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III Armored Corps changes commanders



Photo by Blair Dupre, Sentinel News Editor

Lt. Gen. Kevin D. Admiral, incoming commander of III Armored Corps and Fort Cavazos, accepts the unit guidon from Gen. Andrew P. Poppas, U.S. Army Forces Command commander, during a change of command ceremony Wednesday at III Armored Corps headquarters at Fort Cavazos.

BY SGT. JOSE ESCAMILLA
III Armored Corps Public Affairs

Fort Cavazos and III Armored Corps welcomed the new commander, Lt. Gen. Kevin D. Admiral, and bid farewell to Lt. Gen. Sean C. Bernabe during a change of command ceremony Wednesday at the III Armored Corps headquarters.

The change of command ceremony is a tradition where responsibility is symbolically relinquished by the passing of the guidon from the outgoing commander to the presiding officer, who then hands the colors to the incoming commander, beginning a new era of leadership

for the unit.

Gen. Andrew P. Poppas, commanding general of U.S. Army Forces Command, promoted Admiral to lieutenant general in a ceremony held before the change of command.

Poppas welcomed the incoming commander, Admiral, expressing confidence in his ability to lead the corps to new heights.

“Kevin’s a career armor officer,” Poppas said. “He’s an innovator, and he’s a proud member of the Fort Cavazos community, and I’m incredibly excited to see where he takes this formation in the years ahead.”

Before assuming command of

America’s only armored corps, Admiral previously headed the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Cavazos where he was leading the U.S. Army Task Force Pegasus, operating across Poland and the Baltic States.

“Having just returned from Europe and maintaining contact with 3rd Cavalry Regiment in South Korea, there’s no doubt we must maintain our focus on warfighting while taking care of our Soldiers, civilians and families each day,” Admiral said. “To my teammates across III Armored Corps, you can count on me giving 100% effort and carrying out my duties

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Photo by Blair Dupre, Sentinel News Editor

Col. Lakicia Stokes, U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Cavazos commander, speaks to the audience during the Killeen Regional Airport’s 20th Anniversary Celebration Friday at the Killeen Regional Airport at Killeen, Texas.

GRK hits 20th anniversary milestone

BY BLAIR DUPRE
Sentinel News Editor

KILLEEN, Texas — Community members gathered Friday on the second floor of the Killeen Regional Airport, also known as GRK, to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

The road to GRK becoming a joint-use airport with the already existing Robert Gray Army Airfield was not easy. A law needed to be repealed for the airport to be built.

After an endorsement for joint use from Lt. Gen. Thomas Schwartz, former III Armored Corps commander, in 1997; a bill given to the U.S. House National Security Committee by former U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards to repeal the law; and overcoming challenges during construction presented by the change in airport protocols due to 9/11, the

first commercial flight landed Aug. 2, 2004.

During the anniversary celebration attendees heard from local leadership as they reflected on what the airport has provided to the Central Texas community throughout the previous two decades.

“It is a testament to our city’s growth and progress, but even more reflects the hard work, dedication and vision of so many individuals who have contributed to our success,” City of Killeen Mayor Debbie Nash-King said of the airport. “Our airport has since become a vital space for our residents, our families, Soldiers and business travelers navigating the world. This airport is more than just a transportation facility — it’s a gateway to dreams, adventures and possibilities.”

Col. Lakicia Stokes, U.S. Army

Garrison-Fort Cavazos commander, acknowledged the importance of the airport to the installation.

“Over the past two decades, this airport has been more than just a hub for travel; it has been a lifeline for our Soldiers and their families,” Stokes said. “It has facilitated deployments, welcomed home our heroes and served as a bridge connecting us to the rest of the world. The significance of this facility cannot be overstated, and its impact resonates through every aspect of our operations and daily lives.

“This milestone is a testament to the vision, dedication and hard work of many,” she continued. “From the airport staff and local government officials to the military personnel and community members, each of you have contributed to the

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NEWS BRIEFS

Participate in Community Strengths & Themes Assessment

The Fort Cavazos Department of Public Health is conducting a comprehensive Community Strengths and Themes Assessment now through Sept. 30. CSTA is an assessment of military communities for health risk factors and needs. It is open to all who interact at Fort Cavazos — including, but not limited to, service members, retirees, family members, Department of Defense beneficiaries, DOD civilians and contractors. Responses to the survey are confidential and private. To participate, visit <https://phpubapps.health.mil/Survey/se/2511374548575240>.

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Join ESD Education Fair

The Education Services Division will be holding a Back to School Education Fair 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Soldier Development Center. There will be numerous resources and opportunities featured including Green to Gold, on-post colleges, education counselors and transition counselors. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be free for attendees, along with a chance to win a backpack, school supplies and a tablet. For more information, call ESD at 254-287-9674.

Recognize recent achievements with ceremony

Fort Cavazos students and community members who have completed a degree or certificate, or will be within nine semester hours of completion by Oct. 24, have the opportunity to be recognized for their achievements at the 27th annual Consolidated Graduate Recognition Ceremony at 1 p.m. Oct. 24 at Howze Auditorium. To reserve a spot, RSVP no later than Sept. 27 to usarmy.cavazos.id-readiness.mbx.dhr-esd-special-events@army.mil. For more information, call the Education Services Division at 254-287-9674.

Dental assistant program opens

Fort Cavazos American Red Cross is accepting applications for the dental assistant program, where Red Cross volunteers are trained in the basic skills needed to work as a dental assistant. The program runs Oct. 21 to May 9, 2025. Individuals must submit their application no later than Aug. 16 and are required to have a valid military ID card, be enrolled in TRICARE, be a U.S. citizen, be 18 years or older, have a high school or GED diploma, and be in the Fort Cavazos/Killeen area for one year. For more information, please email fort.cavazos@redcross.org, or call 254-287-0403.



Photo by Ayumi Davis, Sentinel Editor

Amber Anderson, a maintenance mechanic with Directorate of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Division, poses for a photo after verifying the integrity of an electrical circuit at a barracks building Friday at Fort Cavazos.

Wage system employees receive pay increase

BY AYUMI DAVIS
Sentinel Editor

After a sizable increase last year, wage system employees will see another pay increase this year.

On average, non-supervisory wage system employees and leader positions will see a 5.23% pay increase, while supervisory wage system employees will receive a 5.10% pay increase.

This increase went into effect July 28.

Amber Anderson, a maintenance mechanic with Directorate of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Division, said the increase was much needed. Robert Blas, another maintenance mechanic with the DPW OMD, agreed.

“I think it’s an amazing thing because of prices rising, and it helps even for the maintenance department — for us — to progress and get a fair pay amongst

technicians working hard out here,” Blas said. “I think (the pay increase) would help out, basically, for everyone to upkeep and manage their bills, especially with inflation coming up.”

The increases come after a wage change survey was conducted in May. Fort Cavazos was the host installation for the May 2024 Waco area Wage Change Survey.

A wage change survey differs from a full-scale wage survey, which was conducted last year, in that wage adjustment data is collected by telephone from those companies that provided useable job matches on the full-scale survey. No other companies are contacted, and only dollar figures are updated. Job matches and job populations are not changed on this type of survey.

A full-scale wage survey is held every two years. During the survey,

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SFRG provides structured support system

COL JEREMY KERFOOT
89th MP Bde. Commander

Soldier family readiness groups, or SFRGs, play a crucial role in enhancing the well-being and cohesion of Fort Cavazos.

Unit SFRGs serve as a vital support network, especially for Soldiers who may be deployed or abroad from their immediate family or support systems. In the fast-paced and demanding world of military service, it is imperative we recognize the crucial link between our Soldiers' personal lives and their professional duties. The SFRGs stand at the heart of this effort, serving as the bridge that connects families with the unit while supporting our overarching mission.

Our brigade's success is not solely trigged by the strength and readiness of our Soldiers on the battlefield, but also by the resilience and preparedness of their families. SFRGs play a pivotal role in building strong families and ensuring they are well-equipped to handle the challenges that come with military life. By providing a structured support system, SFRGs help to fortify the foundation upon which our Soldiers rely, both at home and abroad.

SFRGs are more than just a support network; it is an extension of the commander's vision and values. Through this program, we can effectively communicate our objectives, mission goals and expectations to our Soldiers' families. This alignment ensures everyone, from

the highest-ranking officer to the newest Soldier, shares a common understanding of our mission and values. By promoting this vision throughout the unit, SFRGs help to foster a unified approach to achieving our goals.

The stresses of military life can be considerable, both for Soldiers and their families. SFRGs' role in alleviating this stress cannot be overstated. By offering a support network and facilitating access to resources, SFRGs help to mitigate the pressures that come with deployments, training events, relocations and other challenges. This support system is crucial in maintaining the morale and readiness of our Soldiers, allowing them to focus on their duties with peace of mind knowing that their families are well cared for.

The SFRGs throughout Fort Cavazos are an invaluable asset to your organization. It strengthens the bond between families and the unit, aligns our collective efforts with the commander's vision and fosters a supportive environment that enhances both personal and professional success. As we continue to navigate the demands of military service, let us remember the strength of our units are inextricably linked to the strength of our families. By supporting and empowering them through SFRGs, we not only honor their sacrifices but also ensure our continued success on every front.

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A child of a Soldier with the 89th Military Police Brigade tries on a modular scalable vest and advanced combat helmet at the Order of the Cross Pistols Jr., an event celebrating the Month of the Military Child April 18 at Fort Cavazos.



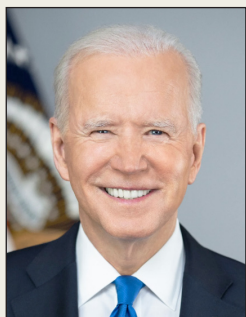
Lt. Col. Megan Williams, 720th Military Police Battalion commander, and her family talk with other families at the Order of the Cross Pistols Jr., an event for the Month of the Military Child April 18 at Fort Cavazos.

Biden recognizes National Health Center Week

BY JOSEPH BIDEN JR.
President of the United States

Federally funded community health centers are a lifeline for over 30 million Americans nationwide — providing affordable access to quality medical, dental and behavioral health services, which save lives. Community health center sites are especially critical for people in Tribal, rural and underserved communities because they are often the closest and most convenient sources of care. During National Health Center Week, we recognize the importance of the nearly 1,400 federally funded community health centers that provide critical services to Americans. We express our gratitude to their dedicated staff, who tirelessly devote themselves to the well-being of their patients. And we recommit to ensuring every American has access to good-quality, affordable health care.

I have seen firsthand just how vital community health centers are to our entire nation. At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, we invested \$7.6 billion in our nation's health center network so Americans could get the care they needed, no matter their background or zip code. It worked. For example, health centers distributed over 20 million COVID-19 vaccines — two out of three went to people



Joseph Biden

of color, and two out of 10 went to rural residents. And every day, health centers have empowered Americans to access the affordable, quality health care services they need — from cancer screenings and maternal health care to telehealth services that reach people where they are.

Community health centers play a key role in making sure health care is a right in this country, not a privilege — that is why my administration is investing in them at a historic rate. My budget would put the Health Center Program on a pathway to double in size. We have also delivered funding for community health centers to expand critical services, including substance use disorder treatments, behavioral health care, pregnancy-related care and preventive cancer screenings.

At the same time, my administration is lowering health care costs so every American has access to the care they need. We strengthened the Affordable Care Act, and more people in this country have health care coverage under my administration than ever before. We are also capping total prescription drug costs for seniors on Medicare at \$2,000 per year, even for expensive medications. We slashed the price of insulin to \$35 per month for seniors on Medicare, down from as much as \$400 per

month. And we finally beat "Big Pharma" by giving Medicare the power to negotiate lower drug prices.

During National Health Center Week, we honor all of the health center staff, who sacrifice so much to care for the health and well-being of their communities. We celebrate the impact of health centers across the country, and we recommit to supporting their efforts and their vision — a future where everyone has access to affordable, quality health care.

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 the week of Aug. 4 through Aug. 10, 2024, as National Health Center Week.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this second 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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Maj. Gen. Kevin D. Admiral, outgoing commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division, receives the division colors from Command Sgt. Maj. LeVares J. Jackson, command sergeant major of the 1st Cav. Div., during a change of command ceremony Friday at Bolesławiec, Poland.

A line of British Army soldiers in camouflage uniforms and various hats (fedoras and berets) standing in formation indoors. The soldiers are wearing uniforms with the British Army crest on their sleeves. The background shows large windows and wooden beams, suggesting a large hall or barracks.

Admiral took command of III Armored Corps and Fort Cavazos Wednesday in a ceremony at Fort Cavazos.



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A Yorkie named Lady waits her turn to pose for a photo with Santa Claus as her owners, Jasmine Leon and David Martinez, fit her in a festive costume Dec. 15, 2017, at the Fort Stewart Veterinary Treatment Facility at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

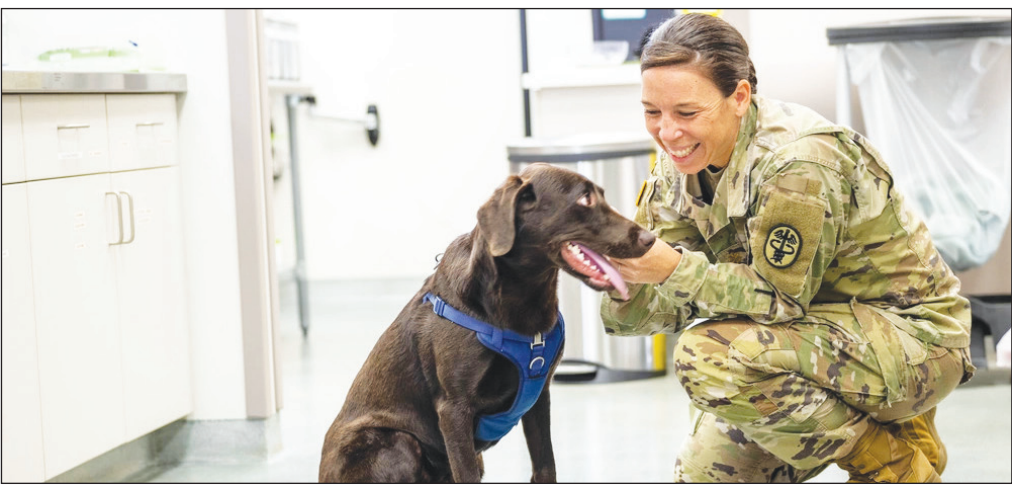


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Dr. (Maj.) Meghan Louis, director of Veterinary Services at Public Health Command-Pacific, greets Labrador retriever Sadie prior to her appointment at Fort Shafter Veterinary Treatment Facility at Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Fort Cavazos unveils new domestic pet policy

BY SHAWN DAVIS

Fort Cavazos Public Affairs

Pets are a vital part of the Army family, contributing to morale, complementing physical and mental fitness and performing vital work as service animals on the installation. It is for these reasons U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Cavazos maintains a comprehensive domestic animal policy to keep its residents safe and to maintain order at The Great Place. Residents and visitors are encouraged to be informed on the garrison's pet policy to minimize risk and ensure pets can enjoy a welcoming environment.

"We love our pets in Cavalry Family Housing," said Chris Albus, Cavalry Family Housing project director. "Our residents are in accordance with the regulations and rules that we have here on post. They're allowed to have two pets, either a dog or a cat. Small animals, such as birds, fish and guinea pigs, are allowed as long as they're properly cared for."

All pet owners on post must enroll their pets with the Fort Cavazos Veterinary Center within five days of bringing the pet into housing. There they will be required to show proof of all current vaccines, testing and microchipping to be registered on post. Additional details regarding eligible pets can be found

in the Fort Cavazos domestic animal policy.

The policy also helps residents and visitors navigate situations where they may come across stray animals on post.

"For stray animals, I would recommend contacting the military police, or you can contact the DPW (Directorate of Public Works) work phone," said Capt. Vivian Holt, branch chief for the Fort Cavazos Veterinary Services Branch. "From there, that animal is going to go to the stray animal

facility on post, and that is run by the Killeen Animal Services ... at that point, they're going to hold that animal for about three working days. During those three working days you can go and claim your animal if you have proof, but if those three working days pass by then that animal is up to the Killeen Animal Services on what to do next."

The most up-to-date contact information for the appropriate services is available in the garrison's domestic animal policy. Residents

are encouraged to keep those numbers handy as a phone contact, a note on a refrigerator door or anywhere it may be accessible. As always, in cases of emergency, residents are encouraged to dial 911.

As for service animals, Fort Cavazos maintains a clear distinction between service animals and emotional support animals.

"A service animal is trained to do certain tasks," said Luis Miranda, chief of housing for Fort Cavazos. "For example ... for someone (who has lost) sight, that service animal

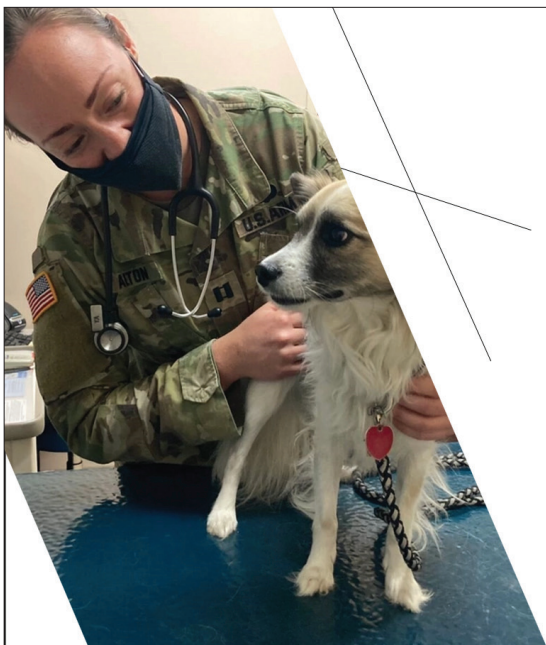
is basically trained to make sure that the service dog becomes the eyes for the (owner).

"An emotional (support) animal is not considered (a service animal)," Miranda continued. "It is considered a pet ... it makes the individual feel at ease because of mental health issues or any other condition, but it's not trained to do certain things (like a service animal)."

Service animals and their accessibility to facilities on the installation is mandated as part of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and is incorporated within the garrison's domestic animal policy. Visitors on post are also expected to be aware of the rules and limitations of bringing an animal on the installation to avoid unnecessary risks to safety and security to post residents and other visitors.

For additional questions and information related to having and bringing animals onto The Great Place, residents, visitors and employees are encouraged to view the Fort Cavazos domestic animal policy, available online and accessible on this page through the QR code provided.

The policy will also provide the appropriate contact information for specific topics regarding pet ownership, pet visitation, support and services and more.



FORT CAVAZOS PET POLICY

Fort Cavazos welcomes pets for those who reside and visit the Great Place, with certain requirements and restrictions. Scan the QR code to view the Domestic Animal Policy.



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Graphic by Shawn Davis, Fort Cavazos Public Affairs

Staying informed and up to date on the latest pet policies at Fort Cavazos can help ensure a stress-free stay for pet owners. Residents are required to register their pet at the veterinary center and maintain accountability for their pets.

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Bernabe reflects on time at Fort Cavazos



Photo by Blair Dupre, Sentinel News Editor



Photo by Sgt. Asher Atkinson, 7th MPAD

TOP, Gen. Andrew P. Poppas, U.S. Army Forces Command commander, addresses the audience during the III Armored Corps change of command ceremony Wednesday at Fort Cavazos. **ABOVE**, Charmaine Admiral pins her husband, Maj. Gen. Kevin D. Admiral, incoming commander of III Armored Corps and Fort Cavazos, during his promotion ceremony Wednesday at III Armored Corps headquarters.

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as we work together to uphold the high standards our nation and the Army expect and deserve.”

Under Bernabe’s guidance and leadership, III Armored Corps conducted a myriad of operations across the globe to include rotations to Europe, the Korean Peninsula and the Middle East.

“Sean, thank you for your leadership as a warfighting commander, as a tactical expert and as a strategic thinker,” Poppas said. “I know you’d love to stay and continue to serve this historic formation, but the Army is sending you back to Europe where we need you leading and galvanizing our allies and partners as the continent faces its largest conflict since World War II.”

Texas state Rep. Brad Buckley (TX-54) said he believes Admiral will do great things at The Great Place.

“He is an incredible leader,” Buckley said. “Our community is so fortunate to have him and his family here. We have one great leader leaving and another great leader stepping in. It’s what the Army does best, and I could not be prouder to be a member of this community today.

“I’m so proud to receive the invitation to see these historic things occur because if you look at the climate across the world, this is always important, but today it’s even more important,” he continued. “And, as an American, I am absolutely just so, so pleased to understand the level of leadership that is really

looking out for us every day.”

Jean Shine, civilian aide to the secretary of the Army emeritus and Fort Cavazos Good Neighbor, said Admiral has always been dedicated to his Soldiers, their families and the Fort Cavazos community.

“From the moment we met him years ago, his connection with us has been incredibly important,” she said.

After serving at Fort Cavazos for 22 months, Bernabe prepares for his next assignment as the deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Europe and Africa in Germany.

“I am so grateful for my time with this amazing team,” Bernabe said. “I’ve been so proud to call myself a Phantom Warrior, a member of Team Cavazos and a member of this great community.”



Photo by Blair Dupre, Sentinel News Editor

Lt. Gen. Sean C. Bernabe, outgoing commander of III Armored Corps and Fort Cavazos, delivers his departing remarks during the III Armored Corps change of command ceremony Wednesday at Fort Cavazos. He will move on to serve as the deputy commander of the U.S. Army Europe and Africa.

Airport represents community, collaboration, family

Airport: Continued from A1

success we celebrate today. Your unwavering commitment to excellence has ensured that this airport remains a vital asset to our region.”

Stokes said Fort Cavazos looks forward to the future with great anticipation.

“We envision continued growth and innovation, strengthening our infrastructure and enhancing the services that support both our military and civilian populations,” she said. “Together, we will strive to meet new challenges and seize opportunities, ensuring that Killeen Regional Airport remains a cornerstone to our community. Thank you for your dedication, support and partnership. Congratulations on this remarkable achievement.”

Texas state Rep. Brad Buckley (TX-54) shared retired Gen. Robert Shoemaker changed his perspective on making a regional effort and the joint-use airport is a great example of this.

“It is absolutely an example that joint use requires effort, and it has joint benefits,” he said. “It’s an amazing asset for our community, and it is a model of what governments should be doing more of — that is locking arms, joining together to do good things for the citizens of one community, but more importantly, the citizens of all communities.”

Edwards reflected on the meaning of the airport and the values that made it a reality.

“It’s here that families are reunited,” he said. “There is just nothing better than to stand outside the gate and to watch excited grandkids run off a plane to hug their grandparents. To see brothers and sisters, perhaps long separated, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, come together and have hugs, that you can tell by watching them, that comes straight from the heart.

“There truly is nothing like the sight you and I have seen here,” Edwards continued. “To see Soldiers coming home from long deployments, many deployments in combat. They hug for the first time in months, or a year, their spouses or their children — their loved ones,” he added. “This airport’s about family.”

Mike Wilson, executive director of aviation, who began his career at GRK in August 2005, nearly one year after the airport was opened, spoke on the future of GRK.

“The future of the Killeen Regional Airport is bright, and we look forward to what’s going to come in the next 20 years,” he said. “As already mentioned, we could not have done that without the help of our state and federal leadership. On behalf of the city of Killeen ... thanks to all of you who played a part in making GRK what it is today.”



Photo by Blair Dupre, Sentinel News Editor

Texas state Rep. Brad Buckley (TX-54) addresses the crowd during the Killeen Regional Airport’s 20th Anniversary Celebration Friday at the Killeen Regional Airport at Killeen, Texas.

Wage change survey results in updated pay tables

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industries in the local area (Bell, Coryell and McLennan Counties) are surveyed to compile market pay

data to assess the effectiveness of the current federal wage system pay structure and rates. The survey includes establishments in the following industries: wholesale

trade, manufacturing, public utilities, transportation and communications.

“(The pay increase) is another step toward paying an appropriate, compensable wage that is in line with what our colleagues in the private sector are earning,” said Catherine Levandovsky, Labor, Management, Employee Relations Division chief with the Civilian Human Resource Agency-West. “So that’s really, really important for our blue-collar trades to make a comparable wage to what the private sector’s making, helps us with retention, helps us complete the mission on Fort Cavazos and, really, it’s a quality of life issue for our wage system employees.

“We want to make sure that they’re being paid not only well, but fairly and equitably for the jobs that they’re doing,” she continued.

While the pay increase is in effect, it will take time to reflect

in paychecks, as the new pay tables must be uploaded in the pay system, then adjustments must be completed and ensured they are correct, Levandovsky said.

Brian Dosa, director of DPW, spoke on the importance of wage systems employees and the role they play, specifically for the Operations and Maintenance Division.

“The success of DPW is dependent on the work of our technicians in the Operations and Maintenance Division, who we cannot pay enough for the great work they do every day in serving Soldiers, families and units at Fort Cavazos,” Dosa expressed. “Although understaffed and often at the mercy of the supply chain for repair parts, they are doing amazing work sustaining our facilities and infrastructure. This pay raise is more than well deserved and will allow us to better recruit and retain our very talented employees.”

When asked why he chose to work for the government, Blas said it was the progress and his coworkers that made it appealing.

“Because (the government’s) opportunities to grow and learn and progress here within this company is at its best,” he said. “It’s the people that surround me, that inspire our need to progress and better a career.”

Anderson was laid off her previous job as a nurse during the COVID-19 pandemic and chose her current job with the government because it’s solid, reliable and able to help people.

“I love being able to help people,” she said. “I’m a single mother, so I know I need to take anything that’s steady and reliable. Being able to help our Soldiers in a capacity that I’m able to while also being able to take care of my family was a good opportunity to take that I didn’t want to pass up.”



Photo by Ayumi Davis, Sentinel Editor

Amber Anderson, a maintenance mechanic with Directorate of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Division, verifies the integrity of an electrical circuit at a barracks building Friday at Fort Cavazos.

U.S. to deploy more defensive means to Middle East

BY JIM GARAMONE
DOD News

WASHINGTON — More defensive military capabilities will deploy to the Middle East to bolster force protection for U.S. troops in the region and to defend Israel, said Deputy Pentagon Press Secretary Sabrina Singh Friday.

The deployment will be in response to threats from Iran and Iranian-backed militias, Singh said.

Following the Hamas attacks on Israel in October 2023, the U.S. pledged to help defend the nation. In April, when Iran and Iranian-backed groups launched strikes at Israel, the U.S. led a coalition that helped defend the country from armed drones and missiles.

Singh said the commitment for more defense capabilities in the region comes from conversations Sunday night between President Joe Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Friday morning, Secretary of the Defense Lloyd J. Austin III followed up on those conversations with Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, she said.

“We’ve demonstrated since October and again in April (that) the United States global defense is dynamic, and the department retains the capability to deploy on short notice to meet evolving national security threats,” she said. “As a result, the secretary will be directing multiple, forthcoming force-posture moves to bolster force protection for U.S. forces regionwide, to provide elevated support to the defense of Israel and to ensure the United States is prepared to respond to this evolving crisis.”

What forces and/or units will deploy remains to be determined, Singh said the U.S. already has robust defensive capabilities in the region, and those forces may be redeployed within theater. White House officials said, however, there will be “new” capabilities for the region.

Biden and Austin have been in close coordination on this effort, Singh said. “The secretary will be directing forthcoming force-posture moves to bolster our force protection,” she said.

Singh stressed any capabilities will be purely defensive and will “send a message of deterrence.”

The U.S. will continue to work with allies and partners to ease the situation in the region. Allies and partners helped defeat the attacks in April, and a number of countries participate in Operation Prosperity Guardian in the Red Sea to keep that vital sea line of communication open, she said.

The defensive capabilities are all in support

of deterrence and de-escalation, Singh said.

“We’re going to continue to urge for de-escalation, and the best way for that to happen is for this ceasefire deal to come through, so we can get American hostages out, as well,” she said. “We believe that that would be the best way to de-escalate and further lower tensions in the region.”



Deputy Pentagon Press Secretary Sabrina Singh conducts a press briefing Friday at the Pentagon.



A C-2A Greyhound aircraft lands on the flight deck of the USS Theodore Roosevelt July 22. The aircraft carrier is deployed with the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations to support maritime security and stability in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

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LEFT, If my meal of blackened catfish, baked potato and corn on the cob was the main course, the spectacular view at Dead Fish Grill in Belton, Texas, was the dessert. **TOP RIGHT**, Dead Fish Grill specializes in seafood and Southern comfort offerings for lunch, dinner or brunch, and features stunning views of Lake Belton. **BOTTOM RIGHT**, The large metal sculpture of a fish at the entrance of Dead Fish Grill symbolizes the cuisine the restaurant is known for.

Dead Fish Grill: Come for food, stay for views

BY JANECEZ WRIGHT
Sentinel Living Editor

BELTON, Texas — There is nothing better than enjoying a meal while staring out at an amazing view. In my opinion, no restaurant does a better job of accentuating dining al fresco than Dead Fish Grill.

Located less than a half hour from The Great Place, and touted as Central Texas’ best lakeside establishment, the long-standing restaurant specializes in seafood and Southern comfort offerings for lunch, dinner or brunch, and features stunning views of Lake Belton.

The popular venue began with the vision of Frank Smith who saw an opportunity to capitalize on the beauty of the location and open “Frank’s Lakeview Inn” in 1954.

More than 50 years later, Smith’s legacy transcended decades when Dead Fish Grill opened in 2008, and the establishment has captivated guests ever since.

Upon entering, my good friend Shewana and I were greeted by a hostess and invited to relax at the bar while we waited for a table outside on the patio.

On our way to the bar, we couldn’t help but notice the giant metal fish sculpture adorned with metal gills, indicative of the specialty of the house.

The bar sits at the center of the venue and can be seen from any angle. We cozied up on

our barstools and perused the drink menu for something refreshing and fruity.

Selections included a variety of margaritas and signature cocktails with catchy monikers, such as the Lake Sipper made with cucumber vodka, elderflower, lime juice, simple syrup and ginger beer, and the Slippery Minnow, a combination of Deep Eddy Lemon Vodka, lemon juice, pomegranate liquor and soda water.

Though tempting, we opted for traditional margaritas, frozen and on the rocks respectively.

We sipped our drinks as the waitress led us out to the lakefront patio and seated us at a table with panoramic views of water as far as the eye could see.

After a few selfies featuring Lake Belton in the background, we devoured savory beef empanadas before digging into our main entrees of catfish with corn on the cob.

Even after savoring a delectable meal, we relished the atmosphere and stayed to enjoy the picturesque view.

Whether dining indoors taking in the scenic views of the lake or enjoying a meal amid the serenity of the water, the experience is unlike any other.

Dead Fish Grill has become one of my favorite places to dine. I may go for the food, but I stay for the view.

Visit <https://deadfishgrill.com> for menus, hours of operation and more information.



My friend Shewana and I ordered margaritas and glanced at menu offerings while we waited for our table at Dead Fish Grill.



My friend Shewana and I came for the food, but we stayed for the view at Dead Fish Grill.

Sam's (Book) Club

Book keeps readers on toes, twists keep coming

BY SAMANTHA HARMS
Command Information Chief

The month of August is best known as the month where all children go back to school in order to learn something new. I too decided that I wanted to learn something new and picked up a book I thought would be most fitting, because who doesn't want to learn how to solve a murder?

'How to Solve Your Own Murder' by Kristen Perrin

Annie Adams has been summoned seemingly unexpectedly to a meeting at the country estate of her Great-Aunt Frances, who is incredibly wealthy and reclusive.

By the time Annie arrives in the village of Castle Knoll, though, Frances is dead. Yet, this is not a surprise to anyone except Annie.

One day in 1965, Frances was given a prediction by a fortune-teller that, one day, she would be murdered.

After hearing the unsettling prophecy, Frances spent her entire life trying to solve, and prevent, the crime, compiling every secret and piece of information she knew about anyone she crossed paths with.

After pushing to have Frances' death declared a murder, Annie works to uncover the killer.

There are twists and turns throughout the entire novel that kept me on my toes. Kristen Perrin did an incredible job with "How to Solve Your Own Murder," which came out in March 2024.

This is her first novel, but there are more to come in the

Castle Knoll Files, as the second book in the series, "How to Seal Your Own Fate," is slated to publish March 2025.

From the moment I picked up the book, I simply did not want to put it down.

Readers follow Annie in present day as she navigates the murder and consequent investigation, while also learning about Frances in 1965 through the diary her great-aunt kept diligently. Seeing both points of view really allowed me to connect with the characters, while providing all those necessary clues to try and solve the murder before Annie does.

This is a fast-paced novel, due to a pending deadline given by one of the characters. I'd love to say more about this deadline, but don't want to give away a single second of the mystery. I enjoyed everything about the pace, as things never felt stagnant.

And speaking of characters, I had a few ideas as to who the killer was, but I continued guessing all the way until the end. This is because Perrin includes a plethora of characters who do just enough suspicious activities that really make everyone seem guilty.

I'd recommend readers pay close attention throughout the novel, though, simply because the large number of characters could cause readers to become confused as to who is who.

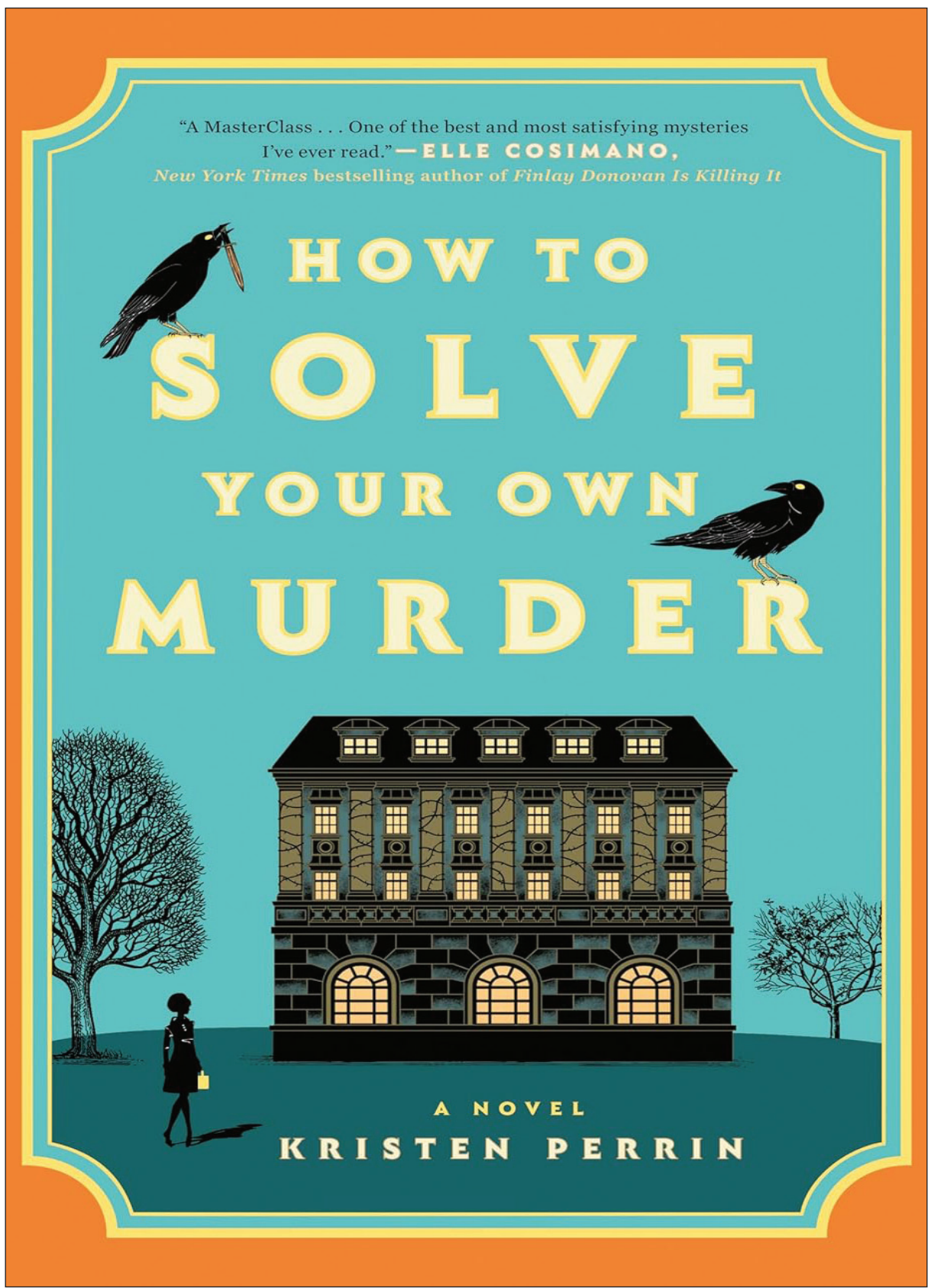
I didn't have any complaints while I read this novel.

I can, officially, say now I probably wouldn't be able to solve my own murder since I couldn't even solve this one.

Five out of five stars.
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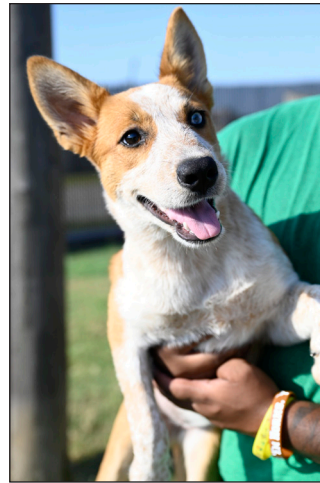
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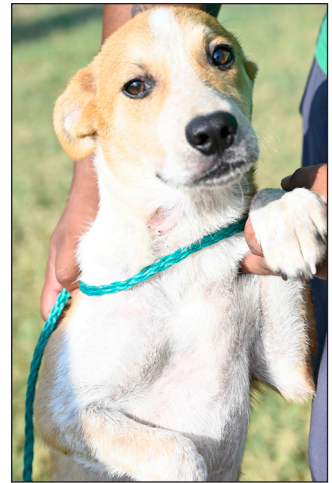
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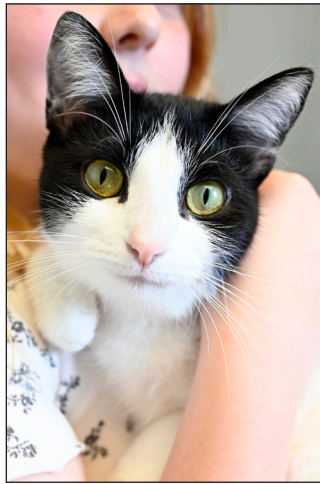
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Life Scout leads construction of new gaga ball pit in housing

BY AYUMI DAVIS
Sentinel Editor

A new activity is available for children and adults alike to partake in at the Comanche II Village playground thanks to Claire Kerfoot and her band of volunteers.

Claire, 15, daughter of Col. Jeremy Kerfoot, commander of the 89th Military Police Brigade, gathered volunteers Friday to build a pit for gaga ball, a sport dubbed as a gentler version of dodgeball, for the community as part of her project requirement to become an Eagle Scout with Scouting America, formerly known as the Boy Scouts of America.

Initially, Claire thought of building a covered picnic table at the Bronco Youth Center but pivoted after complications.

“Housing asked me to come over here (Comanche II Village) and do something,” she said. “I was going to build another bench but there’s already three here. So, myself and a bunch of my friends — we all love playing gaga ball, so I asked them about it, and they said that it’s a great idea.”

Chris Albus, Cavalry Family Housing project director, said the gaga ball pit was a fantastic idea.

“We’re always looking for ways to improve the customer experience for our residents, but to have the residents actually propose projects to us makes it even more important because now we know we’re providing what the

resident wants,” he said. “So, again, this is a great initiative. Very proud of our scouts, very proud of our residents, and I think this is really going to be appreciated by our community.”

Claire fundraised the majority of the money for the pit from “Claire’s Lemonade & Treats” stand on Lemonade Day May 4. The rest of the funds were donated by friends and family from the many places where the Kerfoot family has been stationed, said Sandy Kerfoot, Claire’s mother.

Sandy was proud of Claire throughout the project.

“She was concerned about hitting setbacks, and we just got to talk through the whole thing, that there are setbacks in life and all projects hit hiccups along the way and you just to have to problem solve and come up with a solution and use your team,” Sandy explained. “And she really got to learn to do that.”

“The whole thing about an Eagle Scout project is finding a need in your community, getting a team of people together and leading that team,” Sandy continued, “and I felt like she’s done a good job at making sure that she wasn’t doing all the work, that she was leading her team to get it done.”

Claire echoed her mother’s statement, saying the project helped her build leadership skills and benefit the community.

“It’s just another way for the community to get together,” she said.



Volunteers pose for a photo in the newly constructed gaga ball pit they built Friday near the Comanche II Village playground and pickleball court at Fort Cavazos.



John “Jax” Larson, 12, tightens a bolt while Tommy Yagalla, 11, holds a nut at the end in place Friday. The two, along with other children and adults, assisted Claire Kerfoot, 15, in constructing a gaga ball pit for the community to enjoy.



Claire Kerfoot, 15, directs volunteers on how to begin building a gaga ball pit near the Comanche II Village playground and pickleball court Friday at Fort Cavazos. The pit is a part of Kerfoot’s leadership project to become an Eagle Scout with Scouting America, formerly known as the Boy Scouts of America.

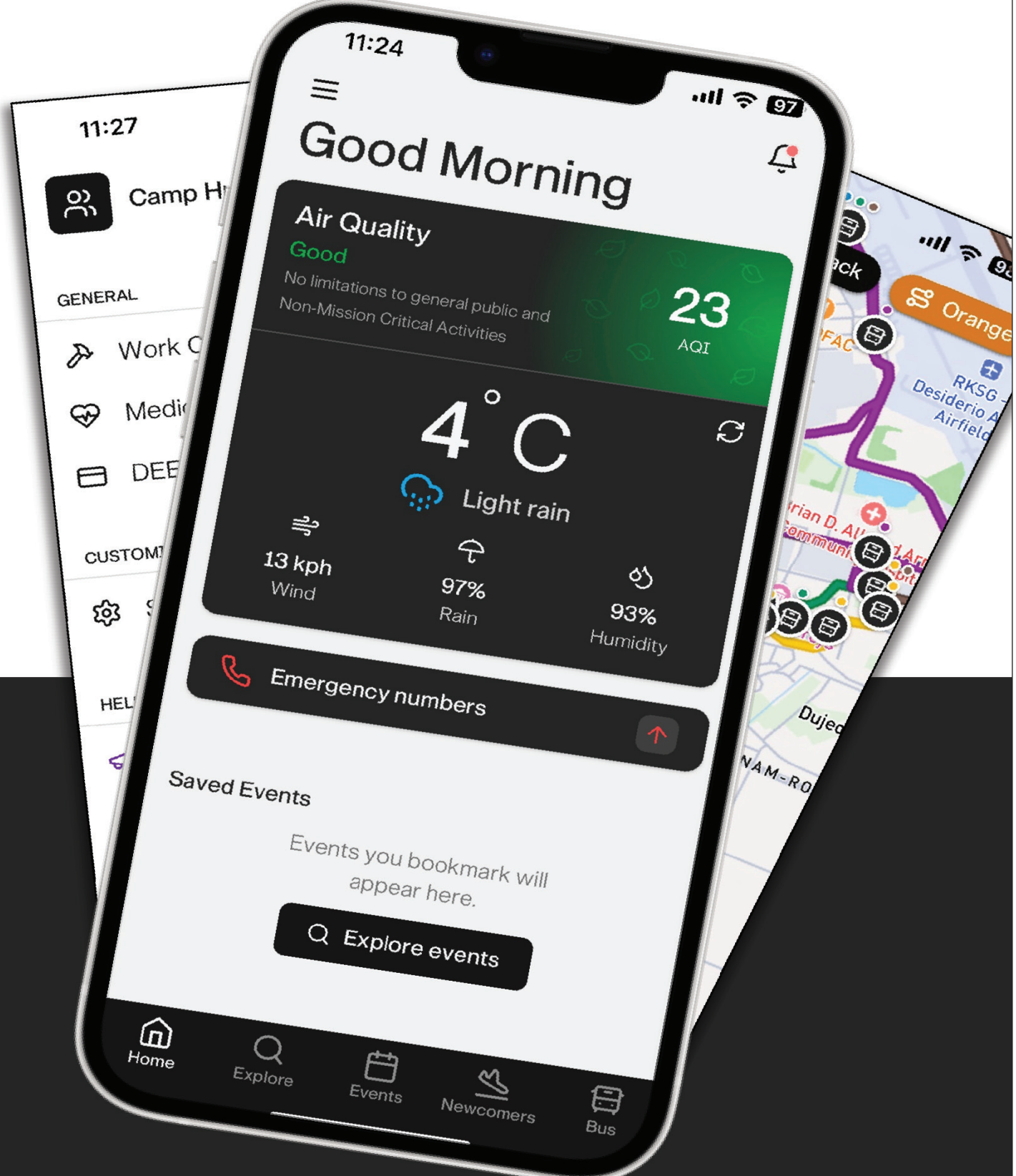
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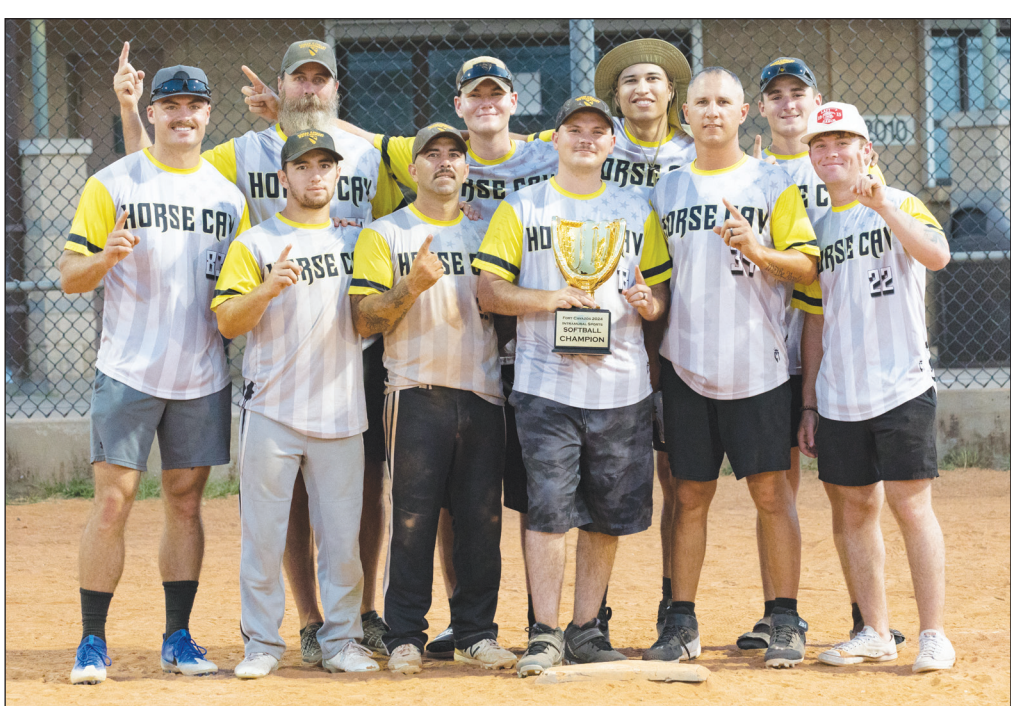
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SPORTS

Horse Cav Det earns softball champion title



Photos by Blair Dupre, Sentinel News Editor

The Horse Cavalry Detachment, 1st Cavalry Division, team poses with the first place trophy at the conclusion of the intramural softball championship tournament July 31 at the RJ Evans Softball Complex at Fort Cavazos.



Sgt. Jacob Wuesthoff, Horse Cavalry Detachment, 1st Cavalry Division, makes a hit during the championship game for intramural softball July 31 at the RJ Evans Softball Complex.



1st Sgt. Kyle Minor, Horse Cavalry Detachment, 1st Cavalry Division, pitches during the championship game for intramural softball July 31 at the RJ Evans Softball Complex.



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REALESTATE

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FOR SALE: Once Fired Brass 40 s&w, 357 sig, 30-08, 30-06, also for sale 1oz 999 pure gold coin will sell at \$100.00 undercurrent spot price. Call 512-540-6179.

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

A	O	B	L	V	B	I	E	N	I	E	N	V	N	S	O	E	H	D	
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WORD SLEUTH • **ANIMALS OF MADAGASCAR**

P G D A X V S P N K E I F X C
A X A V A S Q M O Y L J H O S
E C A S X U V T A R P N L F N
J H F D S B O E S N Y X V G O
T R P S O O Y C C M T K I N E
G E G I R A F F E W E E V I L
D B Z F N X U S R U M E L Y E
W U T A R D Q B N O L O N L M
G E C K O L R J E I G B G F A
F A D A C A Y I T Z X S W V H
J T S S R S E L I D O C O R C

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue hint: CROAKERS

Aye-aye Flying fox Indri Sifakas
Blue coua Fossa Jacana Tenrecs
Chameleons Gecko Lemurs Zebu
Crocodiles Giraffe weevil Mantella

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

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

TNNHI
ENVTE
SBDARU
GRACIL

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Should we get ready?
I've got a battery coming. We'll start in a few minutes.

THE 100-METER SPRINT WAS DELAYED DUE TO A TECHNICAL GLITCH AND WOULD BE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: The 100-meter sprint was delayed due to a technical glitch and would be ---
Jumbles: NINTH EVENT ABSURD GARCIL

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

ACROSS

1 Clipboard's larger relative
8 Nintendo game system
11 Styled after Funny Foxx
19 Law of motion topic
20 Behind bars
22 Fabric design
23 Execute the opening pool shot perfectly?
25 Iowa senator Joni
26 Mid-voyage
27 Inquire
28 Unable to find your pool stick?
30 Actor Caine
34 1950s-'60s Egyptian president
35 Puts spin on a pool ball with no further tricks?
42 Animal throat
44 Chicken —
45 River of Bern
46 "Cops" sound
47 Office scribe
49 Road furrow
50 Basie's music
53 Pool triangle packed in a suitcase?

DOWN

56 Ultimatum end
58 Assist
60 Anticipates a treat, maybe
61 Stridex target
62 Some schlumpy physiques
66 Bits of land in the ocean, in French
67 Label anew
69 Toddler who's a whiz at pool?
72 Really heavy herbivore
76 Lackluster
78 Street in Manhattan's Alphabet City
80 Scandinavian thunder god
81 Having a trio of components
86 Alex and — (jewelry brand)
87 "Quickly" or "slowly," e.g.
89 Perimeter of a pool table that people have plopped down on?
92 Habituate (to)
94 Org. for cavity fillers

ACROSS

95 In spite of the fact that, in brief
96 Itty-bitty
98 Scoot's refusal
99 Ocacek of the Cars
100 Put a tear in
101 Resume play after accidentally sinking the white pool ball?
106 "Othello" victim
109 Pool variety with 22 balls
110 Observe a hole in a pool table?
115 La mer filler
116 Love god
120 Jetson boy
121 Last shot of a pool game?
125 Be at a slant
126 Mass in the throat
127 Admiral Nelson
128 Liv of "Super"
129 Riddle-me —
130 Facial locale
131 Frightful flies

DOWN

3 Certain small pooch
4 Reveries
5 Zeta follower
6 [not my typo]
7 Desert region in Africa
8 Devitalize
9 Vacation stop
10 Long-range nuke carrier
11 Gets mature
12 Grasslands
13 Last name of singer Adele
14 Many PC pics
15 Alcove-hiding tapestry
16 Mixture baked in pies
17 Aetna offering
18 Kin of -ess
21 Grande of pop, for short
24 "Ozark" actor Morales
29 "Uh-uh"
31 "No bid"
32 Attacked as a cat might
33 The, to Jules
35 Hoopla
36 Info provider
37 Breadth
38 Not a one
39 "Despicable Me" antihero
40 Thigh locales

ACROSS

41 Actress Swenson
43 Pad thai pans
47 Cut, as ties
48 Reality shows, to some people
51 Not a one
52 Singer Barry
54 Similar
55 Baseballer Hodges
57 Guides, biblical-style
59 "A little dab'll do it"
63 Mahmoud of Palestine
64 "seaQuest" (sci-fi series)
65 Old Big Apple stadium
68 — Roman
70 Decade divisions, in Rome
71 Lay waste to
73 "Huckabees" (2004 film)
74 Swedish, say
75 Jerry of stage and screen
77 "The Simpsons" character once voiced by Hank Azaria
79 Ex-president Obama

DOWN

81 Old autocrat
82 In a spiral-shaped way
83 1960s World War II series, with "The"
84 Ostrich kin
85 Arena level
88 John of plows
90 Ottawa loc.
91 Abbr. on a bad check
93 Not looked for
97 Cen. divisions
101 Tiny drink
102 Over the line
103 Central New York lake
104 Complain stadium
105 Turkey's tallest peak
107 Breadth
108 More bashful
110 Ohio-to-Utah direction
111 Suffix with fungi
112 Large joint
113 Berlin article
114 General — chicken
117 Witty sayings
118 Steinbeck migrant
119 Old Olds cars
122 Large joint
123 Call for help
124 Uno tripled

#2,206 Average time of solution: 67 minutes

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Tree is different. 2. Man's hand is showing. 3. Stripe is missing from sleeve. 4. Man's hand is showing. 5. Stripe is missing from sleeve. 6. Label is different.

SLYLOCK FOX

Count Weirdly's minions are at Slylock Fox's house posing as state Foliage Protection agents. Weirdly instructed the imposters to install spy cams in the trees. What caused Slylock Fox to become suspicious and order them off his property?

A SWARM OF HUNGRY MOTHS IS FLYING THIS WAY! WE GOTTA SPRAY THE TREES TO STOP THEM FROM EATING THE LEAVES!

Solution: The so-called state Foliage Protection agents made a mistake when they installed spy cams in the trees. Slylock Fox knows that adult moths generally do not eat leaves; they only do so during their larval (caterpillar) stage. This error made Slylock suspicious, and he ordered them to leave his property.

HOW TO DRAW shampoo time

YOUR DRAWING
Today's terrific artist is Jacob, age 13

The scrambled words are insects. How many can you unscramble?

1) ETMTRIE
2) ACDIAC
3) OFRAYDLNG
4) CTKERIC

Did I get on the list?
Cricket
Dragonfly
Termite

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BY BOB WEBER JR.

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Chimney, man in boat, hair, eyelashes, plane and fin.

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