

Off Duty

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Big Brothers and Sisters

Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the Canutillo Independent School District are having a grand opening of the first ever school-based mentor center Oct. 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Canutillo High School, 6675 South Desert Blvd. This opening will unveil the school-based mentor center where children and mentor enrolled in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters/Canutillo ISD mentoring program can get together during the school day.

Ulrich Tendra visit

Stop by the Fort Bliss Main Exchange and see Hummel Master Artist Ulrich Tendra at work Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Food Bank run

Army ROTC at New Mexico State University cordially invites the community to participate in their fourth annual Community Food Bank Run. The purpose of the run is to fill the shelves of the Community Action Agency Southern New Mexico Inc. The run is Nov. 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. The course is about 1.7 miles and it is run at a gingerly pace. Past participants include Army and Air Force ROTC from NMSU and the public schools as well as city, county and state law enforcement officers and fire fighters. This year they are also actively recruiting the University's Greek Society and the general public to participate. For more information, call 646-1090 or 646-4030.

Framing Bliss sale

Framing Bliss offers 25 percent off the second full custom frame job of equal or lesser value Oct. 15 through Nov. 15. Frame must be purchased at Framing Bliss. The shop also has great Halloween village houses and Thomas Kinkadee Christmas trees and ornaments at 20 percent off during this time. For more information, call 568-5563.

RV Park usage expanded

Active duty military and retirees can now sponsor their family members or friends, who want to utilize the Fort Bliss RV Park, on a space available basis. The park is equipped with 73 pull-through full-hookup spaces, complete with electricity, water and sewer conveniences, and is a home away from home. While utilizing the facility, guests can also entertain during their stay. A family room complete with kitchen extras, TV, and free WIFI access for computers. It also features a stair stepper, bike and two treadmills, which keeps guests comfortable, in addition to the laundry area, public restroom and shower facilities and small playground. Two outside pavilion areas with built-in grills are provided for parties or small get-togethers. A doggie walk is available; however, patrons may walk their pets wherever they wish. Management does ask they pick up after them as a courtesy to others. The highly-used center also offers convenient RV storage for 290 vehicles, at a nominal monthly fee. Individuals interested in using the park can expect to pay the daily rental rate of \$15; however the RV Park does accept Golden Age cards for discounts in addition to reductions for minimum week stays. The RV Park office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. After hours, a night host is on site to assist late arrivals. For more information, call the Fort Bliss RV Park at 568-0106.

Bliss barbeque

Morale, Welfare and Recreation host a barbeque Bliss cook-off Nov. 4 from noon to 5 p.m. at Biggs Park. Take part in the cook-off competition, listen to live music, visit the motorcycle show or watch the children play at the jumping balloons. Vendors will be on-hand selling food and drinks. Participating teams must register early at www.blissmwr.com, entry deadline is Oct 27. Entry is \$30 for military teams; \$50 for open teams. Open teams must have at least one ID cardholder on the team: retiree, family, National Guard and Army Reserve are accepted. Teams cannot have more than six individuals, one team cook and up to five assistants. Categories include chicken, pork ribs, pork, beef brisket. Awards will be presented for first through third place in each category of meat in both military and open divisions. A grand champion and reserve grand champion will be awarded to the two open teams which score the highest number of points for the four categories. Military teams



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Post wide yard sale

The fall post wide yard sale will be Oct. 21 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., at all housing units on main post, Biggs, Beaumont, Logan Heights, Hayes and 801 Housing (off Martin Luther King Blvd.). Those who want to participate in the yard sale may simply display their items during the designated times, no formal permission is required. This event is open to the surrounding community. All guests entering Fort Bliss property are required to have a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and valid car registration and safety inspection sticker, and are subject to vehicle search. Please note military police will not allow yard sale shoppers in the housing areas prior to 7 a.m. For more information, call 568-6741.

compete for unit fund money and must compete in all four categories to be eligible for cash prizes. First place prize is \$1,000, second place, \$500 and third \$250. Judging begins at noon and the awards ceremony is at 4 p.m. Admission is free to festival grounds and open to the public. Pets and coolers are not allowed in the park. For more information, call 568-6741, 568-2784 or 569-6774 or visit www.blissmwr.com for the latest information.

Biggs Gym

Shower and locker facilities will be closed at Biggs Gym through Friday while new lockers are being installed. For more information, call 568-8730.

Job strategies

For those who are currently looking for a job and their search has not been effective, learn valuable, powerful methods and techniques to land the ideal job during Army Community Service's class Jumpstart Your Job Search Oct. 24 and Nov. 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The class covers common job seeker pitfalls, how to utilize the F.O.C.U.S. method, proven techniques to strategize and evaluate your search plan, practical goal-setting exercises, and advice on how to maximize your time to develop an efficient full-circle job search strategy. Avoiding the job search blues will also be covered. To sign up, call 568-1132. Free child care available with advanced registration with the Child Development Center.

Stout aerobathon

Join MWR sports as they "Scare the Fit into You" Oct. 19 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Stout Gym for a Halloween Aerobathon. Learn different disciplines like step, strength class, kickboxing, Pilates and yoga every 30 minutes. Spinning classes are also available at 6:30 and 7 p.m. All classes are free, in addition to free blood pressure screenings. A free body composition test will also be administered with an aerobics punch card purchase. For more details, call 568-3826.

New ITR location

Fort Bliss ITR has an additional location inside the Post Exchange food court. ITR is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.

to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They are closed Saturday for lunch from 2 to 2:30 p.m. This center is a partnership between the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau and Fort Bliss, and was developed to provide tourist information, informative brochures and Ticketmaster event and attraction tickets to Fort Bliss military personnel and their families. Please note the ITR location on Victory Road no longer issues Ticketmaster tickets. For more information, call 568-7506 or 569-6424.

EFMP events

The Exceptional Family Member Program Compassionate Friends Support Group meets Oct. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Army Community Service Bldg. 2494 Ricker Road. The group is for parents and grandparents who have lost a child. For more information, call 568-1343. EFMP hosts a fall Halloween bowling activity Oct. 21 at the Fort Bliss Bowling Center from 1 to 3 p.m. EFMP will pay for two games for each family member who reserves by Oct. 14. To reserve, call 568-1343. Children are also encouraged to wear their costume. Snacks and refreshments may be purchased at the center and shoes for \$1.60 per person. The entire family is welcome to attend. The support group meets Oct. 30 from noon to 2 p.m. at ACS. Childcare will be provided for parents who are registered through CYS and place reservations by calling 568-1343 by Oct. 23. Snacks and refreshments will be served. As always, for those who have questions concerning EFMP, call 568-1343.

Ghost stories

Bring a pillow and blanket to join MWR for "Ghosts of Fort Bliss" Oct. 30, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the historic Fort Bliss Officers' Club. Listen as noted author Ken Hudnall tells spooky and suspenseful tales of ghosts and unexplained events which have occurred on post throughout history. Following the tales, participants will take a walking tour of Bldgs. 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 13 and Pershing House. This special night includes a campfire buffet dinner of barbeque brisket, smoked chicken, potato salad, vegetables, garden salad and a s'mores chocolate fountain. Tickets are \$14 for members, \$17 for non-members and children over 7

years are \$8, under 6 are free. For reservations, call 568-7013. Hudnall has written over 29 books covering topics as broad as unsolved mysteries, lost treasures and ghosts along the southern border to cutting edge fiction that has the unique tendency to predict occurrences in the real world. His new book, which details Biggs Airfield and Bldg. 2, will be unveiled during the event. For more information, call 569-5715.

O'Club pastry class

It's amazing how some things which are so simple can be made into the sublime. The Fort Bliss Officers' Club hosts another pastry class in their historical dining room Dec. 2 from 2 to 5 p.m. Watch and learn from the best, as pastry puff chef Jonathan Bowden of The Greenery, creates delicious pastry treats from scratch. Learn how to make an assortment of delectable desserts to impress your family and friends. Members are \$6 and non-members are \$8. Class limit is 25, so register soon. Call the O'Club at 568-7013 by Oct. 28 to reserve a seat.

Post swim championship

The post intramural swim championship is Oct 19 and 20 at Replica Pool. Active duty, Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers in an active status who are assigned or attached to Fort Bliss are encouraged to participate. There is a mandatory coach's clinic Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. at Replica. At this time coaches will turn in entries for all events and procedures will be discussed. Competition starts at 5 a.m. for warm up sessions and the meet begins at 6 a.m. For more information, call Wright Stanton at 568-7431.

Combatives team forming

Fort Bliss is forming a Combatives Team for the All Army Combatives Tournament at Fort Benning, Ga. from Nov. 3 through 5. For more information, e-mail Lt. Col. Eric Howard at eric.howard@us.army.mil or Staff Sgt. Mark Dominik at mark.dominik@emh10.bliss.army.mil.

Texas law help

An average of 15,000 people are going online each month for reliable civil legal infor-