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Photos by Janecz Wright, Sentinel Living Editor
Elite racers cross the finish line as a checkered flag waves during their last lap of the Texas Road Race Saturday at Fort Cavazos.

Cyclists test their skills in Texas Road Race

BY JANEKZE WRIGHT
Sentinel Living Editor

Editor's note: At time of publication, all official results have not been announced. To see the results, visit usacycling.org.

Sweltering summer temperatures gave way to cooler fall breezes Saturday morning, providing ideal weather conditions for racers competing in this year's Texas Road Race.

The two-day event saw cyclists from all over the world converge at The Great Place to test their skills.

Set against a backdrop of M1A2 Abrams and M1A3 Bradley static displays, the fastest racers kicked off the elite event, with more than 160 experienced riders in five groups competing at various skill levels.

Sunday featured the age-graded championships, as racers from young to young at heart showcased their skills.

"This is the key race of the year," expressed Andy Hollinger, Texas Road Race director. "This is the championship. This is something that people train for.

"The ability to have a road race that has a long loop, paved road, and closed course is everything," he said of the location on Fort Cavazos. "(Racers) don't have to fight traffic, and they can use both sides of the road. It's a lot like racing in Europe."

Hollinger added, much to his delight, this year's race had an influx of women racers, as a majority of the competitors are male.

"This year, we have 20 women in the elite categories, which is incredible," he expressed. "And we're very proud that they decided to come out and race."

Pamela Ferguson, co-captain of Haute Wheels Racing, a women's cycling team based in Houston, said the race is an excellent way for riders to challenge themselves, build character and develop competence.

"It was such a hard course," she shared. "I said I would never do this race again, but I did last year, and then decided to try again this year.

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Spc. Ebdiel Lewis and Sgt. Jordan McCray, both with 112th Cavalry Regiment, pose on an M2A3 Bradley on display during the Texas Road Race Saturday at Fort Cavazos.

Partnership drives food donation



Photos by Blair Dupre, Sentinel News Editor

Pfc. Leonardo Fyffe, a nutrition care specialist, 190th Medical Detachment, 32nd Hospital Center, 1st Medical Brigade, smiles as he and other volunteers sort fresh produce items into bags Sept. 5 during the Fresh Food for Families event at the Phantom Warrior Stadium parking lot at Fort Cavazos.

BY BLAIR DUPRE
Sentinel News Editor

More than 24,000 pounds of food were given away to hundreds of families during the Fresh Food for Families event Sept. 5 in the Phantom Warrior Stadium parking lot at Fort Cavazos.

The idea came about after the RSO and the CTFB distributed Thanksgiving Turkey basket to more than 600 Fort Cavazos families last year.

In June and July this year, the RSO and the CTFB conducted two pilot programs where food was distributed to more than 600 families combined. The pilots allowed the organizations to determine the best location to conduct the monthly drive-thru food giveaway.

"The Fort Cavazos community support was instrumental in our success," said Teresa Parris, administrative support specialist for the RSO, adding food was distributed to 450 families each during the Aug. 1 and Sept. 5 Fresh Food for Families events.

Leadership from Fort Cavazos and the CTFB gathered to make remarks

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TOP, Anurita Mittra, vice president of network programs with the Central Texas Food Bank, addresses the crowd during the Fresh Food for Families opening ceremony Sept. 5 at the Phantom Warrior Stadium parking lot at Fort Cavazos. ABOVE, Volunteers prepare and load food into vehicles during the Fresh Food for Families event Sept. 5 at the Phantom Warrior Stadium parking lot at Fort Cavazos.

NEWS BRIEFS

Fitness centers close on post
The Kieschnick Physical Fitness Center has indefinitely closed, and the Grey Wolf Physical Fitness Center has closed to transition into a soldier performance and readiness center in support of the Army's holistic and health and fitness mission.

79th Street Gate closes
The 79th Street Gate is closed now through Sept. 27 in support of repairs to the railroad crossing at that location. Commuters can utilize the Clear Creek Gate, Santa Fe Gate

or Bernie Beck Gate during this period to access the installation.

Post museum to open
The National Mounted Warrior Museum will officially open to the public 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 19. It features local and military history through the eyes of the mounted Soldier, including full-scale vehicles dioramas. The museum is located at 105 Trooper Loop, Fort Cavazos, Texas 76544. No visitor pass is required to enter, and admission is free. For more information, call the museum at 254-287-3626 or visit

history.army.mil/museums/nmwm.

Fort Cavazos hosts Retiree Appreciation Days
Fort Cavazos will hold its 49th annual Retiree Appreciation Days Oct. 25-26.

The opening ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. Oct. 26 at the main foyer of the Carl R. Darnall Medical Center. Prior to the opening ceremony, there will be breakfast. Afterward, there will be a county fair, lunch and a 1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment demonstration.

The weekend will feature a golf tournament for retirees at 9 a.m. Oct. 25 at the Courses of Clear Creek, limited to the first 144 entries received from retired personnel, their family members and survivors.

The entry fee is \$60. Email the entry form to charles.e.mcphinyol.naf@army.mil or mail the form to DFMWR-Business Division, The Course of Clear Creek Bldg. 194, 37th St., Fort Cavazos 76444 no later than Oct. 15. For more information, call 254-287-4130.

Additionally, there will be a Bingo

Social at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Phantom Warrior Center.

To RSVP, email tlstmm02@yahoo.com no later than Oct. 4.

There will also be legal assistance with the Fort Cavazos Legal Assistance Office from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 25 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 26, and the ID Cards Facility will be open for walk-ins, for retirees and their family members from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 26.

For more information about the Retiree Appreciation Days, contact the Fort Cavazos Retirement Services Office at 254-287-8761.

Phantom Warrior Command Team: Fort Cavazos remembers Patriot Day

Teammates, families and friends,
On this day, we honor the patriots and the family members we lost on Sept. 11, 2001, and we pay tribute to their selfless sacrifice and commitment in the defense of our freedom.

Twenty-three years ago, America forever changed. Over 3,000 Americans were killed in an act of terrorism, and thousands more gave their lives over the next several years defending the United States from terror around the globe. The attacks changed all Americans, our Army and our world. The strength and resilience of these individuals and their loved ones will never be forgotten.

The devastation of that day fortified a spirit of service and patriotism in the hearts of a new generation, including the men and women who volunteered to serve in the military following these attacks. Many members of the III Armored Corps have friends or family members who gave their lives during the attacks, or while defending the U.S. from terrorism around the globe.

May we continue to honor the memories and legacy of those who died on this day. May we stand ready to meet any future challenges. While our world continues to experience chaotic and unpredictable events, our Army stands strong and ready to answer our nation's call to protect our freedom, defend our allies and defeat our adversaries.

Those killed in the Pentagon, New York City and Shanksville, Pennsylvania, will never

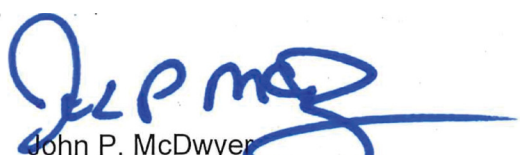

John P. McDwyer
Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army
III Armored Corps and Fort Cavazos



Photo by Benjamin D. Applebaum, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs

Service members salute at the American flag Wednesday at the Flag Unfurling Ceremony at the Pentagon at Washington.

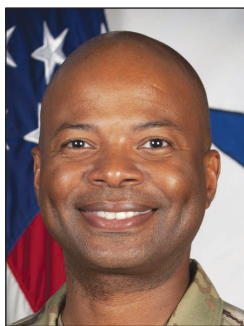
be forgotten. Our nation's military remains postured to meet any future challenge and will always stand ready to defend the U.S. from aggression.

We are the III Armored Corps — the most lethal mounted fighting force in the world. We vow to never forget the tragedy that happened on this day, and we vow to continue to work together to defend our

nation. We can only achieve this through the resiliency, strength, commitment and unity of our People — our Soldiers, families, civilians, retirees and veterans, all who make our mission possible.



John McDwyer



Kevin D. Admiral

CRDAMC honors Hispanic Heritage Month

BY COL. GARRICK CRAMER
CRDAMC Commander

Each year we recognize the incredible contributions and sacrifices of selfless Americans from Hispanic and Latino descent.

Sept. 15 marks the beginning of Hispanic Heritage month, and over the next 30 days, we reflect and recognize the immeasurable contributions of our fellow service members who have served and are serving.

Fort Cavazos is named in honor of former Soldier and first Latino 4-star general in the U.S. Army, Gen. Richard Cavazos. Cavazos was a Texas native and served 33 years in the Army. His service to our great nation has made a lasting impact on the Army.

Hispanic Heritage month begins on a significant day in world history. Sept. 15 is the day Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua celebrate their Independence Day. Mexico celebrates its independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18. Oct. 12 is significant, too, celebrated across Spain and Latin America as the Day of Hispanic Heritage.

This observance gives us the opportunity to recognize and appreciate the contributions of each of our Hispanic American Soldiers, Department of Defense and Army civilians and family members.

Approximately 170,000 active-duty Army, National Guard and reserve Soldiers identify as Hispanic or self-report being of Latin descent.

It's estimated Hispanics or Latinos equal nearly 18% of the total force. Nearly 10% of the Army's military and civilian workforces are Hispanic.

I encourage you to take part in Hispanic Heritage month events on Fort Cavazos as we celebrate the contributions of Hispanic Americans and how they shaped and continue to enrich

our Army.
Care and concern!



Garrick Cramer

Biden recognizes Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

BY JOSEPH BIDEN JR.
President of the United States

Too many Americans know the pain of losing a mother, sister, wife, daughter or friend to ovarian cancer — the deadliest of all female reproductive system cancers. This year alone, nearly 20,000 women will be diagnosed with this terrible disease. During National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, we honor the memories of all the women we have tragically lost. We reaffirm our support for all the brave women living with ovarian cancer and all those who have survived it. And we thank their loved ones, who stand loyally by their side, and the medical researchers, health care providers and caretakers who fight tirelessly to save lives every day.

In our decades-long fight to find cures for cancers, scientists have made incredible breakthroughs and discovered better ways to prevent, detect and treat them. But for ovarian cancer, in particular, there remains no reliable method for asymptomatic screening and detection, which can delay a diagnosis until the cancer has become deadly. Even after a diagnosis has been made, the flood of medical information, appointments, procedures and financial expenses is overwhelming. And too often, families, caregivers and patients are left to advocate for themselves for effective care.

First Lady Jill Biden and I know from personal experience a cancer diagnosis takes a severe toll on the whole family. That is why I made fighting cancer a top priority for our administration. I reignited the Biden Cancer Moonshot with the goal of cutting the cancer death rate by at least 50% over 25 years and improving the experience of patients and loved ones. I established the Advanced Research Projects Agency for



Joseph Biden Jr.

Health, securing \$4 billion in bipartisan funding to support scientists, innovators and public health professionals who are pioneering efforts to prevent, detect and treat cancer and other life-threatening and life-altering diseases. And we delivered new reimbursement codes so that, for the first time ever, families facing cancer can get patient navigation services paid for through Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance. Cancer navigation services are personalized assistance to patients, caregivers and families to help guide them through the many decisions and challenges that come with a cancer diagnosis, which has been shown to reduce cancer disparities, improve health outcomes and make an enormous difference in people's lives.

My administration has also been working hard to make cancer treatments more affordable. I am proud to strengthen Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act, or ACA, by expanding health care coverage to millions of Americans — saving millions of families \$800 per year on health insurance premiums. And through the Inflation Reduction Act, we are capping total out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for seniors and others with Medicare at \$2,000 per year — including for ovarian cancer medications, which can cost more than \$10,000 per year.

Additionally, because early detection is essential to beating ovarian cancer, my administration is working to ensure every American can access life-saving cancer screenings. During my first year in office, we expanded coverage under the ACA, which requires insurers to pay for recommended cancer screenings and primary care visits. I encourage all women to discuss risk factors with their doctors and remain vigilant against symptoms. Experts recommend that patients with a personal or

family history of breast or ovarian cancer — or whose ancestry is associated with harmful gene variants — discuss risk factors with their doctors to see if genetic counseling and testing is appropriate.

During National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, let us resolve to doing all we can together to provide patients, survivors and their families the treatments, care and support they need and deserve. Let us rededicate ourselves to the urgent work of increasing awareness about ovarian cancer so that we can save more lives more quickly. And let us never lose hope or waver in our resolve to end cancer as we know it — for all the lives lost and all those we can still save.

Now therefore, I, Joseph R. Biden Jr., president of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. I call upon the people of the United States to speak with their doctors and health care providers to learn more about ovarian cancer. I encourage citizens, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, the media and other interested groups to increase awareness of what Americans can do to detect and treat ovarian cancer.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.


Joe Biden



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MSB hosts NCO Corps induction ceremony

BY MAJ. BRANDON FAMBRO
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In a ceremony marked by tradition, pride and a deep sense of duty, the Mobilization Support Brigade hosted a Noncommissioned Officer Corps induction ceremony at the III Armored Corps and Fort Cavazos NCO Academy Sept. 4. The event celebrated the transition of Soldiers into the ranks of the NCO Corps, a pivotal moment in their military careers.

The induction ceremony highlighted the importance of leadership, responsibility and the role of NCOs. The NCOs were reminded of the weight of the responsibilities they now bear and the expectations that come with their new status.

Staff Sgt. Trevor Rhodes, religious affairs NCO, MSB, began the ceremony by providing the invocation and was followed by Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Lenhart, MSB, who provided a historical summary of the NCO Corps.

"The tradition of passing a Soldier on to be a noncommissioned officer can be traced to the Army of Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben," Lenhart said. "No matter where or when or what the mission, an Army NCO was there."

Following the historical summary of the NCO Corps, a trio of candles representing the NCO values, each one a color from the U.S. flag, were lit by Staff Sgt. Marlena Christensen and Sgts. Derek Johnson and Caitlyn Smith, all of MSB.

The red candle symbolized courage, strength and valor, the white candle burns for purity and commitment, and the blue candle signify justice, perseverance and vigilance.

"I honestly believe that we have the most amazingly diverse noncommissioned officers that have ever served in our Army Reserve ranks today," said Laura Schneider, guest speaker and logistics sergeant major, MSB. "So many of our

brethren are highly educated and proficient not only in the chosen military occupational specialties, but also in their civilian jobs."

Schneider challenged the inductees to be their best, show empathy for their Soldiers while continuing to hold them to standards, and seek self-improvement.

"Look for ways to say yes to the mission, opportunity or

assignment," Schneider continued. "Always do your best, accept the hard jobs and even if you are not the first choice, be the best choice."

The newly inducted NCOs passed under an arch and crossed sabers which represented the symbolic crossing of the line of authority and transition from follower to leader. They were welcomed into the corps by senior NCOs, who offered words

of wisdom and experience. This tradition symbolizes the passing of knowledge and the continuous mentorship essential within the NCO Corps.

Command Sgt. Maj. Darren Dwyer, command sergeant major of MSB, issued the NCO Charge and led the NCOs in reciting the Creed of the NCO, a solemn vow that underscores the

commitment of each and every NCO to lead, train and care for their Soldiers.

The ceremony concluded with the singing of the Army song, a reaffirmation of the Soldiers' dedication to their country and their commitment to the values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.



Photo by Maj. Brandon Fambro, MSB Public Affairs

U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers assigned to the 646th Regional Support Group (Forward), Mobilization Support Brigade, recite the Charge to the Noncommissioned Officer during the NCO Corps induction ceremony Sept. 4 at the III Armored Corps and Fort Cavazos NCO Academy. The ceremony celebrates Soldiers joining the ranks of a professional NCO corps and honors the men and women of the corps.



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‘GREYWOLF’ Bde hosts Mungadai to strengthen leadership, team building

BY 1ST LT. TYRESE LANE
1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs

The “GREYWOLF” Brigade, or 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, recently hosted the Mungadai event, a key initiative designed to strengthen leadership and foster teamwork among its company commanders. Spanning several days, the Mungadai event brought together all the brigade’s company commanders for a series of intensive workshops, strategic discussions and team-building exercises. The primary objective was to develop strong relationships among leaders, which is essential for effectively managing the complexities of modern military operations.

This event, crucial for improving unit cohesion and decision-making, comes at a time when large-scale combat operations and frequent leadership changes underscore the need for a resilient, unified team.

“The dynamic and challenging environment we face, coupled with frequent leadership changes at the company level, make it imperative that we build a cohesive ‘GREYWOLF’ team,” said Col. Edward Arntson, 3rd ABCT commander. “The Mungadai event is not just about fostering camaraderie but also about enhancing our ability to make critical decisions as a unified front. When we understand and trust one another, we operate more effectively and respond to challenges more quickly.”

The Mungadai event featured various activities aimed at building leadership and team-building skills, including motor pool tasks, pistol and rifle range exercises, land navigation and leadership reaction courses. These exercises provided valuable

opportunities for the company commanders to engage in simulated operational scenarios that tested their strategic thinking and collaborative abilities. Interactive workshops focused on communication and leadership development, encouraging participants to share insights and experiences, fostering a deeper mutual understanding beyond individual commands.

“What I got out of our three days of Mungadai is just how powerful teamwork is here — not only in the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team but in the Army as a whole,” said Capt. Katelynn Howard, a participating company commander from brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Troop.

A key takeaway from the Mungadai event was its focus on addressing the challenges of high leadership turnover by creating meaningful dialogue and problem-solving opportunities.

The relationships and skills developed during the event are expected to significantly enhance the brigade’s overall effectiveness in large-scale combat operations.

Capt. Matthew Brown, company commander of Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, emphasized the importance of the Leadership Reaction Course.

“The LRC showcases how leaders improve their decision-making skills and how team dynamics function with a clear hierarchy,” Brown said. “It emphasizes the importance of executing tasks effectively while providing constructive feedback, ultimately highlighting the need for seamless execution and teamwork.”



Photos by Sgt. Lyca Williams, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs

LEFT, Capt. Noah Epstein, commander of Alpha Distribution Company, 215 Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, fires at his target at an M17 range during 3rd ABCT’s Mungadai event Aug. 21 at Fort Cavazos. **ABOVE**, Capt. Brandon Filgas, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd ABCT, 1st Cav. Div., climbs onto a bar at the Leadership Reaction Course during 3rd ABCT’s Mungadai event Aug. 22 at Fort Cavazos.



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Cavazos families receive fresh food items



Col. Lakicia Stokes, U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Cavazos commander, makes remarks during the Fresh Food for Families opening ceremony Sept. 5 at Phantom Warrior Stadium at Fort Cavazos.

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in an opening ceremony before food distribution began Sept. 5 to celebrate their partnership.

“This program is a testament to the strong partnership between Fort Cavazos and the Central Texas Food Bank,” said Col. Lakicia Stokes, U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Cavazos commander, during her remarks in the opening ceremony. “Together, we are not just addressing a need, we are reinforcing our commitment to the well-being of those who have served our nation. This collaboration exemplifies what we can achieve when we come together with a shared purpose.

“This recurring effort to provide fresh and healthy foods to our military families ... builds on the success of the pilot events held over the summer, which demonstrated a significant need for accessible, nutritious food options within our community,” she continued.

Stokes thanked members of the CTFB for their outstanding efforts in supporting the Fresh Food for Families event.

“Thanks to this partnership,

today and including our previous events, we will have served 1,400 families with a variety of fresh produce, meats and packed goods,” she said. “This effort goes beyond just providing food. It’s about ensuring our Soldiers and their families are cared for and have the resources they need to thrive. As we move forward, I’m confident that this program will continue to grow and positively impact the lives of our military families.”

During the event, cars were directed through the drive-thru where civilian and Soldier volunteers alike loaded their vehicles with food, including fresh produce, such as carrots and onions.

Anurita Mittra, vice president of network programs with the CTFB, said partnerships like the one between the food bank and Fort Cavazos is how the organization is able to serve families across 21 counties.

“For the longest time, we have partnered with the post once a year providing turkeys and trimmings during the holidays, but the last two years have been different,” she said. “We have seen the need across the nation rise. We have the



Pfc. Leonardo Fyffe, a nutrition care specialist, 190th Medical Detachment, 32nd Hospital Center, 1st Medical Brigade, loads food into a vehicle Sept. 5 during the Fresh Food for Families event at Fort Cavazos.

latest USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) report that came out (Sept. 4) that says one in seven families across the nation are facing food insecurity. It is the Central Texas Food Bank’s mission to stand in the gap and provide resources to our neighbors.”

Mittra touched on how important it was for the food bank to work with Fort Cavazos.

“For us, it’s about serving those who serve us,” she said, “serving each and every one of you who puts their life out on the line for

our safety and security. It is an absolute pleasure and honor for the Central Texas Food Bank, who’s been working diligently along with the team here, to make this possible. Thank you for this partnership. We look forward to growing it and making it a place where we can actually provide resources to all of the families out there serving us.”

The Fresh Food for Families donation events will take place from 9 - 11 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month.

“We are excited to announce our

plans to continue Fresh Foods for Families through 2025 ... with the exception of January 2025 and July 2025, when there will be no distribution,” Parris said.

Future dates for Fresh Food for Families will be posted on the Fort Cavazos Garrison Chaplain’s Office Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FortCavazosRSO>.

For more information about the Fresh Food for Families program, the Main Post Chapel Food Pantry or how to volunteer, contact the RSO at 254-288-6545.



Some of the fastest competitors round the corner of the course during the Texas Road Race Saturday at Fort Cavazos. The first heat of racers completed three 33-mile laps, just shy of 100 miles, of grueling terrain during the race. The closed course at Fort Cavazos provides racers the opportunity to compete on a long loop without worrying about traffic.

Texas Road Race, right of passage for racing enthusiasts

Race: *Continued from A1*

It really earns its name as a championship course. I keep coming back to challenge myself and to try to encourage more women to come out and race.”

Hollinger explained racers navigate up to three 33-mile laps around the course, totaling just shy of 100 miles of grueling terrain.

“They have hills, they have downhills, they have steep climbs,” he noted. “That’s 2,500 feet of climbing each lap. That’s a big deal.”

Since its start in 2009, the race has generated approximately \$75,000 in donations for military charities, and each race is held in memory of “the racers that went before us,” Hollinger shared.

Also known as the Bill Weinlein Memorial Championship Races, the Texas Road Race celebrates the memory of Weinlein, a cyclist and long-time official who succumbed to melanoma in 2023.

Hosting the race on Fort Cavazos has special significance Hollinger conveyed.

“Many of us are veterans, so having it here means a lot to us,” he said. “Having the Soldiers here, having the national anthem ... it’s very meaningful. We’re very grateful that the base does so much and for the welcome that we get from the Army.”

Ferguson encouraged those considering racing to give it a shot.

“If there’s a woman out there, anybody reading this who’s thinking about racing but

is intimidated or afraid, just show up and try it,” she said. “I think you’ll have fun and maybe find a new passion.

“Whatever you’re thinking about and want

to do, do it because you have one life,” she continued. “And I think it’s important and essential to find a passion. For me, (it) is bike racing.”



Pfc. Roman Melnyk, Pfc. Aaron Garcia, Sgt. Tyrone Turner and Staff Sgt. Matthew Russell, all with 112th Cavalry Regiment, pose atop an M1A2 Abrams tank displayed during the two-day Texas Road Race Saturday at Fort Cavazos.

AI Security Center keeps DOD at cusp of rapidly emerging technology

BY JOSEPH CLARK
DOD News

WASHINGTON — The director of the National Security Agency said the agency’s new Artificial Intelligence Security Center is paying dividends in the Department of Defense’s efforts to stay at the cutting edge of the rapidly advancing technology.

Air Force Gen. Timothy D. Haugh, who also serves as the commander of U.S. Cyber Command, said the security center has become vital as the agency continues to seek ways to leverage, adapt to and protect against AI technology.

“One area that we see as really being able to provide value is focusing on the security of that technology — thinking about it through both the lens of the protection of intellectual property but also how we think about defending those models to ensure that they’re being used properly,” Haugh said during an event Sept. 5 at the Billington Cybersecurity Summit in Washington.

Haugh’s predecessor, Army Gen. Paul M. Nakasone, announced the creation of the center last year, consolidating the agency’s various artificial intelligence, security-related activities. It serves as NSA’s focal point for developing best practices, evaluation methodology and risk frameworks with the aim of promoting the secure adoption of new AI capabilities across the national security enterprise and the defense industrial base.

Haugh said NSA also plays a critical role in shaping the government’s efforts to better understand the risk of AI in the hands of adversaries and defending against those risks.

U.S. officials have emphasized the increasing role AI has in shaping the national security landscape, and they’ve taken steps



Air Force Gen. Timothy Haugh, commander of U.S. Cyber Command and director of the National Security Agency, gives the opening remarks at CYBERCOM’s Legal Conference Aug. 9 at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

to shape the future of the emerging technology.

Last year, DOD released its strategy to accelerate the adoption of advanced AI capabilities to ensure U.S. warfighters maintain decision superiority on the battlefield for years to come.

The Pentagon’s 2023 Data, Analytics and Artificial Intelligence Adoption Strategy builds upon years of DOD leadership in the development of AI and solidifies the U.S.’ competitive advantage in fielding the emerging technology, defense officials said in releasing the blueprint.

In unveiling the strategy, Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen Hicks also emphasized the Pentagon’s commitment to safety and responsibility while forging the AI frontier. The U.S. has also introduced a political declaration on the responsible military use of artificial intelligence, which further seeks to codify norms for the responsible use of the technology.


Haugh said the agency remains at the forefront in shaping DOD’s use of the technology, with a keen focus on responsibility.

He added NSA brings a unique perspective from within the U.S. government to responsibly shape the future of AI.

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LEFT, The front entrance of Dry Comal Creek Vineyards, complete with chairs and a small table, evokes a rustic and inviting ambiance. **RIGHT**, Several wines offered at Dry Comal Creek Vineyards are on display and can be enjoyed by the glass or bottle.

Dry Comal Creek Vineyards provides perfect combo of tunes, tastes

BY JANECEZ WRIGHT
Sentinel Living Editor

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas — Two of my favorite things are wine and live music. Imagine my excitement when I found Dry Comal Creek Vineyards featured both.

Situated in New Braunfels, a picturesque town a little over two hours from The Great Place, the vineyard's name is derived from the creek that feeds the Comal River and runs through the area.

Black Spanish grapes, which grow well in the dry creek beds in the area, hang from vines that span the vineyard and greet visitors at the front of the winery.

The entrance of the quaint space evokes a rustic country vibe, and the atmosphere at the back of the venue was spacious and welcoming.

The cozy interior echoed the country chic feel of the exterior and displayed many of the 100% Texas-made wines available by the glass or bottle.

Guests can enjoy a variety of wines ranging from dry to sweet, consisting of crisp Rieslings, light whites and rich reds.

It took a minute to choose, but I opted for a glass of the Wurst Red, a semi-sweet vino said to pair well with cheese and dark chocolate.

A small bar welcomes guests and a few tables and chairs are available for wine enthusiasts to sit and sip. But like myself, most patrons preferred to venture outdoors.

Just outside is an airy covered patio sitting adjacent to a sprawling outdoor space with lights hung throughout

mature trees that dot the lawn.

I imagined the space after nightfall with a faint glow, and I considered staying a bit longer just to see for myself.

Adirondack chairs surround fire pits and low tables that beckon guests to make themselves at home.

Remembering my vino paired well with cheese, I took that as my cue to order a gourmet grilled cheese sandwich from the food truck parked on site to test the theory (it was an amazing combination).

As I made myself comfortable in one of the Adirondack chairs, I was pleasantly surprised to see an artist preparing to play a set on his guitar.

Perched on a stool under a shade kit stretched between trees, the artist performed a combination of old school classics and current trendy tunes, creating a relaxing atmosphere I thoroughly enjoyed.

Weekly events showcasing live music from different artists is just one of the features that make the vineyard unique.

It is one of the only wineries I've visited that caters to the more mature crowd with a strict 21-and-over adults-only policy.

The vineyard also features tastings that include five wines for \$25 per person. Each tasting lasts 45 minutes to an hour and features a light-hearted narrative from the tasting ambassadors.

Reservations are encouraged, but tasting walk-ins are accommodated if space permits. Groups are limited to no more than six participants.

Good food, great wine and an inviting atmosphere equaled one amazing experience I look forward to having again.



I opted for a glass of the Wurst Red, a semi-sweet wine that is said to pair well with cheese and dark chocolate, during my visit to Dry Comal Creek Vineyards.



Dry Comal Creek Vineyards invites guests to "enjoy wines among the vines." Rows of Black Spanish grapes greet guests as they drive up.

Sam's (Book) Club

Fall in love with assassin's heart of gold

BY SAMANTHA HARMS
Command Information Chief

Well, September is here at last. The weather finally seems to be cooling off in Texas, and everyone on the internet is pulling out their Halloween and fall decorations. For me, there couldn't be a more perfect time to read a crime fiction, Stephen King novel; although, is there ever a time that isn't perfect for that?

For those looking for a crime fiction to put you in the fall mood, "Billy Summers" is the perfect choice.

'Billy Summers' by Stephen King

Billy Summers is a killer for hire — and to be quite frank, there isn't anyone any better than him. He is patient, always in control, knows how to keep himself hidden away and surprisingly, has a strict morale code. He will only take a job if the target is a bad person.

However, Billy has had enough and is no longer interested in living the life of a hired killer. He is readying himself for his retirement when one last job offer comes in, and the payment is large enough to change his mind to stay in just a little longer. Though, as Billy reminds himself, there is that superstition the last job always goes horrible. He is confident he can beat that superstition, as the job seems easy enough, and even allows him to try his hand at his unexpected passion in life.

And yet ... that chance of it all going wrong lingers in the back of his mind.

King, as everyone already knows,

is an absolute genius and this novel proves it. "Billy Summers" was published in August 2021 and was a Goodreads Choice Nominee for Best Mystery & Thriller (2021).

This novel went everywhere I thought it might and, yet, nowhere I expected. I fell deeply in love with Billy and the other characters you meet along the way, despite the circumstances that surrounded them all.

Billy is a hired assassin, often doing morally questionable actions for his line of work and to simply survive his everyday life but is very good at recognizing his own morality along the way. He often thinks about that, providing wonderful and interesting introspection throughout the entire novel. This can be especially seen in his passion, which I don't want to give away too much as it is a critical piece of the entire novel.

King has always had a way of writing that transports you to whatever world he has built, and this book was no different.

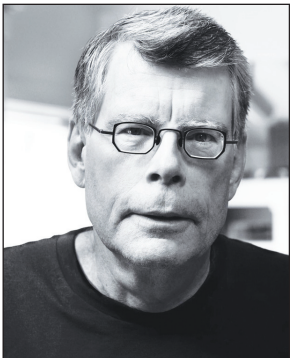
The trope of "one last job" is often one that can be overdone; however, King is able to put his own spin on it and doesn't make the trope feel worn out.

I doubt there is a single thing I could ask for that would make this novel any better. It is classic King, and he maintains his title as the "King of Horror."

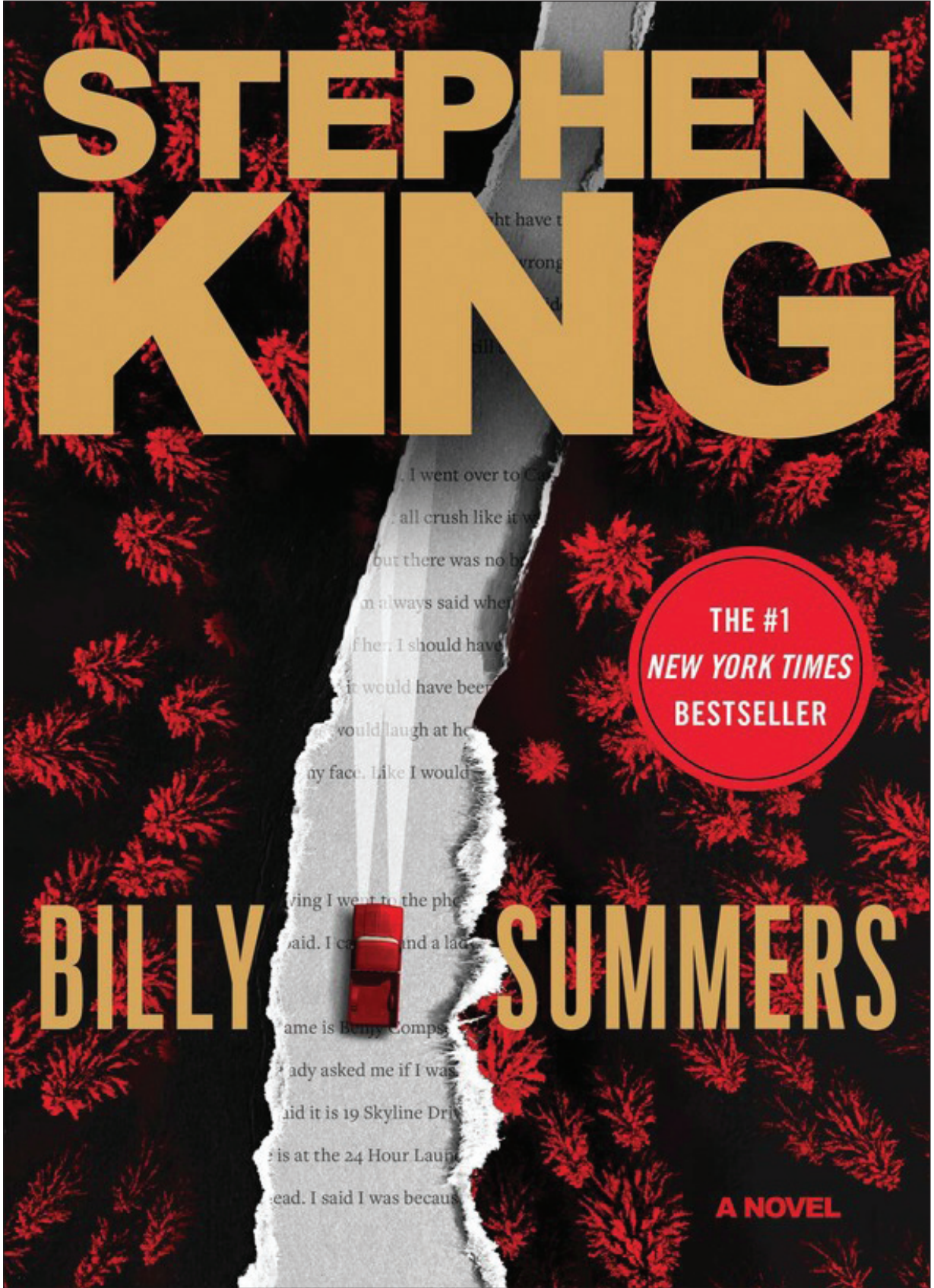
Please note there are depictions of graphic depictions of violence, sexual assault and post-assault trauma. This novel may not be suitable for children.

Five out of five stars.

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Stephen King



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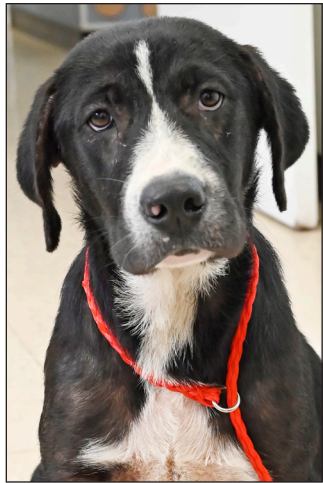
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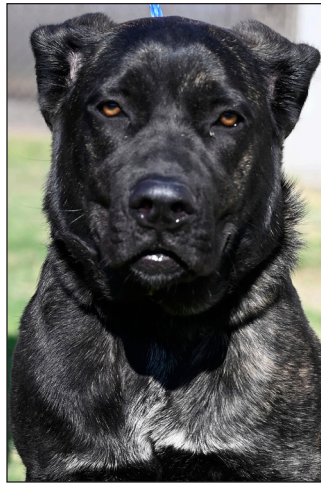
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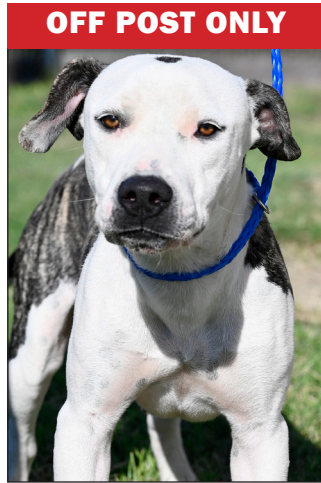
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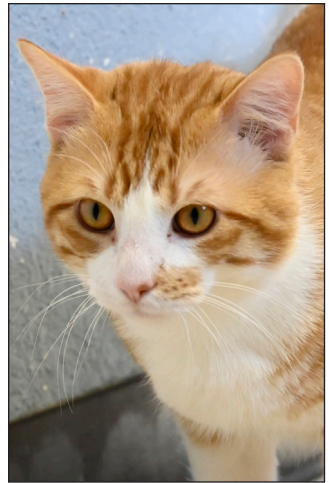
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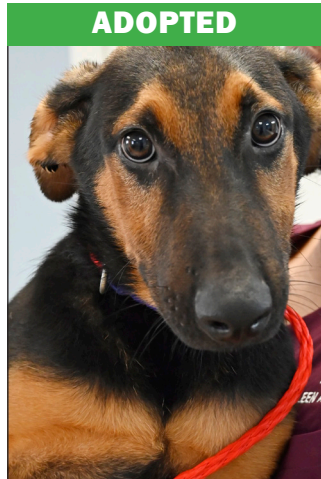
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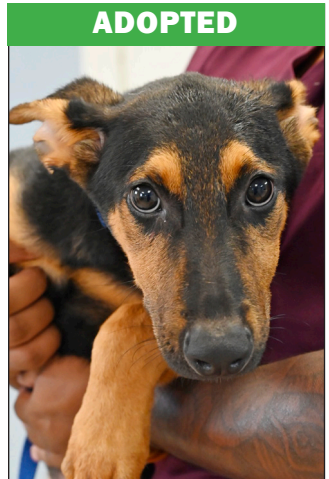
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Thursday nights build strong connections

BY BLAIR DUPRE
Sentinel News Editor

A beloved, weekly event has begun once again in Community Connections at the Main Post Chapel at Fort Cavazos.

Each Thursday evening in September through May 2025, the Religious Support Office provides a free meal to families and individuals at Fort Cavazos as well as learning, religious growth and volunteer opportunities.

“During this year’s program, individuals and families will be provided the opportunity, each Thursday night, to share a no-cost dinner with other Army families, engage in spiritual development by participating in a religious study or volunteer in one or more capacities in support of the program,” said Garrett Northway, director of religious education for the RSO.

After dinner, participants are invited to attend one of the many classes offered. Awana Clubs, a Bible-based program that develops childrens’ biblical faith, is available for children; Club Beyond, a youth ministry, is available for middle school students; and there are religious

education opportunities for adults. There is even a class for women who enjoy physical activity or are looking to be more active, and it is one of the most popular.

“This fall, we are offering classes for married couples, Bible studies for men or women only and book studies,” Northway said. “Each small-group study allows participants to engage in the adult learning model. And, for a third year in a row, we are offering Ladies Zumba, which is by far the most well-attended class we provide.”

Nicolette Towery, who volunteers with hospitality for Community Connections, said her whole family pitches in to help with the program.

“The environment is great,” she said. “We enjoy the time working and fellowshiping with all the participants and other volunteers.

“My favorite part of volunteering is Mr. Northway’s great cooking,” she continued jokingly. “Seriously, the best part is seeing the connections and bonds formed over a shared meal.”

Towery urged others to attend Community Connections.

“I would encourage anyone looking to connect with others or just wanting a free meal to come check out Community Connections,”

she said.

Northway said he enjoys seeing everyone who attends Community Connections connect with their faith and each other.

“Whether adults, youth and children attend a study, hang out and talk after the meal, engage in the physical and spiritual fitness

Zumba provides or use their passion and talents to serve others, Fort Cavazos is better off because of it,” he said. “This program not only enhances the quality of life for our Soldiers and their families, more importantly, it helps them make connections which can support them during the times of

stress and hardship associated with military life.”

Community Connections takes place from 5 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Main Post Chapel at Fort Cavazos.

For more information on Community Connections, call 254-553-1196.



Kids in Awana Club participate in a physical activity before they learn scripture during Community Connections Oct. 13, 2022, at the Main Post Chapel at Fort Cavazos.



Before the classes and program begin at Community Connections families and individuals enjoy a free dinner Oct. 13, 2022, at the Main Post Chapel at Fort Cavazos.



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Club Beyond-High School, Contact Frank Ayala, fayala@clubbeyond.org

Club Beyond-Middle School, Contact Frank Ayala, fayala@clubbeyond.org

Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC),

Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m., bimonthly Thursday 5-7 p.m., Main Chapel. Facebook: Fort Cavazos CWOC (Catholic Women of the Chapel)

Catholic Youth Ministry-Crusaders, 8-12 grades, Contact Maria Fuavia, 573-842-8181

Catholic Religious Education-CCE, Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Main Chapel, Contact Maria Fuavai, 254-287-0241

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Institute of Religion Classes, Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at 13th ACSC Chapel, Contact Chap. Seth Porter, 281-235-7841

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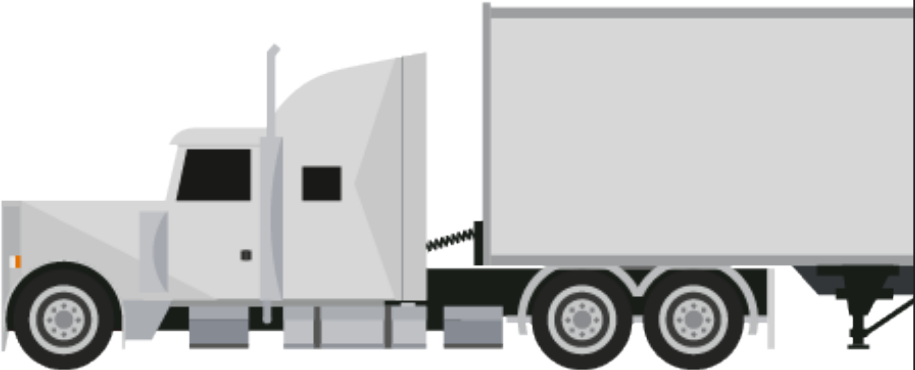
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FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Did you know military hospitals and clinics come with a support staff of people who can help navigate the healthcare process? These include patient advocates and beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators. They can be found at any military hospital or clinic.

“You may have questions or concerns about TRICARE coverage, costs or the quality of care at a military hospital or clinic,” said Calvin Keller, health systems analyst, Benefit Education and Research Team at the Defense Health Agency. “Patient advocates and BCACs are people you can contact. They’re committed to answering your questions and addressing your concerns both with the facility and with TRICARE contractors.”

Who should be contacted, and when? That depends on the type of question, issue or concern someone has.

Role of the patient advocate

Every military hospital or clinic has a patient advocate. They are the go-to resource when beneficiaries have concerns or questions about healthcare services they receive at a military hospital or clinic. Or perhaps they just want to let someone know about a great experience they have at a military hospital or clinic.

Patient advocates are trained experts on the Patient Bill of Rights and Responsibilities. They can explain the content and give beneficiaries a copy.

They’re also there for patients when they or a family member has a concern they would like addressed, investigated and resolved.

If a beneficiary has a question or concern, contact the patient advocate. Their responsibilities include:

- Listening to patient concerns
- Responding timely to complaints
- Explaining military hospital or clinic policies, procedures and operations
- Mediating concerns between the patient and medical team

Role of the beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator

Like the patient advocate, BCACs are your advisor. However, the BCAC’s main job is to help beneficiaries understand and access TRICARE benefits and services to meet their needs.

BCACs can explain a beneficiary’s TRICARE plan and how their benefit works. They interact with other hospital staff members, regional contractors and claims processors to help resolve any concerns.

BCACs can address TRICARE-related questions including:

- Eligibility
- Enrollment
- Referrals and pre-authorizations
- Claims processing delays
- Covered services
- The Military Health System Nurse Advice Line
- Receiving healthcare services outside the military hospital or clinic

Find a patient advocate or BCAC

Each military hospital or clinic has contact information for the patient advocate and BCAC.

Beneficiaries can ask the hospital staff for their office location, or they can look up their information online at *tricare.mil/Military-Hospitals-and-Clinics* or in the Customer Service Community Directory at *tricare.mil/bcacdca*.

If beneficiaries would want to email their hospital’s patient advocate, they’re just a few clicks away.

Look on the homepage of the installation military hospital or clinic website for the blue tile that says “Connect with a Patient Advocate.” Clicking on this tile will let beneficiaries email the patient advocate directly.

It’s important for beneficiaries to know what resources are available to help make the best healthcare decisions for them and their families. For more information, visit *tricare.mil/gettingcare*.



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Homeschool fair showcases resources for families

BY DERIKA UPSHAW
Public Affairs Specialist

The Fort Cavazos School Liaison Office hosted the Homeschool Resource Fair Friday at Bronco Youth Center.

Homeschool has become a major entity within the military community

to adequately support the educational goals of military children. According to the BlueStar Families 2022 “Military Families Lifestyle Survey,” 12% of military families homeschool their children. The liaison office wants to make sure the families have as many resources as possible within the area.

“The homeschool resource fair is designed to provide information for families in the local area who are homeschooling, and some of the entities are going to be here from the installation, DOD (Department of Defense) entities and then we also reach out to the community,” said Kristine Caparco, school liaison officer for Child and Youth Services.

“That way, families can have information in the full local area and not just on the installation.”

The liaison office hosts the fair twice a year, once in the fall and again in the spring. There were 18 different organizations represented at the fair, including *Tutor.com*, the New Horizon School of Music, Mathnasium and the University of Texas at Austin. The school liaison officer was able to give a snapshot of the available resources which is part of their overall goal.

“Our goal in the School Liaison Office is to make it easier for the families and have one spot for them to be able to have resources and support if needed,” Caparco said. “We do have a homeschool resource packet that has information about the laws, the TEA (Texas Education Agency) regulations

for homeschooling in the state of Texas, ... a plethora of resources for curriculum, extracurricular activities and ways for them to come together.”

Sanderlin George, an Army spouse, and her children have completed their first year of homeschooling. She said the School Liaison Office was helpful in giving her the information she needed to be successful. George added the resource fair is a great resource.

"I love it because it gives more things that are actually here — local — that I can go to, and the kids can participate and be with other homeschoolers," she said. "I like that we can come to these and actually find resources here."

Many organizations from the Fort Cavazos community showed up to the event to present what resources were available on post for homeschooleders, such as Behavioral Health services and the Exceptional Family Member Program. The Directorate of Public Works Environmental has an educational outreach program through their Adaptive and Integrative Management Team where they encourage Soldiers and their families to get involved with the environment and to show them the natural resources on the installation and across Texas.

"If you're a school group, or if a bunch of homeschool groups get together, they can schedule an event where they can have access to the education center," said Lindsay Butler Hardy, pollinator biologist and field technician with the AIM Team. "It's an educational walkthrough of different facets. So it shows kids about forestry work and control, burning efforts that they do on base, some grassland bird education and also life cycle stuff."

Hardy believes the educational events the team hosts fit well into a biology or natural science component of a homeschooled child's curriculum.

"If you're able to join us on one of our educational events, you can have somebody else who's not a parent, but somebody who kind of lives and breathes that type of work, as you know, the educational educator for the day," Hardy said.

For more information on home-school resources within the Fort Cavazos and surrounding community, reach out to the School Liaison Office, Room 101, Shoemaker Center, Bldg. 36000, or call 254-288-7946.



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Arden Bridgeforth, 8, plays the violin during the Homeschool Resource Fair Friday at Bronco Youth Center at Fort Cavazos. The New Horizon School of Music brought different varieties of violins for the students to try out at the fair.



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Unlisted clue: KILLN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: A POTTER'S OVEN

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Ceramic	Glaze	Slip	Wedding
Clay	Jiggering	Stoneware	Wheel
Earthenware	Jolleying	Throwing	

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JUMBLE
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

ACROSS

1 Police dept. alert
4 Celtics, on scoreboards
7 Like messy beds
13 Beard go-with, for short
19 French department head
21 Got ready, with "up"
22 Epithets
23 Refreshing a web page that has detailed contract wording?
26 Half a quart
27 Meadowland
28 Navigate
29 It might make you red in the face
30 Annual bebop music festival in Sri Lanka's capital?
34 Discontinue
36 That girl
37 It might make you red in the face
38 Unbroken
39 Basketball-stuffing pros taking part in a zigzag ski race?

DOWN

1 Spring mo.
2 Got ready
3 Native of Belmopan
4 Officer patrolling an area
5 Condition with rituals, in brief
6 Ben and Jerry of comedy
7 "Roots" actress
8 After-tax
9 — jongs
10 War god
11 Masterful
12 Falco of TV
13 Breastbone
14 Gratuitly
15 Razor option
16 Trite phrase
17 "Tati" actress
18 Acid-alcohol compounds
20 "Happy Days" cool guy, with "the"
24 Natal lead-in
25 Requirement
30 Agree (with)
31 Yoko of art
32 Deli classic
33 Rowing
35 Genetic ID
40 — Strauss

ACROSS

44 "C'mon, do me this favor"
47 Fountain in Rome
48 Spoil
49 Writer
50 Visualize
52 "—, vidi, vici"
54 Sheriff
58 Dol. units
61 Becoming less energetic at the disco?
66 Barbie's little sister
69 "I won't — word"
70 Male bud
71 D.C.'s land
72 Baving who will only communicate with you by singing?
78 Boxer Laila
79 Wanted-poster abbr.
80 "Let — already!"
81 IRS probes
82 Technique of kneading bivalve mollusks before cooking them?
87 Big inits. in fashion

DOWN

88 Watering aid
89 Rescue
90 Big inits. in fuel additives
92 This, in Lima
96 "Golly!"
99 Dog tether
102 Maligns
105 Girls' shirts worn as part of a class-room dress code?
110 Province west of Sask.
111 "Nope"
112 — kwon do
113 Born as
114 Strauss opera performed correctly in every detail?
117 Europe-Asia border river
119 Tree yielding chocolate
123 Zodiac feline
124 Actress Teri
125 Repainting all your yuletide ornaments black and white?
131 Prairie canine
132 Taken illicitly
133 ID attached to luggage
134 Unfurled, e.g.
135 Trunks
136 That girl
137 Hurly-burly

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HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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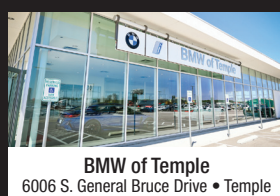
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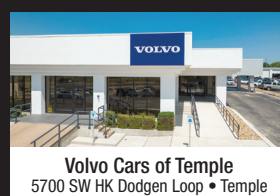
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