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'Big Red One' assumes command

1st Infantry Division to lead Operation Atlantic Resolve mission

By Master Sgt. Nathan Hoskins
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

POZNAN, Poland — The 4th Infantry Division transferred authority of the Operation Atlantic Resolve Mission Command Element to the 1st Infantry Division at a ceremony Feb. 28.

Lt. Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli, U.S. Army Europe commanding general, presided over the ceremony, which saw Brig. Gen. William L. Thigpen, the outgoing MCE commander and deputy commanding general of the 4th Inf. Div., Fort Carson, Colorado, pass the mission to Brig. Gen. Richard R. Coffman, incoming MCE commander and 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley deputy commanding general for maneuver.

Three years ago, in response to increased regional tensions, the 4th Inf. Div. formed the first Atlantic Resolve MCE, serving as the intermediate headquarters between U.S. Army Europe and U.S. Regionally Aligned Forces deployed throughout the eight eastern European Atlantic Resolve countries of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.

Because the 4th Inf. Div. was the first to take on this mission, they had to author and create the entire process every step of the way, to include developing relationships, which shaped the face of the U.S. Army in Europe, Cavoli said.

"You (Thigpen) represent today the efforts of the 4th Inf. Div. over the last (three) years to bring peace through deterrence, which comes only through strength — the strength of the 4th Inf. Div.," Cavoli said. "We give great credit to you and to the great commanders of the 4th Inf. Div. who led you in that direction."

Thigpen's tour as the senior leader was the endcap on 4th Inf. Div.'s three-year stretch as the MCE.

"The 4th Inf. Div. has led this Mission Command Element, coordinating combined training and increasing readiness throughout Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria in order to accomplish our core mission of assuring our allies and partners while deterring aggression," Thigpen said during his remarks at the ceremony.

Though 4th Inf. Div. oversaw multiple training exercises and numerous RAF brigades, Thigpen emphasized the relationships formed over the years, echoing Cavoli's sentiments.

"Of all of MCE's accomplishments, the most significant are the intangible," Thigpen said. "We have developed relationships of trust and cooperation, forged unity of effort and purpose, and furthered our shared missions of assurance and deterrence. This would not be possible without the tremendous support of all of the Atlantic Resolve nations."

Initially established at the Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, the MCE moved to Baumholder, Germany, then to its current location in Poznan, Poland, where it provides command and control for more than 6,000 U.S. service members



Spc. Dustin Biven | 22ND MPAD
Soldiers from the U.S. 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas and U.S. 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado, salute during the playing of the U.S. national anthem during a transfer of authority ceremony held in Poznan, Poland Feb. 28.

conducting bilateral training, operations and multinational exercises with allied host nation forces.

The 1st Inf. Div., a combined-arms division based at Fort Riley, Kansas, has deployed about 100 personnel to Poznan, Poland, to take over the Atlantic Resolve MCE mission from 4th Inf. Div.

"We welcome today the only unit that could possibly replace the 4th Inf. Div.," Cavoli said. "The 'Big Red One' saw its baptism in combat on the battlefields of France in the Great War, continued its glorious service during (World War II), and then, for decades during the Cold War, was the bulwark of American resolve in Western Europe."

Cavoli indicated historical precedence proved that the 1st Inf. Div. was in the right place in Eastern Europe.

"The Cold War ended with the victory of the people of Europe," he said. "The people of Europe were liberated from decades of misrule, and received the opportunity to start life

anew, as part of a Europe whole, free and at peace. And that continues to be our mission today. And the 1st Inf. Div., just like its history would suggest, is here to fulfil that mission again."

During the ceremony, Coffman lauded 4th Inf. Div.'s work over the past three years and the level at which they conducted it.

"(Brig. Gen. Thigpen), you are handing over a unique and important mission that has been executed expertly over the past three years," Coffman said. "Your great division is truly steadfast and loyal to our nation our allies and partners. We intend to build upon your level of excellence during our tenure here."

With the standard set, Coffman further assured the Atlantic Resolve partners with his intent.

"Let me be clear — nothing has changed during this transition," Coffman said. "The United States will defend its allies, the principled international order and the positive future that order affords us all." The 1st Inf. Div. is slated to lead the MCE into 2020.

'Iron Rangers' take the field



Courtesy Photo

Tank crews from Company C, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, stand ready to be called forward to run Tank Table IV during a wintry gunnery Jan. 23 on Fort Riley, Kansas.

By Maj. Jared Nichols
1ST BN, 16TH INF. REGT.,
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Throughout the month of January and into early February, the "Iron Rangers" of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, built readiness at Fort Riley.

The Iron Rangers recently returned from a deployment

to South Korea and this past month completed crew and platoon gunnery. In Operation Iron Strike, the Iron Rangers built their crews and platoons in the training area of Fort Riley. The past months marks the transition of the battalion into a combat-ready formation.

"I really think we are better trained at this point than we were getting ready for our rotation to the National

Training Center," said Lt. Col. Jon Meredith, commander of 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Reg.

The Iron Rangers deployed to the National Training Center in August 2016 after an abbreviated train-up period.

"We were able to build readiness while we were deployed to the Republic of Korea, and even though we are

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Polish cadets learn from US Soldiers at Rzepin school visit



A Polish cadet applies face paint on Command Sgt. Maj. Craig A. Copridge, the senior enlisted Soldier for 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, during a school visit March 1 in Rzepin, Poland.

Story and photo by Spc. Dustin Biven
22ND MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

RZEPIN, Poland — Soldiers from the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, from Fort Riley, Kansas, spent March 1, inside a classroom showing Polish cadets some of the life-saving equipment U.S. Army troops carry with them on the battlefield, as well as the proper wear of face paint.

Some of the equipment the "Dagger" brigade Soldiers brought included their improved outer tactical vest, Kevlar helmet, individual first-aid kit and face paint, which gave the Polish cadets a hands-on experience with the equipment.

"Last time we came to visit the school, we asked the cadets what they would like to see in our next visit," said Spc. Michael Freeman, an intelligence analyst assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd ABCT. "Almost all of them wanted to see exactly what we wear in combat and face paint. I hope bringing this will give the cadets a better idea of just how strong a U.S. Soldier has to be to carry the weight of an IOTV and all its attachments."

Before the cadets were able to try on the IOTV, 1st Lt. Jonathan Stewart, 2nd ABCT,

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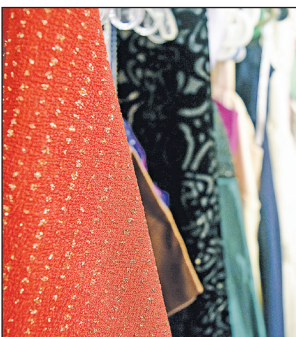
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To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call Jane Brookshire, Army Volunteer Corps Program manager, at 785-239-4593.

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'Dagger' brigade performs Crisis Management Exercise with Polish

Story and photo by Spc. Hubert Delany
22ND MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

ZAGAN, Poland — Soldiers from the 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and Polish soldiers with the 11th Armored Cavalry Division, and Polish first responders conducted a simulated crisis management exercise in Zagan, Poland, Feb. 26, in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

The purpose of the training exercise was to teach Polish first responders how to effectively react and assist the Polish and U.S. militaries in the event of an emergency involving military vehicles.

"This mission (was) essentially interoperability," said Capt. Jonathan Hawkins, Stafford, Virginia, native and commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 82nd BEB. "We were able to build up the skills needed between civil and military authorities, which is key in our continuing partnership in Poland."

During the exercise, the Soldiers from Fort Riley created a scenario in which a car collided with the lead vehicle of a military convoy. Polish first responders were then graded by the Polish and U.S. military leadership on how they assessed and gave aid to the U.S. troops and Polish civilians involved in the simulated crash.

The responders gave emergency medical aid to two civilians and six Soldiers, all of whom were dressed to look as though they had survived a real accident.

After the successful recovery and treatment of the Soldiers and civilians, the military and civilian leaders reviewed training results and created ways to improve and disseminate lessons learned.

Hawkins, who was one of the U.S. military leaders presiding over the event, said he and his unit believed that readiness and unit safety are key priorities, and that this event helped strengthen those values within the NATO alliance.

"It's reassuring to know that our allies take every precaution when it comes to preparing and executing recovery operations for the safety of all of our civilian and military personnel," Hawkins said.

The U.S. military equipment involved included one Light Medium Tactical Vehicle, two Humvees, a Palletized Load System and one M984A4 Recovery Truck.

In addition to the equipment, the exercise hosted a mixture of Polish firefighters, emergency medical technicians, police, local news reporters and a collection of Polish and U.S. Soldiers.

Los Angeles, California, native Spc. Javon Swan, a petroleum supply specialist with the 82nd BEB, said he, like



Polish first responders give a blanket to U.S. Army Sgt. 1st. Class Morris Terry, a Huntsville, Texas, native and an infantryman with the 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, during a simulated crisis management exercise in Zagan, Poland Feb. 26. The multinational training was done to increase interoperability with Polish first responders and armed forces while in support of Atlantic Resolve.


Hawkins, believed the crisis management training reinforced his unit's commitment to their mission in Europe.

"The fact that we can work so well with our allies is the cornerstone of our mission," Swan said. "Being a strong ally means helping on and off the battlefield, and if our allies and their civilian counterparts can help us in the event of an emergency, then I believe this deployment is just that much better off."

Swan and his unit are currently deployed to Operation Atlantic Resolve, an ongoing mission to demonstrate the United States' commitment to the collective security of Europe through the deployment of rotational U.S. forces in cooperation with NATO allies and partner nations.

Swan, who is serving on his first deployment, said he believes that this is type of training is not only beneficial to his deployment, but also hopes to see repeated training events in the future.

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undergoing a high turnover of personnel, we are at a higher rate of readiness than we were 18 months ago," Meredith said.

The training the Iron Rangers underwent in the past month included gunnery skills tests, simulator training, individual combat platform qualification and platoon-level qualification. In addition to qualifications, the Iron Rangers exercised maintenance and sustainment operations.

The Iron Rangers are an infantry-centered battalion that uses the M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle and the M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tank.

"The high state of success of the battalion is a testament to the hard work of all the Soldiers of the Forward Support Company," said Capt. Erick Lee,

commander of Forward Support Company G, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

In the past month, Soldiers of the Forward Support Company and the vehicle crews spent many hours conducting routine maintenance and conducting emergency repairs to keep the battalion ready for training in the harsh cold climates of central Kansas.


"The FSC kept the battalion fueled, fed and maintained while facing below freezing temperatures and snow storms," Lee said.

The capstone to Iron Rangers field training was the certification of Team Bravo "Bushmaster" into an International Response Company. The mission of the

IRC is to provide a worldwide deployable response company team build on the M2A3, M1A2 and M1064 mortar carrier platforms.

From Feb. 9 to 11, the IRC conducted a company-level, combined-arms, live-fire exercise in the Fort Riley training area. The training mission featured day and night iterations of tanks, infantry carriers and infantry squads attacking multiple objectives across the prairie.

During the training, Team Bushmaster was able to use air assets of 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., for air assault and medical evacuation operations as well as call for mortar fire with the Iron Rangers mortar platoon.



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MEET THE DIRECTORS

Kathy Bellinder, Equal Employment Opportunity

Story by Kalene Lozick
1ST INF. DIV. POST

For the federal sector, Kathleen Bellinder, Equal Employment Opportunity director and her team prevent workplace issues by offering a proactive process to facilitate immediate resolutions between employees and supervisors.

She said she entered college right after high school but took a break from college due to life events. After returning to college — after a season off — she said she felt a calling for human resources.

“At the time I was either going into architecture, engineering or interior design; HR is vastly different from those three fields,” she said with a laugh and a gesture showing a gap between design and HR.

She earned her degree in business administration, specifically in human resources. In addition to her education, Bellinder said she used life experiences to teach her lessons to overcome life’s obstacles.

“I’ve been the only person doing my job and someone’s job on more than one occasion,” she said. “And the Army is really



Kathy Bellinder

good at baptism by fire because running short handed is a common thing because of the hiring process.”

She said prior to working at Fort Riley, she was a Labor and Employee Relations Specialists at the U.S. Army Civilian Human Resources Agency Headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Preceding Maryland, she worked as a Labor and Employee Relations Specialists at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Fort Riley.

“(Human Resources) and EEO are two series that you can step over in more easily than other series,” she said. “It has been a little learning curve when I first started but I pick up on things quickly and understand the concepts and why things are done the way they are.”

Bellinder and her staff reference Army Regulation 690-12, Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity during potential employee and supervisor anti-harassment cases.

The regulation provides policy guidance and implementation instructions for the Department of the Army’s EEO and Diversity Programs. said Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Diversity and Leadership. The regulation was published Dec. 22, 2016.

“It’s important if a supervisor comes to you and says, ‘I have this problem,’ you need to look into it and take appropriate action,” she said. “But it is even more important if you go back to the employee and close the loop.”

She said the closed loop concept is crucial and broke it down in three components for a proactive process.

“The employee wants to know that: one — you’ve heard them, two — you took it seriously, and three — you actually did something about it,” she said.

She said in this day and age issues cannot be ignored.

“That is why the EEO process is arranged in two parts; a pre-complaint and a formal complaint,” she said. “The pre-complaint is set up to try to resolve the issue at the lowest possible level; hopefully, so the employee doesn’t file a formal (complaint). The goal is prevention and early resolution.”

She said she has yet to find a supervisor not willing to look into and take appropriate action on any incident.

As a proactive office, Jeffery Greer, EEO specialist, said Bellinder tries to make EEO exclusive by sharing the duties amongst the staff of three.

“She shares the duties (because) we are all cross trained and she does everything she can to make this a model EEO program,” Greer said. “And that is the goal. I think her efforts got us here to as close to a model EEO program as possible.”

College graduates with Fort Riley tie invited to walk at annual combined ceremony

Fort Riley military personnel, family members and civilian personnel who are graduates of local area colleges including, Barton Community College, Central Michigan University, Central Texas College, Hutchinson Community College, Kansas State University, Southwestern College, University of Kansas, University of Mary, and Upper Iowa University or distance learning college programs during the 2017-2018 school year are invited to participate in the Fort Riley Combined Graduation Ceremony at the Hilton Garden Inn conference center in Manhattan, Kansas, May 24 at 1 p.m.

For information on participation, contact Monica Smith at 785-239-6481.

‘Burt’s Knights’ host battalion gunnery family day



Courtesy photo

Soldiers meet their family members and give a tour of the range and their tanks Jan. 28 on Fort Riley during the 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, family day. During the event, family members spent time with their Soldier and saw the vehicles they work on.

By Maj. Michael Liscano and Renae Liscano
3RD BN., 66TH ARMOR REGT.

The sound of a recently fired round echoed in the distance as bus passengers let out a collective gasp and then the second tank fired. The sound welcomed the group of spouses and children to the “Burt’s Knights” family day, where they were able to see their Soldiers at work in the field performing gunnery tasks on M1 Abrams tanks and M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles.

The unit’s current operation tempo is a fast one. Threats, old and new, require a U.S. Army that is ready at a moment’s notice to engage our nation’s enemies. This requires constant and sometimes lengthy training sessions that can have an impact on family time.

In an effort to include families and promote resiliency, 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, hosted a battalion-level family day at the Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex, where Soldiers of “Burt’s Knights” were executing M1 Abrams tank and M2 Bradley gunnery.

On the morning of Jan. 28, more than 50 family members, many with children, braved

cold weather and arrived at the DMPRC before loading onto the bus.

Having families show up to an event like this provides a morale boost for the Soldier as they spend time in the field, as-well-as provide the Soldiers a chance to show pride in their work, said Capt. Andrew Rebar, Company C, 3rd Bn., 66th Armor Regt., commander.

“This family day was probably one of my favorites,” the commander said. “Wives, children and girlfriends got to see ‘the behind the scenes,’ what their Soldiers do before shooting the big bullets. They saw the meticulous work our tankers have to do to make sure they are accurate and lethal.”

Families had a choice of which area to visit based upon where their Soldier was training.

“The family day was a great opportunity for spouses and children to see their Burt’s Knight hero in action,” said Alyssa White, wife of Capt. Justin White, Company H, 3rd Bn., 66th Armor Regt., commander. “We really enjoyed the Sunday getaway to the field to steal a hug and kiss from our Soldier, and see the pride he has in his unit and work.”

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For more information about Fort Riley access procedures, visit www.riley.army.mil.

The access control point hours are:

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CAMPBELL HILL ROAD CLOSURE

Campbell Hill Road is closed north of Huebner Road for repairs.

Traffic will be diverted to the tank trail parallel to Campbell Hill Road.

The repairs will take about one month to complete. Access to the landfill will still be possible during the repairs.

ASK DR. JARGON

Breaking down Interoperability

DEAR DR. JARGON,

Lately, with some of our guys over in Europe, there are a lot of stories in the paper that use the term interoperability. I can kind of guess at what that means but would love the complete lowdown from an “official” source.

Signed, Striving for Higher Understanding

DEAR STRIVING,

I appreciate your desire to want clarity about this term for yourself and others. I’m honored you would ask.

My little deskside Army dictionary defines it as, “the ability of different military organizations to conduct joint operations.” And in the simplest form, that is exactly it. The ability for U.S. Army units to work well with Air Force units is one example of the concept of interoperability. But there is even more to it as you’ve seen from our Soldiers over in Poland. The ability for our Soldiers to train with Polish soldiers also increases interoperability. When we train together, we can respond together because we know how each element operates independently and how we can enhance each other’s knowledge and strengths.

I know this is useful in conflict, but another reason to increase interoperability is to increase our joint capability when responding to natural disasters.

Think about it like this, if our Emergency Medical Technicians train with off-post EMTs, both teams learn each other’s skills and special tools and if need be, a mutual aid agreement can be upheld. One way this is evident is when our fire fighters help off-post fire departments combat grass fires.

As a generic term, interoperability is just a way to say, we work well with others.

Sincerely, Dr. Jargon

Dr. Jargon, cutting through the jargon that is the U.S. Army. Send your Army terminology questions to doctorjargon@gmail.com.

Civilian employees celebrate milestones, discuss fiscal year priorities with command

Story and photo by Steve Elstrom
FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

“This is the backbone of the military. The continuity and the strength of today’s military relies on you,” said Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley Garrison Commander, told members of the Civilian workforce gathered March 1.

More than 450 garrison civilian employees assembled at Riley’s Conference Center during two sessions of Lawrence’s address to the workforce, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., March 1.

In each session, introduced Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Bristow II as the garrison command sergeant major, highlighted the historical and current significance of the Army Civilian Corps and reviewed recent garrison achievements. Joined by the director of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, the garrison commander also discussed civilian manpower and a reduction in force. Civilian staff also reviewed the priorities and Fiscal Year 2018 annual command guidance from Lt. Gen. Kenneth Dahl, commanding general, Installation Management Command, and discussed a few additional topics.

Lawrence highlighted several installation accomplishments within the past year, including development of the protection of life battle drill, a best practice for high risk Soldiers; the hosting of Victory Fest, honoring the 1st Infantry Division’s 100th anniversary; successful completion of a 24-hour full-scale exercise including a relocation of the emergency operations center; and creative launches of the Outdoor Adventure Center and Fort Riley Stray Facility.

The garrison commander also shared results from the Command Climate Survey completed by members of the workforce in October.

Lawrence explained that the reduction of job satisfaction to 79 percent from 89 percent in the previous survey can be attributed to the uncertainty over job security that was prevalent during the 2017 discussions about manpower.

Signaling that the reduction in force is nearly complete, Lawrence told attendees that the number of positions which must



Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, explains one of the garrison’s many achievements during an address to the civilian workforce March 1 at Riley’s Conference Center. More than 450 civilian employees gathered in two sessions to set updates about the garrison.

be removed from the Table of Distribution and Allowances, which serves as the manning document for all garrisons, is now 21, down from 115 Aug. 1, 2016. By starting early, this was accomplished through a variety of actions, including Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment programs, daisy chains, natural attrition, targeted hiring and reassignments.

“There will be a placement for everyone,” said Dianne Peters, director of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. “There will be some reassignments; there will be some change to lower grades. I want to thank, first of all, all of you, as I know the garrison commander does. It’s been a year-and-a-half of uncertainty for you and your families. I’ve never seen a command as involved, nor your directors.”

Peters concluded, “They (directors) were willing to work together, across directorates, to reassign people, to combine jobs and to save vacancies.”

The garrison commander praised the workforce for a reduction in cases of the Financial Liability Investigation for Property Loss program.

A FLIPL is a way to mitigate the cost to the government in certain cases should equipment be lost, damaged or destroyed. It is supported by Army Regulation 735-5, Policies and Procedures for Property and Accountability.

Finally, Lawrence updated attendees about the Flint Hills Home Away from Home program, inviting civilians’ optional participation in the program, in which Soldiers are provided a home-away-from-home during their first enlistment. Find out more about this program at the new program’s Facebook page: Team Flint Hills Home Away From Home Program.

The garrison commander concluded his town halls, publicizing upcoming commemorative support programs. On Fridays in April, the workforce is encouraged to wear blue in support of autism awareness. Denim Day, commemorating Sexual Assault victims, will be observed April 3, with Soldiers of the 1st Inf. Div.

On April 13, the workforce is encouraged to wear purple, supporting military kids.

Select Kidde fire extinguishers are recalled

Garrison Safety Office

There is a recall on two styles of Kidde fire extinguishers:

The first involves plastic handled extinguishers and the second covers push-button Pin-dicator extinguishers.

The fire extinguishers can become clogged or may require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate when needed during a fire emergency.

In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.

This recall does not include Kidde Professional or Badger branded fire extinguishers.

Extinguishers with metal handles/valve assemblies are not included in the recall.

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SAFETY CORNER

Spring forward to Daylight Saving Time

By Ron Clasberry
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Team Riley, we have probably all heard the daylight saving memory aid, "spring forward, fall back." Daylight saving time always begins on the second Sunday of March and ends on the first Sunday of November. We "spring forward" on March 11, and set the clocks ahead one hour.

But why?

In the U.S., extra daylight means extra time to spend money. Retailers, gas station owners, those in the hospitality and leisure industry can attest to the profitability of day light saving time. Daylight saving time in the spring means we can do more activities – traveling, golfing, swimming, biking, camping, concerts, gardening, sports, home repairs; in warmer weather, for a longer periods of time.

But beware, daylight saving time also provides more opportunities for unplanned accidents and incidents. In warmer weather we can finally get to those tasks we have been putting off all winter long. Daylight saving time is a good time to "spring forward" on projects in preparation for the warmer weather.

Of course you can't do all these things in an extra hour of daylight, but you can definitely get a couple of them done and rest easy knowing that your home is ready for what the warmer months may bring:

- Change batteries – Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detector(s), electronic thermostat, emergency radios, and flash lights. Many fire departments and other organizations around the country actually give away batteries this weekend, so check with your local fire department to see if they are participating.
- Update your first aid kit – Many medical items may exceed the shelf life (stamped or printed on item) or are dried out, so you'll want to inspect the kit to make sure all items are fresh and readily available in case of an emergency. Remove and reorder items that have expired.

- Stock up on emergency supplies for your home and car – Inventory your emergency kit for your home and car and make sure you have enough supplies to last during an emergency.
- Prepare for Spring Cleaning – March 20 is the official start of Spring. Kick off your spring cleaning by purchasing packing materials to store your winter clothes, load up on cleaning supplies, and prepare to "air out" your home. Inspect the exterior of your home for any damage or problem areas that may need attention.
- Check your allergy medication – Pollen allergy, commonly called hay fever, is one of the most common chronic diseases in the United States and it is especially acute during the spring months. If you must take prescription medication for your allergy, see your doctor before the symptoms arrive.
- Check car seats – Checking your child's car safety seat to make sure your child still fits into it, as well as having it properly installed is another thing that you can do. If you have doubts about the installation, contact the Garrison Safety Office, Bldg. 500 for questions or assistance with proper installation.
- Check your tire pressure and treads - Incorrect tire pressure affects your gas mileage as well as prematurely wearing tires unevenly and reduce their effectiveness. Worn treads can lead to vehicle instability, poor traction and even blow outs while you and your family are traveling in it. Cold weather allows your tires to leak air, so check the tire pressure and ensure it is inflated IAW the manufacturer's recommendation.
- Check your hoses and belts – Winter's harsh weather can cause the failure of worn components such as, fan, power steering and other belts and hoses. Look for cracks and leaks under the hood. Finding problems now can mean the difference between a quick

and inexpensive repair and breaking down unexpectedly on a road while exposing yourself and passengers to traffic hazards, as well as having to pay for repairs that could have been prevented by conducting Preventive Maintenance and Service Checks.

- Check your windshield wipers – Windshield wipers should be changed twice a year or when they streak water. After using wipers during the winter, you probably have worn the edges of your wiper blades down to where they are not as efficient as when you installed them. If they're leaving streaks, even if it's just on the passenger side, it's time for a replacement set.
- Back up your data and update your computer virus scanner – It's a good time to make sure you've got a back up of all your important data and do a little computer maintenance as well.
- Examine Old Power Strips and Clean Behind Desks – A lot of "home offices" are now filled with electronic equipment and computers, all shoved into a back bedroom or corner area and if you're like a lot of people you have almost a dozen things plugged into one outlet with a power strip. First, you should vacuum any dust or debris like old paper, receipts, pens, pencils, etc... that may have fallen back there. Then check out your power strip. Is it properly rated? Still working as it should? How old is it? It just takes a tiny spark behind a desk to start a fire, so be cautious and play it safe. Don't forget to set your clock ahead 1 hour before you go to bed. The time change doesn't happen officially until 2 am while most people are already sleeping. There is nothing worse than planning your morning based on what your watch says only to find later that your cell phone time is an hour different; or showing up for work an hour early! For more information on Daylight Saving Time, contact the Garrison Safety Office, 785-240-0647.

Before severe weather arrives, prepare yourself with key information

By Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

When severe weather threatens, the key to protecting yourself from harm depends on the quality and timeliness of the information you receive.

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac website at www.almanac.com, "long before meteorologists had sophisticated technology to help them predict the weather, people made forecasts based on their observations of the sky, animals, and nature."

But advances in communications allow people to receive more timely and precise warnings about dangerous and approaching severe weather.

The Fort Riley Emergency Management Office works to ensure there are ways for workers and residents on post to receive alerts as to what's coming.

"We are fortunate to have a robust Mass Warning Notification System here at Fort Riley to alert our community with emergency information," Chris Hallenbeck, Fort Riley Emergency Management Office said.

The centerpiece for personal severe weather notifications at Fort Riley is the AtHOC Emergency Notification System, said Hallenbeck.

"AtHOC is our emergency notification system for desktop, email, phone, and text alerts," he said. "We also have

a mobile notification smartphone application available for iOS and Android smartphones called the Blackberry AtHOC app."

One of the newest capabilities regarding emergency notifications is the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, or IPAWS. According to a Dec. 28, 2017 news release from the Garrison Public Affairs Office, IPAWS is "an internet-based capability that integrates different emergency alerts systems to issue alerts and warnings to the public. It transmits through mobile phones, television, radio and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration radios.

The release goes on to say that IPAWS "is designed to reach all cell phone towers within a given geographic region, (and) is a modernization and integration of the nation's alert and warning infrastructure. Types of messages that may be sent via this system include weather warnings, AMBER Alerts and presidential alerts during a national emergency."

Other means of receiving severe weather alerts at Fort Riley include tornado sirens, which are also used in most communities off-post, and the Giant Voice System, Hallenbeck said.

"Giant voice is just what is says it is," Hallenbeck said. "It allows us to make announcements post-wide. We can do

many things with the giant voice and one of them is announcing severe weather warnings. Every Friday at noon is when we test our Tornado Siren and Giant Voice Systems."

Residents are also encouraged to use social media like the Fort Riley Facebook and Fort Riley Twitter, Hallenbeck said, which are routinely updated by the Public Affairs Office sharing information from the National Weather Service and our 2nd Weather Detachment.

On Feb. 27, Chad Omitt, meteorologist for the National Weather Service, came to Fort Riley and provided severe weather spotter training and awareness for Soldiers and civilians. Among other things, he shared information on weather information sources.

"We talk a lot about the free services that are out there and the free services for your phone that include the wireless emergency alerts (WEA)," Omitt said. "That's a program from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and it's an opt-out program, meaning when you buy a phone you actually have to turn it off (to stop it from functioning). This is on by default so if you are in a tornado warning or a flash flood warning, this service from FEMA will deliver an audible alert to your phone to let you know you are in a tornado warning and should seek additional information."

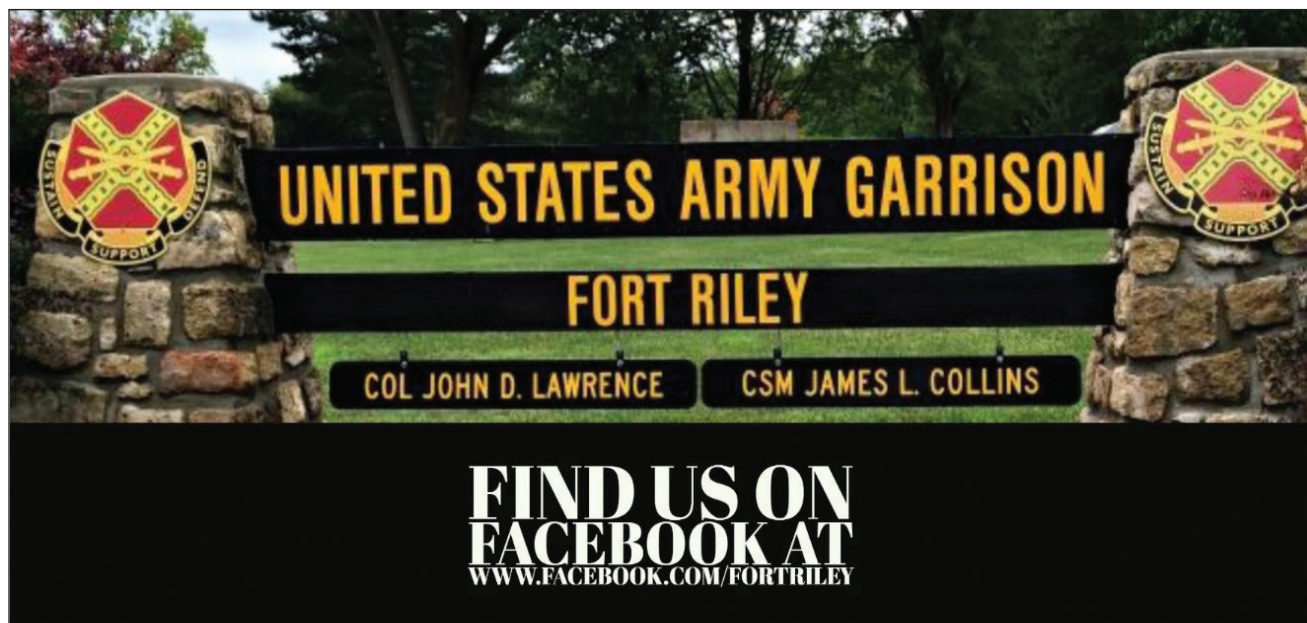
Omitt stressed the importance of having a number of different ways to receive information, including a battery-powered weather radio and commercial battery-powered radio.

"There's always AM (radio) stations on the air and television stations that do a really good job of providing weather coverage," Omitt said. "The sirens still play a role. The takeaways are that you should have a number of ways to receive information, and some of them need to be battery-powered, because if you lose power you still need to know what's happening."

And most of these devices are not expensive Omitt said.

"A commercial radio can cost \$10-15, and you can get weather radios on sale in the springtime for about \$20-25," he said. And there are apps out there that are very good that may cost as little as \$10 per year, or even for a one-time fee. So there's a lot out there and I encourage people to just do some searching and I think they'll find that they are affordable."

If you would like more information about the Fort Riley Emergency Notification Systems or the Ready Army preparedness program you can go to the Fort Riley webpage and click onto the Ready Army link or contact the installation Emergency Management Office at 785-240-0400.



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Fish for rainbow trout at Cameron Springs, Moon Lake



Tom Duckworth, Fish and Wildlife Biologist with the Environmental Division of Public Works met staff from the Milford Fish Hatchery Feb. 28 to introduce approximately 600 pounds of rainbow trout into Cameron Springs and Moon Lake, two popular fishing destinations on Fort Riley. Funding support is provided by the KDWPT’s Community Fish Assistance Program.

Photo and story by K. Houston Waters
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Representatives from the Environmental Division of Public Works and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, teamed up Feb. 28 to introduce approximately 600 pounds of rainbow trout from Milford Fish Hatchery into Cameron Springs and Moon Lake, two popular fishing destinations on Fort Riley.

Tom Duckworth, Fish & Wildlife Biologist, Conservation Branch, Environmental Division, welcomed the Milford Fish Hatchery driver and explained, “Those fish are put there for anglers on Fort Riley and the surrounding communities – so they can come out and fish and have fun. This provides hundreds of trips per year.”

Rainbow trout season is underway on Fort Riley, ending April 15. Due to the popularity of rainbow trout fishing, frequent additions are necessary to maintain an adequate population. Approximately 8,400 pounds of trout must be introduced into Fort Riley waters, says Duckworth. Although their weights vary, each of the new additions to Moon Lake and Cameron Springs tip the scales at about two-thirds of a pound each, says Duckworth.

To assist with delivery, Fort Riley teamed up with KDWPT to form an agreement known as the Community Fish Assistance Program, or CFAP. The purpose of this partnership is to reduce costs for Soldiers, their families and members of the surrounding community.

“They used to charge a fee to fish at Cameron Springs and Moon Lake, and because of that agreement, we no longer charge a fee,” Duckworth said. “All that you have to have is a state fishing license and a trout permit. You no longer have to pay a fee to come and fish at Fort Riley.”

Before fishing on Fort Riley, Duckworth asks anglers to register an account at the Fort Riley iSportsman website at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>.

Several deliveries of rainbow trout have been completed since November. One additional delivery is planned. Crystal Lakes Hatchery, of Ava, Missouri, is scheduled to deliver 1,500 lbs of rainbow trout to Cameron Springs and Moon Lake March 6.

The creel limit for rainbow trout is set at five per angler. For those under 15 without a trout permit, the creel limit is two per angler.



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97th Military Police Battalion Soldiers deploy to Kosovo

Story and photo Sgt. Casey Hustin
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More than 20 Soldiers with the 97th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, departed Fort Riley on a bus beginning Feb. 17, embarking on a road trip toward a flight to Hohenfels, Germany, which departed Feb. 18, from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, arriving the following morning.

Along the way, at a McDonalds in Kingdom City, Missouri, Spc. Mason J. Gasaway, a team leader with the 977th Military Police Company, 97th MP Battalion, was promoted to corporal.

“It’s going well,” Cpl. Gasaway said. “We are staying busy so the days are going by fast.”

While deployed, the MPs will conduct road patrols and peacekeeping missions.

“Morale is up and down, and we’re all doing the best we can to keep it high, so everyone will work toward the mission,” he said.

The tireless movement included an 18-hour drive, a day of loading and unloading gear which culminated in boarding an Atlas airplane that would fly the MPs directly into a three-week training cycle — where their nine-month deployment would start with Kosovo Force 24, a NATO-led international peacekeeping force, at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

“I’m feeling good,” said 1st Lt. Anthony J. Sinagoga, 3rd Platoon Leader with the 977th MP Co. “Obviously, I’m going to miss my family, my wife and my unborn child, but we

have a mission to do. I’ve got great Soldiers and I’m excited about the opportunities that we’re going to have.”

The MPs have been preparing for this journey for the last year and ramped up readiness training in October 2017 for the deployment.

“We are as ready as we could possibly be for this mission,” Sinagoga said, adding his Soldiers are “mentally, physically and emotionally capable of doing what needs to be done.”

Spc. James C. Mason Jr., a Military Policeman with the 97th MP Bn., spoke determinedly about the upcoming months.

“I’m happy, nervous and really excited to see what the unknown holds,” Mason said. “I’m always happy to see what the next day brings.”



First Lt. Anthony J. Sinagoga, left, platoon leader, stands at attention while Staff Sgt. Steven S. Sitzes promotes Spc. Mason J. Gasaway to corporal at a truck stop Feb. 17 in Kingdom City, Missouri. The 3rd Platoon, 977th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, conducted this brief promotion en route to Kosovo.

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Spc. Dustin D. Biven | 22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Spc. Michael Freeman, an intelligence analyst with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, shows Polish cadets how to properly check the oil level on a military Humvee during a school visit on March 1 in Rzepin, Poland. Soldiers from the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, conducted their second visit to the cadets in Rzepin, this time bringing along with them their military equipment to allow Polish cadets to get a hands-on experience while enhancing the Polish-U.S. alliance.

gave a brief description of each component as well as how it was assembled.

“The cadets were quick with learning the IOTV system,” Stewart said.

While the cadets were being shown how to assemble the IOTV, a side and back ballistic plate was passed around.

A ballistic plate is a piece of armor inserted into the IOTV to protect a Soldier from a lethal weapon.

A sense of importance moved across the room as the ballistic plates were passed around and as the plates changed hands, the knowledge of all that stands between a Soldier and enemy fire – life and potential death – was in the cadet’s hands.

“At first they were shocked at the weight of the plates, but knowing its importance, justified it,” Stewart said. “After I was finished showing them exactly how it was worn, and what each of the attachments was, they were off disassembling and reassembling the system with their peers.”

After the cadets had time to try on the IOTV and Kevlar helmet, Spc. Jerry Georgi-Santiago, a unit supply specialist assigned to 2nd ABCT, went on to demonstrate the proper wear of face paint on Spc. Denise McMillan, 2nd ABCT.

“I had no idea just how heavy the armor is that Soldiers wear,” said Dominik Knebel, a Polish cadet at the Rzepin School.

Cadets filled the room putting face paint on one another as Soldiers from the Dagger brigade walked around and assisted.

“It was fun to try on the equipment and face paint,” Knebel said. “I look forward to the next time the Soldiers visit; maybe we can show them how we train next.”

Once the face paint was applied to nearly all the cadets and Soldiers, the group moved outside to get a firsthand experience on a military Humvee.

Cadets gathered around the Humvee as Freeman showed the cadets how to properly perform preventive maintenance checks and services on the vehicle.

“This visit demonstrates not only our commitment to our NATO allies but to the local community as well,” Stewart said. “Being able to show the cadets our equipment and how to use it enhances our ability to work alongside one another. I look forward to future opportunities like today’s visit, to work alongside the cadets, community and Soldiers of Poland.”

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Free formal dresses hang for the taking at USO Fort Riley March 3, during an event held at USO for spouses in need of a dress.

Dressed to impress

Donated formal gowns discover new home at USO Fort Riley event

Story and photos by Kalene Lozick
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Details of rhinestones, ribbons, bows and tulle-lined donated dresses hung for military spouses and family members needing a formal dress for an upcoming formal event at USO Fort Riley's Gift the Gown March 3.

The free event offered formal dresses ranging from size zero to 18, in a variety of colors and styles.

Among the dresses, spouses could try on a lace, ivory wedding dress or a black velvet skirt.

Jamie Simpson, USO Fort Riley volunteer and wife of Staff Sgt. Kevin Simpson, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, organized the event.

"Gift the Gown is donation based," she said. "Everything we have has been donated by spouses, service members and families."

She said every spouse registered for the event could choose one dress, an accessory and a pair of shoes while supplies lasted.

"We have three areas set up for them to try on their dresses and a mirror," Simpson said.

Once the spouse "says yes to their dress," Simpson said she bagged it up with accessories and gave them a gift of donated Mary Kay beauty items.

Vera Gaer, wife of Capt. Christopher Gaer, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, said Gift the Gown is her favorite event by USO.

"The Gift the Gown is a great event because women get to come in, these spouses with their daughters get to pick from these beautiful gowns,"

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Marissa McDaniel, wife of Sgt. Taylor McDaniel, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, was among the spouses attending USO Gift the Gown March 3. The event had dresses arranging in size for spouses in need to dress to impress.

"The Gift the Gown is a great event because women get to come in, these spouses with their daughters get to pick from these beautiful gowns. And now, we get all these products donated by Mary Kay so they get to go home with and they feel like Cinderella."

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MILITARY SPOUSE

Fort Riley youth ready for future

Hiring, education fair helps create networks for careers, college

Story and photo by Kalene Lozick
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Youths 14 to 21 got a crash course in building employment readiness and learning about education services at Fort Riley during the Youth Hiring and Education Fair March 3 at the Fort Riley Teen Center, 5800 Thomas Drive.

"Our purpose here today is to bring our youth together (and to) network with employers throughout the community and right here at Fort Riley," said Benita Edwards, Army Community Service employment readiness program manager.

Employers who attended the hiring fair were the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Civil-



Nicki White, left, Civilian Human Resource Agency human resource assistant, and Jessica Johnson, middle, CHRA HR assistant, talk about the potential job opportunities through their company at the Youth Hiring and Education Fair March 3.

ian Personnel Advisory Center, non-appropriated fund positions, Child and Youth Services, Aquatics, and American Pools, Edwards said.

Employers stood ready to answer questions about employment and education services. For businesses looking to hire, the fair had on-the-spot

interviews allowing youth to leave with a potential job, Edwards said.

In addition to hiring opportunities, youths were educated on volunteer opportunities with ACS and Education Services.

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One military child gives without expecting a return

Bone disease doesn't stop daughter from organizing toy drive

Story and photo by Kalene Lozick
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Sienna Maynard, 8, was diagnosed with a rare bone disease three years ago and ever since, organizes an annual toy drive on National Rare Disease Day, Feb. 28, with the help of her mom, Jessica, wife of Spc. Andrew Maynard, Warrior Transition Battalion. The conclusion of the drive will be March 15.

This year, the Maynard family partnered with Sienna's second-grade teacher, Natasha Goodman, to bring the toy drive to Morris Hill Elementary. At the kick-start assembly, they announced



Morris Hill Elementary second-grade teacher Natasha Goodman, left, Sienna Maynard, center, and Jessica Maynard, wife of Spc. Andrew Maynard, Warrior Transition Battalion, organized a Rare Disease Toy Drive at the elementary school Feb. 28 to accept toys until March 15.

the toys donated to the drive will be donated to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, since she had multiple surgeries and spent many nights there,

according to an article by Geary County Schools USD 475 website.

Jessica said the generosity

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FORT RILEY POST-ITS

UFC WATCH PARTY APRIL 7
The Warrior Zone will be hosting a Pay-Per-View watch party for the Ultimate Fighting Championship event No. 223 between Tony Ferguson and Khabib Nurmagomedov for the lightweight title April 7. Admission is free and there will be food specials. The preliminary will begin at 5 p.m. and the main fight card will begin at 9 p.m.
The Warrior Zone is open to ages 18 and up.
For more information, call 785-240-6618.

TAKING THE HILL MULTI-CHALLENGE TEAM RACE
What are you doing on March 10? Compete in DMFWR's multi-challenge team race and winning great prizes.
Race around Custer Hill on foot and earn points for each mental challenge completed at participating DFMWR facilities. The team that earns the most points and finishes within the time allotted will win a prize package!
1st place: \$50 in gift cards, parachutes and hydration backpacks; 2nd place: \$30 in gift cards, agility ladders and jump ropes; 3rd place: \$20 in gift cards and workout gloves.
For more information, call 785-239-4983.

BIG PINEY TRAILS BACKPACKING TRIP AND BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS VOLUNTEER EVENTS
Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers — BOSS is hosting a three-day two-night Big Piney Trails backpacking trip March 22 to 24. Slots are limited.
Volunteer opportunities:
• Ronald McDonald House — March 10
• Fort Riley animal shelter — March 21
A BOSS Bible study is held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Warrior Zone Conference Room.
Visit the BOSS office or call 785-239-BOSS for more details.

COCKTAILS AND CANVASES
Join us for a fun night of Cocktails and Canvases April 7. Create a “masterpiece” while enjoying a glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverage.
The event is at Riley’s Conference Center and doors open at 6 p.m. Painting starts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$25 per person and includes supplies, instruction and one beverage ticket.
Advance tickets purchase is recommended. For more information, call 785-784-1000.

TACO TUESDAY AND PASTA WEDNESDAY
Stop by Riley’s Conference Center for lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Taco Tuesday features an all-you-can-eat meal with a choice of meat, hard and soft shell tacos, salsa bar, rice, beans, salad bar and dessert.
Pasta Wednesday features pasta main dish, green beans, focaccia and Greek salad.
The buffet costs \$9.95, which includes a drinks. A salad bar only is available for \$5.95. For more information 785-784-1000.

USO UNPLUGGED FAMILY GAME NIGHT
USO Fort Riley, 6918 Trooper Drive, is hosting an unplugged (no electronics) game night March 9, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a free meal and play a variety of fun board games and re-connect with family and friends.
For more information, call 785-240-5326 or visit USO Fort Riley Facebook or website.

MWR ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER
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• Matting & Framing — March 9 cost \$10
• Woodworking — March 12 cost \$10
• Parent and Child class — March 18 cost \$8
• Adult Art class — Tree on Canvas — March 25 cost \$15
Custom services at the center include: matting and framing services, laser engraving and computerized engraving and custom made wood products.
Hours of operation are Monday and Tuesday 1 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. — Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Thursday, Friday, and holidays closed.
For more information, call 785- 239-9205.

FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER SCHEDULE
Friday, March 9
Peter Rabbit (PG) 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 10
Peter Rabbit (PG) 2 p.m.
The 15:17 to Paris (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sunday, March 11
The 15:17 to Paris (PG-13), 5 p.m.
Theater opens 30 minutes before first showing
For more information, call 785-239-9574.
Regular Showing: \$6, children are \$3.50, children 5 and under are admitted free.
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BLUE STAR PROGRAM
The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation offers the Blue Star Program to family members who are geographically separated from their service member. The benefits are also open to Gold Star families and Soldiers in the Warrior Transition Battalion. Discounts and events are available to those enrolled in the program. For information about eligibility, call 785-239-2172 or email bluestar@rileymwr.com.

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Upcoming events with discount tickets include:
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B&B Junction City Gem Theater: \$30 value gift card for \$25 good for movie tickets and concessions.
Kansas City Sprint Center: Disney on Ice - Dream Big tickets for the Sept. 14 to 17 performances for \$20 to \$33 depending upon show and seats selected.
For more information on tickets and travel packages available through the Leisure Travel Center, call 785-239-5614/4415.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Annual Army Emergency Relief campaign underway

By Col. John D. Lawrence
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

The annual Army Emergency Relief campaign runs now through May 15. AER is the Army’s financial assistance program that helps out Soldiers and families, to the tune of about \$70 million a year. These dollars are used to help make sure no Soldier has to face financial hardship on his or her own. Typical uses of AER interest free loans and grants include basic living expenses, personal transportation, education scholarships, emergency travel, funeral expenses, medical and dental costs and permanent change of station.
Army Emergency Relief has raised nearly \$2 billion since its inception in 1942;

however, this is only possible through a history of Soldiers-helping-Soldiers. Through the generosity of others, AER is able to approve 99 percent of all financial assistance requests. And the good news is that 88 percent of Soldiers who visited AER in 2017 required assistance only once – sometimes people just need a slight boost to get them back on track.
A breakdown of the 2017 AER year in review is available in the graphic on this page; here are a few other statistics that show the importance of AER to the Army family:
• AER should be a Soldier’s first choice for financial assistance; avoid predatory lenders that charge unreasonable fees and percentage rates
• The goal is to inform 100 percent of Soldiers about AER programs and benefits
• The AER campaign offers Soldiers the opportunity to join the legacy of Soldiers helping fellow Soldiers

• Company commanders and first sergeants can rapidly approve loans up to \$2,000 with the “quick assist program”
• Asking for help is a strength and Soldiers can go directly to their AER officer and don’t require chain of command approval
• Emergency travel is the most important assistance mission, but AER’s most common assistance cases are for basic living expenses and personally owned vehicle repairs

If you can help, even small donations of \$5, \$10 or \$20 can make a difference, especially when we all chip in to help each other. To donate or for more information about AER, visit www.aerhq.org or contact your AER representative.

— To comment on this article or to suggest a topic for Community Corner, email usarmy.riley.imcom.mbx.post-newspaper@mail.mil.



Colonel Lawrence

WORSHIP

Protestant Services

Victory Chapel Contemporary Protestant Service Sunday Worship.....1100 Children’s Church.....1115-1215	239-0834
Morris Hill Chapel Gospel Protestant Service Sunday School.....0900 Sunday Worship.....1100	239-2799
Main Post Chapel Traditional Protestant Service Sunday Worship.....1030	239-0834

Catholic Services

Victory Chapel Sunday Mass.....0845 Sunday Catechism.....1000	239-0834
Saint Mary’s Chapel Saturday’s Vigil Mass.....1630 Sunday Mass.....1200 Mid-day Mass– Mon., Wed., & Fri.....1200 Tuesday & Thursday Mass.....1800	239-0834
IACH Chapel Mid-day Mass– Tue. & Thur.1200	239-7872

Jewish Service

For Sabbath Services please contact the Division Chaplain at 240-6268.

Open Circle Service

Kapaun Chapel Fort Riley Open Circle– SWC 1st & 3rd Friday monthly.....1800	239-4818
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Wednesday Family Night
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MS Youth-1530-1700 at Morris Hill Chapel
HS Youth-1830-2000 at Morris Hill Chapel
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AWANA
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Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)
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RED CROSS MONTH

INSET: Fort Riley Garrison Commander Col. John D. Lawrence and Rebecca Estrella, American Red Cross regional program manager, cut into the ceremonial Red Cross Month cake March 1 at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, near Trooper Drive Gate. “March is Red Cross Month, a time when the American Red Cross honors our nation’s heroes who help people in need in their community, across the country and around the world,” said Mitzy DeAguilera, Red Cross regional program specialist. During the event, Estrella and DeAguilera presented Lawrence with a certificate of appreciation for his outstanding interest and cooperative support for the organization to the Fort Riley Community. They also presented Lawrence with a unique Red Cross coin.

Kalene Lozick | POST

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST

The question for the week of March 6 was: March 5 to 9 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Kansas; where can I find a map of emergency storm shelters on Fort Riley?

Answer: www.riley.army.mil/Portals/0/Docs/Community/ReadyArmy/FortRiley_EmergencyWeatherShelters_022018.pdf

This week’s winner is Courtney Middaugh, spouse of Spc. Jacob Middaugh, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Above are Courtney and Spc. Jacob Middaugh

CONGRATULATIONS COURTNEY!

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“Mainly, we want youth to find out opportunities to pair them for the workforce too,” said Monica Smith, Education Services specialist. “So if they are not quite sure what they want from life, this way it gives them an opportunity to think about if they want to apply for a job right after high school or right to college.”

For graduating high school students or youths looking ahead to college Smith coordinated with colleges, technical schools and Federal Student Aid to attend the fair.

Of the nine colleges offered at Fort Riley, Smith said five of the colleges attended the fair.

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MONICA SMITH
EDUCATION SERVICES
SPECIALIST

IN ATTENDANCE

• Of the nine colleges offered at Fort Riley, officials from five attended the Youth Hiring and Education Fair March 3.

Other organizations in attendance were Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakhburgers and Loving Arms Child Care Edwards said.

“It is always a fun event when you have children,” Edwards said. “We also want to thank the employers who are willing to come out to support our youth at Fort Riley.”

She said they also had Rasmusen College from Topeka; Keiser University in Daytona Beach, Florida; Salina Area Technical College and Manhattan Area Technically College.

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Lent, Holy Week & Passover Services

Catholic Services
Stations of the Cross Devotions
Fridays, 23 Feb and 2, 9, 16, 23 March
1730 at Victory Chapel
(Followed by Poor Man’s Meal)

Lenten Communal Penance Service
Tue. 27 March
1700 at Victory Chapel
Reconciliation Room

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Thur. 29 March
1800 at Victory Chapel.
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 2100)
If you cannot attend the evening Mass, a 1200 Mass will be celebrated at the new Hospital Chapel (first floor).

Good Friday Service of the Cross
Fri. 30 March
1500 at Victory Chapel
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 1200)

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Sat. 31 March
1900 at Victory Chapel

Protestant Services
Maundy Thursday Service
Thur. 29 March
1900 at Kapaun Chapel

Good Friday: Service of Darkness
Fri. 30 March
1930 at Victory Chapel

Easter Sunrise Service
Sun. 1 April
0700 at the Victory Chapel
Parking Lot B

Normal Sunday Worship Services as scheduled.

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Sundown on Saturday, 7 April
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Division Chaplains Office

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Children, teachers and staff members from Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School's morning preschool class have a photo taken with Soldiers from the 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, March 6 at Marshall Army Airfield on Fort Riley. The tour was part of an adopt-a-school partnership between 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley units, Manhattan, Kansas, schools and other schools in the Flint Hills Region.



Johnny Basurto-Rios (right) looks up at Chief Warrant Officer 2 Loren Berg, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, assistant aviation safety officer, as Basurto-Rios and his morning preschool classmates from Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School received a tour March 6 at Marshall Army Airfield.

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of paying it forward began at Sienna's second surgery.

"I asked friends and family to send her cards in the mail so when she was in the hospital she would have something to open," Jessica said. "I didn't really expect to get 100 cards. I wasn't expecting that at all. We actually got so many that we couldn't open (them all) by the time we left the hospital."

Her mom said it really made Sienna feel better when she received cards and toys in the mail years ago. So she said that is really how the toy drive idea began. It was a small gesture that grew into an annual way to give back.

Sienna spoke softly and leaned into her mom when she said why she organized the annual toy drive.

"I just want to give back," Sienna said with a smile.

Goodman said she is inspired by Sienna's never give up mentality.

"That is the coolest thing about Sienna, her whole attitude of embracing it," Goodman said. "She is just going with the flow and rocking it like it's just another day for her."

Sienna was diagnosed with Ollier's Disease when she was 3 years-old. Jessica said the disease is rare because it affects

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NATASHA GOODMAN
SECOND-GRADE TEACHER,
MORRIS HILL ELEMENTARY

only one out of 100,000 people and there is no cure.

Sienna has enchondroma, Jessica said. An enchondroma is a type of a non-cancerous bone tumor that originates from cartilage inside the bones.

"Because she has more than one it is classified as a disease," Jessica said. "She is lucky because some kids have it all over their body. It can affect the base of your skull, fingers, joints and sometimes you get tumors that grow out so you can see it on your fingers."

Sienna has an enchondroma in her left knee that is causing her knee to bow out even after correction surgery adding

a metal plate to her knee, Jessica said.

Goodman said her go-with-the-flow attitude is something we should all embrace.

"Her kindness of reaching out to support your fellow friend and fellow neighbor so she is an excellent example for the whole school; disease or no disease," Goodman said. "She has a great attitude."

The toy drive continues to accept toy donations now and through March 15. For more information, visit connected.usd475.org/index.php/2018/03/01/siennas-toy-drive/.

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Gaer said. "And now, we get all these products donated by Mary Kay so they get to go home with and they feel like Cinderella."

Marissa McDaniel, wife of Sgt. Taylor McDaniel, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, was among the spouses to attend Gift the Gown. She said she forgot that

USO Fort Riley had events like Gift the Gown.

"My friend told me about this a couple days ago and (I have) a ball (March) 9 and that's really soon. I don't have a dress yet, so I told myself I need to go to this," McDaniel said with a laugh.

McDaniel did not leave with a dress but she said she the event showed her what to look for.

For others, Gift the Gown is the solution they need.

The event is a way for spouses and service members to donate their dress to the community, Simpson said.

"Giving back to the community helps everybody," she said. "For me, it makes me feel good that I helped, but I also feel that (Gift the Gown) is a network between spouses."

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Lady Indians earn number four seed at State Tourney

Will Ravenstein
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The Manhattan Lady Indians were slated to take on the Washburn Rural Lady Blues (18-4) March 7 in the opening round of the Class 6A State Tournament at Koch Arena on the campus of Wichita State University.

The 20-2 Lady Indians cruised past the Hutchinson Lady Salthawks in the Sub-State Championship game March 3, defeating the host team 49-40 to get their chance at the State Title.

The Lady Indians were in the second game of the day after the number one seeded Olathe East High School



faced the number-eight seeded Olathe South High School.

The winner of the two games will square off against each other March 9 at 3 p.m., with the winner advancing to the State Championship game March 10 at 4 p.m.

Follow the Lady Indians online at the Kansas High School Activities Association website, www.kshsaa.org, with live stats being provided.

Manhattan, center of attention for athletes

Will Ravenstein
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Athletes, parents and fans of Class 2A basketball have flocked to Manhattan as the Class 2A State Tournament is being held at Kansas State University's Bramlage Coliseum.

The four day tournament features the top eight boys and girls teams with Central Plains, Claflin, Kansas, taking the top seed in both the boys and girls brackets.

Games began March 7 with the number one seed taking on the number eight seed, Inman High School, in the girls tournament.

March 8 first game, featured the same two schools but with the boys representing them on the court.

The final round of the tournament will take place March 10 with the consolation rounds starting at noon with the girls. At 2 p.m. the boys consolation game is slated to start.

The girl's championship game will take place at 4 p.m. with the boy's championship game to follow at 6:15 p.m.

Complete brackets from the event can be found on the Kansas High School Activities Association website, www.kshsaa.org.

Wade, Brown selected USBWA All-District VI Team

K-STATE ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Juniors Barry Brown Jr. and Dean Wade continued to rack up accolades for their outstanding seasons March 6, as the U.S. Basketball Writers Associated selected each to its All-District VI team, which encompasses the states of Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and North and South Dakota.

The duo become the 14th and 15th Wildcats to earn recognition from the USBWA, which has been selecting All-District Teams since the 1956-57 season. They are just the third tandem to be selected for All-District honors in the same season, following Michael Beasley and Bill Walker in 2008 and Denis Clemente and Jacob Pullen in 2010. Overall, they are the first K-State players on the All-District team since Rodney McGruder in 2013.

Brown and Wade were joined on the 10-member All-District VI team by Kansas' Devonte' Graham and Udoka Azubuike, South Dakota State's Mike Daum, Creighton's Marcus Foster, Nebraska's James Palmer, Jr., Missouri's Kassius Robertson, Iowa State's Lindell Wiggin-ton and Oklahoma's Trae Young. In addition, Graham was named the district player of the year, while head coach Bill Self was the district coach of the year.

In addition to earning All-District honors, Brown and Wade also picked up more All-



Courtesy Photo | K-State Athletic Communications Office
K-State junior Barry Brown Jr. celebrates with junior Patrick Muldoon, 32, and redshirt freshman Cartier Diarra March 6.

Big 12 honors March 6 as they were both selected to The Associated Press' All-Big 12 Second Team. They were joined on the Second Team by Kansas' Udoka Azubuike and Svi Mykhailiuk and TCU's Ken-rich Williams. On Sunday, Wade became just the fourth Wildcat in the Big 12 era to be selected to the Coaches' All-Big 12 First Team, while Brown was named to the Second Team as well as the Big 12 All-Defensive Team.

Wade has put together one of the most impressive all-around efforts in K-State history, as he ranks first or second in 12 statistical categories, including scoring (16.7 ppg.), double-digit scoring

games (27), 20-point games (11), double-doubles (four) and rebounding (6.4 rpg.). He has led the Wildcats in scoring a team-best 13 times, in rebounding 17 times and in assists on eight occasions. Overall, he has averaged 16.7 points on 55 percent shooting (192-of-349), including 42.7 percent (38-of-89) from 3-point range, and 74.8 percent (95-of-127) from the free throw line to go with 6.4 rebounds, 2.8 assists, 1.5 steals and 0.9 blocks in 33.4 minutes per game.

One of the best defenders in the Big 12, Brown had a career-best season as a junior in 2017-18, averaging 16.6 points on 46.6 percent shooting (179-

of-384), including 33.3 percent (40-of-120) from 3-point range, to go with 3.5 assists, 3.1 rebounds and 1.9 steals in 35.1 minutes per game. The team leader in assists (110), steals (59) and minutes (1,087), he ranked second only to Wade in most statistical categories, including scoring, double-digit scoring games (24), 20-point games (11) and field goals made (179).

Kansas State (21-10, 10-8 Big 12) will be the No. 4 seed in this week's Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship at the Sprint Center in Kansas City and will No. 5 seed TCU (21-10, 8-10 Big 12) in the tournament's quarterfinal round at 11:30 a.m. CT on Thursday on ESPN or ESPN2.

K-State falls in Big 12 Quarterfinals to top-seed Baylor

K-STATE ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — For the sixth time in the last eight years, Kansas State and Baylor met in the Big 12 Championships. The top-seeded Lady Bears held back the Wildcats upset bid with a 83-54 win in the quarterfinals of the 2018 Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Champi-

onships at Chesapeake Energy Arena on Saturday.

Kansas State (16-15) was paced by junior guard and 2018 All-Big 12 Second Team selection Kayla Goth. Goth registered 24 points and four assists. This was Goth's 30th game this season in double figures, including her eighth game with 20 or more points.

Baylor (29-1) had four players in double figures and were

led by 2018 Big 12 Player of the Year Kalani Brown with 26 points and 13 rebounds. Joining Brown in double figures were Dekeiya Cohen with 19 points while Lauren Cox added 10 points, seven rebounds and four blocks.

The Lady Bears dashed out to a 12-3 lead in the first quarter and finished with a 22-10 lead at the end of the frame. Brown led Baylor with

12 points and three rebounds, while Goth paced the Wildcats with five.

Baylor started the second quarter with a 10-2 run to force a K-State timeout, trailing 32-12 with 6:37 remaining in the first half. After the timeout, K-State was able to close within 16, 40-24, as Goth scored nine points while Rachel Ranke added a 3-pointer. The Lady Beard

rebuilt the lead to 46-27 at the half.

The Lady Bears clamped down defensively on K-State in the third quarter, outscoring K-State 24-6 in the frame. The six points were a season-low for K-State in any quarter this season. K-State was held to a 1-of-11 effort from the field in the quarter.

Baylor pulled Brown and Cox for the duration of the fourth quarter, as Kansas State

outscored the Lady Bears in the final stanza, 21-13. Cymone Goodrich scored six points in the quarter for K-State.

With the guidance of fourth year head coach Jeff Mittie, Kansas State is postseason eligible for the fourth straight season. The Wildcats will find out its postseason destination on Monday, March 12, as the Postseason WNIT selections will be announced.

Will Brennan picking up where he left off from freshman All-America season

Corbin McGuire
K-STATE ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

Whenever Will Brennan gets out, which is relatively rare, the K-State sophomore will likely hear a growing phrase within the Wildcat dugout.

"We have this little saying, 'Water under the fridge,'" Brennan explains, referencing a quote from the show Trailer Park Boys, a comedy where one character frequently misstates common terms or phrases. "I'm starting to watch it a little bit, not as much as the other guys but I'm going to try to get into it a little bit. It's good to have positive things flowing around our team. We're going to have fun with it."

For Brennan, 'water under the fridge' is a silly, yet important reminder to stick to what got him here — here being a place where he's recognized as one of the best outfielders in the country.

Last season, K-State's starting left fielder hit .350 to break a 40-plus year school record for freshman batting average. His on-base percentage of .453 also led the team and helped earn him a pair of Freshman All-America honors.

Through 11 games and 52 at-bats this season, Brennan has picked up right where he left off. The Stillwell native is hitting .462 with 15 runs, eight RBI and four doubles.

"It's just sticking with my same approach," Brennan said. "If something bad happens, you just have to throw

it away and keep doing what you're good at doing. I just stick to my routine and good things happen."

Now, that's not to say Brennan didn't fine-tune some parts of his game in the offseason. Naturally a middle-to-opposite-field hitter, the lefty specifically focused on pulling the inside pitch while he was playing for the Anchorage Glacier Pilots in the Alaska Baseball League.

"I try to hit the ball up the middle every single time that I can and just adjust from there," he said.

"They're starting to throw me inside more so I'm able to pull the ball a little bit more this year."

Case in point: Brennan's final at-bat in Sunday's 5-1 win over La Salle, which capped a three-game sweep for K-State. After falling behind 1-2 in the count, the Blue Valley High School product turned on an inside pitch for a two-out double down the right field line.

It was the finishing touches to an impressive 3-for-5 outing for K-State's leadoff hitter, who's now

had seven multi-hit games in a row.

"I worked really hard on that in the summer, so any time I can show off what I worked on it feels pretty good," Brennan said of his 24th hit of the season, which boosted his on-base percentage to .509. "They just started throwing it more up (in Alaska), and the more you see it, the better you get at it."

Scary as it might be for opposing pitchers, Brennan has shown no signs of a sophomore slump. If anything, he looks to be on a second-year surge. He's extended his on-

base streak to 34 games, dating back to last season. He's also hit safely in all 11 games this season for K-State.

"I take pride in it. It's my job as a leadoff man and my position on this team to get on base and to let the guys behind me hit me in," he said, as K-State (7-4) hosts Incarnate Word for a two-game set on Tuesday and Wednesday, with a three-game series scheduled for this weekend at Tointon Family Stadium against Mercer. "Any time I get on base it's going to be positive for this team."

Wildcat baseball schedule

Friday, March 9	vs.	Mercer 3 p.m.
Saturday, March 10	vs.	Mercer 2 p.m.
Sunday, March 11	vs.	Mercer noon
Tuesday, March 13	vs.	Creighton 6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 16	vs.	College of Charleston 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 17	vs.	College of Charleston 2 p.m.
Sunday, March 18	vs.	College of Charleston noon
Tuesday, March 20	vs.	Austin Peay 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21	vs.	Austin Peay noon
Friday, March 23	at	TCU 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 24	at	TCU 2 p.m.
Sunday, March 25	at	TCU 1 p.m.
Tuesday, March 27	vs.	Omaha 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 29	vs.	Texas 6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 30	vs.	Texas 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 31	vs.	Texas 1 p.m.



Eklund leads K-State on final day of Tiger Invitational

K-STATE ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

OPELIKA, Ala. — Kansas State sophomore men's golfer Jacob Eklund turned in the Wildcats' best round of the week as he shot a 2-under par 70 on Tuesday to lead K-State during the final round of the Tiger Invitational at Grand National Lakes Course.

Eklund's round began with an eagle on No. 14 and he came away with two more birdies as he shaved seven strokes off his second-round score and climbed 14 spots on the leaderboard.

As a team, the Wildcats shot a 21-over par 885 to finish in 16th place.

"Jake (Eklund) gave us a solid round today but as a team we struggled," head coach Grant Robbins said. "It was a disappointing finish this week, but it is something we have to learn from and work to get better."

"This team is much better than the results are showing and that is on me. We have talent, but for whatever reason we are

not playing to our potential. It is my job to figure it out and to get these guys to play the way they are capable of playing. That is what I intend to do."

Ben Fernandez was K-State highest finisher, tying for 38th place at 5-over par 221. Jeremy Gandon and Eklund met in a tie for 48th place, each carding 6-over 222.

Sophomore Roland Massimino tied for 56th place at 8-over par 224, while JC Campbell dropped to a tie for 70th at 12-over par 228. Trent Evans, competing as an individual, tied for 88th at 21-over par 237.

Host school Auburn earned a wire-to-wire win at 25-under par 839, the only team under par in the tournament. Maryland's David Kocher maintained his lead and finished first on individual leaderboard at 11-under par 205.

Following a week off, the Wildcats will travel to Palm Desert, California, to host the K-State BIGHORN Invitational, March 23-24, on the Canyons Course at BIGHORN Golf Club.

Team Scores: 1. Auburn, 281-283-275—839 (-25); 2. Georgia State, 296-287-281—864 (E); T3. Mississippi State, 289-289-287—865 (+1); T3. Kennesaw State, 284-298-283—865 (+1); 5. Maryland, 292-286-288—866 (+2); 6. Missouri, 297-288-284—869 (+5); 7. Charlotte, 292-294-288—874 (+10); 8. Troy, 302-288-285—875 (+11); 9. Minnesota, 296-288-293—877 (+13); 10. Chattanooga, 302-289-288—879 (+15); T11. UNCG, 293-296-291—880 (+16); T11. UNCW, 301-295-284—880 (+16); 13. Southern Mississippi, 296-287-298—881 (+17); 14. James Madison, 299-294-290—883 (+19); 15. South Alabama, 303-299-282—884 (+20); 16. Kansas State, 299-293-293—885 (+21); 17. Samford, 313-308-304—925 (+61).

Top Individuals: 1. David Kocher, Maryland, 67-69-69—205 (-11); 2. Ben Schlottman, Auburn, 69-71-66—206 (-10); 3. Ryan Knop, Auburn, 70-70-68—208 (-4); T4. Taylor Grant, Mississippi State, 71-68-70—209 (-7); T4. Alexander Herrmann, Georgia State, 74-68-67—209 (-7).

K-State Individuals: T38. Ben Fernandez, 74-72-75—221 (+5); T48. Jacob Eklund, 75-77-70—222 (+6); T48. Jeremy Gandon, 75-74-73—222 (+6); T56. Roland Massimino, 75-74-75—224 (+8); T70. JC Campbell, 78-73-77—228 (+12); T88. Trent Evans, 79-78-80—237 (+21).

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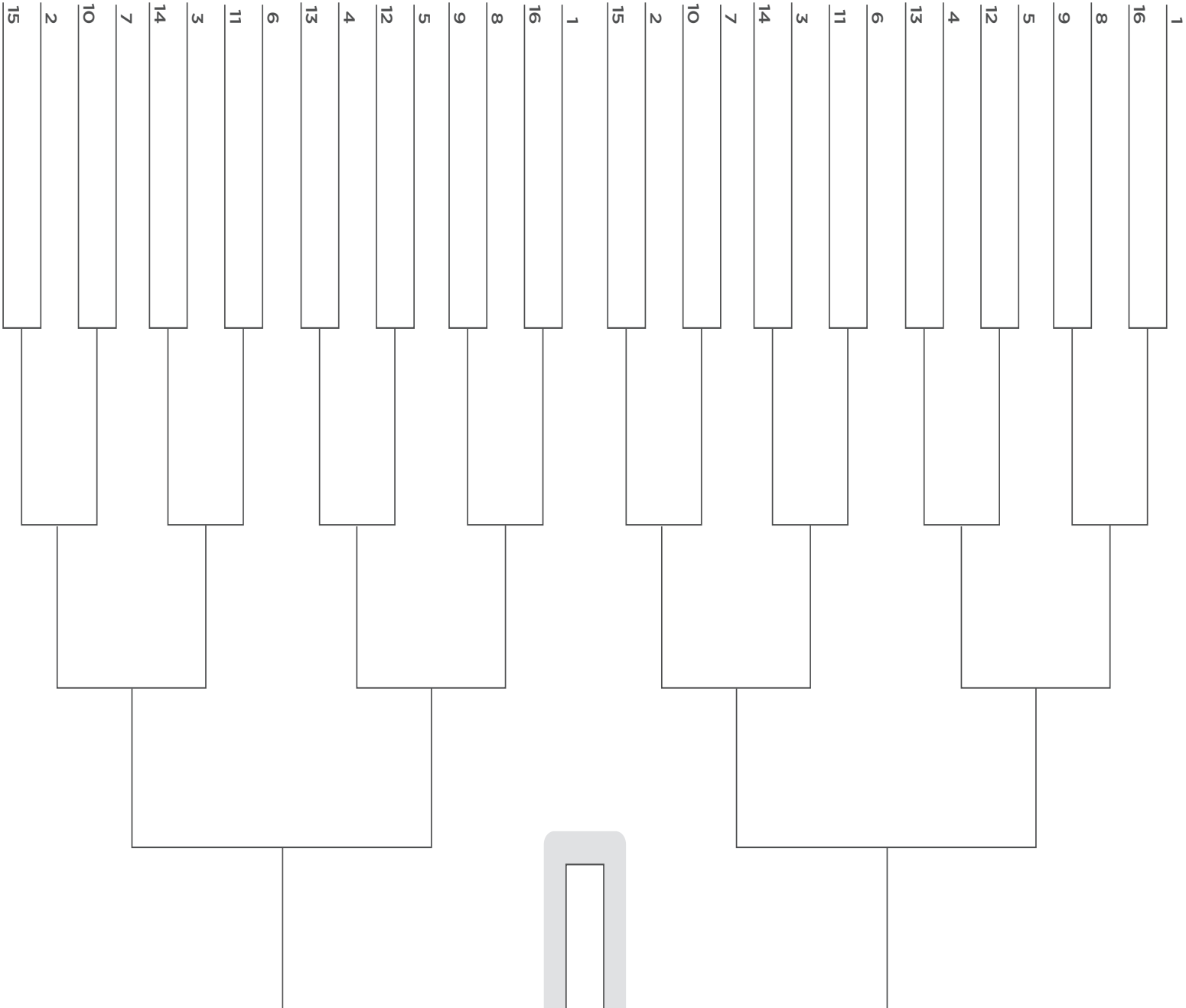
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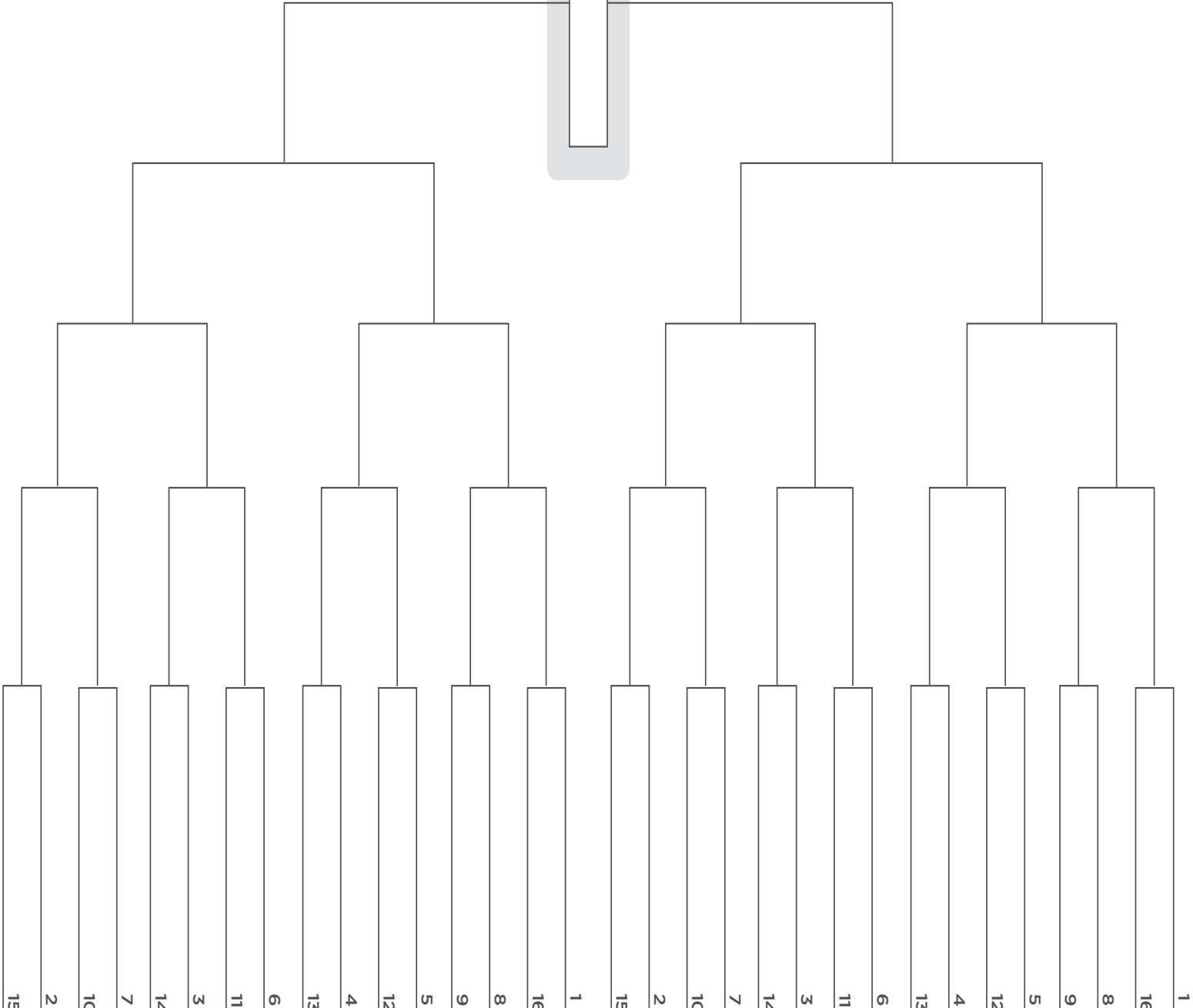


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Although OZtoberFest brings a “Wizard of Oz” inspired festival, the city of Wamego offers OZ-some fun all year long.

Located about 40 miles east of Fort Riley, Wamego — in Pottawatomie County, Kansas — is nestled at the intersection of U.S. Route 24 and K-99 with a population steadily growing more than 4,500 since 2014, according to population.us/ks/Wamego/.

Like the town's population, Wamego has a growing history.

A few miles north of Wamego, the Oregon Trail Nature Park, 20560 Oregon Trail Road, offers hiking trails, picnic tables and panoramic views of the Kansas River Valley. The trails have hidden gems of wagon channels that were once used during the time and relics from the Cholera Cemetery. The cemetery has headstones from Louis Vieux, a member of the Pottawatomie Tribe. To those interested in learning more about the Oregon Trail Nature Park, Wamego Historical Society offers guided tours to the public. For more information, call 785-456-2040.

Spring up to Wamego's City Park April 21 to 22, for their annual Tulip Festival. The event brings thousands of spectators from across the state to view the vibrant tulips colors and, according to the event's Facebook page, more than 150 craft vendors.

On the eastern side of the city's park is Schonhoff Dutch Mill. The mill was built in the 1870s by John Schonhoff, 12 miles north of Wamego. In 1924, the mill was disassembled and moved by 35



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The OZ Museum in Wamego caters to film and book fans alike. The museum has first edition L. Frank Baum books and production notes from the 1939 movie.

horse-drawn wagons and reconstructed at the city's park. The mill is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Wamego Historical Society offers tours to history buffs at \$1 to \$4 per tour; group rates are available.

Another outdoor tour is Mount Mitchell, Mitchell Prairie Lane, three miles south of Wamego off Highway 99. The park is open annually from sunrise to sunset. As part of the Freedom's

Frontier National Heritage Area, Mount Mitchell represents a significant link to the Bleeding Kansas story, Territorial Kansas and the Underground Railroad. The hike, according to visitwamego.com/see-and-do/mount-mitchell, is surrounded by native prairie.

Wamego has theater productions, art galleries, museums and various recreation opportunities like camping, canoeing, golfing, fishing, biking and hiking. The

town offers vineyard tours, bison tours and antique shops.

Among the museums and theater productions at Wamego, members of the community showcase the town's rich history with “Wizard of Oz.”

Downtown Wamego has an Oz Museum, Oz Winery and a hidden yellow brick road.

Visitors of the Oz Museum, 511 Lincoln Ave., will start the tour at the

front porch of Dorothy's home. As they pass through the green screen door, they are transported back to the film soon to be greeted with bright colors and familiar faces like Dorothy and the Tin Man. Throughout the museum visitors can see display cases filled with donated “Wizard of Oz” memorabilia and outfits worn by the original cast. The cost of the museum ranges from \$3 to \$8, military discounts are available. Operating times are Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays are noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call 785-458-8686.

Continuing with the OZtastic theme, Wamego offers Oz Winery on the official “Road to Oz,” Highway 99 and Lincoln Avenue.

The winery features award-winning wines like Squished Witch, Emerald City Lights and Aunties Em's Prairie Rose. The facility offers a private wine tasting room and a large tasting room with individual tables that can seat up to four. The private tasting room can be reserved for parties for an additional charge. Daily wine tasting include two free samples and flights are available for purchase. A flight of three wines are \$8 and a flight of five wines cost \$12. A glass and/or bottles of wine are also available for purchase.

For an Oz inspired restaurant, Wamego offers Toto's Tacoz north of Oz Museum. Toto's Tacoz a customizable burritos, quesadillas and nachos or an itemized menu.

Follow the yellow brick road to the Friendship House, a restaurant, caterer and a bakery west of downtown Wamego right before Wamego's City Park.

For more information, visit visitwamego.com/see-and-do.



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ABOVE: A train runs through Wamego City Park. The train runs for the public from the middle of April until the middle of October Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The train does not operate if the temperature exceeds 95 degrees. The train can also be rented for private parties. **LEFT:** The OZ winery features award winning wines like Squished Witch, Emerald City Lights and Aunties Em's Prairie Rose.