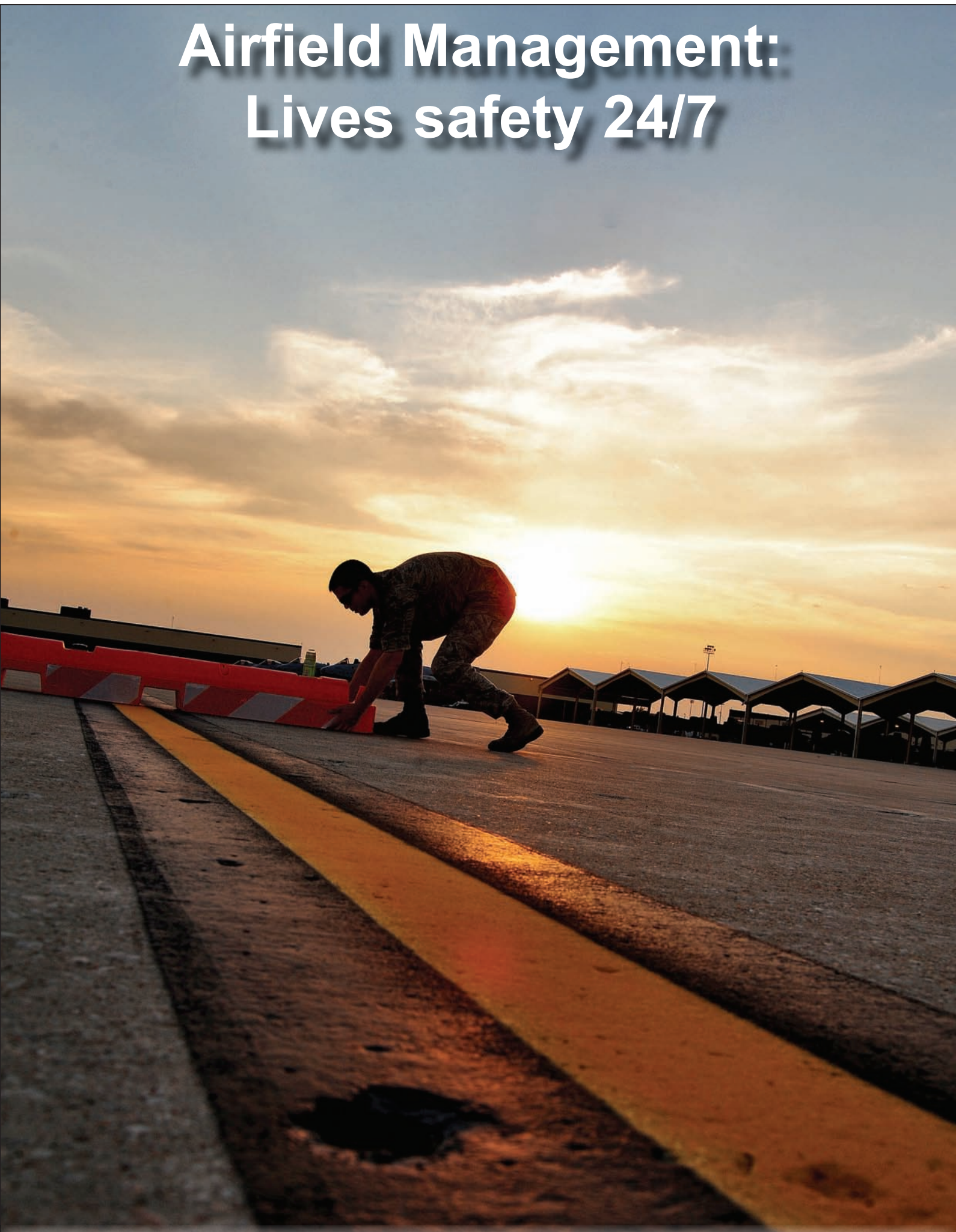


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Airfield Management: Lives safety 24/7



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Nick Wilson
Senior Airman Dennis Myles, 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management shift lead, relocates a barrier June 30 to warn pilots and vehicle operators of a construction zone. Airfield managers ensure aircraft movement areas are free from obstacles that could pose a threat to aircraft operations prior to aircraft arrival or departure.

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Base Community Council

The next Base Community Council is July 12 at Mission's End. The hosting community is Knob Noster. To make a reservation, contact 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs at 660-687-6121 by noon July 9 or email bcc.rsvp@whiteman.af.mil.

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Courtesy of National Weather Service

I am an American Airman: I will not fail!

By Staff Sgt. Torri Savarese
90th Missile Wing Public Affairs

F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. (AFNS) -- Early in my Air Force career, I overheard an NCO say, "The only tradition in the Air Force is constant change." I should clarify that he more grumbled it than said it. I remember thinking how odd of an expression that was, and how the disdain in his voice was unmistakable. I was still very "blue" of course, so I had not had any of the Air Force newness wear off yet.

It wasn't until about a year ago that I realized the newness had worn off. It was within my first few days of Airman Leadership School where it was explained to us that we were to learn the Airman's Creed as part of our curriculum. Before even realizing what I was doing, I found myself spouting the same words I heard from that NCO, years before. "The only tradition in the Air Force is constant change," I mumbled to my fellow classmates. Some of them laughed, some of them agreed, but I couldn't shake the numb feeling that crept over me.

We all learned to recite the creed, and many of us could say it on the spot. There was something missing; something that lacked conviction and true feeling. I have heard many people grumble about the Airman's Creed, saying it is fabricated motivation and just one more thing the Air Force is doing to inconvenience its Airmen. People who feel overworked and under appreciated ridicule the Air Force's "attempt" to motivate its Airmen through something as ambiguous as a few stanzas jotted down on a page. I have to confess I was one of those people, until about a month ago.

June 1 was an exciting day for me. My brother-in-law, Jonathan Savarese, was graduating Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. It was the first time I had been back to Lackland since my own graduation almost six years ago. I wanted to make sure my uniform was perfect from head to toe, and that I was representing the NCO corps well. I knew the young Airmen graduating

would look to me as an example of what the standard should be, and I knew I could not have one hair out of place.

The pass and review was spectacular; I had never seen anything like it before. Each Airman, so proud of their accomplishment, marched as straight and as perfect as it gets. I remembered how proud I was when I marched that same bomb run, and my eyes started to water. I held back emotion when every Airman pledged their Oath of Enlistment; their solemn promise to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. I was filled with pride to have these new Airmen as my brothers and sisters, knowing we all came from the very same place, and marched on the very same field.

The ceremony culminated with the reciting of the Airman's Creed, which is something every new Airman is taught from their first day of BMT. I was worried the creed would come out as I have heard it so many other times - mumbled, morose and monotone. I was shocked when I heard the conviction of all the Airmen speaking in one voice, "I am an American Airman..." I wanted to join in with them halfway through their oration, and wasn't surprised to see many other Airmen in the audience already had. The final line of the creed was not spoken; no, it was shouted in a unified voice that made the chills run up and down my spine -- "AND I WILL NOT FAIL!"

I know that every Airman who comes into my keeping is still very "blue" like we all once were, and I know how important it is to grow that Airman into an exceptional NCO, despite my own prejudices. I ask all of my fellow NCOs to take a minute and reflect on your march down the bomb run. I ask each of you look at your "blue" Airmen and not snuff out the pride and excitement they have. Instead of trying to morph them into shells of their basic-trainee selves, mocking their motivation as something to be embarrassed about, can we cultivate the professionalism, pride and determination they come to us with? Can we let them remind us what it means to be an American Airman? This openness to change will ensure that we all will not fail.

Air Force leaders issue Independence Day message

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy sent the following Independence Day message to the men and women of the U.S. Air Force:

This Fourth of July marked the 236th year since the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence--the document that separated the American colonies from British rule and led to the creation of a new federal republic.

Thanks to the vision of our Founding Fathers and the commitment of the courageous men and women who fought to win American independence, we inherit a legacy of freedom based on the idea that all people possess certain unalienable rights--to life, to liberty, and to the pursuit of happiness.

Our Nation's early patriots deserve our enduring gratitude for their sacrifices on behalf of their fellow citizens. But we also owe a debt to the millions of Americans across the generations who since have protected our democracy for more than two centuries.

This includes most especially those Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen who made the ultimate sacrifice, have been captured, or otherwise remain missing in fighting for and helping to preserve our liberty. The families of our service members--past and present, and particularly of our wounded warriors--also have earned our thanks for their sacrifices.

This Fourth of July, let us recommit ourselves to doing all that we can to ensure that our children, our grandchildren, and the generations that follow will enjoy the freedoms that are our birthright as Americans. We salute you and your service, our flag and the United States of America.

Are you an airpower advocate?

By Lt. Col. Brian D. Gallo
509th Operations Support Squadron commander

Have you been an active advocate of the airpower that our Air Force provides in defense of our great nation? It's not enough to just learn about airpower at any of the numerous professional military education opportunities afforded to many Airmen from the ranks of senior airman to lieutenant colonel.

I compel you to take the opportunity to avidly advertise our missions and capabilities whether you are spending time with family and friends at home on leave, TDY with members of our sister services, or deployed up range in support of the ongoing global war on terrorism.

To be an effective advocate of airpower, first you must sit down and give it some thought. Have you ever asked yourself what fundamental missions define airpower? I would argue that with today's resource constraints the Air Force should focus on five core capabilities: long range strike; air superiority; air mobility; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; and space situational awareness.

Long range strike is the ability to hold any target on the globe at risk within a matter of hours and is the reason the Air Force was designated a separate service Sept. 18, 1947 with the birth of Strategic Air Command. SAC built a formidable bomber force to serve as the most flexible and vis-

ible leg of the nuclear triad which endures today with the B-2 Spirit and B-52 Stratofortress in AFGSC.

Air superiority enables the joint force freedom of maneuver in the battle space. Our Air Force has done an exceptional job preventing our enemies from using airpower against our ground forces since the Korean War. Our transport fleet provides air mobility which is essential to timely movement of people and equipment for all four services serving both humanitarian and wartime purposes. Our tankers provide range and persistence critical to the long-range strike and air superiority missions. A multitude of airborne and space-based ISR assets provide invaluable information for finding, fixing, tracking, and targeting our adversaries.

Finally, space situational awareness encapsulates a variety of services like navigation, communication, intelligence, and weather (to name a few) which are used by numerous customers across the U.S. government.

The B-2 is the only penetrating bomber in our inventory making it the backbone for our Air Force's long-range strike mission. Its unique combination of range, payload, precision and stealth not only serve as a credible nuclear deterrent, but also make this weapon system every combatant commander's top choice for responsive. Although the B-2 and its weaponry are impressive feats of technology and American ingenuity,

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NEWS BRIEFS

Balfour Beatty Communities Lifeworks Events

Balfour Beatty Communities Lifeworks offers free events open to military personnel and their families. Events are held at the Lifeworks House, 245 Selser Dr., Whiteman AFB.

Tuesday: 11 a.m. -- Creative Crafters- For toddlers and children 3+, we make a fun craft every two weeks.

Wednesday: 9 a.m. -- Join us as we begin our Lifeworks Garden Activity. Wear older clothes -- you will get messy.

Thursday: 4 p.m. -- The Mrs. Club Meeting- This is a new program for wives that do not have any children. We will get together and make crafts, have movie nights, and make new friends.

July 13: 10 a.m. -- Story Time
11 a.m. -- Red Cross Blood Drive- Free pizza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (See article on this page).

Search whitemanhomes via Facebook.com for more information or, call 660-687-0559.

Sedalia Bombers Military Appreciation Game

The Sedalia Bombers is hosting a military appreciation game vs. the U.S. Military All Stars beginning at 7 p.m. July 8 at Liberty Park. All military and family are free. For more information log on to usmilitaryallstars.us or sedaliabombers.com.

Teens and Technology Class

Teens and Technology class is designed for parents to learn more about the technology their teens use, the risks and the dangers they face. The course is also designed to teach parents how to prevent the risks and dangers associated with technology use. The class is from noon to 1 p.m. July 12 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Call Jennifer Case, at 660-687-4341 to sign up.

Air Force Accepting Prior Service Applicants

Have you previously served as an enlisted member in the Air Force or other branch of the U.S. military? If so, and you were honorably discharged and have been out of the service less than six years, you may be eligible to serve in the U.S. Air Force. The Air Force is currently seeking individuals to serve in their previous job or to possibly retrain. To learn more, contact your local Air Force recruiter, call 1-800-423-USAF or visit airforce.com and speak live with an Air Force adviser.

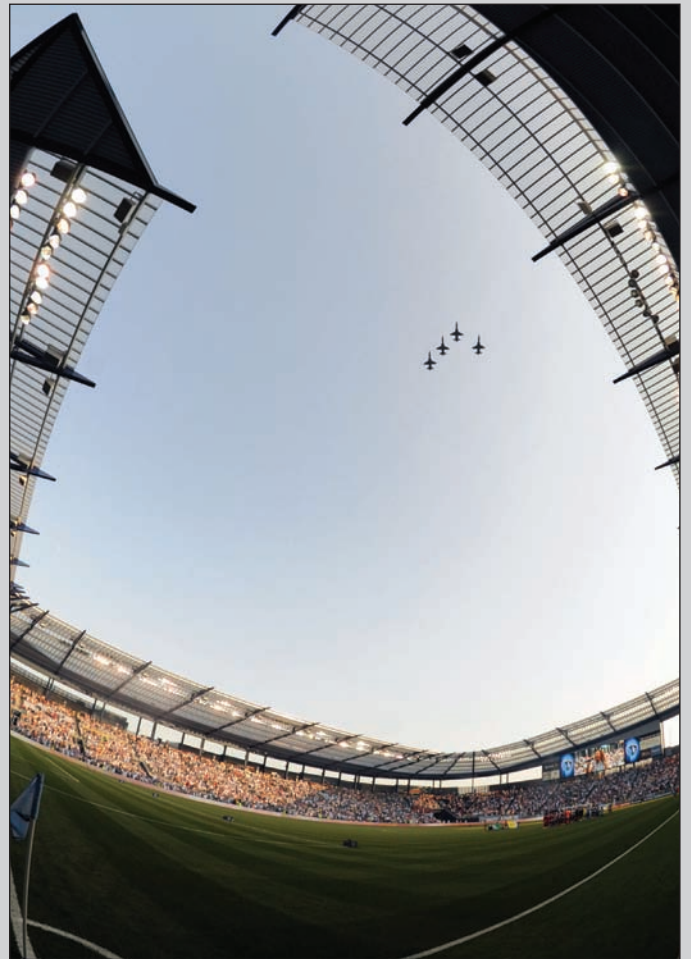
Whiteman Warrior Story Ideas

The Public Affairs Office accepts story ideas for news and feature articles on people and organizations to help provide recognition of excellence in performance and set forth norms for mission accomplishment. To submit an idea, call 660-687-6123, or email whiteman.warrior@whiteman.af.mil

T-38 flyover during Sporting KC soccer game



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Montse Belleau
KANSAS CITY, Kan. --Whiteman honor guard members step off the field after presenting the colors during the opening ceremony of the Sporting KC vs. Chicago soccer game.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Montse Belleau
KANSAS CITY, Kan.--A formation of T-38 Talons from Whiteman AFB perform a flyover during the opening ceremony of the Sporting KC vs. Chicago soccer game.

ALS graduates future NCO leaders

The Whiteman Airman Leadership School Class 12-F graduated 32 future supervisors June 28 at the Mission's End.

The award winners were:

John L. Levitow:

Senior Airman Jonathan Johnson
509th Communications Squadron

Distinguished Graduates:

Senior Airman Jorge Bautista,
509th Munitions Squadron
Senior Airman Joshua Oates,
509th CS

Academic Achievement Award:

Senior Airman Joshua Oates, 509th CS

Commandant Award:

Staff Sgt. Ryan Pritchard, 509th MUNS

The graduates were senior airmen:

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American Red Cross hosts Whiteman blood drive

By Senior Airman Montse Belleau
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 13 at the community activity center.

"The American Red Cross' mission is to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply through voluntary donations," said Laylan Hecker, Balfour Beatty LifeWorks coordinator. "To fulfill this, the Red Cross needs the generous support of eligible blood donors."
Donors present will receive a Rock-n-Roll

T-shirt and are eligible to win a Gibson guitar. Donors taking part from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will receive free pizza.

Donors ages 16-21 will be automatically entered to win a \$5,000 scholarship from the American Red Cross. Donors younger than 18 need parental permission to donate.

According to the American Red Cross, distribution of blood products to hospitals are starting to outpace donations, creating a great need for all eligible donors.

"Blood donations were down in the first five months of 2012, compared to last year,"

Hecker said. "There is almost half the amount of readily available blood in the Red Cross inventory than there was at this point last year."

It can take up to three days for donated blood to be tested, processed and made available for patients. When a disaster or emergency strikes, it's the blood already on the shelf that can help save lives.

Those interested can pre-register by logging on to redcross.org. By booking the appointment online, members can ensure their wait time is limited. For more information, call 1st Lt. David Cwiakala at 660-687-4229.

Your vote matters

By Candy Knight
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

In 1920, a young Tennessee legislator named Harry Burn broke a 48-48 tie when he cast his vote in favor of ratifying a new constitutional amendment.

That amendment, the 19th, gave women the right to vote. With Burn's vote, Tennessee delivered the critical 36th ratification needed in order for the amendment to become part of the Constitution.

Fast-forward to 2012, where in a country with nearly 200 million eligible voters, many still don't vote because they believe their one vote won't make a difference.

"The ability to vote exists as one of the most cherished constitutional rights that many fought for, marched for and died for over the centuries," said 1st Lt. Nathaniel Steward, 509th Bomb Wing installation voting assistance officer. "By not voting, you give away your right to influence the government overall."

Whiteman's Voting Assistance Office assists Airmen, their family members and eligible voters to register and vote either at the polls or by

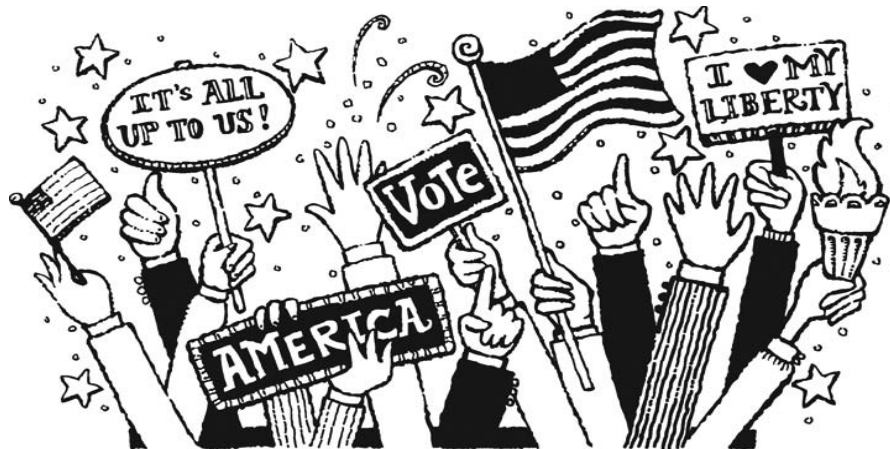
absentee ballot, regardless of Major Command or branch of service affiliation. The office provides information on upcoming elections, assistance with processing and filing of absentee ballots and also encourages all to participate in elections by voting.

"The Air Force Voting Assistance Program is a year-round program," Steward said. "The mission of the VAP is to provide assistance for all elections, regardless of when they are held, with special emphasis on the period prior to the Nov. 6 general elections."

The office also helps dispel certain myths and untruths regarding the registering and voting process. These myths include the belief that third-party organizations can find out which candidates individuals voted for, or absentee ballots don't count.

"There is no way someone can find out who you voted for," Steward said. "The Secretary of State's office and the Elections Division go to great lengths to ensure that your vote is your business."

Steward added that requesting an absentee ballot takes less time than a round of Guitar Hero. "Every absentee ballot is counted, so long as



U.S. Air Force Graphic

The Voting Assistance Office assists Airmen, their family members and eligible voters, regardless of Major Command or branch of service affiliation, to register and vote either at the polls or by absentee ballot. For information, visit www.fvap.gov.

it is properly completed, sent to the right place and arrives by the deadline set by the individual's state," Steward said.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, only 71 percent of individuals eligible to vote actually registered to do so during the 2008 presidential election, and only 63.6 percent actually voted.

"Voting provides an important way to voice your opinion regarding current and future leaders and overall policies," Steward said. "Voting also helps you decide your own future by electing a

person who might reflect your own views. More importantly, not voting takes away the 'will of the majority' that governs this country and replaces it with the 'will of the minority.'

"Vote! It's a freedom you defend," Steward said. "Every vote counts and some races are decided by small margins. In every election, your vote matters."

For more information, individuals can contact their unit's voting assistance officer, or visit www.fvap.gov.

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Two 131st BW B-2 pilots surpass 1,000 flying hours

By Senior Master Sgt. Mary-Dale Amison
131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Two Missouri Air National Guard 131st Bomb Wing members made history here June 13 and 27 when they surpassed 1,000 flying hours in a B-2 Spirit.

Two weeks before Lt. Col. Dave Thompson, 110th Bomb Squadron commander, reached his milestone, Maj. Geoffrey Billingsley, 131st Bomb Wing weapons officer, became the sixth pilot to reach the same historical milestone for the Missouri ANG and the 509th Bomb Wing's Total Force Integration in the B-2 Spirit flying mission.

"This is a unique aircraft with a unique mission," said Billingsley. "I'm privileged to fly it and honored by the trust placed in me by the U.S. government and our fellow citizens."

Thompson shared the sentiment. "I am so proud to be part of this team," said Thompson. "Every day I see and hear about the amazing ways the Guard has impacted this incredibly important mission. This achievement is really small compared to the herculean efforts that have gone into getting the 131st to where it is today, living and breathing the B-2 mission."

The B-2 is not Billingsley's first aircraft, he has also flown the T-37 Tweet as a First Assignment Instructor Pilot and the T-38 Talon. Additionally, he has flown the B-757 and B-767 airliners at Delta Air Lines. Thompson has flying time in the F-15 Eagle,



National Guard Photo/Senior Master Sgt. Mary-Dale Amison
Lt. Col. Dave Thompson, 110th Bomb Squadron commander, and Maj. Geoffrey Billingsley, 131st Bomb Wing weapons officer, stand under the B-2, "Spirit of Ohio" June 27. Two weeks before Thompson reached his milestone, Billingsley became the sixth pilot to reach the same historical milestone for the Missouri ANG's and the 509th Bomb Wing's Total Force Integration in the B-2 Spirit flying mission. Thompson become the seventh 131st Bomb Wing Airmen, respectively, to reach this B-2 flying milestone.

T-38 and B-737.

Billingsley said the B-2, although it flies much like any other aircraft, is an incredible machine. His role in the 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron involves operational test of new weapons, hardware and software when they are added to the B-2.

"We run a checkout of the new equipment before it's fielded for the Bomb Wing,"

Billingsley said. "We evaluate the individual aircraft to ensure they are as stealthy as the day they were built."

Thompson became the first ANG B-2 instructor pilot in 2007, and flew the first-ever "all-Guard" flight with Col. Greg Champagne, the 131st Bomb Wing commander, later that year. The flight was launched, flown, and recovered completely by Mis-

souri ANG personnel.

"There are so many people involved in the process of preparing and launching the jet every time we take off," Billingsley said, about the 509th and 131st BW support personnel and maintainers. "They are true professionals, and I've enjoyed working with them tremendously, both as an active duty and Air Guard B-2 pilot."

Billingsley is now in his 15th year of service. He spent more than 10 years on active-duty before transitioning to the Missouri Air National Guard's 131st Bomb Wing in May 2008.

"It's been amazing to see God shape and guide my career," Billingsley said. "He's given me the chance to serve my country while at the same time doing something I love."

Thirty-one pilots have reached 1,000 B-2 hours, and 13 actively fly the B-2. Of those 13, seven are Missouri Guardsmen. Billingsley and Thompson join their fellow 1,000-hour 131st pilots Lt. Col. Rhett Binger, Lt. Col. Mike Pyburn, Maj. Jared Kenish, Maj. John Avery; and Lt. Col. Mike Means, who has more than 1,500 B-2 flying hours.

"This is truly representative of the 131st Bomb Wing and the Air National Guard," said Lt. Col. Mike Pyburn, 131st Operations Group commander. "We bring unparalleled experience, expertise and qualification levels to the fight in support of our active duty Total Force partners, our state and this nation."

Old cell tower comes crashing down



SEDALIA, Mo. -- Robert Camp, ALT Inc. construction worker, ties a rope before bringing down an Air Force cell tower June 28. The tower was demolished because it was no longer in use.



SEDALIA, Mo. -- A 416-foot cell tower, property of the U.S. Air Force, came crashing down June 28. The 509th Civil Engineer Squadron contracted J&B Builders to complete the demolition.



SEDALIA, Mo. -- Brian Kohrs, and Rick Lutz, Green Deconstruction Company construction workers, and Brian Bouy, J&B Builders construction worker, lay out a tarp as the projected landing spot for a cell tower demolition June 28. Repeater towers are signal amplifiers used to boost cell phone reception in the local area.

U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Bryan Crane

Airfield Management: Lives safety 24/7



Airman 1st Class Adam Rhine, 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management apprentice, and Senior Airman Alisha Thiher, 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management journeyman, shoot pyrotechnic as part of a routine safety checklist June 29. Airmen working in the airfield management flight ensure the safety of all aircraft operations on the flightline day and night.

Story and photos By Senior Airman Nick Wilson
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

To keep the mission flying, it's vital to ensure Whiteman's aircraft have a safe flightline for landing and take offs -- especially in support of the Air Force's only B-2 Spirit wing. That's where the 509th Operations Support Squadron Airfield Management operations flight comes into play.

The safety of Whiteman's airfield depends on the coordination and expertise of a 15-man team of airfield managers who are responsible for facilitating safe and efficient operations on the flightline.

"We accomplish runway, taxiway, apron, hangar and support facility inspections a minimum of 12 times a day to ensure airfield safety is supplied and supported," said Senior Master Sgt. Todd Lewis, 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield manager. "We focus on a variety of inspection items ranging from bird and mammal activity, airfield pavement condition, airfield marking, signage and lighting conditions."

In addition to the daily inspections, the managers also accomplish an annual inspection on the condition of the airfield, which is sent to Air Force Global Strike Command and made into a set expectation for the following year. In support of the B-2 mission, managers at Whiteman have a unique responsibility compared of airfield managers at other Air Force bases.

"Regardless of the weather and road conditions, we don't get delayed reporting," said Senior Airman Alessandra Aceves-Harnden, 509th OSS airfield management shift lead. "We have to be here because it's essential that we're there for the B-2 so that nothing can stop it. We make sure that no matter what happens, our airfield is clear and ready for aircraft to take off at any moment."

Airfield managers, whether new to the Air Force or a senior non-commissioned officer, have a significant impact on whether Whiteman's mission fails or succeeds.

"Anything that happens out there is ultimately our responsibility," Lewis said. "At any given time, an airman 1st class could be in charge of our 1,400 acre airfield which houses more than \$44 billion

in aircraft and more than 1,000 personnel. Ask yourself how many other E-3s in the Air Force have that much responsibility. All the groups may have personnel and facilities that operate on the airfield each day, but in the end we are entrusted to look after it."

The heavy responsibility of being entrusted with running the flightline requires an extensive knowledge of items.

"We're trained on hundreds of items," Aceves-Harnden said. "We deal with everything on the airfield from flight operations, to safety, to lighting outages."

In addition to the numerous airfield management duties, airfield managers are responsible for the base's airfield driving program. To prevent runway incidents and safety mishaps, airfield managers ensure Airmen driving on the flightline are trained and certified biannually.

"We live safety 24/7; without it, people die," Lewis said.

Whether it is a safety inspection or a biannual driving test, the 509th OSS Airfield Management Operations Flight ensures Whiteman maintains a safe flightline and its aircraft are ready for flight at a moment's notice.



Senior Airman Dennis Myles, 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management shift leader, coordinates with the air traffic control tower prior to departing the runway June 30.



Airman 1st Class Tyler Goswick, 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management operations coordinator, ensures runway edge lights are operational during a routine inspection June 30.



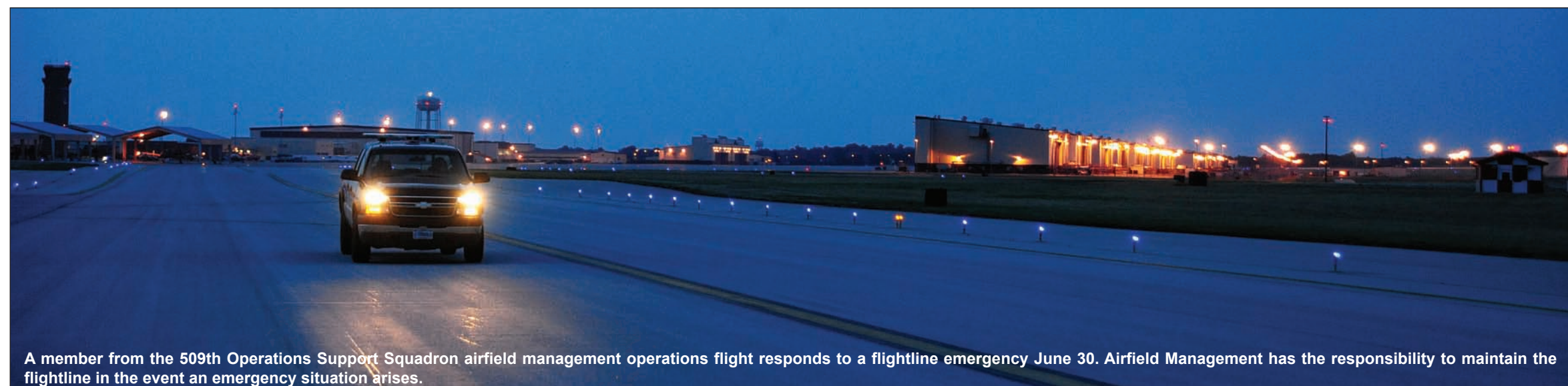
Airmen from the 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management operations flight sweep up pieces of loose pavement from the airfield June 29, as part of an inspection for items that could cause foreign object damage.



Senior Airman Dennis Myles, 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management shift lead, shoots pyrotechnics to scare away nearby birds June 30.



An Airman from the 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management operations flight stomps on cracked pavement to check solidity as part of a routine flight inspection June 29.



A member from the 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management operations flight responds to a flightline emergency June 30. Airfield Management has the responsibility to maintain the flightline in the event an emergency situation arises.

From the Frontlines: Senior Airman William Peters

By Airman 1st Class Bryan Crane
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

In December 2011 the U.S. withdrew its last troops from Iraq to end Operation Iraqi Freedom. Senior Airman William Peters, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operations, was deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, from July 2011 until February 2012 and held a critical position in helping our troops pull out of Iraq.

After bases throughout Iraq shut down, Peters and his unit were among the last to complete the final pull-out for the 424th Medium Truck Attachment.

Peters, whose convoys frequently took him into Iraq, had the opportunity to be deployed during the historic time period. This meant a lot to him as he remembers being a young boy when the war began.

His duties while deployed were similar to those at Whiteman because they both involved moving equipment from one place to another.

“At Whiteman you were never worried about your life when you went on a mission,” said Peters. “Whereas the dangers in Iraq had me on my toes at every moment.

“On one trip into Iraq we had maintenance issues and were stuck in a sketchy area,” Peters said. “We decided to keep moving considering our destination wasn’t too far away. We turned a corner and nearly 12 vehicles passed the same spot before an improvised explosive device detonated on one of our cargo trucks.”

The experience was a close call for Peters,



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CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait -- Senior Airman William Peters, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operations, prepares for a convoy during his deployment. Peters was deployed from July 2011 until February 2012, where he was a part of convoys that went into Iraq to bring equipment in and out of the country.

but because of the training he received before his deployment his instincts kicked in.

“We could all see the flash and feel the shake of the explosion,” Peters said. “We all got into position to protect ourselves. Luckily it was a single attack and there were no major

injuries to anyone in our convoy.”

Peters said he never had a typical day while in Kuwait. While on base at Camp Arifjan, he had a bunk bed with a sectioned-off area for privacy and a variety of places to eat but things changed when he went out on

missions. He could be sleeping on a cot in a shack or tent with holes in it, or even on the ground.

Missions were long for Peters as they had to take certain routes, and at times could only travel at night.

“One mission had us take anti-mortars out of Iraq and these were the biggest pieces of equipment we ever moved,” Peters said. “Because of the sensitivity nature of the weapons, the missions were strategically conducted.”

“The best part of my deployment was closing out Iraq,” Peters said. “I was just a kid when 9/11 happened and I’ve grown up most of my life during this war. To be part of closing our efforts in Iraq was a big deal for me.”

Overall, Peters said he enjoyed his first deployment, but he did miss a few things about home.

“I missed all the sights and smells of home while deployed,” Peters said. “Of course, most of all, I missed my family. You never knew if you were talking to them for the last time. It was great coming home and seeing their faces again.”

“From the day Peters arrived at Whiteman, he expressed that he wanted to deploy,” said Tech. Sgt. Wil Keen, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operations control center NCO in charge. “When he received his tasking, he was very excited. I am glad Peters was able to experience convoys before it ended. I think it has helped him grow as a person and a vehicle operator.”

Peters added that if he ever got a chance to deploy again he would definitely take it.

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Fini flight marks B-2 pilot's retirement



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Lt. Col. Tony Monetti, 394th Combat Training Squadron B-2 Spirit pilot, stands next to his son while thanking supporters with a 'thumbs up' after his "Fini" flight July 2. The "Fini" flight is a military tradition where a pilot gets hosed down by family and aircrew members on their final flight.



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Breastfeeding Support Group — Breastfeeding Support Group is a 90-minute support group offered to Whiteman members and is the first Wednesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the A&FRC. Contact Briana Kovach at 660-687-0368 for information. Children are welcome and should bring something to play with. No RSVP needed.

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- Advertising is free to all active-duty, guard and reserve military members and civil servants who work on base or at the MoARNG in Warrensburg only. Military or civil service rank must be included in the space for "rank." We do offer free advertising to retired military members.
- Ads of a commercial nature such as baby-sitting, lawn maintenance, house cleaning, product sales, apartments or houses for rent, work-at-home opportunities or any other service in which the person makes a profit must be prepaid. Paid ads must be placed directly through the Sedalia Democrat at 1-800-892-7856, dropped off at 700 S. Massachusetts Ave., Sedalia, Mo., 65301 or e-mailed to theclassifieds@sedaliademocrat.com. They accept VISA, MasterCard, cash, personal check or money order.
- Free ads are for one-time sale of personal items only. Free ads can't be placed for churches, groups, clubs, organizations or friends not affiliated with the military. Each item must be sold for \$150 or less.
- Only one free ad*, maximum 30 words, will be allowed to run at any given time by the same household, for a maximum of eight weeks. Ads over the 30-word maximum will be edited at the publisher's discretion. *People who are PCSing may place more than one ad and sell the items at any price.

- Include your home phone in the ad so people can contact you. **USE OF DUTY PHONES IN ADS IS AGAINST AIR FORCE REGULATIONS.**
- Print legibly, and place punctuation and spaces where necessary. Use only one word per line.
- Free ads aren't taken over the phone. They must be dropped off at or mailed to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, 1081 Arnold Ave Blvd, Bldg 59, Whiteman AFB, Mo., 65305. Ads may also be faxed to 660-687-7948.
- Many offices on base are using old forms**. If you would like a copy of the new ad form to keep in your office, call 687-6123 and we'll fax a new form for your use. Or, you can download it at <http://www.whiteman.af.mil> and click on "Whiteman Warrior Classified Ad Form."
- Homes for sale that are listed with a realtor must be paid for. Only people who are PCSing and selling homes FSBO (for sale by owner) qualify as a free ad.
- Free yard sale ads are for active-duty, guard, reserve and retired military members living on or off base. People who live on base must have their yard sale approved by the housing office first.
- The deadline for placing new ads, canceling or making changes to ads is 10 a.m. Friday, one week before desired publication.
- Ads that don't meet these guidelines will not run. Free advertising is a privilege extended to you by the publisher, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Submissions do not guarantee publication. Publication is on a space available basis.

Services Offered 69

PCSing? MOVING?
Guaranteed Stress-Free
Finals! Covering everything inside & out for over 18 years!
Painting, oil stains, trash/recycle, yard work. Short notices possible. Only 1 day needed! Call "The Final Touch"
660-233-3327
Not sure what to do?? We give free estimates!

Daycare Centers 84

Buzzy Bees Infant Daycare
402 Angus Lane
Knob Noster, MO
660-563-BUZZ
Now enrolling 6 wks through 3 years old.

Your Ad Could Be Here

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NEW BEGINNINGS LEARNING CENTER
has immediate openings for ages 2-5 before & after school and summer care.
Call 660-563-2424

NEW BEGINNINGS LEARNING CENTER
will begin Fall Preschool Enrollment on June 18.
Age Groups:
3-4 year-olds, Tues & Thurs.
4-5 year-olds, Mon, Wed & Fri.
Call for rates & details.
660-563-2424

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(2) **ORIENTAL RUGS:** 7 1/2 by 9 1/2- \$100 each; entertainment center. Call 660-747-1588. sa

HOT TUB- 5/6 Person Spa-2012 Model, New- not being used. Cost \$7900, Take \$3200 or best offer. Can deliver. Call 417-353-2455.

KING SIZE BED mattress with (2) twin boxsprings and bed frame- \$150. Must sell! 618-567-1359 sa

Daycare Centers 84

Misc. For Sale 135

NEW Kitchen Cabinets: Gorgeous solid wood. Complete kitchen. Never installed. Cost \$8500. Take \$1600 or best offer. 660-252-4330.

THE CHANGE JAR
Consignment Boutique
617 S. Maguire
Warrensburg
Mon-Fri 10-6
Sat. 10-5
660-747-8419

Help Wanted 90

Dental
Dental Assistant
Chair-side assistant with excellent "people skills" needed to join our dental team. Dental experience preferred. Excellent hours, pay, benefits, retirement, etc.
Send resume to:
Dental Assistant
520 Burkarth Road
Warrensburg, MO 64093

Apartments For Rent 207

2 BR 1 bath. Washer/dryer hookups. Full basement. 4 miles from base. No pets. \$450 deposit, \$450/month. Great deal! 660-238-0998.

DEERBROOK APARTMENTS
710 A. Deerbrook Circle
Knob Noster Mo
1 & 2 BR Apartments
3 BR 2 bath Duplexes
2 miles from the Air Force Base
Pool, On-site Laundry and Storage Available.
management@deerbrookapartments.com
Call 660-563-3518



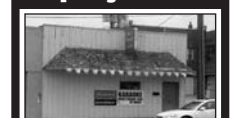
Help Wanted 90

Houses For Sale 249

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3 BR 1 bath in Windsor. New windows & gutters. Newer roof, furnace & central air. Huge 3-car garage. More information & photos online at www.sharphome.com ID #129786. \$75,000 negotiable. (660)525-3201.

GORGEOUS 3 BR 2 bath, fireplace, 3-car garage, large master bedroom, walk-in closet, ceiling fans, jacuzzi tub, home security, great location. Must See! 660-747-8046. sa

Commercial Property For Sale



Lounge - Turnkey Operation
Building and Business, includes fixtures and some furnishings. Owners for last 40 years are retiring. **MLS#63249 \$74,000**

Windsor Realty
126 S. Main, Windsor, MO
(660)525-0281
windsorrealty@live.com

Houses For Sale 249

FIRESIDE REALTY

TONY R. KENDRICK
Owner/Broker
FOR SALE OR RENT
1,2,3,4,5 Bedroom,
Various Floor Plans.
Call for Availability
211 E. Russell • Warrensburg
660-747-5353
www.4firesiderealty.com

Don't forget to add your e-mail address to your classified ads!

Houses For Sale 249

OKEY REALTY

Visit our website for all area listings www.KeyRealtyWarrensburg.com

Lake Property For Sale 267

LAKE OF THE OZARKS - FAMILY FUN- Lots reduced to \$3595 each, \$75 down, \$59 per month. Owner financing. No credit checks. Beautiful trees, great fishing, swimming, boating, free lake access and boat ramps. Prices good through **JULY 2nd.** Hwy 135 between Stover and Sunrise Beach, MO. Lake Road 135-12 to the Ivy Bend Office. Closed Tues. (573)372-6493



Houses For Sale 249

Automobiles 300

W-G-M-K
Home of the Jump Start Program!
Congratulations to the hundreds of customers who have taken advantage of the **Jump Start! Program!**
If you have ever had some bad luck with your credit for whatever reason, but need to buy a car, call Ron at 660-826-8320. We can help!

Houses For Sale 249

401 E. Russell Ave.
Warrensburg, MO

Office: 747-7043
David Roberts: 238-3936
Bobby Hall: 864-4492
Craig Conant: 238-6042
Tony Conant: 909-2939
Holly Dow: 238-5634
Vance DeLozier: 909-7043

It doesn't cost to advertise. It pays! YOU GET RESULTS!