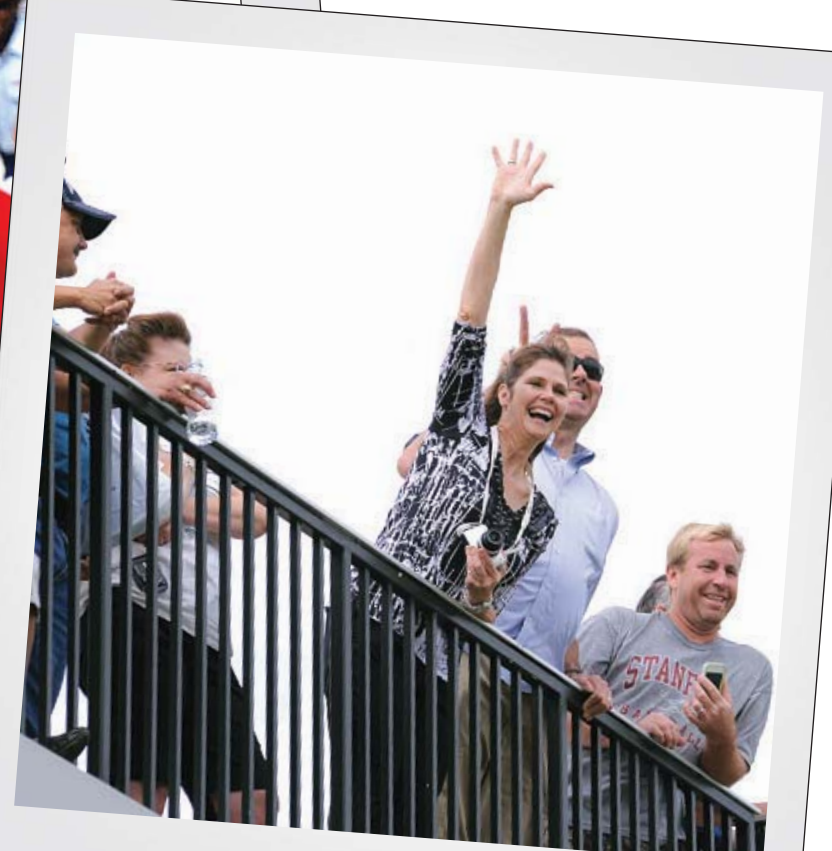
best advice he can give appointees is to be confident but not arrogant.

"They have an important decision their first day because if they don't get off the bus, they fail," Nelan said. "We try to push them forward but they choose their attitude."

Women make up 23 percent of the 2016 class and 35 percent are of a minority.

Upcoming cadets attended a public swearing-in ceremony June 29 at the cadet chapel and will train rigorously for the next six weeks.

Upon completion of basic cadet training on Aug. 4, basics will begin classes with the rest of the Cadet Wing on Aug. 9.



Said 'so long' to loved ones

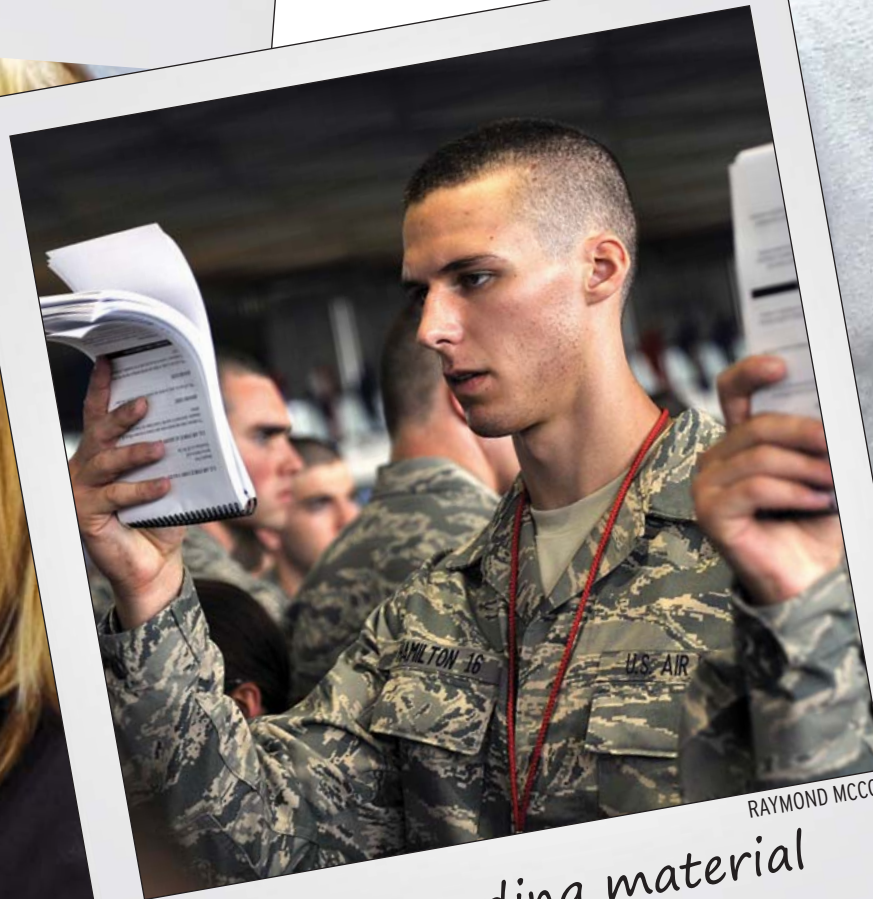
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Seven basic responses for new cadets:

- 1. Yes, sir or ma'am
- 2. No, sir or ma'am
- 3. No excuse, sir or ma'am
- 4. Sir or ma'am, I do not know
- 5. Sir or ma'am, I do not understand
- 6. Sir or ma'am, may I ask a question?
- 7. Sir or ma'am, may I make a statement?

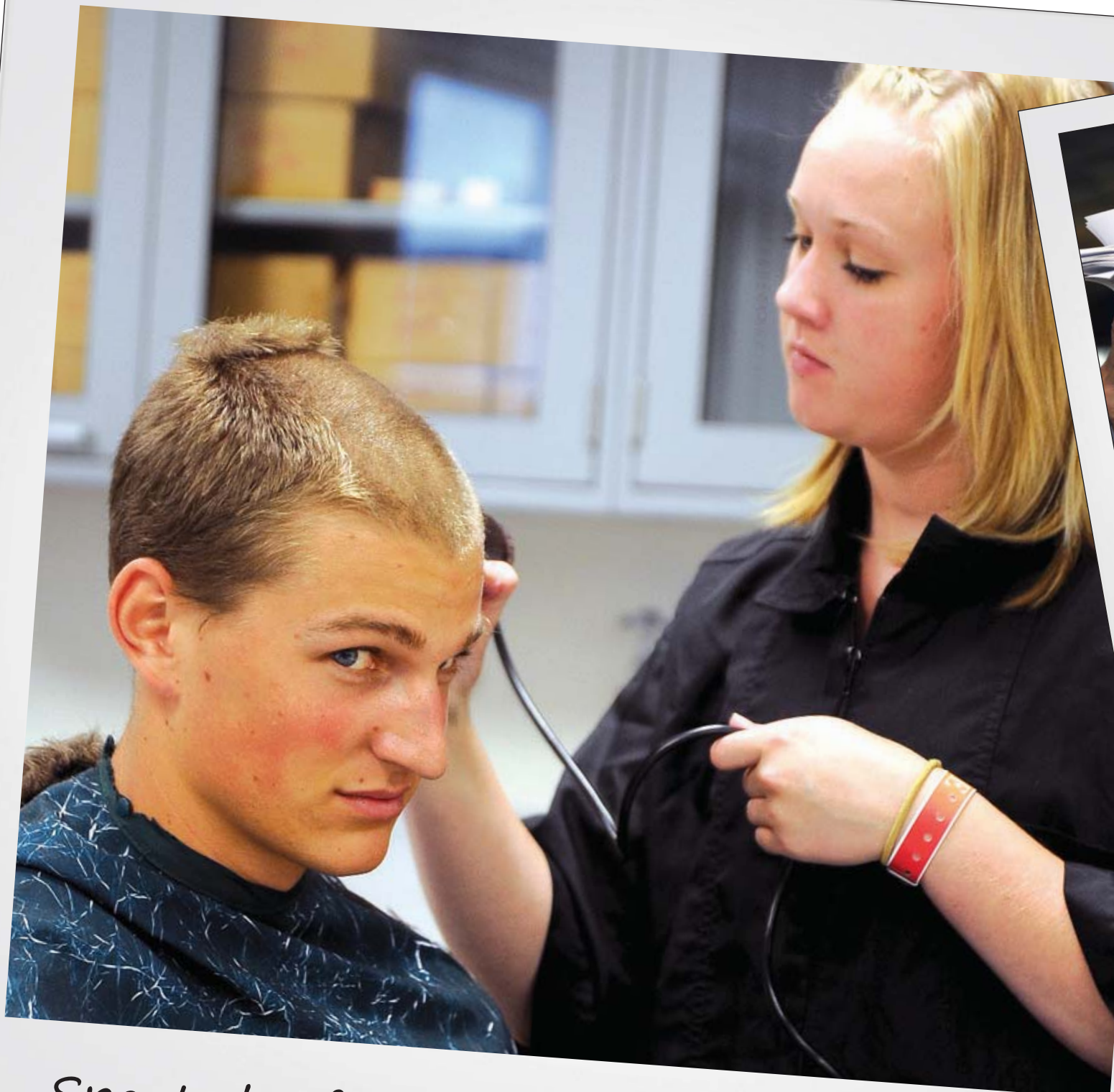
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local firefighters' ability to contain it, so two days later, the Air Force activated four C-130 Hercules equipped with Modular Airborne Firefighting Systems to assist, as well as calling in firefighters from several local bases and "Hot Shots" wildland firefighters from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

"The intent was to establish fire-breaks along U.S. Highway 24 and Rampart Range Road," Gibson said. "On Tuesday (June 26), we pulled together our Emergency Operations Center to try and put together a solid 'what-if' plan. The most disastrous forecasts told us we would not have anything near the Academy until Thursday morning; we thought we had 48 hours."

Those 48 hours flashed away when 65-mph winds spread the fire to triple its size the day before. While 346 homes were destroyed, firefighters held the line at Centennial Boulevard, saving about 1,400 more, Gibson said.

"Even the most pessimistic forecasts didn't compare to what happened," Gibson said. "Queens Canyon was the primary defensive line. The fire jumped over Queens Canyon and spread 3 miles beyond that to the east."

"The hairs on the back of my neck started going up. The fire's behavior surprised everybody," the colonel added.

With the fire suddenly on the Academy's southern border, Gibson decided to evacuate base housing and the enlisted dormitories. The evacuation began with Pine Valley at 6:30 p.m. on June 26, followed by Douglass Valley at 9:30 p.m. State Patrol officials closed Interstate 25 southbound starting at Interquest Parkway to clear traffic for the evacuating families. Overall, Gibson said, the evacuation went without a hitch.

"We're having our historians check this, but in our records, there is no precedent for this. The Air Force Academy has never before been evacuated," he said. "You all made it look easy."

Fort Carson had prepared itself to receive all of the 2,100 people who evacuated from the Academy. In the end, they received just more than 50.

"You all are a bunch of popular people," he said. "We didn't have the demand we thought we would, but Fort Carson was ready for us -- they were ready for all of us: housing residents, cadets, permanent party."

Firefighters continue to work around the clock and have contained 70 percent of the fire as of Tuesday, Gibson said. The Academy's southwest border was fully contained Monday, with help from Fort Carson's 4th and 52nd Engineering Brigades and the contractor CH2MHill.

"It's not extinguished," he warned. "That will take another couple of weeks." Firefighters are working along the fire's north front to contain it near West Monument Creek.

COMMUNICATION

The EOC team encountered trouble on several fronts on the communication front, from hiccups in the Falcon Alert service to rumors that spread like wildfire on social media sites like Facebook, Gibson said.

"Falcon Alert is like Twitter: We



DON BRANUM

Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Ludwig grabs a streamer to attach to his car after a town hall meeting at the Academy's Community Center Theater Tuesday. The Academy's Spouses Club created the streamers as a way of showing support for people fighting the Waldo Canyon fire, which forced evacuations from on-base housing areas. Ludwig is the Academy's command chief. Also pictured are Nancy Gibson and Betsy Addison, the wives of 10th Air Base Commander Col. Tim Gibson and 10th Mission Support Group Commander Col. Michael Addison.

Evacuee entitlements

- Up to \$66 per day per service member or civilian employee plus \$66 per day for family members older than 12 years old and \$33 per day for children ages 12 and under to cover meals and incidental expenses.
- Cadets receive \$66/day when government meals are not available or provided or \$5/day when government or deductible meals are provided without charge.
- Mileage entitlements of \$0.555 per mile will be paid up to the distance from the Academy to Fort Carson, approximately 27 miles.

Voucher processing for evacuees will be conducted at the Community Center Theater Monday and Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

only get so many characters," he said. "To get one complete message out, we had to send three Falcon Alerts. And at times, we released a Falcon Alert (message), and it took time before it got transmitted." Officials' best guess as to the cause of the delay is that other agencies in Colorado Springs used the same company, GetRave, to pass information to other people, placing a strain on GetRave's capacity.

Another hurdle with Falcon Alert is that it is only set up to allow registration from Air Force Academy email addresses. It does not accept registration from other email addresses -- not even Air Force or Army addresses, Gibson conceded.

"That means our people who live here and work at Fort Carson or Peterson AFB can't sign up for the service," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, if you have a Hotmail address and want to get Falcon Alerts, you should be able to do that. So we'll figure out how to make that happen."

EOC officials also spent a lot of time trying to suppress rumors, Gibson said.

"According to all the phone calls I've received, we've evacuated the Air Force Academy four times now," he said.

However, EOC officials had to balance the communication mission carefully, Gibson said. Providing too much information could be as bad as not providing enough.

"I don't want information being turned into rumors. Did I tell you everything I knew? No. I tried to disseminate information that was actionable and relevant for you," he said.

Forest City community manager Amanda Bailey also said her office would strive to better communicate with housing residents.

"We hope something like this never happens again," Bailey said. "But if it does, we want to make sure we communicate it effectively."

However, the Academy also had some critical successes in its communication endeavors, Gibson said. Personnel with the 10th Security Forces Squadron "literally went door-to-door" to notify people of the order. Interpreters accompanied 10th SFS personnel to help at homes where English was a second language.

AFTERMATH

Gibson signed evacuation orders for parts of Colorado Springs that civilian officials had also evacuated so that employees who lived in those areas could receive federal dislocation benefits.

"If you're not allowed back in by civil authorities, then those entitlements are still in effect," he said.

Personnel must file vouchers at their unit's finance office: Someone stationed at Peterson AFB would file a voucher at Peterson, and someone stationed at Fort Carson would file with their finance office, said Lt. Col. Burke Beaumont, chief of the Academy's Financial Directorate.

"Non-appropriated personnel will be paid with appropriated funds," Beaumont said. "I expect we had about 5,000 people evacuated, so we'll probably process about 2,000 vouchers."

"We will have everyone on-hand to stamp orders on (Monday and Tuesday)," Beaumont said. Residents

whose spouses are deployed do not need a power of attorney to sign vouchers.

Gibson warned people to beware scams that have followed the Waldo Canyon fire's wake in Colorado Springs. One such scam involves someone asking you to pay to reserve an appointment for adjustment or repair work. Another involves people going door to door soliciting donations, supposedly for a local charity.

In response to a question about whether some of the people working with contractors in the wake of the fire had criminal backgrounds, Gibson outlined the restrictions regarding who is allowed on base.

"People with outstanding warrants, people who've committed felonies within a certain period of time, sex offenders -- those people are never allowed on base. We are holding the line on standards," he said. "If they have an outstanding warrant, we go a step further and contact local law enforcement to come pick them up. It's a perfectly valid concern, but we've got your back."

In any event, Gibson added, "If it were me, when a contractor is going through my home, I'm going to be there. It's just prudent."

The colonel ended by highlighting what he called good-news stories, including large amounts of food that people have dropped off at fire stations to show their gratitude.

"You've been smart about this," he said. "It's not chocolatey, gooey stuff that will melt in a firefighter's pocket. You've dropped off protein bars, protein replacement shakes, beef jerky. It was really well done."

Meanwhile, the Academy Spouses Club has assembled red-and-yellow streamers made from surveyor's tape that people can tie to their cars as a way of expressing gratitude toward the firefighters, Gibson added.

"The fear is that people were going to put this fire out and then leave without ever seeing how appreciative people here are," he said. "These are a way of saying thanks to all of our firefighters. They're doing yeoman's work out there."

AETC commander addresses sexual misconduct allegations

By Tech. Sgt. Jess Harvey
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The commander of the Air Force's Air Education and Training Command spoke to members of the media here June 28 about the on-going investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct by military training instructors at Joint Base Lackland-San Antonio, Texas.

"In the fall of 2011 we discovered, to our great disappointment, that we had a number of MTIs who were alleged to have engaged in sexual misconduct with trainees," said Gen. Edward Rice Jr. "We are all committed to doing everything possible to investigate those allegations, to take care of the victims, to hold the perpetrators accountable and to fix any institutional problem that may have facilitated this completely unacceptable behavior."

In total, 12 MTIs have been accused of engaging in the misconduct, nine of which were from the 331st Training Squadron at Lackland. The squadron commander was relieved, and the MTIs were moved to other responsibilities within the squadron pending the results of the investigation.

Rice said the first allegation was raised by a victim in June 2011, and then, in November 2011, a group of MTIs came forward with information they overheard from other instructors.

"The vast majority of our 500 military training instructors are performing magnificently in a tremendously demanding environment," Rice said. "No one is more angry and disappointed than they are that a relatively small number of their cadre has cast a shadow over the entire program."

That's why, he said, the instructors came forward.

"Some of this alleged misconduct occurred while the trainees were in basic military training and some of this alleged misconduct occurred after the trainees graduated from BMT but were still in what we call the technical-training environment," said Rice.

But the general pointed out that, no matter where or when it happened, the Air Force has a zero-tol-

erance policy for this type of behavior, and AETC has policies in place to deter it.

"Regardless of whether the activity occurred in basic military training or in the technical training environment," said Rice, "personal relationships of any kind between trainees and instructors are strictly prohibited by our regulations and our instructions."

As soon as AETC leaders received the first allegation, they began an aggressive investigation and further tightened the measures already in place to deter such misconduct.

One such measure includes a briefing given to all recruits within the first 72 hours of their arrival, Rice said. The training group commander, chaplain, judge advocate, and sexual assault response coordinator talk to recruits about their rights and responsibilities to report misconduct.

Another measure includes comment boxes located all throughout the training areas where recruits can use comment sheets to anonymously report incidents.

"The training group commander reads every urgent sheet within 24 hours," said Rice. "And any allegation of sexual misconduct results in immediate action."

That includes the instructor being removed from his or her flight immediately and a no-contact order being issued, according to Rice. In addition, the MTI hat is removed from that instructor pending investigation.

He said the command is also looking closely at the instructor and trainee training process, the instructor selection process, and hiring more instructors among other things to combat this in the future, according to Rice.

"These actions are designed to help us address the root causes of the issue," said Rice. Addition-



SENIOR AIRMAN CHRISTINA BROWNLOW

Gen. Edward Rice Jr., commander of Air Education and Training Command, gives a press briefing on allegations of sexual misconduct involving basic training instructors at Lackland Air Force Base in the Pentagon June 28, 2012. An investigation since June 2011 into the allegations is ongoing.

ally, Rice directed an outside look by a major general not assigned within AETC to review the command's policies and practices.

"This external review will examine all the actions we have taken thus far to address this issue and provide me with feedback on what more we can do to prevent misconduct in our training environment and to strengthen our entire training enterprise," said Rice.

"At the end of the day, the best line of defense is for the training instructors in fact to police themselves and that's what happened in this case," said Rice.

However, the general stressed, "It's important that we not pre-judge any of these cases, in any way. Remember that each person we are investigating is innocent until proven guilty."



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Air Force linebacker Alex Means celebrates after blocking the game winning point-after attempt during the Falcons' 35-34 victory over Navy Oct. 1, 2011, at the Naval Academy's Jack Stephens Field. Means, a senior at the Academy, is named to the College Football Performance Awards.



RUSS SCALF

Means named to CPFA linebacker watch list

Rising-senior lone MW preseason candidate

Rising-senior Alex Means of Air Force football was named to the College Football Performance Awards 2012 CFPA Linebacker Watch List.

The senior was the lone representative from the Mountain West Conference and one of 41 on the linebacker list.

Means ranked third on the team

last season with 77 tackles. The Mankato, Minn., native led the team with 9.5 tackles for loss and 6.0 sacks.

Means enters his senior season with 127 career tackles in 29 games played.

The full list of CFPA awards is available at: <http://www.colleg-footballperformance.com>.

Flying with the Falcons: Jacko's F-16 Ride

Editor's Note: GoAirForceFalcons.com is providing updates on what some athletes are doing in the off-season. The series, "Flying with the Falcons," starts off with Falcon basketball player Jacko Salas' firsthand account of her F-16 Fighting Falcon experience.

Earlier this summer I went on Operation Air Force, a program where rising juniors get to experience what life is like in the "real" Air Force. I was extremely lucky to get (assigned to) Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., the largest F-16 combat fighter wing in the world! This is where I experienced the ride of my life.

Before my flight I had to get fitted for my G suit. It's basically gear that straps around your legs and abs that allows you to withstand the g-force caused by the aircraft's crazy maneuver capabilities. Every time you pull G's, the suit inflates. It doesn't inflate with the gracefulness of a balloon, it inflates with the forcefulness of an air-bag. Not cool. I also had to go through training to learn how to breathe/g-strain so I wouldn't pass out!

Before takeoff, there were so many emotions racing through me just because I knew this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We shot down the runway and before I knew it, we were at 14,000 feet. These jets are extremely loud, but when you are inside you can't hear or feel a thing! Until you pull some G's--this is where it gets crazy! The first time the pilot pulled G's, I was like, "OK, that wasn't too



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bad." It felt like any old roller coaster. Then he turned back and said "OK, are you ready for 9 G's?" And I played it off all cool like "Yeah, I'm ready," but really, in my mind, I was panicking, saying all types of sweet Jesus prayers, hoping I wouldn't pass out.

I took a deep breath and heard the pilot say, "OK, ready for G's..." and then it literally hits me out of no-

where. Seven seconds of 9.6 G's feels like a bear hug from hell with a splash of tunnel vision. And if you don't breathe right, you black out. It sounds horrible, but the thrill is indescribable. If I were to picture my favorite roller-coaster and multiply it by 10, it still wouldn't compare to an F-16 flight.

After we pulled 9.6 G's, the pilot let me take over for a bit. That's right,

I flew an F-16! Anyway, I took over, jammed the stick left and did a couple of barrel rolls, then jerked it to the right and somehow we ended up heading straight towards the ground. Luckily, we were high up! I managed to level out the plane before I asked the pilot if we could ride upside down.

The next thing I knew, we were flying inverted, my butt off the seat, my helmet touching the top of the glass cockpit and in awe of the way I was seeing the world below. It only lasted a few seconds but I will never forget it.

Oh yeah, I almost forgot about the practice dogfight. That was insane! There were a few other F-16s up there trying to chase us down, so needless to say, there were more twists and turns and of course more G-pulling (no more than 5-6 G's though). There was one part of the ride that reminded me of [the movie] Pearl Harbor, you know, where Ben Affleck and Josh Hartnett play chicken. If you haven't seen it, YouTube it. A scary, yet thrilling, moment.

There were no real downsides to the ride other than the occasional tunnel vision and gut checks (thank God for Coach Spence's ab workouts!). I slept like a baby after the ride though — scratch that, it was more like hibernation!

Like I said before, this was the ride of my life: Pictures and descriptions will never do it justice. I had always entertained the thought of being a pilot but never really took it seriously until now. Flying an F-16 is a thrill seeker's heaven, and I consider myself extremely blessed to have had this experience.

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Summer bowling leagues

The Academy Lanes Bowling Center's summer bowling leagues are now in session.

Available leagues include a parent and youth league Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for \$14 per team, three-person youth leagues Thursdays at 10 a.m. for \$7 per person and four-person adult mixed leagues Thursdays at 7 p.m. for \$10 per person.

Children may receive free bowling lessons during youth league play on Thursdays.

For more information, call Academy Lanes at 333-4709.

'Leading Consciously'

The Academy Diversity Office will hold two-day Leading Consciously awareness courses: July 16-17, July 18-19 and July 20-21.

The course introduces participants to skills that include testing assumptions, clearing emotions, building effective relationships and bridging differences.

For more information, call the Diversity Office at 333-7795.

Anger Management Class

The Family Advocacy program will offer a four-week session on anger management July 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 3-4:30 p.m. The class will focus on tools needed to manage anger in day-to-day life and health-

ier ways of relating to others.

To sign up call 333-5270.

Whitewater rafting

The Outdoor Recreation Center offers rafting trips to Browns Canyon, the Royal Gorge and Big Horn Sheep Canyon through August.

The trips depart from the Outdoor Recreation Center at 7 a.m. and return at 5 p.m.

Trips include transportation, a wet suit, personal flotation device, helmet, splash jacket and lunch.

The trips are a Class 3-5, include certified white-water rafting guides and range from \$55-\$85 per person. For more information visit the Academy Support website at <http://usafasupport.com/the-great-outdoors/outdoor-adventure>.

Golf Club

This summer the Eisenhower Golf Club offers open play, golf instruction, golf clinics and a junior golf program.

It includes two 18-hole courses and a clubhouse that features Ike's Grill, the Pro Shop and locker rooms. Golf clubs, power and hand carts are available to rent from the Pro Shop and all activities at the club are conducted by a professional staff.

The course is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and reservations for tee times are recommended.

For more information call 333-2606.

Claims against estate

All persons, firms and corporations that have claims against the estate of deceased Cadet Yung C. Chin, must present them to Capt. Yuliya Buquoi by July 9.

All must have their claims legally authenticated by the Academy's Staff Judge Advocate office for pro-rata payment, or they will be forever barred, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons, firms or corporations indebted to this estate should make immediate payment to Buquoi in care of the legal office.

For questions contact Buquoi at 951-818-6972 or 333-8388.

Half Marathon and 10K race

The Fitness Center's half marathon and 10 K race is scheduled for Aug. 4 at the Santa Fe Trail.

There is no cost to participate, and those who sign up will receive a free shirt.

Signups will take place July 9-23 at the Fitness Center. Participants can also sign up by phone at 719-333-4522.

For more information contact Dave Gray at 719-333-4567.

Pharmacy hours

The Academy Community Center Pharmacy will no longer be open on Saturdays as of August 26.

The last Saturday the pharmacy will provide services will be on August 25. The pharmacy will continue with its regular hours Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Final Friday

The Falcon Club will hold its monthly Final Friday event July 27 beginning at 4 p.m., with free admission for club members and one guest, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12.

The event will feature a Hawaiian theme, club card drawings and a crud game beginning at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact the Falcon Club at 333-4253.

Horsemanship classes

The Academy Equestrian Center offers horsemanship classes, which include a one-hour trail-riding lesson plus instruction in grooming, saddling and etiquette, for \$30 per lesson.

For information, contact the Equestrian Center at 333-4607.



Acacia Park summer concerts

Acacia Park is in full swing with its summer concert series Saturday evenings Aug. 4, 11 and 18 from 6-8 p.m.

Free concerts include indie rock, folk, country and jazz music.

For more information visit the Downtown Colorado Springs website at <http://bit.ly/lvwXdY>.

Youth, teen volunteers needed

The Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department seeks youth and teen volunteers to help with summer programs.

Children ages 10 and up can volunteer at several facilities, including the Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site, Helen Hunt Falls Visitor Center and more. For more information, contact the department at 385-6502.

USA Pro Cycling Challenge

Colorado Springs will host the final leg of the USA Pro Cycling Challenge Race Aug. 24 where cyclists will travel from Breckenridge to Colorado Springs.

Also referred to "America's Race," the world's top athletes will race through the Colorado Rockies Aug. 20-26 through 12 host cities from Durango to Denver.

This is the second year of the race. It consists of a 683-mile course that includes 42,000 feet of vertical climbing.

USA Pro Cycling Challenge

The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo will take place July 11-14 at the Penrose Events Center. For tickets, go to www.coloradospringsrodeo.com.



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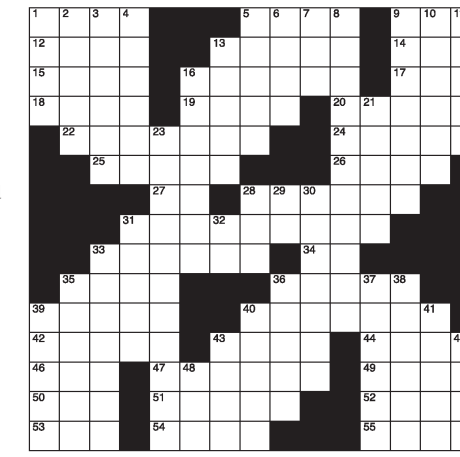
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- Making a sustained din
- Poked from behind
- 24th state
- Himalayan goat
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- Groups of three
- Not tightly
- Regenerate
- Strung necklace part

- Breezed through
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- Fertilizes
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- Usually in the sun
- Arm bones
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