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Mama Bear, two cubs rescued on fort with peaceful ending

Story by Maranda Flynn
Staff Writer

What started off as a typical morning for Fort Huachuca personnel quickly changed when a Civilian employee on his way to work June 6 spotted a mother bear and its two cubs on Old Post just below the Bonnie Blink housing area.

As bystanders called for assistance, the cubs ran up a tree just off Christy Avenue and the mother bear ran up another tree about 100 feet away. When emergency responders and wildlife officials arrived, they blocked off the area and devised a plan to capture the bears.

"We were talking about whether we

should go ahead and remove the cubs while [the mother bear] was up in the tree, or give her the chance to come down and go for her cubs," explained Brad Fulk, a field supervisor with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "We decided to wait and see what would happen with the way it was and she came down and started to go up the canyon [without her cubs]. At that point I said 'go ahead and get her back up a tree.' So that's when we went to Plan B."

Nine emergency and wildlife officials used a large tarp to catch the 175-pound mother bear as it fell from the tree after being tranquilized with a dart.

Matt Braun, Arizona Game and Fish Department, removed the cubs from the neighboring tree by hand, using a ladder truck provided by the Fort Huachuca Fire Department.

"Given the circumstances of the cubs in a separate tree, we were hoping they would come down and mosey off on their own but that didn't happen," Fulk said. "If it had been just the sow, we would have just set up a perimeter and let her come down on her own, remove all the threats and let her drift



PHOTOS BY SGT. 1ST CLASS KRISTINE SMEDLEY

A female bear watches wildlife officials from a tree on Fort Huachuca June 6. A civilian worker sighted it and two cubs on Christy Avenue while on his way to work that morning.

back up the canyon."

According to Fulk, the seven-hour rescue event was textbook perfect. After the three bears were removed from the trees, they were taken to the edge of the Galiuro Mountains near Safford, about three hours away, and released.

"It was a cohesive release which means that we didn't separate them," Fulk explained. "We let the sow out and put her up a tree. Then we took the cubs out, and placed them up in the tree with her."

Bear activity has increased on the fort in recent years, with June and July being the months when most bear sightings take place. Since the 2011 Monument Fire in the Huachuca Mountains, bears have been forced to find natural food sources closer to human habitats. But usually, officials can quickly resolve any situation by running them

back into the mountains.

Members of the Fort Huachuca community need to understand that this area is considered "bear country," according to wildlife officials, and should follow certain rules to discourage human and bear encounters.

* Secure all trashcans and do not leave food, including pet food, outside.

* Put trash out the morning of pick-up, not the night before.

* Keep barbecue grills clean.

* Pick vegetation immediately.

* Do not feed wildlife.

"A fed bear is a dead bear," Fulk said. "When people feed bears intentionally, that bear is now a very, very big threat to anybody else that comes in contact with it because it's going to be expecting food and that's what we don't want."

If a person comes in close proximity

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Wildlife professionals from various agencies and Fort Huachuca Fire Department personnel prepare to catch a female bear in a tarp as it falls from a tree after being tranquilized June 6. The three bears were relocated in the Galiuro Mountains, about three hours from Fort Huachuca.

Scout speaks!

Army celebrates 239th Birthday — ‘America’s Army: Our Profession’

Source: www.army.mil/birthday/239/

Two hundred thirty-nine years ago, our nation’s leaders established the Continental Army. As the strategic land-power of the joint force, the Army is called upon to “Prevent, Shape, and Win” against our adversaries.

We celebrate 239 Years of Our Profession as the Army continues to demonstrate its competence, its commitment, and its character in defense of our nation. Our Soldiers possess a lifelong commitment to our values. America’s Army professionals conduct themselves consistently with the Army ethic; worthy of our profession. An Army professional strives to adhere to five essential characteristics of trust, military expertise, honorable service, esprit de corps and stewardship.



STAFF SGT. BERNARDO FULLER
Under Secretary of the Army Brad Carson and President of the National Defense University Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, along with the youngest Soldier present at the ceremony, cut an Army Birthday cake during a celebration commemorating the Army’s 239th birthday. The event was held in the Roosevelt Hall Rotunda, at the National War College on Fort Lesley J. McNair, in Washington, D.C., June 6, and was among the first in celebration of the Army Birthday.

Energy conservation

Garrison commander asks everyone to keep use, costs down

Team,

I need your assistance over the next few weeks.

Our recent energy demand has skyrocketed with the increased temperatures. In the last few days, we’ve averaged over 20 megawatts with a high reading of 21.15 megawatts on June 4 at 3 p.m. We are dangerously close to crossing into “peak demand” energy rates which occur when we exceed 23 megawatts for more than 15 minutes on any given day based on our power use agreement.

Reaching peak energy rates increases our rate schedule for the entire year. That rate increase equates to approximately \$1.2 million in additional annual energy costs for Fort Huachuca.

Frankly, it’s money we currently don’t have and will directly impact the Garrison’s ability to support our missions.

Our peak demand generally occurs between 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. We expect

continued higher than normal temperatures and we need to keep our total usage below 23 megawatts.

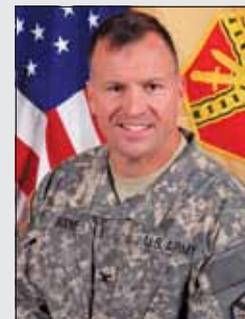
I need your help until the monsoon begins and cloud cover cools our area. Please follow Army guidance by keeping interior cooling of occupied spaces set no lower than 78 degrees and 85 degrees if not occupied.

We asked for your help last year and you all came through for us, avoiding the expenditure of millions of dollars in additional energy costs.

Thanks for your continued support.

Col. Tony Boone

Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Huachuca



Scout on the Street:

Compiled by Maranda Flynn



Kaylah Richardson, 15
Army (Retired) Dependent

“My dad’s best friend is a baker and knows how to take a picture of my dad and we put it on a cake every year. So we have a cake made and we save up our money and pay for his dinner.”



Michelle Adye, 12
Army Dependent

“I really don’t know what we are doing because my mom is keeping it a surprise so we don’t tell our dad.”



Elijah Harris, 13
Army Dependent

“I will make breakfast for him ‘cause I can cook, and then I will say ‘Happy Father’s Day.’ We might go out to eat to a restaurant or something.”



Damyán Marcantel, 12
Army Dependent

“He is deployed but if he were here we would probably go on vacation. We are trying to send him a flag that says ‘Happy Father’s Day.’”



Christian Cooper, 13
Army (Retired) Dependent

“Hang out with him and make breakfast for him. We go to the gym and play basketball and lift weights.”



Spencer Kerr, 14
Army (Retired) Dependent

“Me and my mom want to cook breakfast for him and get him some tools for Father’s Day.”

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Dry weather triggers increased fire restrictions on fort

Story by Maranda Flynn

Staff Writer

In conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, the fire condition in the Coronado National Forest and Fort Huachuca was changed to “VERY HIGH” as of June 5.

“Right now we are at ‘very high’ conditions which we are supposedly going to be in until about the 31st of July, unless we get some rain,” said Bud Linardy, the Fort Huachuca deputy fire chief. “The public should use caution in the canyons and read the restrictions when you are in there. Don’t go past the gates when they are closed, and maintain stability of lightning if you see some in the area when monsoons hit.”

While fire restrictions remain at this level, the following acts are prohibited:

- * Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove including fires in developed campgrounds or improved sites.

- * Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.

- * Discharging a firearm except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations.

- * Operating any internal combustion engine, except operating motorized vehicles on designated roads so long as you park in an area free of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway.

- * Welding, or operating acetylene or other torches with an open flame.

- * Using an explosive.

Fireworks are always prohibited year-round on federal lands.

As a reminder, in accordance with Garrison Command Policy 14-019, all lit cigarettes or cigars will be properly extinguished and discarded in an enclosed receptacle.

Depending on current conditions, other restrictions may apply. Always check the current condition prior to an outdoor activity, as it can change at any time. To verify, call the local fire department or visit the Coronado National Forest website, <http://www.fs.usda.gov/coronado>.

On Fort Huachuca fire conditions are posted in five locations: the Sportsman Center, at each gate, and at the entrance of Huachuca and Garden Canyons.

For more information or non-emergency fire safety and prevention questions, call the Fort Huachuca Fire Dispatch, 520.533.2116.

“We haven’t had any fires on the fort since the change to ‘very high’ restriction,” Linardy said. “People are being very cautious. Keep up the good work and keep everybody safe. If you do see something, even off post, call the fire department and let us know.”



TANJA LINTON

In an effort to prevent future fires, such as the June 2011 Monument Fire that burned more than 30,000 acres, Fort Huachuca fire officials have increased the fire restriction to ‘very high’ as of June 5.

Presidential executive orders to help service members with student loans

By David DuBois, Deputy Director

Office of Servicemember Affairs

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

President Barack Obama signed an executive order Monday that will automatically apply a six percent interest rate cap to eligible federal student loan borrowers under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, SCRA, without the need for additional paperwork.

In October 2012, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau published *The Next Front*, a report that identified troubling trends regarding student loan borrowers having trouble accessing their SCRA rights. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau shared the consumer complaints featured in the report with the Department of Justice, which led to the recent settlement against Sallie Mae, the nation’s largest student loan servicer.

The settlement required Sallie Mae to proactively determine which of its borrowers were eligible for the six percent interest rate reduction, and apply the rate cap without the need for borrowers to submit a request or military orders.

Monday’s Executive Order extends this relief to all federal student loan borrowers, not just those with loans serviced by Sallie Mae.

Service members who have federal student loans they took out before they entered the military are no longer required to ask their student loan servicers and send in their orders for an interest rate reduction. The interest rate reduction will be applied automatically.

Borrowers with private student loans should still contact their student loan servicer to inquire how to obtain their SCRA benefits. In most cases, they will need to send a written request and include a copy of the orders calling them into military service.

For more information, go to consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers and consumerfinance.gov/students.

FH theater to show free movies Saturday

See movies for free in Fort Huachuca’s recently renovated Cochise Theater Saturday during the Exchange’s Customer Appreciation Day and celebrate the Army’s 239th Birthday.

“The Other Woman,” rated PG-13, will be shown at 3 p.m.

“Brick Mansions,” rated PG-13 and starring Paul Walker, will be screened at 6 p.m.

“The Quiet Ones,” rated PG-13, will appear on the big screen at 9 p.m.

For more information, call 520.255.1660.

OCONUS EFMP process explained, ACS shares news

By Audrey Peterson-Hosto

ACS EFMP Manager

EFMP overseas screening processes explained

ACS personnel want to clarify the key players and their associated roles under the Army Exceptional Family Member Program. EFMP is composed of three components — ACS, medical and personnel. Each component plays an integral role to ensure program success.

When a Soldier not enrolled in the EFMP receives an assignment outside of the continental U.S., OCONUS, they also need to know that the EFMP impacts them as well.

All Soldiers reassigned OCONUS, including Alaska and Hawaii, and seeking command sponsorship must complete medical EFMP overseas screening for all Family members even if they aren't currently enrolled in the EFMP.

Why?

Many OCONUS locations have limited access to specialized care, and the overseas screening process ensures the needs of a Soldier's Family members are identified and can be accommodated by the gaining command before Family travel is authorized.

Soldiers completing the online levy briefing are required to submit a DA Form 7415, EFMP Querying Sheet, to ACS EFMP. Not all students have access to the online levy briefing so it's important they get the word from their leaders about the overseas screening requirement.

Upon receipt of the emailed DA 7415, the ACS EFMP system navigator provides information to Soldiers, including information on the overseas screening

process and contact information for the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, RWBACH, EFMP special needs advisor.

Don't wait to initiate this screening process. This should be one of the first things Soldiers do when notified of OCONUS assignment instructions.

Delays can occur if Family members require updated physical examinations or have other medical related issues. Also, there is only one medical EFMP representative to complete the required forms so, if the representative is away from the office for an extended period, the process is delayed.

If you have medical-related EFMP questions or need to initiate medical overseas screening, contact the RWBACH EFMP special needs advisor at 520.533.9472. Obtain instructions on this process by visiting <http://rwbach.huachuca.amedd.army.mil/efmp.html>.

For information on how ACS EFMP can assist Families enrolled in the EFMP in transitioning to the next duty station, contact ACS, 520.533.2330.

What's new for NPSP

New Parent Support Program personnel are excited to welcome back Annette Mueller, an international board-certified lactation consultant. She will join the group which will meet in the ACS conference room on Thursday, 10 a.m., for an informal question-and-answer session about anything people may want to know about breastfeeding.

Also on Thursday at 3 p.m. in the ACS conference room, Baby Boot Camp will feature an Infant Massage Class taught by Terrie Gibson, a certified infant massage instructor. Learn techniques to calm and soothe your baby through nurturing touch.

Research shows that babies who are massaged: may sleep deeper and longer; will spend more time active and alert; and will increase bonding and attachment to their parents.

For more information, call 520.533.8961.

ACS receives food voucher program grant

ACS has been awarded a \$3,000 matching grant from the Armed Forces Bank and the Armed Forces Financial Network. The ACS staff thanks these donors for their continued support to ACS and to Fort Huachuca's Soldiers, Family members and retirees through the ACS food voucher program.

Employment Readiness Program

Need guidance and information about resources to prepare for and locate employment? The ACS Employment Readiness Program can help. ERP offers information about local and federal employment opportunities, the Military Spouse Employment Partnership, MSEP, interviewing skills, resume critiquing, career planning resources and more.

Want to build work experience? Ask ACS how to access volunteer opportunities.

ERP services are available by appointment only on Tuesday and Thursday. Call 520.533.5899 to set up an appointment and obtain preliminary information via email.

Federal Employment Classes are also offered at ACS the second Tuesday of each month from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Upcoming classes will be held on July 8 and Aug. 12. Pre-registration is required to attend, and classes are open to valid military identification cardholders only. Call 520.533.2330 to register.

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Army Cyber Command, Army Guard sign memorandum to integrate cyber protection team

By Mike Milord

Army Cyber Command Public Affairs

Army Cyber Command, or ARCYBER, and Second Army and the Army National Guard, or ARNG, signed a memorandum of understanding June 5 that provides for an ARNG cyber protection team to align with Army Cyber Command and Second Army.

The agreement is designed to integrate ARNG cyber, cyber enabling capabilities and capacity into full spectrum operations.

“We welcome the addition of Army

National Guard capabilities to Army Cyber Command and Second Army,” said Lt. Gen. Edward Cardon, commanding general, ARCYBER and Second Army. “With a strong tie to the communities where they live and their civilian occupations, Guardsmen and women have special capabilities that directly enhance the Army’s ability to conduct cyberspace operations.”

“The Army National Guard provides key surge capacity to the nation’s and the states’ governors’ cyber operations,” said Maj. Gen. Judd Lyons, acting director, Army National Guard. “Including the National Guard can only improve our

nation’s capacity to respond. And in the cyber realm, we must act with urgency to develop these relationships and continue to test them.”

Under the provisions, the ARNG will provide one cyber protection team, or CPT, in an active duty, Title 10 status, in support of ARCYBER and Second Army.

The team, already serving since Oct. 1, 2013, will be provisionally designated the 1636th Cyber Protection Team and initially stationed in Laurel, Maryland.

The 1636th CPT will conduct one or a combination of the following missions: defensive cyberspace operations, cyber

command readiness inspections, vulnerability assessments, cyber operational forces support to emulate threats, critical infrastructure assessments, theater security cooperation and Federal Emergency Management Agency support.

The ARNG is building additional cyber force structure that will begin in Fiscal Year 2016. The locations of those units have yet to be determined.

Members of ARNG cyber units may provide support to ARCYBER and Second Army in the following statuses: voluntary federal active duty, state active duty and involuntary active duty.

Swim, tube, boat safely by following water activity guidelines

USAICoE Safety Office

It’s enjoyable to spend an afternoon at the lake or poolside, especially in the desert heat. According to the Red Cross, swimming is the most popular summer activity. Safely enjoy the pool, tubing down the river, boating on the lake or other water activity.

Swim only in designated areas supervised by lifeguards and always use the buddy system, even in public pools. Ensure children are always actively supervised by undistracted adults. Leave the kindle or phone in the beach bag.

Ensure all Family members learn to swim well. Enroll in age-appropriate Red Cross water orientation and Learn-to-

Swim courses.

Never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child’s life to another child; teach children to always ask permission to go near water.

Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.

Establish rules for the Family and enforce them without fail. For example, set limits based on each person’s ability, do not let anyone play around drains and suction fittings, and do not allow swimmers to hyperventilate before swimming under water or have breath-holding contests. Children should be within arm’s reach of a strong swimmer and actively supervised.

Set and enforce rules about water safety in natural bodies of water, too, such as always entering unknown or shallow water slowly, feet first, diving only in designated areas marked for diving, and being careful of currents as they can knock one off balance.

Be cautious around natural bodies of water including ocean shoreline, rivers and lakes, even if not swimming. Cold temperatures, currents and underwater hazards can make a fall into these bodies of water dangerous.

If you go boating, wear a life jacket. Most boating fatalities occur from drowning.

Avoid alcohol use. It impairs judgment, balance and coordination; affects swim-

ming and diving skills; and reduces the body’s ability to stay warm.

Make smart choices and be aware of your surroundings. Always remember to check local weather conditions and forecasts. Leave the water at the first sign of thunder and lightning. In the event of an electrical storm, stay inside an enclosed area for at least 30 minutes after the last thunder clap.

If someone is in trouble in the water, reach out to the person using any available object that will extend your reach, such as a pole, an oar, a towel or tree branch. Brace yourself to keep from losing your balance while assisting them to safety. In most cases, only trained professionals should enter the water to perform a rescue.

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Military Intelligence – Moment in MI history

William Friedman – master code-breaker

By Ruth Quinn, Staff Historian
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In 1933, an American businessman paid \$100,000 for the North American rights to a German-made cipher machine invented in 1924.

The machine was touted by its inventor as absolutely indecipherable. The businessman submitted an encoded 200-word message to the Army's newly created Signals Intelligence Service, or SIS, as a challenge. William Friedman, head of SIS, accepted the challenge, thinking it would be a useful training exercise for his small team of young cryptanalysts.

The message was received and date-stamped, "FEB 24 AM 11:12." Friedman scribbled next to the time stamp, "Commenced work. W.F.F." A short time later he annotated, "Time out during lunch period, 50 minutes. W.F.F." Another date-stamp was added at 2:43 p.m. of the same day, over which Friedman wrote: "Solved. W.F.F."

The total time elapsed was three hours and 31 minutes, less 50 minutes for lunch – making the solution time two hours and 41 minutes. Friedman sent a letter with the deciphered message and the keys back to the lawyer the same afternoon.

This vignette illustrates not only the cryptologic skill of the fledgling SIS team, who broke the code without any machine aids, but also provides a glimpse of the brilliant man behind the organization – William Friedman. A pioneer in the field of cryptology, Friedman became a giant in the industry.

Author James Chiles called Friedman "the greatest maker and breaker of secret messages in history — the Harry Houdini of codes and ciphers." Lambros Callimahos, a former student, colleague and friend of Friedman's, compared his mentor to King Midas: "everything he touched turned to plain text." In an article published in 1987, Callimahos summed up Friedman's contribution prior to the war: "Because of Mr. Friedman's foresight and pioneering efforts in cryptanalysis, cryptanalytic training, data processing machine utilization, and cryptanalytic organization, the U.S. Army was fully prepared to meet the Cryptologic challenges of World War II."

William Frederick Friedman was born in 1891 to Russian-Jewish parents who fled to the United States to escape growing anti-Semitism when Friedman was an infant. When the family's hometown was destroyed and the hundreds of Jews who remained there were killed in 1902, the news of the atrocity haunted Friedman for the rest of his life. However, Friedman grew up in Pennsylvania and graduated from Cornell University in 1914 with a degree in genetics. After graduate school, Friedman was hired to be a geneticist at Riverbank Laboratories in Geneva, Illinois near Chicago.



PROPERTY OF U.S. ARMY
William Friedman, a pioneer in the field of Army cryptanalysis, is shown in this 1950s photo.

While at Riverbank, William met and married Elizebeth Smith, an English major who was working in the new field of code-breaking. Not surprisingly, William also became interested in cryptology and by 1917 he and Elizebeth were married and began studying codes exclusively. Together, they spent the better part of a year deciphering messages from unfriendly nations. The messages had been intercepted by the U.S. government but could not be solved. Until the creation of the Army Cipher Bureau in late 1917, Riverbank was the only organization in the country capable of working out these secret messages.

When America entered World War I, the intercepted messages stopped arriving at Riverbank, so Friedman began teaching Army officers the basics of cryptography. He personally conducted three six-week courses in cryptanalysis at Riverbank before receiving a commission and joining those officers in France.

During the war, Friedman worked on breaking German codebooks as a member of Gen. John Pershing's staff. Chiles writes, "It was enough time to learn some important things about how armies employed codes and ciphers in wartime, and what could go wrong." Afterwards, Friedman returned to Riverbank, where he completed a publication entitled *The Index of Coincidence and its Applications in Cryptography*. David Kahn, author of "The

Codebreakers," called this booklet "the most important single publication in cryptology. It took the science into a new world."

In 1921, the Army's chief signal officer offered Friedman a trial six-month government contract as a civilian cryptographer. This began his 34-year career as an Army employee.

By the end of 1921 Friedman was named the Cryptanalyst of the Signal Service, accepting a salary of \$4,500 per year. His duties ranged from teaching a course on military codes and ciphers, to writing the Army's first training manual on the topic, *Elements of Cryptanalysis*. Friedman published numerous other works throughout the 1920s.

In 1930, Friedman's responsibilities expanded again. With the closing of the Black Chamber, which had evolved from the Army's old Cipher Bureau, the Army quietly transferred the secret code-breaking activities to its new unit under the Signal Corps, the Signals Intelligence Service, or SIS.

As chief of SIS, Friedman had to build a team. His first three recruits were Frank Rowlett, a teacher from a small town in Virginia and Solomon Kullback and Abraham Sinkov, both mathematicians from New York City. (All three would eventually be inducted into the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame.)

The team studied the old files of the Black Chamber, looking for information on Japanese cryptology, read Friedman's booklets, and worked through problems he assigned them. Sinkov later recalled, "His teaching was such that we developed on our own ... He just

looked in from time to time to see how we were doing."

When the Japanese replaced their old cipher machine with a much more secure system in 1939, Friedman and his team worked tirelessly to solve the code. Labeled "Purple" by the SIS, the Japanese Foreign Office in Tokyo used the cipher system for its most secret communications with its ambassadors abroad.

The team spent 18 months struggling with Purple and trying to figure out the machine that created the code. Then, in 1940, with \$684.65 worth of parts, they built a reconstruction of the machine they had never seen, solved the Purple code, and were able to provide plain-text, translated transmissions to the War Department. These intercepts, codenamed "Magic," proved extremely valuable during the war, but the strain of the effort nearly killed Friedman.

Friedman continued his career in cryptology after the war, working for the National Security Agency. He retired from civil service in 1955, but continued to undertake various special and highly secret missions. He died in 1969 and was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 1988. William Friedman is a legend in the cryptology world — his painstaking work, prolific writings, and brilliant accomplishments set a standard in the field that has yet to be challenged.

Surveys everywhere — take SV Public Library's too

By Victoria Yarbrough

Leisure and Library Services Director

Today it seems almost every business wants people to take a survey rating their experience with it. Sometimes I ignore the surveys, but often I fill them out because I know from my own situation why they are so important.

Surveys are my topic this month because I have one for people to fill out, too. Leisure and Library Services currently has a customer satisfaction survey that anyone can reach on the home page of the City of Sierra Vista's website, www.SierraVistaAZ.gov. The survey only takes about five minutes to fill out, and mainly asks questions about programs the public has had experience with.

One of the key parts of the survey is asking people to rate the programs they've experienced at the library, but also about programs they wish the Sierra Vista Public Library offered. It's extremely important to find out what the public thinks about the programs

currently available so we can evaluate what is working and what is not. Equally as important are the programs people WISH the library offered.

The library is committed to improving its patrons' quality of life, especially since we serve as Fort Huachuca's public library, and that means the library wants to provide a wide variety of programs that appeal to you! The library is here to offer what the community wants, and needs everyone to tell us what those wants and needs are. Staff will then evaluate the requests, and see what can be fit into the current budget and staffing situation. If you've never visited the library, there's also space to tell us why, and how we can change your mind.

Even if the requests aren't something that can be implemented immediately, telling the library what programs people would like to see will help us plan for the future. The library and city have a number of strategic planning goals and cycles for both the short and long term. This survey is an opportunity to give us suggestions for things that can be accomplished now and over

the next few years.

Those who have a library card for the Sierra Vista Public Library may have received a survey last fall as well. That survey asked how users felt about the library's services, while this survey asks how people feel about the library's programs.

Your time and opinions are important to us. Visit the city's website at www.SierraVistaAZ.gov to fill out the survey online. If you'd prefer paper, the library also has copies onsite at 2600 E. Tacoma St.

For more information, call 520.458.4225.



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SERVICE NEWS



Marines: Officers train with unmanned bird

Headquarters Marine Corps

NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND, PATUXENT RIVER, Md. — “Raven” will soon be a common name to every Marine who has completed The Basic School officer course.

Thirteen TBS instructors recently finished a two-week course where they learned how to operate, maintain and integrate the RQ-11B Raven small unmanned aircraft system, or UAS, into their upcoming basic school curriculum. The course, held at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia, was led by a team from the Navy and Marine Corps Small Tactical Unmanned Aircraft Systems (PMA-263) Training and Logistics Support Activity.

Maj. Justin Betz, TBS air officer, anticipates integrating Raven UAS instruction into the basic officer courses beginning later this year. The current TBS curriculum does not include small UAS training or instruction.

“By teaching and training this at the first school new Marine officers attend, they will take this knowledge and develop new tactics, techniques and procedures earlier on in their careers, helping the Group 1 UAS program grow within the Marine Corps,” Betz said.

The Raven, RQ-12A Wasp and RQ-

20A Puma make up PMA-263’s Group 1 portfolio, which are categorized as unmanned aircraft weighing less than 20 pounds. They can be hand-launched and provide intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and target acquisition to the warfighter on the ground.

Maj. Peter Fukushima, Warfighting Marine Air-Ground Task Force section head who will be overseeing the use of Group 1 training at TBS, said classroom instruction will be incorporated into the aviation courses that are already provided and then phase in field exercises using the cadre of 13 instructors to operate the systems. The curriculum will train Marine officers to use the capabilities that Group 1 UAS bring to the task force and incorporate that into their mission planning and considerations.

“We are taking TBS training to the next level through the use of unmanned ISR and encouraging student officers to include some basic aviation considerations into their mission planning,” Fukushima said. “Through early exposure to a variety of aviation assets at TBS, the idea is to foster greater air-ground integration and enable students to be successful in the future.”

The Marine Corps currently uses small UAS, but they are not a widely known resource at this point. Betz said

with their main focus being Expeditionary Force 21 — a recently released 10-year road map emphasizing the mobile nature of the Marine Corps — Marines will need lightweight, back-packable, multi-mission small UAS to meet the challenges associated with operating in small units with limited lift and transportation equipment.

“The advantage of Group 1 UAS is that they are lightweight and easily transported by Marines in small units while on foot or mobile patrols,” Betz said. “Instead of relying on the Marine Air Wings, which have traditionally provided ISR with larger-sized UAS, units can have in-house trained Marines that are mobile and still have the ability for airborne ISR.”

He said they hope to integrate the Puma and Wasp into future curriculum.

“PMA-263 has been supporting the Marine Corps with Group 1 systems since 2006, but until now it was small divisions and specials operations,” said Col. Eldon Metzger, PMA-263 program manager. “Now that TBS instructors are certified Raven operators, they will be influencing every Marine officer and the future of small UAS operations in the field and ultimately the expeditionary nature of the mission.”

With small unmanned aircraft sys-



COURTESY PHOTO

Albert Edge, center, Training and Logistics Support Activity instructor with Navy and Marine Corps Small Tactical Unmanned Aircraft Systems, demonstrates the RQ-11B Raven small UAS ground control station to Marine Corps officer school instructors who were completing a two-week Raven operator certification course at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia, in May.

tems becoming a vital aspect in the ever-changing battlefield, PMA-263’s Group 1 systems and Training and Logistics Support Activity sites provide consistent training and support to the fleet. TALSA-West, located at Twentynine Palms, California, opened its doors June 2013 as the second training facility of its kind in the country. Already they have trained more than 200 students. TALSA-East, located at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, opened July 2012 and has trained over 300 Sailors and Marines.

Air Force: Hurricane Hunters fly first storm reconnaissance mission of season

By Master Sgt. Brian Lamar
403rd Wing Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — The Hurricane Hunters of the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron flew to the southwest quadrant of the Gulf of Mexico June 6 to gather weather data in their first storm reconnaissance mission of the 2014 Atlantic basin hurricane season.

According to Maj. John Brady, an aerial weather reconnaissance officer with the Hurricane Hunters, the forecasters at the National Hurricane Center saw a tropical disturbance in the region and tasked the unit to take a closer look.

“When a storm looks like it might begin to form, the NHC sends us there to gather real-time data. When we get there, we will be looking for a circulation of wind in all four quadrants of the area around the low pressure center,” Brady said.

According to reports from the NHC, satellite data showed a 30-knot approxi-

mate wind speed.

“If we find that the winds are circulating around the low-pressure center, the NHC could classify this as a tropical depression,” Brady said.

During the infancy of a storm, the hunters fly at very low altitudes to stay under the “weather” at an altitude of 1,000 feet. Once storms increase in intensity, the pilots raise the flight level to 10,000 feet for safety reasons.

The original takeoff for the flight was scheduled for 11 a.m. from Keesler, but shortly into the flight, Brady noticed a fuel leak out of his window and the crew returned to Keesler. The crew then took off in another aircraft at 3 p.m.

According to Lt. Col. John Talbot, the chief meteorologist for the 53rd WRS, the maintenance delay backed up the timeline enough to change the goal of the mission.

“By the time they get down there, it’s possible that part of the storm may be over land in Mexico. Their new objective will be a coast patrol mission. They will

most likely fly five miles off shore and gather wind speed data,” Talbot said.

The Hunters searched for the low-pressure center, but the center was already over land, where it will likely break apart and weaken. The NHC cancelled future flights into the storm system.

After the data was submitted to the NHC, they issued an update regarding the status of the storm based upon the information gathered by the 53rd WRS.

“Surface observations and reports from an Air Force Reserve reconnaissance aircraft indicate that the center of the low-pressure system near Vera Cruz is just inland,” according to the NHC release. “However, some chance for development still remains because the center is very near the coast and a slow and erratic motion is possible overnight. Regardless of whether any development occurs, this system will continue to produce gusty winds and heavy rains, along with life-threatening flash floods and mud slides, over portions of southeastern and eastern Mexico during the next day or two.”

Although the first storm of the season didn’t grow into a named storm system, Brady said he saw this as an opportunity to get back into the swing of things.

After the winter, Brady said there is always anxiety associated with the first storm of the season. “I use the first storm to clean out the cobwebs and my comfort level comes back. After this one, I feel prepared for the rest of the season.”



STAFF SGT. JASON ROBERTSON, U.S. AIR FORCE
A WC-130J Hercules, from the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, flies into Hurricane Sandy Oct. 29, 2012, over the Eastern coastline of the U.S. The 53rd WRS are sent to accomplish storm reconnaissance to gather real-time data on possible hurricanes and tropical disturbances.

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to a bear, they should not approach the animal. Bears may appear to be big and slow but don't be fooled, officials caution. They are powerful, fast animals with lethal claws. If approached, people should make themselves look as large and imposing as possible by spreading their jacket, if wearing one, and raising it over their heads or using anything being carried. Place personal belongings in front of you and back away slowly. Do not run or make sudden movements.

Those who see bears or potentially dangerous wildlife in the cantonment area should report the sighting to the Military Police Desk at 520.533.3000. Don't attempt to deal with the situation yourself; let the professionals handle it.



PHOTOS BY SGT. 1ST CLASS KRISTINE SMEDLEY
 Capt. Michael Gamble (right), Fort Huachuca Veterinary Clinic, Matt Braun, Arizona Game and Fish Department and Adam Ogle, United States Department of Agriculture strategize about how to remove the three animals.



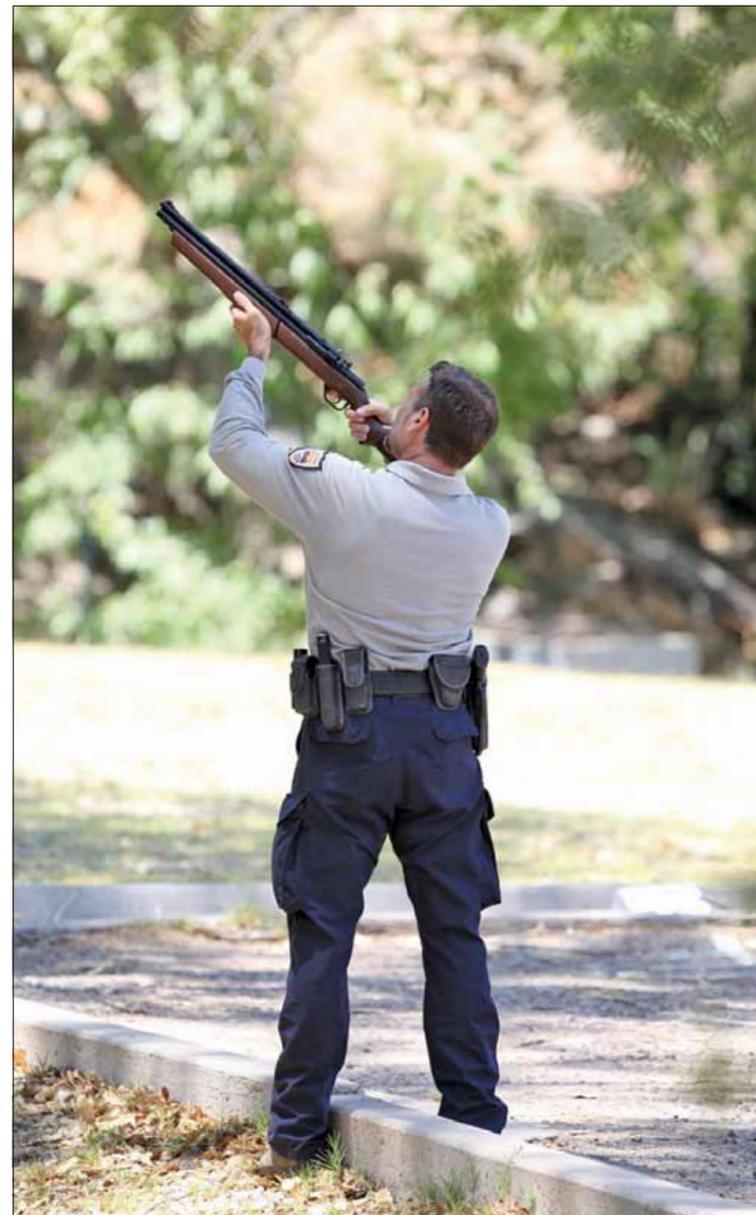
Matt Braun, Arizona Game and Fish Department, holds a baby bear he removed from a neighboring tree from the one the mother ran up on Fort Huachuca June 6. The two cubs were removed by hand and put into a cage for transport.



Brad Fulk, Arizona Game and Fish Department, and a member of the Fort Huachuca Fire Department, check the female bear's health before relocating it and its cubs to a new home in the Galluro Mountains. The bears were rescued from trees near the Bonnie Blink housing area on post June 6.



Wildlife officials prepare to remove the two bear cubs from a tree, while members of the Fort Huachuca Fire Department and other personnel hold a tarp in case the animals fall.



Brad Fulk, Arizona Game and Fish Department, fires a tranquilizer at the bear after it would not come down from a neighboring tree near the Bonnie Blink housing area, June 6. The female bear was caught in a tarp after it fell.



Following a successful bear rescue on Fort Huachuca June 6, Brad Fulk, (left) and Matt Braun, both from the Arizona Game and Fish Department, carry the 175-pound female bear to the transport vehicle in preparation for relocation.



Wildlife officials and Fort Huachuca Fire Department personnel ensure the tranquilized mother is secure in its carrier before relocating the bear and its cubs to a new home in the Galluro Mountains near Safford, June 6.

Career Technical Training Track — what's in it for you

By Margaret Evangelesta
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Beginning a new career as a Civilian employee when leaving the military can be filled with exciting opportunities to grow both professionally and personally.

In order to succeed, one must be ready to take the time required to manage all aspects of a new career. As part of the enhanced Transition GPS (Goals, Plans, Success) program created as part of the 2011 Vow to Veterans Act, separating service members with more than 180 days of active duty military services and spouses (optional) may select from three tailored, two-day tracks to attend.

The first is a career technical training track for those seeking job-ready skills and industry-recognized credentials in shorter-term training programs. The second is a higher education track for those pursuing a traditional college education. The third is an entrepreneurship track for those wanting to start a business. In order to enroll in any of these tracks, participants must be an eligible transitioner within 24 months of retirement or 18 months of separation and enrolled in the Army Career Alumni Program pre-separation program.

Conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs, or VA, the Career Technical Training Track, or CTTT, assists service members and spouses in transitioning to Civilian life, while navigating through the choices and decisions involved in selecting a technical career. Participants will receive assistance in identifying required credentials and investigating training options to pursue those qualifications. The outcome is a customized plan for success to help smooth a service member's transition to a technical career.

During a CTTT, participants will: define their personal technical career goals; identify required credentials; find technical training opportunities; identify local veteran resources; and create a plan to use their VA education benefits.

About one year out from military separation, or as soon as a Soldier knows he or she is separating, they should schedule an appointment to see an Army Career Alumni Program representative. Under the Core Transition GPS program, the counselor will help the Soldier develop an individual transition plan, connect them with online resources which will help match the Soldier's skills with potential careers or education paths, and assist and advise the Soldier about developing a one-year, post-separation budget. This will give them the tools they will need for the CTTT training.

For an optimal experience in CTTT, VA recommends completion of the Core Transition GPS program prior to attending. If available, workshop participants should bring their individual transition plan, military service transcripts, O*Net Self-Assessment/MOC Crosswalk results and personal post-separation budget.

Upcoming CTTT training on Fort Huachuca is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday July 30 and 31. To register for ACAP or the CTT training, call the ACAP Center at 520.533.6764 or the Transition Services manager at 520.533.7314. For additional information on CTTT, contact Fort Huachuca's VA benefits briefer at 520.533.3660/2516.

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Army releases new children's e-book

In celebration of the Army's 239th birthday, the Army announced Tuesday the release of a children's electronic book titled, "Happy Birthday U.S. Army!" which is now available online.

The "Happy Birthday U.S. Army!" e-book is free and available now for download at the Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation website, www.armymwr.com/birthday-book, and on the Army OneSource website, under the Child, Youth, and School Services section, <https://www.myarmyonesource.com/ChildYouthandSchoolServices/ArmyBirthday/default.aspx>.

Street maintenance work slated for SV

The City of Sierra Vista and Cochise County continue annual street maintenance on several local streets, beginning today and continuing through the end of June. The streets will receive fog seals to help extend pavement life and provide good road surfaces. Trash service will not be affected.

Informational flyers are being hand delivered to residents who will be impacted, 24 to 48 hours prior.

At times, traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction.

Those with questions or concerns should call 520.458.5775, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Survey to improve dust storm communication

The Arizona Department of Transportation, ADOT, invites drivers to participate in a 15-minute online sur-

vey which focuses on driver awareness of, and first-hand experiences with driving in Arizona dust storms. Public input will help ADOT identify opportunities to improve communications to drivers.

The survey is available at <http://surveyentrance.com/run/pib/p1990/adot/>. All information is confidential and will be shared only with ADOT.

Deadline is July 20 to ensure your responses are included in the survey findings.

Range closures announced

Today: G, K, M, N, V, Z

Saturday: G, V, Z, T1, T2, T3

Sunday: D, F, G, I, V, Z, T1, T2, T3

Monday: D, F, G, I, K, L, P, R, U, V, Z, T-1, T-2, T-3

Tuesday: A, B, C, D, F, G, I, K, L, R, V, Z, T1, T2, T3

Wednesday: A, B, C, D, F, G, I, K, L, R, V, Z, T1, T2, T3

Thursday: A, B, C, D, F, G, I, K, L, M, R, U, V, Z, T1, T2, T3

Range closures are subject to daily change. For information, call Range Operations, 520.533.1014, or the Military Police Desk, 520.533.3000.

B Troop seeks new riders

Applications are now being accepted for B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial).

The next cavalry riding school will be held July 8 – Oct. 24.

The school is open to active duty, retired, reserve and Civilians. No riding experience is required. Equipment, uniform and horse are provided.

For eligibility requirements, go to <http://www.huachuca.army.mil/pages/btroop>. To obtain an application, contact the program coordinator at 520.538.2178 or usarmy.huachuca.imcom-west.mail.hua-btroop@mail.mil.

See advanced screened movie for FREE

The Fort Huachuca Reel Time Theater once again offers a free advanced screening of another blockbuster movie: TRANSFORMERS: Age of Extinction (PG-13).

Screening takes place June 21. Seating for ticket holders begins at 4:30 p.m. Get there early as seating is limited.

Tickets are now available at the Main Exchange customer service counter. Seating opens to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to the 6 p.m. showtime.

304th MI Bn. to gain new top NCO

The 309th Military Intelligence Battalion will conduct a change of responsibility ceremony between outgoing battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Julie Guerra and incoming battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Roman today, 4:30 p.m., on Chaffee Parade Field. This event is open to the public.

Motorists should expect disruptions in the flow of

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traffic during the ceremony.

Hummingbird banding underway on post

Hummingbird banding is now underway on Fort Huachuca at the Public Affairs Office, 3015 Carnahan St., across from the gazebo on Brown Parade Field. It begins at sunrise, around 6 a.m., and lasts for five hours. The public is invited to observe, and seasonal volunteers are welcome. Banding will take place on the following dates: this Sunday and June 29; July 13 and 27; Aug. 10 and 24, Sept. 7 and 21; and Oct. 5 and 19.

SSA SCO to close for training

The Supply Support Activity Stock Control Office will be closed on Thursday for training.

Emergency support from the Stock Control Office will be provided on a case-by-case basis and approval must be coordinated through David Harker, 520.533.5828.

SHARP training set for Thursday

The U.S. Army Garrison will host the mandatory 3.5-hour annual SHARP training Thursday, 8 – 11:30 a.m., at Cochise Theater. This training is open to all personnel on Fort Huachuca.

Additional training dates which will take place during the same hours at the same location are scheduled for July 17, Aug. 21 and Sept. 18.

For more information, call 520.533.7795 or 520.732.3917.

NETCOM Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony

The U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command will hold an assumption of responsibility ceremony June 20, 10 a.m., in the Greely Hall Auditorium.

Outgoing NETCOM Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Milton Weatherly will hand over the reins of the NETCOM senior enlisted Soldier position to Command Sgt. Maj. Stephon Watson, who is coming to NETCOM from the 7th Signal Brigade, 5th Signal Command (Theater), Schweinfurt, Germany.

The Fort Huachuca community is invited to attend.

309th MI Battalion leadership to change

In keeping with Army tradition, the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion will conduct a change of command ceremony between Lt. Col. Laura Knapp and Lt. Col. Erich Spragg on Chaffee Parade Field, June 20, at 7:30 a.m. This event is open to the general public.

Motorists should expect disruptions in the flow of traffic during rehearsals and on the morning of the ceremony.

MI plans Hall of Fame activities

The public is invited to participate in the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame Golf Tournament which takes place June 24, 7:30 a.m., at the Mountain View Golf Course. For fee and other information, call 520.678.8778.

Everyone is also invited to attend the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade Change of Command Ceremony which takes place on June 27, 7:30 a.m., on Chaffee Parade Field. Outgoing Commander Col. Richard Monnard will pass the reins of the 111th MI Bde. to incoming Commander Col. Kevin Wilkinson.

The public is also invited to attend the MI Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony June 27, 10 a.m., in Alvarado Hall.

Joint Career, Education Fair planned

The Army Education Center and Army Career Alumni Program are hosting a Joint Education and Career Fair at Murr Community Center, June 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Soldiers, veterans, Civilians, contractors and family members are all invited to meet with employers and college and university representatives.

For more information, call the education center, 520.533.2047 or ACAP, 520.533.5764.

ASP to close for inventory

The Ammunition Supply Point, Building 13524, will be closed for inventory June 25 – 27.

For emergency requirements, call 520.533.2512.

Gym towel service to end

In the effort to reduce spending, towel service at the fort's fitness facilities ends July 1 and users will need to bring their own.

Commissary open July 4

The commissary will be open on Friday, July 4, 9:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Vacation Bible School at Main Post Chapel

Vacation Bible School for the Fort Huachuca Community will be July 14 – 18, 9 a.m. – noon each day at the Main Post Chapel. This year's theme is "Weird Animals — Where Jesus' Love is One of a Kind."

VBS is for children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade. Childcare for children 6 months – 5 is available for volunteers. Pre-registration for children is highly encouraged and is available online at: www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/FtHuachuca (type directly into your address bar).

Paper registration forms are also available in Room 4 at the Main Post Chapel.

For more information, call 520.533.4753.

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FMWR briefs

Free movie night set for Saturday

FMWR will present a free Moonlight Movie, "The Monuments Men," Saturday, at Warrior/Sentinel Field. The movie will start at dusk.

Free popcorn, hot dogs, water and soft drinks will be provided, while supplies last.

For more information, call 520.678.4446 or 520.266.0254.

Army 10-Miler qualifying races set

The second qualifying race for the 2014 Army 10-Miler will be conducted June 21 beginning at 7 a.m. at Brainard Road, west of the Joint Interoperability Test Command.

Active duty personnel who will be assigned to Fort Huachuca as of Oct. 12 are eligible to try out. Entry is free and registration will be held the day of the event. The final qualifying race will be held Aug. 2.

The Army 10-Miler will be held Oct. 12 in Washington D.C.

For more information, call 520.533.3180.

Outdoor pool now open

Irwin Outdoor Pool is open for the season. Operating hours are: Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; and federal and training holidays, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. The pool is open to all authorized FMWR patrons.

For more information, call 520.533.3858.

Auditions set for children's theatre

Auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Treasure Island" are scheduled for July 7 starting at 9 a.m. at Colonel Johnston Elementary School. Students from first – eighth grade are encouraged to sign up to audition. Children must first be registered with Child, Youth and School Services.

Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. The MCT Tour actor/directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week.

More than 50 local students will be cast in the production to be presented on July 12, 7 p.m., also at Colonel Johnston Elementary School.

For more information, call 520.533.4823.

SFA schedules free family pool carnival

Sports, Fitness and Aquatics will host the Family Pool Carnival Day July 12, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Irwin Pool. The event is free to authorized FMWR patrons.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the day's events that include free food to the first 100 participants, raft races, rock wall races, goldfish fishing and lifeguard dunking.

For more information, call 520.533.3858.

Reserve RAP time

The Recreational Adventure Park, The RAP, is now open by reservation only. Cost is \$25 per half hour, or \$50 per hour for unlimited hitting.

Monday – Friday, call MWR Rents, 520.533.6707,

for reservations. Saturday and Sunday, call the Sportsman's Center, 520.533.7085 or 520.732.9310.

The facility is located off Hatfield Street, across from the Mini Mall at Pauley Field.

CDC offers evening child care July 12

New Beginnings Child Development Center will offer "Parents Night Out" July 12, 6 – 10 p.m.

Reservations will be taken through July 10. Charges of \$16 per child apply. Children must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services.

For registration information, call the CDC at 520.533.5209 or stop at Building 48101, Smith Street, Monday – Friday, 5:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Join TMAC for lunch

The staff at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre invites everyone to join them for their lunch buffet, now served Tuesdays through Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tuesdays, they offer "TMAC Delight" with roast beef, chicken caprese, mashed potatoes, rice and vegetables; Wednesday features "Tangy BBQ," with Texas barbecued pork spareribs, barbecued chicken, pinto beans, collard greens and rice; Thursday features German food, with "Taste of the Rhine;" and Friday's feature is "Down-home Delight" with fried chicken, fried catfish, macaroni and cheese, baked beans and more.

Cost of the lunch buffet is \$8.95 for adults or \$4.50 for children 5 – 11. All buffets include salad bar, desserts, rolls and a non-alcoholic beverage.

For more information, call 520.533.3802/7322.



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Carr House offers cool escape, free programs

By Joan Vasey
Scout Editor

Nestled near the base of the Huachuca Mountains in picturesque Carr Canyon lies a small stone building.

For years, the house sat empty and degrading until it attracted the interest of a handful of people.

Instead of seeing a crumbling, dilapidated building, they saw it as something more. In their minds, they envisioned a Huachuca Mountain location where people could go for information about hiking, enjoy educational programs, view birds and wildlife and gain temporary respite from civilization's cares. The visionary group also saw the house and setting as a quiet, family-oriented retreat, where people could take a short hike around picturesque ruins, enjoy the sight and sounds of a waterfall backdrop during rainy season, and perhaps share a picnic lunch together.

With the encouragement and support of the Coronado National Forest Sierra Vista District ranger, in April 1996, a group of people formed to restore this unused stone house and explore ways of enhancing use and preservation of Huachuca Mountain habitat.

Hundreds of volunteer hours produced a gathering place now called Carr House. Nature studies and hikes for children started and through history programs, descendants of Arizona mountain and canyon pioneers share their stories.

The volunteer group, Friends of the Huachuca Mountains, evolved to play roles in conservation, education and hospitality. They operate out of the building.

Once there, in addition to hiking information and maps, visitors can get water and visit with members of the group who staff the house on weekends from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. from late spring through early fall.

Inside, families can enjoy educational displays which focus on area rocks and minerals, native grasses, tree rings, the fire cycle and local wildlife.

Across the parking lot, people can hike an easy .6-mile nature trail around the ruins of an old ranch house, a haven for art-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FRIENDS OF THE HUACHUCA MOUNTAINS
Carr House is not just for adults. School and other youth groups can visit Carr House through special arrangement.

ists who are frequently seen sketching or painting in this picturesque setting.

Picnic tables offer diners an outdoor experience in a safe environment. Others enjoy nature-watching experiences or peaceful reading at the same tables.

Every other Sunday, from late spring through early fall, special nature-related programs are offered to the public at no charge (see schedule below). There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

The Carr House is fully accessible and complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Directions to the Carr House: From Sierra Vista travel south on State Route 92 to Carr Canyon Road (at the Mesquite Tree Restaurant). Turn right (west). Drive about 2.1 miles up the road. Carr House is on the left through a gate.

For more information, go to www.huachucamountains.org/.

Sunday afternoon programs — 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Father's Day: "Hooray for Herps — Snakes, Lizards and More!" — Local herpetologist Tom Miscione will help visitors learn not to fear these members of the local ecosystem. His many live specimens let the audience get up close to a diverse number of snakes and lizards. This program for all ages is always popular; be sure to come early and bring lawn chairs.

June 29: "A Fat Bear is a Healthy Bear" — Judy Phillips, environmental educator, will present a hands-on Family

oriented presentation which will familiarize participants with the basic needs of the black bear and its habitat in the Huachuca Mountains.

July 13: "Hummingbirds: More than Just Eye Candy" — Sheri Williamson, director, Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory, will describe "singing" feathers, streamlined genomes, and continent-spanning migrations that rank hummingbirds among the world's most amazing birds.

July 27: "Arizona National Scenic Trail: Latest Updates" — Matthew Nelson, Arizona Trail executive director, will talk about the history of the trail, the natural resources that make it unique, and its importance to local communities like Sierra Vista. The trail spans the entire length of the state from the U.S./Mexico border to the Utah state line and features some of the state's most spectacular (and lesser known) areas, including the Huachuca Mountains.

August 10: "Road to Restoration: the Gould's Turkey" — John Millican, National Wild Turkey Federation, will update the efforts of the National Wild Turkey Federation, volunteers and partners to re-introduce the Gould's turkey into southeastern Arizona. He will discuss local and regional efforts, habitat enhancement projects and funding sources.

August 24: "Butterflies of the Hua-

chuca Mountains" — Priscilla Brodtkin, co-author of "The Butterflies of Arizona: A Photographic Guide," will show the audience how to add a new dimension to field trips and backyard nature watch through basic butterfly identification. She will also cover defense mechanisms, food and nectar plants, and basic butterfly gardening.

September 7: "Caves and Caving: A Look into the World Below Us" — Erika Way, Kartchner Caverns State Park cave unit supervisor, will focus on the beauty and fragility of cave environments and how to enjoy them while taking care to protect them. She will discuss the differences between 'wild' and 'show' caves along with general dos and don'ts of caving.

September 21: "Insects: Can't Live Without Them" — Jane Chambers, environmental educator, will showcase the positive ways insects have influenced modern society and the reasons they are so important. Get down and dirty while safely observing insect activity.

October 5: "Photographing Nature in



A visitor leaves Carr House and prepares to hike the .6-mile nature trail which begins near the parking lot.

the Huachuca Mountains" — Bob Herrmann, nature photographer, takes the audience through basic fixed lens digital camera settings and equipment used to produce quality nature photographs.

October 26: "Dia de los Muertos Celebration" — Mike Foster, videographer and Carr House host, will describe how the Aztec/Catholic holiday, Day of the Dead, is celebrated in cemeteries just across the international border. Learn more about this holiday through traditional breads and beverages with accompanying videos.

community

Huachuca Astronomy Club to meet

The Huachuca Astronomy Club will meet today, 7 p.m., in the Community Room, Student Union Building, Cochise College, 901 N. Colombo Ave., Sierra Vista. The guest speaker, Wayne Johnson, will speak on “Supernova Hunting for Fun, not Profit.” He will discuss what causes a star to explode and become a supernova, techniques to find one and what to do if you think you’ve found one. Johnson, an amateur astronomer, has discovered six supernovae, including two in one night.

The public is invited.

Join Legion for breakfast

The Auxiliary Ladies of American Legion Post 52 will hold breakfast Saturday, 8 – 10:30 a.m., at American Legion Post 52, 12 Theater Dr., Sierra Vista. Menu items include SoS, eggs to order, bacon, sausage, hash browned potatoes, hotcakes, toast, biscuits and coffee free with breakfast. Price ranges from \$2 – \$5.50. The event is open to all members, guests and all active duty service members and Families.

For more information, call 459.6050.

National Get Outdoors Day Saturday

National Get Outdoors Day will be held at Parker Canyon Lake on Saturday, 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. This is an annual event to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun. Participating partners will offer opportunities for Families to experience traditional and non-traditional types of outdoor activities. Prime goals are reaching first-time visitors to public lands and reconnecting youth to the outdoors.

For more information, go to <http://www.national-getoutdoorsday.org/>.

NAACP to host JUNETEENTH 2014

The NAACP will host JUNETEENTH 2014 on Saturday, 10 a.m., in Sierra Vista’s Veterans’ Memorial Park on Fry Boulevard. There will be daylong music, food and activities for people of all ages.

For information, contact 520.803.9437 or isom3@cox.net.

Save \$\$\$\$ on books

Friends of the Sierra Vista Public Library will have their monthly 50-percent-off sale on Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The Friends building is located at 2600 E. Tacoma St., attached to the Sierra Vista Public Library.

Gymkhana set for Saturday

The next Gymkhana will be Saturday at Wren Arena, featuring Cloverleaf Barrels, Washington Poles,

Mountain Cowhorse, Boot Lace and Turn-n-Burn events. Time only runs will be a ticket system. Runners will receive one ticket per run they buy. More information is on the club’s website, www.huachucasaddleclub.org.

Elks to hold Flag Day ceremony

Sierra Vista Elks 2065 will honor “Old Glory” on Flag Day, Saturday, 2 p.m., at the Elks Ramada.

They will recognize all active and retired military members, with special recognition being given to World War II veterans. Participants include state and local dignitaries, the Military Intelligence Corps Band and American Legion Riders. Buena High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps will conduct a “Retiring the U.S. Flag” ceremony.

The Elks Lodge is located at 1 Elks Ln., Sierra Vista.

Relive Old West at AFP

See Sheriff Jim Wilson at the Arizona Folklore Preserve on Saturday and Sunday. Doors open at 1 p.m., with performances starting at 2 p.m. For reservations, contact 520.378.6165, or reservations@arizonafolklore.com. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$6 for youth 17 and under.

Go 6 miles south of Sierra Vista on State Route 92 to Ramsey Canyon Road. Turn right (west) on Ramsey Canyon Road, drive 3.3 miles into the canyon, and watch for the AFP entrance and sign to the left.

Upcoming performers at the AFP include Keeter Stuart on June 21 – 22.

Library holds Summer Reading Program

Youth ages 0 – 18 are invited to participate in the Sierra Vista Public Library’s Summer Reading Program.

This year’s theme “Fizz, Boom, Read” is all about science. Young scientists will learn about different scientific topics every week with hands-on activities. The June schedule follows:

Sunday – June 21: Science of Combustion – activity, Sunday, 2 – 4 p.m. and June 20, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

June 22 – 28: Science of Food – activity, June 23, noon – 5 p.m.

June 29 – July 5: Science of Special Effects and the Movies – activity, July 5, 3 – 6 p.m.

For more information, call 520.458.4225.

Enjoy summer concerts in park

Summer Concerts in the Park are back! Grab lawn chairs or blankets, a picnic basket, and bring the Family. The bands will play 6:30 – 8 p.m. Thursday will feature Desert Swing.

The concert schedule is subject to cancellation during inclement weather. For more information, call 520.458.7922.

Citizens’ Police Academy

Register through June 20 for the Citizen Police Academy for an insider glimpse into the daily adventures of Sierra Vista Police officers. This 12-week academy starts on Aug. 6 and class will meet on Wednesdays from 6 – 9 p.m. in the Sierra Vista Police Auditorium. The academy is free and open to adults 18 and older.

Class space is limited, so apply as soon as possible. Applications are available at www.SierraVistaAZ.gov (search “academy”) or pick up a packet at the police department reception desk, 911 N. Coronado Dr.

For more information, contact 520.452.7500 or Molly.Schmitt@SierraVistaAZ.gov.



Cochise Theater Movie Schedule

Monday - Wednesday - Closed

TONIGHT
The Amazing Spider-Man 2 - 3D, (PG-13), 143 min., 6 p.m.
Haunted House 2, (R), 90 min., 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
Customer Appreciation Day – All Admissions FREE!
The Other Woman, (PG-13), 109 min., 3 p.m.
Brick Mansions, (PG-13), 117 min., 6 p.m.
The Quiet Ones, (PG-13), 98 min., 9 p.m.

SUNDAY
The Amazing Spider-Man 2 - 3D, (PG-13), 143 min., 1 p.m.
The Amazing Spider-Man 2 - 3D, (PG-13), 143 min., 4:30 p.m.
The Amazing Spider-Man 2 - 3D, (PG-13), 143 min., 8 p.m.

THURSDAY
The Amazing Spider-Man 2 - 3D, (PG-13), 143 min., 6 p.m.

City’s museum offers free summer youth programs

City of Sierra Vista

Join the Sierra Vista Historical Society for “Summer Saturdays” at the Henry F. Hauser Museum as they present a series of free, hands-on children’s programs followed by adult presentations. Children’s activities are for youth 6 – 12 and pre-registration is required at 520.439.2306. Children’s activities run from 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. and adult presentations are from 1 – 2 p.m. Mark your calendar.

The museum is located inside the Ethel H. Berger Center, 2950 E. Tacoma St., Sierra Vista. For more information, call 520.417.6980.

June 21: Children will try their hand at calf roping and learn about cow-

boy clothing. Speaker Suzanne Arnold will present Ranching in Hereford and Palominas to adults.

June 28: Youth will take on the role of a Mormon Battalion soldier. They will cook pancakes with ingredients soldiers would have carried with them and learn how to patch up worn out clothing. Speaker Randy Madsen will present “Mormon Battalion and the Trek into Arizona” at the adult presentation.

July 19: Youth will become photographers like Tombstone’s C.S. Fly and adults will view C.S. Fly’s pictures with Craig McEwan.

July 26: Children will sing cowboy songs and make adobe blocks like those used to build the ranch house. Adults will “Journey to Brown Canyon Ranch” with speakers Sarah Barchas and Jose Garcia.