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Civic leader tour fosters respect

By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Kreft 45th SW Public Affairs

An Air Force-organized civilian/military relations project closed a 2,000-mile gap between several communities June 7-9.

More than 40 military and civilian leaders from Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., and the surrounding community accompanied by Gen. Lance Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command to take a journey of understanding across the country. The trip brought leaders from the Centennial State to the Sunshine State to visit three key Air Force installations, including Patrick Air Force Base to get a closeup view of how their missions impact the nation.

The event, called a civic leader tour, centered on building

appreciation and cooperation between the military members and the civilian community around it.

"Cooperation and understanding are two fundamental aspects of creating a living and working environment between any two groups of people," said Babs Angel, 45th Space Wing community relations chief. "Establishing and fostering a relationship between military members on a given base and their civilian neighbors is no different."

Civic leader tours are a key tool used by the military to enhance mutual understanding between the military and civilian communities. Leaders in the civilian community have the opportunity to see what kind of missions certain

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Best Spacelift Wing – 2004 Schriever Trophy Winner



Paying respects

The Patrick Air Force Base Honor Guard performed a 21-gun salute to honor the late president Ronald Reagan, June 11. Many wing members attended the ceremony to remember the former commander in chief.



By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich 45th SW commander

What a week! I was proud to participate in the 8th Annual Cape Canaveral Spaceport Symposium, an event we co-sponsored with Kennedy Space Center and the Florida Space Authority and hosted with support from our industrial suppliers and partners. Thanks to all who worked and attended this important information seminar.

The theme for the symposium was "Partnerships for the Future," an appropriate focus underscored by all the work happening concurrently on the launch of the Boeing Delta II rocket we have on the pad waiting to loft another global positioning system satellite to support our warfighters and civil uses.

We have vigorously worked issues with this launch for the past several weeks. After a lot of troubleshooting, we are in our final preparations for a launch tomorrow evening. The 1st Space Launch Squadron has worked hard with our mission partners at Boeing and the Space and Missile Systems Center to assure the safe resolution of each issue.

To outsiders, the launch process may seem routine, but the reality is that each vehicle (and the payload) undergo scores of rigorous reviews before being certified for flight. The range had to go through a number of rescheduling drills to accommodate the new launch date, de-conflicting and synchronizing the range support activities for the next several launches. It has truly been a team effort all around – true partnership.

It has been a long prep time and I thank everyone for the patience and diligence in working this to completion. When we do launch this rocket successfully, it will be a great example of how our mission demands tenacious execution. The Delta launch team knows each one requires rigorous and renewed attention. They know we need to diligently execute the controls put in place to guide us to successful and safe launches. We have three launches within the next six weeks.

It is why we exercise and rehearse each and every launch. And it is why we do things like exercises adn training days. Complacency is the enemy. We always have to be prepared to execute our peacetime, wartime and security mis-

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sions at a moment's notice. Remember, the Homeland Security Advisory System has the nation at an "Elevated" level, meaning there is a significant risk of a terrorist attack. Don't let your guard down because we've been in the yellow condition for an extended time. We must remain vigilant, prepared and ready to deter any threat.

We did much better on this last recall exercise. While we didn't quite reach our desired goal at the two hour point, our first hour numbers were up as well. The Child Development Center had a very rapid response, getting the facility open for parents by 5:10 a.m., well before the first child arrived. Kudos to the providers for being so responsive! We all need to maintain that sense of urgency for the next recall – exercise or real world.

Another area we can't afford to become complacent is safety, and especially on the roads. Let me remind you of some key safety practices.

Seatbelts. Use of seatbelts is mandatory on Patrick Air Force Base, Cape Canaveral AFS and our downrange stations for everyone. Thanks to years of training – and perhaps the threat of losing driving privileges on the installations for a year – this is an area where we've done well. Keep up the discipline.

Additionally, I remind military members that they are also required to wear seatbelts any time they are in a motor vehicle ... whether they are the driver or the passenger, and whether they are on or off-base. It is really good advice for everyone. Don't just reach to buckle up when you hit the gate - this is a safety habit everyone needs to be observing all the time.

Personal Protective Equipment. Safety gear is not an option for military members operating a motorcycle at any time or anyone operating on base for military members. And, like the seatbelt requirement, this means on and off-base. Protective equipment includes an approved and properly fastened helmet, impact resistant goggles or full face shield, brightly-colored long sleeve jacket or shirt, full-fingered gloves, long pants and sturdy footwear.

Even if state laws are less stringent, the Air Force Instruction (91-207) takes precedent and military members must abide by these rules. Our DoD civilian and contract workers would benefit by following the same rules since the intent is protection from injury.

Violating Air Force seat belt and motorcycle protective equipment policies can result in a liability judgment in a line of duty determination for a military member should an accident occur.

Cell phones. I've mentioned this before and you see reminders on the base marquees, but let me emphasize one more time that you may only use a cell phone while driving if you have a hands free device. If your phone doesn't have this capability, you need to pull over before

making or taking a phone call. Security Forces personnel have told me they've noticed an increase of improper cell phone use. To make matters worse, some of the folks being stopped for this infraction have been challenging our Security Forces about a regulation reference or law stating this prohibition. So let me be clear in explaining that this safety restriction is a wing policy I instituted to safeguard base personnel, and it applies to everyone who drives on our installations. You cannot give full attention to driving with a cell phone at vour ear.

Which brings up another point ... summer does pass quickly so now is the time to start thinking about those back to school physicals. Each year we have frustrated parents trying to fulfill these enrollment and sports program requirements because everyone is trying to do the same thing right around Labor Day. Plan now.

The 45th Medical Group is scheduling appointments now for school and sports program physicals. Check with your child's school for any special forms they require and then simply call the 45 MDG appointment line at 494-8241. Lines are operated Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Speaking of preparation, I want to thank all of those personnel who worked so hard this week to prepare us for hurricane season by filling sandbags.

Finally, we wrap up this week bidding farewell to Col. Ev Thomas, 45th SW vice commander and his wonderful wife Melody. Weather permitting, this official function will run from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. today at Chevron Park. If the thunderstorms roll in we'll be in Hangar 750. Civilian employees released by their supervisor to attend may do so without being charged leave. However, military and DoD civilians who choose not to participate in this function will need to be at their normal work location or take leave. All employees departing from the picnic before the end of their scheduled workday should return to work area or take leave. We have been privileged to have Col. Thomas serve with us twice now, and I hope you'll join us to send off this warrior in true 45th SW style. If vou didn't purchase an advance ticket, we'll have them available at the event for \$6.

We also bid a 45th SW welcome to Col. Susan Helms, our new vice commander, who arrived this week.

Be safe and God bless!



NEWS

Vice commander takes look back at his time in wing



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

Col. Ev Thomas, 45th Space Wing vice commander will head to Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., to be the 341st SW commander.

By Sue Walden 45th SW Public Affairs

The 45th Space Wing is saying farewell to its vice commander, Col. Ev Thomas Friday as he makes his way to Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., to lead the 341st SW.

Though he served as the vice commander here for a year, Col. Thomas is no stranger to the 45th SW. From 1995-1998, he was the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station commander and led the 5th Space Launch Squadron.

Col. Thomas is leaving impressed with the wing. "I have total and utter respect for the professionals here – civilian, military, Reserve, Guard and retirees who volunteer on base." Though he'll be sad to leave, he's excited and humbled to command the 341st SW. "I'm lucky because I've trained under the best wing commander in the Air Force Space Command (this past year," he said. "And I'm especially lucky because Gen. Pavlovich cut his teeth as the wing commander at Malmstrom AFB and he's given me great insight."

He feels he's not going far away, since Malmstrom AFB is a "sister wing" to the 45th SW. "ICBM units are hooked up to space units to learn from each other's mission," Col. Thomas said. "The relationship between the two wings are designed for that reason; two wings with different missions can learn from each other." He said he'll implement START but anticipates calling it something else. "I think we've got the trademark here."

When looking back on his time spent at the wing, the Cassini Saturn mission stands out to Col. Thomas. He was the 5th SLS commander during the launch and it seems fitting that as he leaves the wing, Cassini's seven-year travel to Saturn will be complete July 1. "It was the most fun and chaotic thing I've ever done," he said.

NASA's Cassini mission was launched Oct. 15, 1997 from Complex 40. Its one-of-a-kind 2.2-billion-mile trip is to examine Saturn, its moons and rings. The Cassini mission was very important to the 45th SW for several reasons, according to Col. Thomas. We were also launching the heaviest satellite of the era. Cassini itself weighed about 12,700 pounds."

The wing also played a prominent role in assuring the public that the launch was safe since the payload carried 72.3 pounds of plutonium to act as an energy source. Though the possibility of an accident was low and the amount of radiation smaller than what a person is subjected to flying across the country, protesters considered the launch risky. "NASA had a lot of pressure to succeed, but we stayed connected to them and did a lot of work assuring them that it would work and the world that it was safe," he said.

He feels the most important part about the launch was its success. "We proved to NASA, the Air Force, Department of Defense and basically the whole European space community that we could do it and do it successfully within the launch window despite delays," he said. One delay proved to be daunting, as the pressurization for liquid fuel in the Centaur had failed. "We had to peel it back when the satellite was already on top of it."

Col. Thomas believes in working hard and being able to laugh. "Boy did we work hard ... and boy, did we laugh."

Hard work and laughter is what he recommends to every member of the 45th SW. "Continue to have fun. Continue on the path of START because it's the most innovative performance plan I've ever encountered and it works."



The Cassini Saturn Launch, Oct. 15, 1997, was an important mission for the 45th SW. It's sevenyear journey to Saturn will be complete July 1.



Commander Q&A: Lt. Col. Mark McCullohs 45th Services Squadron

Q. What is the mission of the 45th SVS?

A. To enhance readiness and well being by providing quality of life services to the 45th Space Wing community. Q. How does the SVS keep wing members mission ready?

A. By utilizing and building upon the 45 SW motto "START ... Get It", our team provides the wing members a worldclass dining facility with healthy, nutritious and diverse food selections and myriad key facilities, programs, equipment and activities such as the fitness center, child development center, youth services, and outdoor recreation, to name a few. Everything we do is focused on enhancing the physical and mental well-being of wing members, while ensuring our families are well taken care and our surrounding community continues to feel that they are a part of us.

Q. What are your main goals as SVS commander?

A. In addition to continuing our current outstanding, award-winning support to wing members, I would like to see the services team formally recognized as the "Best" Services Squadron, AF-wide. We will also work toward improving and upgrading our services infrastructure and equipment in order to continue our support of the wing's mission.

Anti-terrorism heightened during summer months

By Tech. Sgt. Dennis Robison

45th Anti-terrorism Office

With the summer heat bearing down on the 45th Space Wing, many wing members are taking time for vacations and making family plans for the July 4. However, this is not a time to let our guard down. According to Wing anti-terrorism personnel it is extremely important that security vigilance remain steadfast. The continued success of the global war on terrorism and enhanced security measures have improved our overall security, but wing members need to remain strong in the figagainst terrorism.

The current Homeland Defense Threat Level is "Elevated," defined as a significant risk of terrorist attacks.

The Force Protection Office asks everyone to assist security forces and local/federal authorities in extending their eyes, ears and senses to report incidents, that might precede terrorist attack preparation or in the act of target surveillance. Remember, the intent of suicide bombers is not suicide, it is homicide. Some things to look for include:

□ Suspicious personnel "who don't seem to belong" near installations, major event locations, historical landmarks, transportation hubs, or city/federal buildings using cameras, video equipment or a timing devices and maps.

□ Suspicious personnel taking notes or asking questions regarding infrastructure of the installation, city federal facilities, major event locations, historical places and transportation patterns.

□ Suspicious personnel possessing or using night vision devices or global positioning systems near the installation, city, federal buildings, landmarks or historical structures.

□ Personnel parking, standing or loitering in the same area day after day (night after night) with no apparent reasonable explanation.

Potential indicators of a suicide bomber:

□ Wearing unseasonable bulky clothing – especially in Florida

- □ Acting nervous and/or sweating profusely
- □ Pacing
- □ Heavy smell of perfume to cover the smell of explosives
- □ Clenched fists
- □ Not paying attention to the event
- □ No family with the individual if a family event
- □ Praying to him/herself

Suspicious packages add to danger of terrorism

Some characteristics of suspicious packages and envelopes include the following:

- ✓ Inappropriate or unusual labeling
- ✓ Excessive postage

 \checkmark Handwritten or poorly typed addresses

✓ Misspellings of common words

 \checkmark Strange return address or no return address

 \checkmark Incorrect titles or title without a name

✓ Not addressed to a specific person✓ Marked with restrictions, such as

"Personal" or "Do not x- ray" ✓ Marked with any threatening lan-

guage ✓ Postmarked from a city or state that

✓ Postmarket from a city of state that does not match the return address
✓ Powdery substance felt through or

appearing on the package or envelope

✓ Oily stains, discolorations, or odor✓ Lopsided or uneven envelope

 Excessive packaging material such as masking tape, string, etc ...

Handling of suspicious packages or envelopes:

 Do not shake or empty the contents of any suspicious package or envelope.

Do not carry the package or envelope; show it to others or allow others to examine it. Put the package or envelope down on a stable surface; do not sniff, touch, taste, or look closely at it or at any contents that may have spilled.

 Alert others in the area about the suspicious package or envelope. Take measures to prevent others from entering the area.

 Wash hands with soap and water to prevent spreading potentially infectious material to face or skin. Seek additional instructions for exposed or potentially exposed persons.

If at work, notify a supervisor and call Security Forces Control Center at 494-2008. If at home, contact the local law enforcement agency.

← If possible, create a list of persons who were in the room or area when this suspicious letter or package was recognized and a list of persons who also may have handled the package or letter. Give the list to both the local public health authorities and law enforcement officials.

The measures listed above are only indicators and are not all encompassing. If you see or hear something please report the information to AFOSI Eagle Eyes at 494-2008.

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bases perform, with the added opportunity of witnessing the kind of work ethic and dedication the military core values convey.

"Our goal in bringing Colorado civic leaders, including the lieutenant governor, to Florida and in particular Patrick and Cape Canaveral, was to give them a good feel of the diversity of the Air Force – diversity in missions and diversity in the great people who carry out those missions," said Col. David Cannon, Director of Public Affairs for Air Force Space Command. "They know that the road to space goes through Headquarters Air Force Space Command ... our goal was to let them know that the road to assured access to space continues through our launch wings at Patrick and Vandenberg."

Teachers, principals, deputy mayors and even a bull-riding hall of fame manager among others were able to gain extensive knowledge of how operations at Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field and Patrick AFB are conducted.

"Seeing the special operations stuff and the excellent, up-close views of the huge rocket made this trip so exciting," said James Owens, Colorado Springs Black Chamber of Commerce membership chair. "It made me think of ways that the chamber can contribute to the military and help the cause of our nation."

Though the trip was relatively a short amount of time to absorb the missions of three bases with four active commands, the civic leaders gained solid insight into why the military members assigned to these bases are so dedicated, and why their missions are so important.

"We were invited to come and see how the mission at Peterson relates to these other bases, but we learned and saw so much more," said Dr. Jerry Anderson, Mitchell High School principal. "I am thankful for the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of how our military personnel are working to make our lives better every day."

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Three Airmen receive judgments

Courts-martial end in two convictions, one withdrawal of charges By Staff Sgt. Wendell Hines

45th SW Legal Office

At recent courts-martial conducted at Patrick Air Force Base, two members of the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron found themselves behind bars, while an Airman from an Air Combat Command detachmentment out of Key West had his charges withdrawn just prior to trial.

Staff Sgt. Allen Britten, 45th CES, pled guilty to one specification of aggravated assault at a special court-martial convened June 10.

Pleading in front of a military judge alone, Sgt. Britten admitted to brandishing a 13-inch machete as he approached, and came within striking distance of a civilian sitting in a car at a convenience store.

The judge sentenced him to four months confinement and reduction to the grade of E-3.

Another member of the 45th CES, Airman 1st Class Brent Bosko, pled guilty in a Summary Court-Martial convened May 25, to wrongful distribution of Percocet and Vicodin to another Airman on base.

The drugs were controlled substances obtained by Airman Bosko from medical prescriptions filled at the base pharmacy. The Summary Court-Martial Officer sentenced Airman Bosko to forfeiture of \$750 pay for 1 month, reduction to the grade of E-1, and 18 days confinement.

Capt. Brent Osgood, chief of military justice for the 45th SW Legal Office, summed up these cases by remarking "No matter where you are or who you are with, the justice system is present to correct the wrongs people make in society.

"Military justice protects not only victims of crimes committed on base, but those outside our gates, as was the case with the victim of the aggravated assault," he said.

"Likewise, not only was it egregious that drugs were being sold by one Airman to another, but the drugs were provided to the convicted Airman for his own personal health, not anothers."

Charges against an Airman from Det 1, 612 TOG, in Key West. were withdrawn after the military judge ruled the government's use of a non-DoD certified drug laboratory to test the accused's sample violated a substantive right conferred upon him by DoD Directives. As this was the only evidence against the accused indicating drug use, the government had little choice but to withdraw the charges.

MILESTONES

First-Term Airmen Center Graduates

Airmen 1st Class

Jeanette Barnes, 45th MDOS Benjamin Casiday, AFTAC William Crisp, 45th CES Hunter Dilg, 45th SCS Jawone Everett, 45th SFS James Kehoe, AFTAC Peter Oliveri, AFTAC Justin Stanislowski, 45th CES Michael Thompson, 45th MDSS **Airmen** Jonathan Dillard, 45th SCS **Rafiq Viray, 45th CES Airmen Basic** Kevin Marks, 45th LRF Samuel McCallum, 45th CES Luis Romero, 45th CES

Civilian Service

30 years Arline Cano, DDMS James Fears Jr., 45th SW Judith Jezard, 45th RMS Mary Little, 45th CES 20 years Vicki Best, 45th MDG David Michau, 45 CES Debra Storey, 45th SCS



SHARK OF THE WEEK

Senior Airman Melissa Henry

45th Medical Group, Command and Support Staff

Hometown: Quincy, Ill.

Favorite Motto: "The only man who makes mistakes is the man who never does anything," by Theodore Roosevelt.

Exceeding the standard: Senior Airman Henry superbly managed all functional areas of the 45th MDG's Commander's Support Staff in excess of 30 days during a short notice manning gap in the office. The Commmand and Support Staff is responsible for 235 assigned active-duty military members, and is usually run by a seasoned noncommissioned officer. – *Tech. Sgt. Keith Michaux, 45th MDG*

Inspiration to exceed the standard: "I really just wanted to keep things running smoothly in the office."

Why do you serve?: "I feel proud to know that I'm playing a part in serving my country."

Civilian PCS orders process streamlined

Permanent change of station orders for Air Force civilian career program moves are now being prepared by the Air Force Personnel Center in an effort to simplify and streamline the process for getting orders in hand.

The majority of moves funded by the Central PCS account are for career program positions; but the account also pays for movement of Senior Executive Service employees and returnees from overseas assignments.

"The preparation of all centrally-funded PCS orders by the AFPC PCS unit is just the first step in a continuous effort to streamline and consolidate the process," said Ms. Elinor Gonzales, deputy director of Civilian Career Management here.

By eliminating extra steps in the process, AFPC has shortened the time considerably for an employee to get their orders.

There are also steps that managers and employees can take to expedite order processing.

Quickly negotiating a realistic reporting date and returning information forms promptly will help significantly in ensuring employees have their orders in time for a successful PCS move, according to Ms Gonzales.

"This change is a big benefit to our customers," she added. "The PCS Unit has established themselves as a center of excellence for preparing PCS orders and they consistently surpass their goal of producing orders within seven days, once they have all the necessary documents."

For more information, contact the local CPF or visit the AFPC PCS Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/pcs/pcs.htm. *Courtesy of the Air Force Personnel Center.*



Avoid lightning danger with safety tips

By William Roeder 45th Weather Squadron

'When thunder roars, go indoors!' is the new lightning safety slogan for 45th Weather Squadron. Lightning is the top weather killer in Florida and inflicts life-long debilitating injury on many more than it kills. Fortunately, the vast majority of lightning casualties can be easily, cheaply and quickly prevented.

Proper lightning safety Schedule outdoor activities to avoid lightning. The weather forecasts for 45th SW and Kennedy Space Center are available from 45th WS at www.patrick.af.mil/45og/45ws. The National Weather Service Melbourne Office provides forecasts for off base use at www.srh.noaa.gov/mlb.

Use the 30-30 Rule when outdoors. If there are 30 seconds or less between lightning and its thunder, go inside. Wait 30 minutes or more after the last thunder before going outside. One of the safest places from lightning is a large fully enclosed building with wiring and plumbing. Keep away from anything conducting path to the outside: a corded telephone, electrical appliances and wiring, and plumbing. If you can't get to a proper building, a vehicle with a solid metal roof and metal sides offers some protection.

If you must be outside with thunderstorms in the area, avoid dangerous locations and activities. Avoid elevated places and open areas like sports fields and beaches. Avoid water-related activities like swimming, boating, and fishing. Do not go under a tree to keep dry. Don't use heavy equipment with open cockpits.

There are some actions that slightly reduce the threat if thunderstorms roll in and you are outside away from proper shelter. However, you are much better having planned ahead and avoided the risk beforehand. No place outdoors is safe when thunderstorms are in the area.

First aid - all lightning deaths are from cardiac arrest. Call 9-1-1 for professional medial help. Start CPR or rescue breathing, as appropriate. Use an Automated External Defibrillator. If an AED is not available or doesn't help, continue CPR or rescue breathing.

For weather safety training, including lightning safety, call the 45th WS at 853-8410.

Fires can turn up heat on summer fun

By Sue Walden 45th SW Public Affairs

Summer brings picnics, parties and outside fun. It also brings outdoor fires due to carelessness.

In the last month, Brevard County residents have seen wildfires spring up, sometimes threatening residential areas and major highway traffic. Though the leading cause of Central Florida outdoor fires is lightning, according to Patrick Fire Department assistant chief of fire prevention Dallas More, humans run a close second. "Careless disposal of lit cigarettes, firework use and children deliberately setting fires are the most prevalent causes of man-made outdoor fires," he said.

When it comes to improperly putting out lit cigarettes, Mr. More has seen it all and at Patrick. "We've seen some people go so far as to put out their cigarette butts in a palm tree - where the base meets the palm fronds. Then by the time we pull up, half the tree is on fire. All they had to do was put the butt in a designated ash can in the smoking area."

Flicking cigarettes out a car window or while walking around the base also leads to fires.

"We've had a few fires where the

cigarettes landed in the plantings and ignited the mulch," he said.

Fireworks also pose a risk. According to the National Fire Protection Association, fireworks cause \$17.2 million in property damage and 20 million fires annually. A whopping 8,800 were hospitalized in 2002 for fireworks-related injuries. Prevention? The answer is easy says Mr. More - don't play with fireworks - leave it to the professionals. "Fireworks are prohibited on Patrick, the Cape and their beaches. As a matter of fact, no open flames of any kind are allowed and this includes campfires," he said.

Barbecuing can go from a great meal to a fiery disaster in a minute. The National Fire Data Center estimates that yearly outside cooking grills cause more than 6,000 fires, over five fatalities, more than 170 injuries and \$35 million in property loss. Gas grills contribute to half of the statistics. Most of the gas grill fires and explosions were caused by gas leaks, blocked tubes and overfilled propane tanks.

"The bottom line in preventing careless outdoor fires is to pay attention to what you're doing and if something is prohibited, like fireworks, don't do it," said Mr. More.

Hot tips

 Dispose smoking materials in ashtrays and approved containers.

◆ Leave fireworks to the professionals.

◆ Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and fuel line, making sure the tubes where the air and gas mix aren't blocked.

Don't overfill propane tanks.

Don't wear loose clothing while barbecuing.

 Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water and stir them to ensure fire is out.
Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.

 Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach them to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately.

Supervise children around outdoor grills.

 If camping outside of base, build campfires where they won't spread - away from dry grass and leaves.

◆ Keep campfires small and don't let them get out of hand.

◆ Keep plenty of water and a shovel around to douse the fire when finished. Stir it and douse it gain with water.

Never leave campfires unattended.
Source: U.S. Fire Administration

New procedures to speed overseas absentee balloting

By Jim Garamone American Forces Press Service

Absentee ballots from servicemembers overseas will move faster and with greater control for the 2004 elections, Department of Defense and U.S. Postal Service officials said June 2.

Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, and Paul Vogel, the Postal Service's vice president for network operations management, discussed the changes made in the absentee balloting process for 2004.

"We've had a year of getting ready for the upcoming federal election, focusing on how we can help military personnel, their families and civilians overseas to exercise their right to vote," Mr. Abell said.

"As we have looked at every sort of situation, problem and impediment, and tried to resolve them, we have come to another resolution to help us move ballots and ballot-request materials from the hand of the overseas Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine or family member to (his or her) county boards of elections."

Mr. Vogel said Postal Service officials have been working with the Military Postal Service Agency to improve the process, "because it is that important, especially with a presidential election year coming up. If it's even as remotely close as the last election was, every ballot really counts." The combined team has put together a process that will expedite the overseas absentee balloting mail flow and give greater accountability, Mr. Vogel said.

The Postal Service has no special program in place for servicemembers voting absentee in the United States.

Officials will ensure balloting materials are given priority as they travel to the servicemember.

To be on the safe side, DoD and Postal Service officials recommend servicemembers and their families follow Federal Voting Assistance Program guidelines. Program officials are designating the week of Sept. 6 as "Get Out the Vote Week." By then, "if servicemembers haven't already requested their ballots, that's the week to do it," Mr. Abell said.

They are also designating the week beginning Oct. 11 as "Overseas Voting Week."

"If you vote that week, your ballot should arrive ... before Election Day, which will qualify your ballot to be counted," Mr. Abell said.

Traditionally, servicemembers and their families vote at a higher percentage than the general population. All administrations have encouraged them to exercise their rights to vote.

"We don't care how they vote, just so long as they do," Mr. Abell said.

BRIEFS

Safety Fair set

The Wing Safety Office, in partnership with the Youth Center and AAFES, will sponsor a Safety Fair Saturday at the Main Exchange. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with a youth Bicycle Rodeo. All youth who wish to participate should bring their bike along with safety gear (to include a helmet) to the Main Exchange parking area. An interactive program will provide youth with bike safety tips and skills. Youth attending the event will be eligible to win a bicycle from AAFES.

The fair will include several other safety related activities. For more information contact Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Williams at 494-2202.

Take SAT

The next Scholastic Aptitude Test for military members only is Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Center, Room B-8. Sign up by calling 494-2071. Testing for the next SAT is in October. For more information, call Mary Morgan at 494-2938.

Change of Command scheduled

The 45th Mission Support Group Change of Command will take place at Thursday 1 p.m. at the base theater. Col. Edwin Swedberg will assume command from Col. Steve Werner. All are invited to attend. For more information contact 2nd Lt. David Bauman at 494-5334.

Promotion window changes

There is a change in the senior master sergeant promotion testing window. Beginning in December 2004, all master sergeants competing for promotion to senior master sergeant will test on the USAF supervisory examination between Dec. 6-17. The testing cycle will no longer be conducted in January. Testing conducted after Dec. 17 will be considered out-of-cycle.

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Software offered

Air Force Space Command members are eligible for a discounted version of Microsoft home programs. The MS Office software will be available for \$21, with proper ordering procedures. Email Senior Master Sgt. Charles Yerkes at charles.yerkes@patrick.af.mil for more information and to obtain the proper order codes for the discount.

Take a class

The Family Support Center offers the following classes and events:

Monday 9-10 a.m., Applying for Air Force Jobs. Tuesday 5-6 p.m., Introduction to Sign Language. Wednesday 11 a.m. – noon, Parent workgroup. Friday noon - 1 p.m., Credit reports.

All classes take place at the FSC in Bldg. 722, unless otherwise noted. For more information or to reserve a seat in a class, call 494-5675.

Wives luncheon scheduled

The Retired Officers' Wives' meeting will be held June 25, at the Patrick AFB Officers' Club starting at noon. Social time starts at 11:30 a.m., and the lunch will feature the Allemande Square Dancers from Satellite Beach Recreation Center. To reserve a seat or for more information, call 777-3044 or 727-1146 by Wednesday.

Gate traffic shift

Traffic through the main gate at Patrick Air Force Base will change starting July 6. Outbound traffic will once again flow from O'Malley Road, rather than Jupiter Road for several weeks. Be prepared to slow or stop, and be cautious around construction workers. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Glenn Cameron at 494-9243.

Voting information available

Unit voting counselors should contact each memberof their unit this month offering the opportunity to register to vote in state/federal elections. Counselors have materials and information to register in every state in the nation. For more information on registration or voting this fall, see a unit voting counselor, call the installation Voting Officer, Maj. Joel Hansen, at 494-1570 or call the installation voting hotline at 494-8684.

Bible study starts

Chaplain Peggy Wilkins and Chrissy DeWitte invite busy wives and mothers to join in fellowship and fun as they study the Bible and helpful hints for becoming "Everything You are Meant to Be ... in God's Economy."

The study begins Friday, and meets at the Family Support Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, call 494-5675.

Statements online

Pay statements will no longer be mailed to military members. Mid-month pay statements, Leave and Earnings Statements and W-2 forms will only be available via the MyPay Web site. Stop by the 45th Comptroller Squadron 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Mon. - Fri. to receive a personal identification access number. For more information call Finance Customer Service at 494-4882.

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Little encouragers

big effects

By 1st. Lt. Elizabeth Kreft 45th SW Public Affairs

Like the lone red sock in the white wash, sometimes the smallest thing can make the biggest differ-Thanks for going to iraq for ence.

Lately, the youngest and smallest members of the 45th Space Wing family taking part in the chapel's summer programs have left the most resounding effects on the hearts of many deployed Department of Defense warriors.

"It all started back when we were working with the children in regular Sunday School," said Kimberly Gaston, "They really got excited about making various crafted gifts for the deployed members, and the excitement carried over to Vacation Bible School."

Each day in their craft time during the annual VBS week, June 14-18, children attending the bible

school program enjoy the opportunity to create

unique handmade gifts that will be shipped to deployed military members as moral support.

"The children really put their hearts into the projects," said Trevor Wry, protestant religious education coordinator. "You can see that they really care about putting love and time into it, and they care about the people who are protecting them overseas.

Organized as an ecumenical/interdenominational faith support program for children on summer vacation, the VBS curriculum centers on teaching the children about supporting each other, their friends and family through faith and prayer.

"The children are currently

making bookmarks from string and beads, said Mrs. Gaston. "They might not be worth



Photos by 1st. Lt. Elizabeth Kreft

Brandon Searle (left) and Trey Rogers put beads on the first bookmarks they made during Vacation Bible School. The specially crafted bookmarks will be sent to troops in Afganistan next week. Above, a photo of a note written by one of the Sunday School children for the last shipment of gifts that were sent to troops stationed in Iraq.



Nicki Marcus examines the next small bead she will put on her bookmark. All of the children spent some of their craft time making gifts of encouragement for deployed troops.

much to the average person, but to those members who receive these as gifts while away from home, it means the world to them."

Several of the children working on the bookmarks had heartfelt sentiments to send along with the cards and beaded gifts.

"I am glad we can make these things for them because I think when they get them, they will know there are people back home who care and miss them very much," said Brandon Searle, son of 45th SW Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas Searle. who returned from deployment Tuesday.

In early June, the children sent 137 bookmarks to troops in Iraq. The gifts made this week will be shipped to units in Afghanistan.

"We know that it also helps the children to realize that they are helping others and making others feel good," said Mr. Wry. "These children are natural vessels of joy, so their gifts really show the heart and soul that they have poured into them.'

One wide-eyed girl put the motivation of all the students into perspective at the end of her craft session. When asked why she was glad she had the chance to make some gifts for people overseas protecting the country, Nicki Marcus simply replied, "Because we love them."

To help the organizers and the students ship the gifts overseas or for more information about future Vacation Bible School or other summer Chapel programs, call 494-4073.



By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery 45th SW Public Affairs

They're hot, sweaty, dirty and tired, but they're not stopping, because when the rains come, it's better to be safe than sorry.

While the 45th Space Wing can't stop Mother Nature, wing members, filling, tying and stacking sandbags, are doing their part to set up defenses to prepare for the possible bad weather that may be thrown its way.

An assembly line of more than 50 Airmen spent several hours in the morning and evening for two days filling and stacking sandbags. From lieutenant colonel to airman, members of all ages and units worked as a team to stockpile the necessary number of bags the base needs to be prepared for the hurricane season.

"The time we spend now, building up our supply gives us more time in the event of a hurricane to take care of other matters," said Capt. Brian Benter, 45th **Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight** commander. "We're half a month into hurricane season, and you can never have too many sandbags."

attached to a sandbagger machine. Each bag is filled with 30-40 pounds of sand. According to Tech. Sgt. Keith Hampton, 45th CES, who was in charge

of the sandbag detail, there were about 18,000 bags that needed to be filled.

With each bag weighing between 30 or 40 pounds, wing members helping out were sure to get a workout.

Fortunately for the crews, they wouldn't have to fill the bags by hand.



Staff Sgt. Jason Knecht, 45th Medical Support Squadron, left, and Airman 1st Class Mariuz Targonski, 45th Comptroller Squadron work sand down into a sandbagger machine.

"The sandbagger

machines make this a lot easier on everyone," said Sgt. Hampton. Two out of the four machines could fill four bags at once.

After being filled to the appropriate level, the bag makes its way down the line, being tied and stacked on to pallets and transferred into a storage facility.

Airmen took turns at different positions, filling in for those who got tired or needed a drink.

Master Sgt. Rick Darnall, 3rd Space Launch Squadron, places an empty sandbag underneath a chute

Knowing the importance of the task at hand kept the Airmen motivated to work hard.

"It's great to work with other wing members on a project like this," said Master Sgt. Hope Sanders, 45th SW career assistance advisor.

The Airmen understood they might not see the results of their hard work until a storm makes its way to the Space Coast.

"I hope we'll be lucky enough to avoid a situation where we have to use these bags," said Airman 1st Class Joshua Peters, 45th Comptroller Squadron. "But it feels good to know that I was able to do my part to help pre- Staff Sgt. Haydee Gonzalez, pare the base."



45th Aeromedical Dental Squadron secures a sandbag using a zip tie.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

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SPORTS & FITN€SS

Track gives runners new stomping ground

By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery 45th SW Public Affairs

Whether taking a casual stroll, or a heart-pounding run, members of the 45th Space Wing will soon have the ability to get and stay in shape with the backdrop of the Banana River and a park-like atmosphere right in their backyard.

After months of construction, the 45th SW is set to cut the ribbon on its new half-mile running track in early July.

Currently, wing members are using Rescue Road for their 1.5-mile and 5-K runs. The road is designed for vehicle use and it wasn't the ideal or safest situation.

"We've had incidences of people getting injured due to pot holes or unfavorable running conditions," said Naomi Parish, Patrick Fitness Center's assistant director.

The rubberized surface on the track also lessens the burden on runners' joints, said Mrs. Parish.

Fitness stations will be set up along the track, allowing runners additional fitness options.

Located next to the Riverside Dining Facility, the new track will give wing members access to a centralized running area.

According to Mrs. Parish, this also gives the 45th Services Squadron a convenient place to hold events and more youth activities.

The 45th Services Squadron expects to hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony with an inaugural race once the track is complete.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Em

The new half-mile track offers runners a new, safer location to run on.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Do some heavy lifting

The Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Fitness Center is holding its annual bench press competition Friday at 2 p.m. The event is open to all active-duty and Cape-badged personnel. Register by calling 853-3966 or in person at the Cape Fitness Center.

Youth soccer coaches needed

Youth Programs is recruiting volunteer adult coaches for its upcoming 2004 fall soccer program slated to begin in August. Coaching volunteers are required to fill out an application at the Youth Center and provide any documentation of trainings, such as CPR and first aid. For additional information, contact the sports director at 494-3770.

Sports physicals required for youth athletes

In accordance with Air Force Youth Programs AFI 34-249, all children enrolled in youth sports programs are required to have a physical on file at the Patrick Youth Center, prior to any involvement in practices or games. Physicals are kept on file for a period of one year from the date of the exam. For additional information, contact the sports director at 494-3770.

Montly WarFit event

June's monthly WarFit event is a water polo match Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Patrick Fitness Center lap pool. Six-person teams need to sign up by Wednesday. For more information contact the Fitness Center at 494-4947.

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The Calendar

Friday

▲ Cape Canaveral Fitness Center's annual bench press competition, 2 p.m. at the Cape Fitness Center. This event is open to all active duty and Cape-badged personnel. Register by calling 853-3966.

▲ Parent snack day at the Child Development Center. Parents are invited to share a snack with their children in honor of Father's Day. Snack times are: 2 p.m. for classes 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, 5A, 5B and 8; 2:30 p.m. for classrooms 4, 6A, 6B, 7 and 9.

Sunday

▲ Father's Day Special, noon – 6 p.m., at Rocket Lanes Bowling Center. Dads bowl free when accompanied by a child. For more information, call 494-2958.

Monday

▲ 45th Range Squadron Appreciation Day at Rocket Lanes Bowling Center. Anyone who works within the squadron pays 50 cents for bowling and 50 cents for shoe rentals.

▲ Ballet Camp, June 21-July 2, at the Youth Center. This program is open to Youth Center members ages 6-14. Only 24 slots available on a first-come, firstserve basis. For more information, call 494-4747.

Thursday

▲ Bingo Bonanza, 4-5:30 p.m., at the Youth Center. This program is open to children ages 9-14, offering every imaginable version of Bingo possible. Cost is \$2 for members, \$4 for nonmembers. Prizes will be awarded.

July 1

▲ Youth Programs will begin accepting soccer registrations July 1. Registrations will be accepted from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and are open to family members ages 4-11 of active-duty, retired military, DoD personnel, NAF employees and DoD contractors. The season is scheduled to begin Sept. 11 and will conclude no later than Nov. 13. For additional information, contact the Youth Center at 494-4747 or 494-3770.

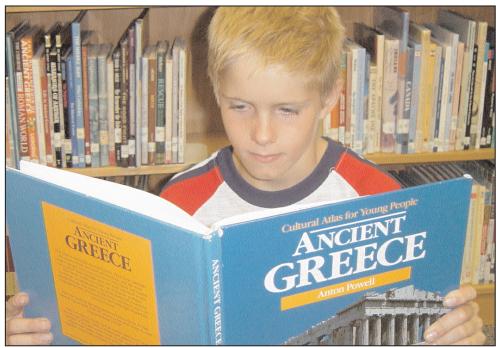


Photo by Theresa Amlong

Dylan Chase reads up on Greek culture, the subject of Patrick Air Force Base Library's 2004 Summer Reading Program. The eight-week program features weekly library-based activities.

Summer reading program heats up

By Theresa Amlong 45th Services Squadron

Elementary school-age children are invited to join the library staff in the Summer Reading Program and reach "Olympic" reading heights. This year's theme is "Go For the Gold - Read!"

Opening ceremonies commenced Saturday and games will last for eight weeks. Each Saturday there will be a library-based activity with themes such as Greek culture and Olympic history. Participants will learn what goes into training for the Olympics during a field trip to the Patrick AFB Fitness Center. The closing ceremony on July 31 is at the Ace of Hearts Ranch in Cocoa where participants will watch an equestrian demonstration and enjoy a barbecue.

Parents can sign their child up at the library. Latecomers to the area need not worry; children may join at any point in the program.

Although the Patrick AFB Library offers 5,000 children's books, "Children may read whatever interests them," said Ms. Demopoulos, library director. "It's not competitive; it's reading for fun. They may read books, magazines, and newspapers; the only thing that will not count is reading the back of a cereal box."

Participants keep track of their reading hours on a log provided by the library. Reading logs can be turned in anytime to the library reading coaches. Partaking in the Saturday events, though not mandatory, will count as an hour of reading time on the tracking sheet.

Children earn bonus reading time by logging onto bookadventure.com, reading the suggested book and taking the online quiz. They simply print out the completed quiz and bring it to the reading coach for credit.

Last year's program boasted over 100 participants logging 1,680 reading hours. Summer reading programs encourage children to spend a significant amount of time with books. Summer reading programs make educational reading activities fun and appealing to young people.

Dylan Case joined the program last year and can't wait to join again this year. "I liked making the crafts last year," he said. "And I got my favorite book at the library, too."

"The summer reading program certainly exceeded my expectations," said Dylan's mother Tammy. "The staff at the library created an outstanding summer reading program in 2003. They made reading enjoyable for Dylan. Now he has a favorite author and reads independently. It's so much easier when children enjoy reading. It's key to academic success."

In addition to the summer reading program, the library offers Summer Story Time, a readaloud program for pre-school age children. This series is offered each Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

For more information on either program call 494-6881.

What's your favorite summer activity?



"I like to get out and do a little night surfing since I usually get out of work after sunset."

Capt. Tom Ste. Marie 45th Operations Group



"Fishing. I especially like to fish and catch stuff, but fishing and just sitting there is good, too."

Glenn Scanes 45th Contracting Squadron



"When I was a kid it was getting out to the beach. Now, it's taking care of my 6month-old."

Master Sgt. Cheryl Waters 45th Wing Command section



"In the summer it's definitely my gardening. It's very relaxing."

Shelley Hall 45th Contracting Squadron



"Definitely going out to Wickham Park with my wife and children."

Tech. Sgt. Scott Hagen 45th Wing Safety



"I like to go golfing, as long as it's not with anyone in my office. They make me look bad."

Antonio Cazares 45th Contracting Squadron



With honor

Dave Oliver, senior vice commander for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4534 in Rockledge, left, is saluted by retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Rick Crutchfield, as he prepares an American flag for disposal on Flag Day, June 14 at the local post. More than three dozen people attended the ceremony honoring our nation's colors. The post commander and junior vice commander burned flags from 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Anyone needing to dispose of a worn, unserviceable flag can take it to any VFW and it will be taken care of in a respectful and dignified manner.

Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Julie Crutchfield

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New 101 critical days of summer safety quiz:

The first correct response e-mailed to the 45 SW/SEG inbox at 45swseg@patrick.af.mil, after 9 a.m. Tuesday morning following date of publication will receive a prize from the 45 SW Safety Office.

Entries received before 9 a.m. will not be counted. Winners will be contacted to receive their prize and their name will be announced in the next issue of the Missileer.

June 18 edition:

1) How much clearance must be maintained below ceiling sprinkler deflectors, joists, rafters, beams and roof trusses when materials are stacked to a height of less than 15 feet?

2) How much clearance must be maintained below ceiling sprinkler deflectors, joists, rafters, beams and roof trusses when materials are stacked to a height of greater than 15 feet?

3) What does BASH stand for in regards to Flight Safety?

4) According to the Air Force Safety Center website, how many fatalities did the Air Force have during the first week of the "101 Critical Days of Summer" for 2004?

5) How many "steps" are in the Operational Risk Management (ORM) process?

Answers from June 11

1) Attitudinal and physical. 91-501, Paragraph 2.1

2) 1-Accept no unnecessary risk, 2-make risk decisions at the appropriate level, 3accept risk when benefits outweigh the costs, 4-integrate ORM into operations and planning at all levels.

3) Reportable damage between \$20,000 and \$200,000 and/or an injury resulting in a lost workday case involving eight hours or more away from work beyond the day or shift on which it occurred; or occupational illness that causes loss of time from work at any time.

4) Road & Rec

5) For civilian personnel, file the AF Form 55 with the AF Form 971.



Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich 45th SW commander

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e-mail.

Friday 13 Going on 30 - Jenna makes a wish, if only she could be all grown up, she'd have the life she's always wanted. Her wish comes true when she wakes up the next day 30 years old. Jenna soon learns that having it all is not enough. Stars Jennifer Garner and Mark Ruffalo. Rated PG-13 for some sexual content and brief drug references. 97 min.

Saturday *Man on Fire* - A former government operative, Creasy, takes a job in Mexico City as the bodyguard of a 10-year-old daughter of a wealthy family who are threatened by a wave of kidnappings. He becomes close to the child and when she is abducted, stops at nothing to save her. Stars Denzel Washington and Dakota Fanning. Rated R for language and vio lence. 147 min.

Sunday Man on Fire - See Saturday's synopsis.

Thursday *Laws of Attraction* -Two New York divorce attorneys Audrey and Daniel, often oppose each other in court, but end up irresistibly drawn to each other. When they get married, can they avoid the same relationship problems at home that provide them fodder for their court cases at work? Stars Pierce Brosnan and Julianna Moore. Rated PG-13 for sexual content and language. 87 min.

Movie times are 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults, children under 12 pay \$1.50.

Catholic

Daily Mass (Tuesday – Friday) at 11:30 a.m. in the Library while Seaside Chapel is being renovated.

Saturday: 4 p.m. confession, 5 p.m. Mass in the South Patrick Chapel.

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Mass in South Patrick Chapel, and 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Theater. https://www.patrick.af.mil

Protestant

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship in the Theater while Seaside Chapel is being renovated.

11 a.m. – Contemporary Service in the South Patrick Chapel.

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner in South Patrick Chapel.



Saturday Brunch - Creole shrimp, doubly good chicken, savory baked chicken, Swedish meatballs

Saturday Supper - Baked fish, BBQ chicken, doubly good chicken, Hungarian goulash

Sunday Brunch - Cantonese spareribs, grill mustard chicken, oven fried fish Sunday Supper - Steak loin strip, stir fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets Monday Lunch - Baked stuffed fish, pot roast, roast loin of pork

Monday Dinner - Cannelloni beef, chili mac, Southern fried chicken

Tuesday Lunch - Salmon cakes, teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan

Tuesday Dinner - Country captain chicken, meat loaf, turkey ala king Wednesday Lunch - Pork schnitzel, sauerbraten Reuben sandwich, bratwurst Wednesday Dinner - BBQ spareribs, lemon-herb chicken, stuffed pork chops

Thursday Lunch - Herbed baked chicken, Southern fried catfish, stuffed cabbage rolls Thursday Dinner - Glazed Cornish hen, Jaeger schnitzel w/mushroom sauce, roast loin of pork

Friday Lunch - Mexican baked chicken, stuffed green peppers, Swiss steak w/tomato sauce

Friday Dinner - Lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian sausage

Bolded items are healthy choice meals. Menus are subject to change; for more information call dial-a-menu at 494-2845.

OUT & ABOUT

Events

Friday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Dad and Kids fun day at Woody Simpson Park Community Center. For more information, contact 455-1379.

Friday, 1-3 p.m., Father/Daugther day at Kiwanis Island Park Community Center for children from kindergarten through age 10. Cost is \$5 per daughter, fathers get in free. For more information, contact 455-1380.

Saturday, 6 a.m., Florida Trail Association Day Hike. Hike will go from U.S. 192 to U.S. 441 through Bull Creek and Forever Florida. Hikers will meet at Sam's Discount Club in West Melbourne. This is a strenuous hike. Reservations are required. Call Tony Flohre at 723-6339, for more information.

Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Father-daughter Dance hosted by the Sandrift Community Center. Tickets are \$10 per couple, \$5 for each additional daughter and \$2 for daughters 4 and younger. For more information, call 264-5037.

Saturday, 2:30 p.m., Storytelling Workshop at the Titusville Public Library. To register, call 264-5026.

Sunday, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Bird Walk. Build a bird feeder. Reserve materials by calling 264-5185 before June 18.

July 3, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Kidfest – Party on the Island at Kiwanis Island Park Community Center for children from kindergarten through age 12.

Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, contact 455-1380.

Festivals

July 21, Teen Fest, sponsored by Brevard County Parks and Recreation at Kiwanis Island Park on Merritt Island. For more information, contact 784-0830.

Classes

Saturday, 10 a.m. – **noon**, Watercolors class at the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library. Cost is \$8 for materials and instruction. Contact 264-5080, for more information.

June 26, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Free Kids Fishing Clinic at Port Canaveral cruise terminal number four sponsored by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. For more information contact 488-6058.

Dances

June 25, Swingtime Jazz Band June Moon Ball at the Melbourne auditorium. For more information, contact 724-0555.

"The Packed Singles," a new 40+ singles group, holds Sunday night dances at the Boatyard Bard & Grill, 1894 South Patrick Dr. Call 777-2628 for more information.

Shows

Friday-Saturday, 7 p.m., The Brevard Theatrical Ensemble presents "The Cantebury Tales" at Advent Lutheran Church's Knoedler Center in Melbourne. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$25 and include a meal and beverage. For more information, call 723-5884.

Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m., "Showstoppers 2004, A Musical Broadway Revue" will be performed at the Surfside Playhouse. Tickets are \$5. Call 783-3127, for more information.