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Airman 1st Class Mackenzie Gewirtz and Airman 1st Class Ayanna Winters, 50th Security Forces Squadron, show their "thin blue line" bracelets at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, May 16, 2017. The bracelets were authorized to wear for Police Week; symbolizing the unity between law enforcement officers, both military and civilian, and their willingness to stand as a thin blue line to protect their communities.



U.S. Air Force photo by Christopher DeWitt

Andy Rowland, 4th Space Operations Squadron senior project lead for the Aerospace Corporation, takes first in the fifth annual archery tournament at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Aug. 25, 2017. Rowland has been shooting since 2007.



U.S. Air Force photo by Dennis Roger

A wreath sits on display in front of a monument, crafted from a steel beam salvaged from the World Trade Center attacks, during the Pikes Peak Area 9/11 commemoration ceremony 'A Community Remembers' at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Sept. 11, 2017. The wreath laying focused on the somber memories of that day, never to be forgotten. Don Addy, chairman of the Colorado Thirty Group, secured the steel beam for the monument during his tenure as the National Homeland Defense Foundation president.



U.S. Air Force photo by Dennis Roger

Col. Jacob Middleton, 50th Space Wing vice commander, salutes during the Air Force 70th Birthday Retreat Ceremony at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Sept. 18, 2017. Middleton led the formation for both reveille and retreat.



U.S. Air Force photo by Dennis Roger

Airmen run at dawn during the 24-hour prisoner of war, missing in action vigil run at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Sept. 15, 2017. Participants carried the commemorative flag a total of 134 miles during the event.



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Celebrating milestones



U.S. Air Force photo by Christopher DeWit

Vice President Mike Pence sends a payload command to a Global Positioning System satellite at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, June 22, 2017, The command is part of the care and feeding 50th Space Wing space professionals provide on a daily basis to ensure Global Positioning System satellites remain the world's premiere space-based position, navigation and timing system. The vice president was on base with Secretary of the Air Force, Heather Wilson, her second visit to Schriever in 2017.

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Nelson Mandela once said, "Remember to celebrate milestones for the road ahead." As we prepare for our road ahead, let's remember some of our milestones as Team Schriever

While we would need reams of paper to fully encapsulate all the hard work and

achievements of Team Schriever, here are a few of the highlights.

One of the first milestones was in February when our wing celebrated the 25th anniversary of its assignment to Schriever with a time capsule ceremony in the atrium of Building

"Fifteen years ago today, our predecessors

buried a time capsule at the northwest corner of the building with instructions that it be opened today," said Randy Saunders, then 50th Space Wing historian. "That day marked the 10th anniversary of the 50th Space Wing at Schriever Air Force Base."

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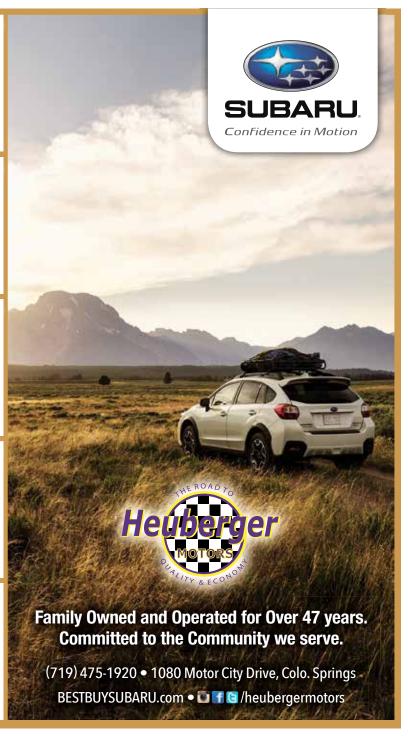
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GSUs strengthen world bonds, mission

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The 50th Space Wing's Geographically Separated Units, where the sun never sets, furthered their vital world mission, building on connections and missions this past year.

As a testament to the 50th SW GSU's reach, Master Sgt. Barry Karpinski, 21st Space Operations Squadron detachment chief, spent the "summer" in Antarctica deployed as part of Operation Deep Freeze, a U.S. military logistical support component for the National Science Foundation-managed U.S. Antarctic Program, in January.

Karpinski acted as a mission support representative and information technology coordinator, assisting with email and computer repairs for the approximately 100 personnel at their remote workstations and outlying field camps as well as the 1,200 personnel at nearby McMurdo Station. His support helped maintain vital communications in the remote region, which is a stark contrast from his assignment at Kaena Point Tracking Station, Hawaii.

"In Antarctica, most satellite coverage is only available for a few hours a day, anything from South Pole Communications, to the Land Traverse team delivering much needed supplies and fuel, heavily rely on every data byte of info they receive in that short period of time," Karpinski said.

In New England, 23rd Space Operations Squadron Airmen stationed at New Boston Air Force Station, New Hampshire, held festivities such as "Winter Sports Day" in February and "Arbor Day/Earth Week Fun Run" in April.

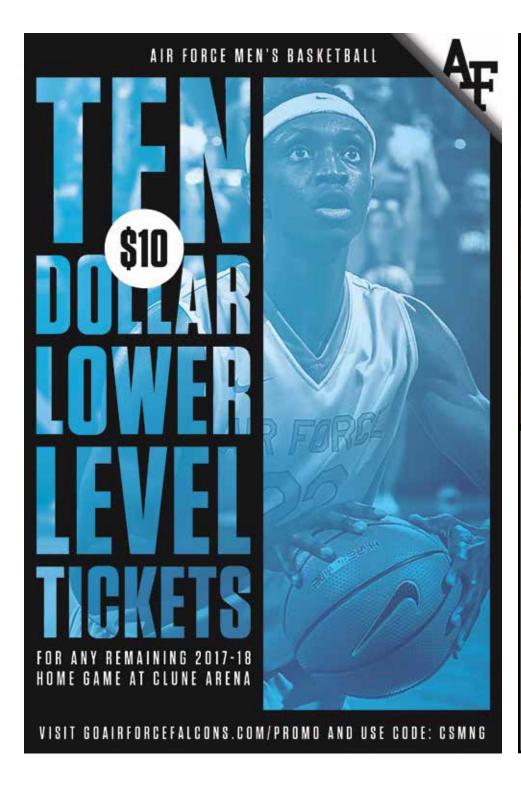
The 50th Network Operations Group spent the summer supporting more than eight launches, from June — August, altering between 21st SOPS at Vandenberg Air Force Base, and the 23rd SOPS

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Courtesy photo by United Launch Alliance

The U.S. Air Force's 45th Space Wing supported United Launch Alliance's successful launch of the WGS-9 spacecraft aboard a ULA Delta IV rocket from Space Launch Complex 37 at 8:18 p.m. ET March 18, 2017, at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida. The Air Force has been breaking barriers since 1947 and the successful WGS-9 launch marks an important occasion for the Wideband constellation as it is a major milestone in a 20-year multilateral partnership.





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2017 Commander's Cup

Schriever athletes competed in a variety of sporting events in 2017, from racquetball to archery. New champions were crowned, and new traditions started. The 4th Space Operations Squadron led the competition for most of the year, coming out on top in both monthly events and intramurals.

The final 2017 Commander's Cup standings were as follows:

- **1.** 4th Space Operations Squadron 1,825
- **2.** 3rd Space Operations Squadron 1,570 points
- **3.** 50th Operations Support Squadron 1,065 points
- 4. 1st Space Operations Squadron 865 points
- **5.** 2nd Space Operations Squadron 805 points

Fitness center events

Schriever hosted The Murph May 19, in honor of U.S. Navy Lt. Michael Murphy, who was killed in action on June 28, 2005 while serving in Afghanistan.

The competition consists of a 1-mile run, 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups and 300 body squats, followed by another 1-mile run.

The goal of the competition is to finish

in an hour or less, and participants are able to complete the calisthenics in any order they chose.

For the first time in eight years, a new contestant took first for the males: Michael Morris, 2nd SOPS.

Morris finished with a time of 34:40, followed by Matthew Cork, 3rd Space Experimentation Squadron with a time of 36:24 and Brady Weaver, 50th OSS, came in third with a time of 39:36.

"I had just finished up Season 4 of 'Vikings' the night before so I was pretty amped going into the competition," Morris said. "It's great to see the fitness center promote such a grueling and worthwhile workout. Hopefully it continues to garner attention as a Memorial Day tradition."

Five Schriever athletes participated in a "round robin" racquetball tournament at the fitness center Dec. 4-8.

The round robin tournament format meant all participants played each other once and the player with the best overall record won.

Scott Husted, 50th Mission Support Group, won all of his matches 4-0, claiming the champion title.

"For a player, the annual fitness center tournament is always the highlight of the year," he said. "Knowing who I was playing against, the level needed to be top-game. Generally, these tournaments may not bring the big

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Henriksen Liberis, 4th Space Operations Squadron, puts up a jump shot during the intramural basketball championship game at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Feb. 23, 2017. Liberis scored 11 second-half points to help lead 4th SOPS to the title with a 58-38 win over the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center.

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Strengthening community bonds



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50th Security Forces Squadron defenders participate in the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors Good Grief Camp at Cheyenne Mountain Resort, Colorado, April 1-2, 2017. The program's mission is to provide ongoing, peer-based emotional support to anyone who is grieving the death of someone who died while serving in the Armed Forces.

Sierra Silva, Aide to Girl of the West and Jamie Tyler, Girl of the West, speak to Schriever Airmen during Top 3 Barbecue at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, June 22, 2017. The Girls of the West toured Schriever to increase awareness of the 2017 Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, July 12-15, along with raising awareness and support for local military and their families.

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Schriever Air Force Base always aims to maintain its close relationship with the local community and 2017 was no exception.

In March, base leadership welcomed Colorado Springs community leaders at its annual State of the Base to strengthen relationships with their civic counter parts. During the State of the Base, leaders briefed 50th Space Wing missions, installation challenges and future opportunities.

"Our folks work for you in many cases," said Col. Kueker-Murphy, 310th Space Wing commander. "We are looking at the space industry. But I can tell you, we also leverage small business owners, education, law enforcement communities. We have folks working not just here in Colorado Springs, but across Colorado."

Schriever Air Force Base, Peterson AFB and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station volunteers prepared 40,000 meals during a Kids Against Hunger event in April. This marked the first time Schriever held a volunteer event of this kind.

"KAH has about 50 satellite centers across the United States, run by volunteers," said Stan Sack, KAH Colorado Springs satellite director. "All the food packaging goes through one of those satellites. We package food for local use as well as ship it around the world primarily to third world countries. A KAH meal — a — day can bring a child back from starvation within 60 to 90 days."

April was a busy month, involving more than 25 Schriever

Airmen taking part in a Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors event at Cheyenne Mountain Resort.

The event was in honor of the Month of the Military Child. The Good Grief Camp program, a two-day event, paired children who lost family members with mentors to establish communication, maintain a military connection and to let them understand they are not alone.

"We did an activity which involved the kids taking turns sitting in the middle of a parachute," said Staff Sgt. Ashlee Wheeler, 50th SFS Operations non-commissioned officer. "We all walked around and told them we loved and supported them. It was an important reminder that even

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Milestones

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Each of the wing's squadrons had placed something in the time capsule, most contributing at least a squadron coin and/or unit patch. Other items included group photos, unit/squadron descriptive articles, CD-ROMs and a commemorative 10th anniversary coin.

The wing buried a new time capsule, which is scheduled to be unearthed June 1, 2049, the 100th anniversary of the wing. Summer proved to be a busy season of milestones for Schriever in 2017.

In May, Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson made a visit to the base. Her visit was to better understand the mission of Schriever's Airmen and how they work with a contested environment in space.

In June, the base celebrated the opening of the new Schriever event center with a ribbon cutting ceremony and free concert.

During the ceremony, Col. Anthony Mastalir, then 50th Space Wing vice commander and event host, emphasized its importance.

"When I first got here at Schriever there really wasn't much here; there was a double fence, barbed wire at the top, a few buildings in the restricted area and not much else," Mastalir. said "We've grown slowly, and built piece by piece — but this piece has been missing for a long time."

An opportunity to kick our boots off, have a cold beverage of our choice and enjoy the company of people we work with, live with and serve with."

The center, located in Building 20, serves as an area of support for Schriever Airmen to host events, engage in recreational activities and rent equipment, among other services. It has been heavily used since its opening.

On the operational side of the house, June continued to be a month of milestones as the 3rd Space Operations Squadron inactivated and then merged with the 4th Space Operations Squadron during a change of command ceremony at the 50th Space Wing headquarters building.

Leadership wanted to use ground system automation capabilities to run the Wideband Global SATCOM satellites and the Defense Satellite Communications System III constellations. This experiment reduced a six-person crew to one person on the operations floor. In January, this became a reality and enabled 3rd SOPS crews to integrate with 4th SOPS to have all military satellite communications under one unified squadron.

"It is always difficult for any squadron to inactivate and say goodbye to the family and culture that created that innovation; it is bittersweet," said Lt. Col. Joshua Brooks, then 3rd SOPS commander. "I can say without a doubt, most people are excited looking forward to the opportunities of what 4th SOPS will be able to do. 4th SOPS has always been our sister squadron and we've always had a good- natured rivalry between the squadrons."

As the two squadrons integrated, 4th SOPS recently became one of the largest space operation squadrons in the U.S. Air Force.

To cap off June, Vice President Mike Pence made history by being the first vice president to not only visit Schriever, but also the first to send a payload command to a Global Positioning System satellite.

"You direct no fewer than 175 American satellites that are crucial to our national security every day — in weather, communications, and early warning of foreign missile tests. Every American benefits from your efforts here — the world's only global utility, the GPS system that's essential to our daily life," Pence said. "I can assure you that you have the support of your Commander-in-Chief and of his number two and of our entire administration. You have the support of the Congress of the United States and the support of the American people that they represent."

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Pence was on base, along with Second Lady Karen Pence, Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson and Gen. Jay Raymond, commander of Air Force Space Command, for a space orientation in support of the administration's relaunch of the National Space Council.

In July, our wing welcomed new leadership during a change-of-command ceremony with Lt. Gen. David J. Buck, commander, Fourteenth Air Force (Air Forces Strategic) and Joint Functional Component Command for Space presiding over the ceremony that gave the wing's reigns to Col. Jennifer Grant.

Grant came to Schriever leaving her post as 30th Operations Group commander at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. Grant previously commanded at Schriever as the 2nd Space Operations Squadron commander from August 2010 to June 2012.

"I am extremely humbled, honored, and excited to be returning to Schriever. This will be my third assignment here, and in a lot of ways it feels like coming home to the Masters of Space," said Grant.

As the weather started to cool off in September, Grant hosted an all-call to roll out the wing's new mission statement, vision and priorities.

The new mission statement, vision and priorities focus on space and cyberspace as warfighting domains — a point made by Gen. Jay Raymond, commander, Air Force Space Command.

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said. "In the future, we may have to fight for that space superiority if we get into a high end fight."

Grant credited this changing environment and base's growing role in current operations for the needed change. 50th SW Mission: Evolve space and cyberspace warfighting superiority through integrated and innovative operations.

The new mission statement focuses on evolving space and cyber warfighting superiority and the need to incorporate new techniques and fresh ideas to stay ahead of our enemies.

"Space is not a benign operating environment anymore, our potential adversaries are getting closer to us in capability," Grant said. "We need to maintain the edge we have. We have an obligation to maintain space and cyberspace superiority."

50th SW Vision: One team ... mastering space and cyberspace operations ... now and into the future.

The wing's vision spotlights to the importance of Schriever Airmen working together in support of the mission.

"One team in this wing and through our partnerships means we are in sync, that we recognize the value each of our organizations brings together," Grant said.

Grant explained this unity can be successfully accomplished by maintaining the wing's priorities.

50th SW Priorities:

Successfully and innovatively execute today's operations

Grant accredited the work of Schriever Airmen thus far in accomplishing the mission, and stressed the base's critical role in Air Force Space Command.

"We are the only place on the planet that provides GPS, we execute space-based situational awareness and we're responsible for military based satellite communications. You can't go anywhere else to do what we do here," she said.

Plan and posture for tomorrow's engagements

The second priority focuses on Airmen managing proactive prevention in preparation for future events.

"As we proactively prepare for potential adversary activities, we also emphasize we do not want a conflict in space," Grant said. "We aim to deter conflict. But we always need to be ready, as one team."

Take care of our Airmen and families always

Grant's final priority is ensuring base morale remains high and corresponds with the output of Airmen supporting the mission.

In November, the 3rd Space Experimentation Squadron gathered to say goodbye to the Automated Navigation and Guidance Experiment for Local Space satellite during a final command ceremony.

ANGELS was an experimental satellite that tested the boundaries of orbital mechanics and capabilities of space systems. It was launched in July 2014 and was initially managed by the Air Force Research Laboratory's Space Vehicles Directorate at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

We arrive in 2018 with many landmarks achieved in 2017, but as we charge ahead we must never cease to acknowledge our achievements, while interminably elevating the bar a little higher each time we surmount it.



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Riders take off for the mountain bike portion of the Tri-Wing Triathlon at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, July 21, 2017. Most contestants completed an arduous 23.2 mile course around the perimeter of the base, while others opted for a 12.2 mile course. The triathlon began with a run at the United States Air Force Academy June 3, 2017, a swim at Peterson AFB June 24, 2017 and concluded with the bike race at Schriever AFB.

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numbers, but they do bring the best quality."

Intramurals

For the second straight year, the 4th Space Operations Squadron and U.S. Air Force Warfare Center faced off to determine the 2017 intramural basketball championship Feb. 23.

USAFWC won in the 2016 championship, but 4th SOPS came out victorious in 2017, winning the game 58-38.

4th SOPS defense shut down the USAFWC, holding them scoreless for nearly 10 minutes.

"They wore us down and we ran out of gas," Mark Engesser, USAFWC, said. "They're a good team with good depth and a good bench."

The 3rd Space Operations Squadron took the intramural softball championship over the 50th Security Forces Squadron Aug. 22.

3rd SOPS sealed the deal with a 13-3 victory and third consecutive championship win, while also maintaining an undefeated season.

"This merger split a lot of us (3rd SOPS Airmen) up, so coming out here and being together makes it much more special," said Cameron White, 3rd SOPS team captain. "This is what we look forward to all year."

Ultimately, 3rd SOPS came out victorious because of their strong defense.

Special events

The United States Air Force Academy, Peterson Air Force Base and Schriever AFB

hosted the Tri-Wing Triathlon June 3-July 21.

The competition started at USAFA, and athletes had a choice of five kilometer, 10 kilometer or one-mile run. Swimmers had the option of completing a 25, 15 or 10-minute swim at Peterson AFB June 24. The triathlon concluded at Schriever, with most contestants completing a rigorous 23.2-mile bike ride.

Capt. Matthew Cork, 3rd Space Experimentation Squadron, took first place in the men's category during the bike ride, finishing with the overall time of 1:22.38.

Lt. Col. Sylvette Ortiz, 379th Space Range Squadron, was the top female finisher with a time of 1:56.19.

Typically, all triathlon events are performed consecutively on the same day. The Tri-Wing Triathlon was unique in that it allowed participants from varying levels of fitness and duty schedules to compete.

Comprised of ladders, pull-up bars and a series of parallel legs, the Alpha Warrior event Sept. 29 tested functional fitness training in individuals and teams.

First Lt. Skyler Awisus, 50th Operations Support Squadron, finished with a time of 1:06.94 and had a positive experience from start to finish.

"It was nice to build some camaraderie with Air Force personnel from all over the state while still maintaining a competitive attitude and a desire to win," he said.

The event was meant to focus on Comprehensive Airmen Fitness, challenging participants to channel situational awareness, preparation, practice and flexible execution.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class William Tracy



U.S. Air Force photo by Christopher DeWitt

Billy Ray, 50th Contracting Squadron, returns a serve in a game against Scott Husted, 50th Mission Support Group, in the racquetball tournament at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Dec. 5, 2017. Husted won all of his matches 4-0.



U.S. Air Force photo by Christopher DeWitt

(Top) Ana Shockey, 50th Security Forces Squadron, completes pushups during the Murph event at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, May 19, 2017. Shockey finished first in the female category with a time of 41:35.

(Left) David Harris sprints towards the home plate during the 2017 Schriever intramural softball championship game at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Aug. 22, 2017. The game is 3rd SOPS' third consecutive softball championship victory.

Community

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though their family member wasn't here anymore, they are a part of the service and will always remain in the military family."

Also in April, Schriever leadership participated in a Front Range Tribal Relations meeting at the Drury Inn. The purpose of the meeting was to build relationships with tribal leaders that have or may have an interest in the resources on the land encompassed by the installations of the Front Range.

Schriever emphasized community partnering with the Ellicott community. In May, more than 30 Schriever Airmen volunteered during Ellicott School District's annual field days. Children and volunteers participated in a circuit of numerous game stations that included three-legged racing, board walking, long jumping, obstacle course and much more.

"Our Schriever volunteers are the glue of our school," said Chris Stroph, Ellicott Elementary physical education teacher and event organizer. "I think the communication and rapport of our school and Schriever is awesome. If they weren't here helping, it definitely would not run as smoothly. Our kids look forward to the Airmen coming out. Every one of them work hard and competes with their kids."

In June, the base hosted the Girls of the West for a tour of base units and to highlight the annual Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo support to local military charities.

Team Schriever invited Oscar Sladek, a Holocaust survivor, to speak during Days of Remembrance in August. He discussed what he and his family endured during those times.

"The overall objective is to bring people's stories to light and also show it hasn't been eradicated," said Tech. Sgt. Salvator Catanese, 3rd Space Experimentation Squadron Weapons and Tactics flight chief and point of contact for the event. "In today's world, it's easy to forget what the cost of freedom is and that not everybody has it. The way to progress forward is by remembering and learning from the past."

In all, Schriever hosted more than 30 community and media groups showcasing the base's mission and facilities to more than 300 people.

For Sept. 11, Schriever hosted the Pikes Peak 9/11 commemoration ceremony 'A Community Remembers.' Front Range community members gathered here to honor the victims of 9/11.

Also in September, Airmen from Schriever joined Ellicott teachers and students at Ellicott Middle School to partake in science, technology, engineering and math oriented games, performances and puzzles. One of the highlights of the night was a chemistry show hosted by Air Force Academy professor, Ronald Furstenau, who engaged children and parents with lab experiments mixed with audience-interactions and comedy routines.

In October, Schriever hosted its annual TEDxSchriever event inviting speakers to share stories with base members. The 2017 iteration of TEDxSchriever featured three speakers who provided an opportunity for audience members to reevaluate their priorities and values.

"Hearing community leaders talk about value or other topics just brings to light so much that I could never think of myself," said 2nd Lt. Curtis Lingenfelter, 50th SW Protocol Office casual and TEDxSchriever master of ceremonies. "Being afforded the opportunity to hear from them was incredible."

In November, Schriever Airmen, from a variety of ranks and squadrons, participated in the annual Colorado Springs Veteran's Day Parade in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Schriever flight marched as part of the parade's "Flight of Flags," followed by a truck towing a statue of the 50th SW Opinicus.

Also, during this time, the Ellicott community honored veterans, including Schriever Airmen, during a Veteran's Day assembly at Ellicott High School Nov. 9.

Throughout the year, Schriever members supported game festivities, including throwing out the first pitches and singing the national anthem for the Colorado Springs Sky Sox, who held several Military Appreciation Nights.

Additionally, Team Schriever demonstrated their community support through volunteer opportunities, creating care packages for deployed Airmen and the annual Angel Tree program supporting base and Ellicott families in need.

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As we head into 2018, the 50th SW will bolster community relations by continuing to host annual events like the State of the Base, TEDxSchriever, partnering with Ellicott, as well as welcoming new opportunities on the horizon.



U.S. Air Force photo by Christopher DeWitt

Oscar Sladek, Days of Remembrance speaker and Holocaust survivor, shares his story with the audience during Days of Remembrance at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Aug. 10, 2017. Sladek spoke of what he and his family endured during World War II and how they were able to survive



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Wes Wrigh

Staff Sgt. Matthew Conkey, 4th Space Operations Squadron technical order trainer, builds sandcastles with 4th and 5th grade Ellicott Elementary students at the school, May 24, 2017. The activity was part of Ellicott School District's annual field days, which ran May 22-24. More than 30 Schriever Airmen volunteered at the event to reward children for their efforts during the long school year and to foster community relationships.



U.S. Air Force photo by Halle Thornton

FIRST Educators Tour attendees gather for a photo in front of the Visitor's Center at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, July 25, 2017. The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators.

Strengthen

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Eastern Vehicles Checkout Facility at Cape Canaveral Florida, ending 2017 with 26 supported launches — five more than in 2016.

Here in Colorado, Air Force Space Command and Schriever personnel hosted the wing's GSU presence at Ministry Of Defense, Oakhanger, U.K., as well as British representatives, merging U.S. and U.K. allies under the umbrella of space warfare last August.

"The annual visit supports the space war fighting construct of partnering with our Allies — a key element in strengthening the space enterprise," said Maj. Uri Mandelbaum, chief, Air Force Satellite Control Network operations for Air Force Space Command. "It provides a forum for face-to-face discussions on Oakhanger operations."

The four day visit covered the ever-changing space enterprise and the ongoing mission of Oakhanger, the only 50th Space Wing GSU and AFSCN site operated by non-U.S. personnel.

"We anticipate that we will have a plan for the way forward by early next year, we would like visits like this to become more frequent," said Lt. Col. Dion Dixon, 23rd SOPS operations officer at Oakhanger. "There are some changes coming at Oakhanger that we are very excited to be working with the Brits on."

Thule Air Base, Greenland, home of Detachment 1, 23rd SOPS, the wing's northernmost GSU, hosted several distinguished visitors including Gen. John Hyten, U.S. Strategic Command commander, in July and a visit from Gen. Jay Raymond, AFSPC commander and Col. Jennifer Grant, 50th SW commander, in December.

Earlier in the year, the base gained full operation of the seventh and final Remote Tracking Station Block Change antenna, designated POGO-Charlie last July.

"The POGO-C antenna is important as its location in Thule, Greenland, is ideal for contacting polar-orbiting satellites," said Col. William Angerman, 50th NOG commander.

Det. 1 achieved another milestone, capping off the year completing 50,000 supports without personnel error.

A support involves contacting a satellite from a ground tracking station and receiving and sending data. The 23rd SOPS' mission is to operate the antennas to ensure connectivity with satellites. Each time they communicate with a satellite it qualifies as a support.

"The last time a personnel error was committed was Feb. 11, 2014," said Lt. Col. Kenneth Holmes, 23rd SOPS commander. "It's hard to do anything 50,000 times across almost four years without making a mistake."

Heading into 2018, the 50th Space Wing will further its presence, both on the world stage and in the space and cyberspace warfighting realms.



Gen. John Hyten, U.S. Strategic Command commander, meets Airman Brittany Smith, 821st Security Forces Squadron entry controller, during an all-call at the Top of the World Club, July 17, 2017, at Thule Air Base, Greenland. Hyten and his wife, Laura, visited with Airmen during the visit and lunch at 12th Space Warning Squadron. Thule AB is the U.S. Armed Forces' northernmost installation, located 750 miles north of the Arctic Circle.



Master Sgt. Barry Karpinski, 21st Space Operations Squadron detachment chief, deployed to Antarctica in support of Operation Deep Freeze, managing and maintaining space communications systems in the most remote part of the world.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David Salanitr

Maj. William McGillivray, 23rd Space Operations Squadron Detachment 1 commander, presents a plaque commemorating 50,000 error-free supports to George Goodrum, Det. 1 site manager, at Thule Air Base, Greenland, Dec. 11, 2017. A support involves contacting a satellite from a ground tracking station and receiving and sending data. (Badges blurred for security purposes.)



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Col. Jennifer Grant, 50th Space Wing commander, talks to 23rd Space Operations Squadron Detachment 1 Airmen during a site visit at Thule Air Base, Greenland, Dec. 11, 2017. Grant accompanied Gen. Jay Raymond, Air Force Space Command commander, during the trip. Det. 1 is a 50th SW geographically separated unit and is the northernmost unit of eight worldwide satellite tracking stations in the Air Force Satellite Control Network.



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For ON BASE EMERGENCIES

Heroes among us

By Staff Sgt. Wes Wright

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

"I survived," Danne Smith said, deadpanned. "That was my greatest achievement from my Vietnam days."

While it may be hard to argue with that point, Smith's war record says he did more than just survive — much more.

Smith said after a couple of times of being shot down, his thought as each next crash happened was, "Well, here we go again."

"For heroism while engaged in aerial flight ... gallantry of an exceptional nature ... bravely landed aircraft in the midst of fierce fighting ... heroic actions in keeping with the highest traditions of military service," are just snippets of one of Smith's Air Medals.

The 70-year-old 50th Civil Engineer Squadron programmer's diminutive stature wouldn't suggest he was formerly a U.S. Army UH-1H helicopter pilot who flew special forces in and out of hostile territory in Vietnam. His white hair and unassuming countenance doesn't indicate he survived being shot down in a helicopter six times. And, if asked if he's a hero, Smith will humbly say he's not, despite what his three Air Medals with "V" devices, three Bronze Stars and two Silver Stars say.

"Danne is an extremely humble individual and does not normally mention any of his time as a helicopter pilot or his awards for valor," said Lt. Col. Andrew DeRosa, 50th CE commander. "He's a living legend in my squadron in my opinion."

Smith enlisted in the Army in 1969. The 21-year-old specialist immediately began a year-long flight school.

"I wanted to fly," Smith said. "The Air Force wouldn't take me. The Navy wouldn't take me unless I had a college degree. The Army took me and let me fly helicopters."

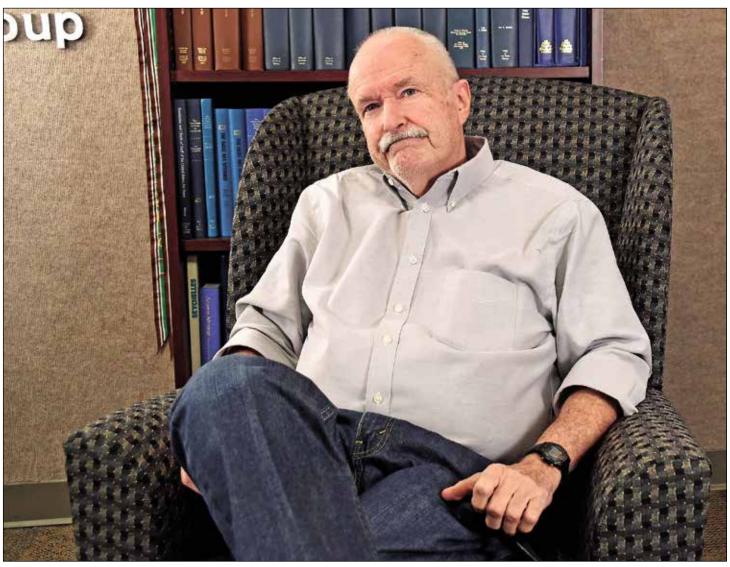
After graduating flight school as a warrant officer UH-1H helicopter pilot, Smith departed for Vietnam.

The war-torn country gave Smith a taste of what was to come in his first days there.

"When I first got over there I kept a diary," Smith said. "I had been in country for probably a month, and they decided to hit us with 122 mm rockets and 82 mm mortars. When they first started coming in, I was sleeping on my upper bunk. I had a round hit right above my bunk; and we had a revetment that was probably 2 feet wide filled with sandbags. Another round hit right there outside my window. It tore up my diary."

Smith began flying what were known as "Ash and Trash" missions — Vietnam-era helicopter pilot jargon that denoted the type of mission. ASH stood for assault support helicopter (resupply, cargo lift, etc.) and Trash denoted administrative missions, such as flying passengers, parts and general noncombat missions.

"I flew copilot for about four months and



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Wes Wrigh

Danne Smith, 50th Civil Engineer Squadron programmer, reflects on his younger days as a UH-1H helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War during an interview at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, March 10, 2017. The war veteran survived being shot down six times and received three Air Medals with "V" devices, three Bronze Stars and two Silver Stars during his tour in Vietnam.

then became an aircraft commander," Smith said.

The helicopter pilot spent his first year flying with U.S. Army Rangers, working extensively with the Charlie 75th Special Forces group.

"If it was special forces, it was rather interesting," the Vietnam veteran said. "You pick up a six-man team. There's a pilot, copilot, crew chief, door gunner, and you'd usually have a pair of gunships that would fly and prep the landing zones. You had a command and control ship, nice and high, telling you where you're supposed to take them. That's what you did. Maybe you'd wait a day or two and then go pick them up; or, if they got into contact, you'd go pick them up right away."

Providing special forces airlift frequently put Smith in dangerous situations across Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. Vietnam helicopter pilots typically flew below 1,500 feet. The margin of error in good conditions was small. Jungle terrain and proximity to ground fire resulted in high mortality rates of helicopter pilots.

Being constantly exposed to enemy fire, Smith could not escape the odds of being shot down. He did, however, beat the odds of surviving being shot down.

"We never really got hit by RPGs; it was usually just a lot of lead," Smith said. "It's definitely scary. One time we crashed after we took fire. We were surrounded for probably about four or six hours at night. Finally, Koreans came in and provided cover for us after about three hours. We finally got an aircraft to pick us up."

Smith said after a couple of times of being shot down, his thought as each next crash happened was, "Well, here we go again."

"You're trained," Smith said. "You react; you land. The guys come down and pick you up real quick. Unless you're unlucky, then you're on the ground for a couple of days. The training they gave you as far as having your engine shot out, which I've had happen — they teach you how to land without an engine or without rear rotors. Without an engine you can still land a helicopter. Try that

in an F-16 and you got some major problems." Smith held the record in his company for the number of times he survived being shot down.

"Not that it's something to brag about," he said. "I'm smiling because I survived."

Smith also held records for the number of hours he flew.

"You could only fly a certain number of hours per month," Smith said. "Shoot, I had so many hours. In 10 months, I had over 2,000 hours. If they needed somebody to fly cargo, or gunships, wherever they needed somebody..."

Smith paused, tears forming in his eyes, before continuing.

"I was just trying to do what I could," he whispered.

The war veteran estimated of the 100 or so pilots he knew, 40 didn't make it home.

According to DeRosa, Smith's quiet and reserved demeanor conceal the pain and sorrow the veteran has endured — a testament to the strength of his character.

"Danne has certainly seen some horrific things in Vietnam that he will carry with him forever," DeRosa said. "However, you don't know it from meeting him and talking with him. He's easy going, doesn't seem to hold a grudge, doesn't sweat the small stuff and always has a smile and a greeting for you in the hallway." After returning home from his tour in Vietnam, Smith decided to separate and pursue other goals. A jack of all trades, Smith did everything from architectural design of buildings and high rises to designing parts for space shuttles in the early 1970s.

For the last seven years, Smith worked as a programmer in the 50th CES.

"If you have a project that needs to get done on base, I make sure we have money and that all the T's are crossed and all the I's are dotted," Smith said. "Anything that gets built on base, at least recently, I have probably had my hands in it."

At age 70, Smith has decided it's time to throttle back on the stick and end his time of civil service in the Air Force. The married father of four and grandfather of seven is excited about the down time.

"I'm looking forward to spending time with my family and traveling," Smith said. "I'm also going to do some genealogy work. Right now, my family has been traced as far back as the 1600s."

Smith's last day of work is scheduled for March 31, a day his commander isn't looking forward to.

"Danne is an extremely diligent and dedicated individual," DeRosa said. "I'm sad to see him go, but happy that he's moving on to spend more time with his grandson and family."

As Smith summed up the entirety of his life and career, he had a message for anyone who reads or hears about his story.

"Follow your dreams," the aging veteran said with a smile. "Don't get stuck behind a desk if you don't like being stuck behind a desk. Do what makes you happy."

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-Mom as a role model

She questions a lot of my decisions, but it helps me think about things more, which works out.

2nd Lt. Veronica Leddy 50th Civil Engineer Squadron

#IamSCHRIEVER Portraits

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"IamSCHRIEVER Portraits" feature photos and interviews of Team Schriever members and aim to engage community members and share their stories and experiences with all of Team Schriever. The intent is to increase awareness, appreciation and engagement of diversity within the force and enable more open, honest and respectful communication throughout base. If you are interested in sharing your stories, call the 50th Space Wing Public Affairs office at 567-5040.

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Something I would say to women interested in joining the military is to not let a man or any of the stereotypes of women determine how you act or what you say. It's important to be who you are. Don't let the stereotypes hold you down.

1st Lt. Lindsey Gorski 3rd Space Experiementation Squadron

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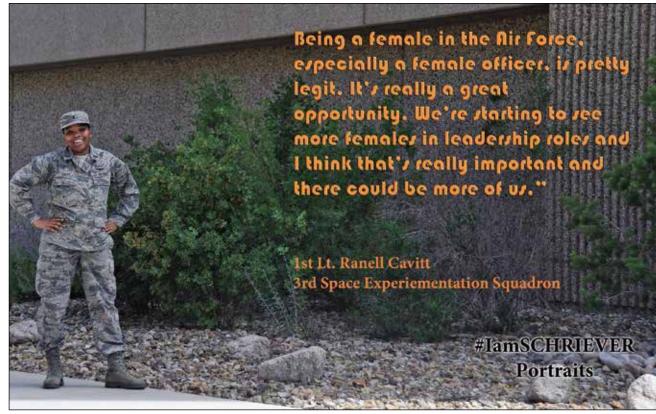
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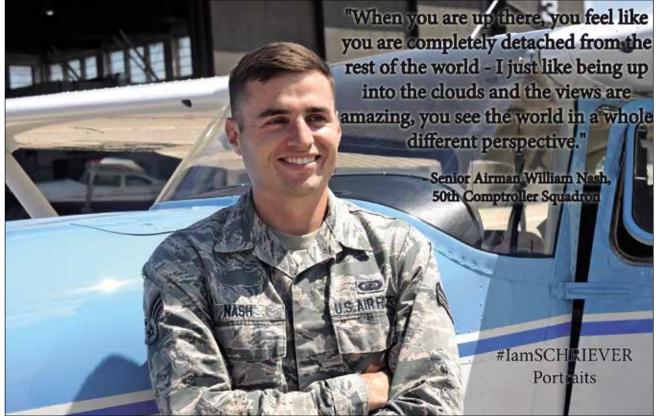
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YEAR IN REVIEW: I AM SCHRIEVER Doctor in the making

By 2nd Lt. Scarlett Rodriguez

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

There are sounds of passing machines and strangers, their footsteps, beeps, ticks and chatter fill a room blanketed in white and gray. There's a young boy sitting on a large,

worn hospital bed in the center of the room, alone, but unafraid. If anything he feels withered.

Doctors whisk by his room, just like they always do, no one sparing him a glance or concern. Many of the doctors he's met before only pay attention after a close inspection of his medical sheet, but today something changes.

A doctor pokes his head through the doorway, not the child's doctor, but it doesn't matter to the child. This doctor smiles at him, chats with him and reassures him. Before long, the doctor is gone before the boy could even catch his name, but even so, he felt better.

This fleeting moment may have seemed small to that doctor, but to the child, it set the course of his life. This meeting, combined with this childhood sickness, and a passion for learning, had set in motion a doctor in the making.

Now, at 26 years of age, after graduating college, enlisting, working, testing and applying to 15 medical schools, Senior Airman Cory Johnson, 3rd Space Operations Squadron procedures technician, is about to begin a new chapter of his life, in a dual-enrollment plan with the University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine and Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science.

But how did his life-long dream of medicine lead him to Schriever, a space base in the Air Force?

This, seemingly odd, turn in his life began after college. Johnson had graduated with a bachelor's degree in human physiology with a minor in ecology and evolutionary biology. While many of his classmates jumped straight into attempting medical school after graduation, Johnson aimed to set himself apart from the herd.

He enlisted.

Johnson's aim for the military was to diversify while giving back to his country. His father had spent several years in the U.S. Army as a Green Beret, so following in his



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Scarlett Rodriguez

Senior Airman Cory Johnson, 3rd Space Operations Squadron procedures technician, contemplates his future in medicine after being accepted into the dual enrollment program of University of California, Los Angeles and David Geffen School of Medicine. Johnson has been dreaming of becoming a doctor since he was a 10-year-old boy, frequenting hospitals often due to his health.

footsteps seemed to be the best course of

"It was funny," said Johnson. "When I originally joined the military, I tried to do security forces."

However, because of an injury at the tail end of basic training, he had to be reclassified. Thinking this a no-better time to realign himself with his career goals, he provided a full list of eight medical jobs he would have liked to do instead.

"When I received my orders, they told me I was going to California. I asked: 'Cool, what medical jobs are in California?' They said: 'None, you're going into space,'" said Johnson.

He let out a low chuckle and smiled.

"I just kind of stumbled upon it. It's been

a great time here," he said.

After some time spent at his first duty station, Johnson arrived at Schriever in January 2015. Shortly after arriving, he attended the First Term Airmen's Center class, and was introduced to Cecilia Smith, Schriever sexual assault victim advocate and Paula Krause, Schriever sexual assault response coordinator. Johnson has worked closely with both women as a victim advocate and all-around volunteer since the day they met.

The two SAPR representatives motivated and pushed Johnson through every task towards medical school he has had to complete since their meeting.

"We were rooting for him to get into a school," said Smith.

"I wrote one of his letters of recommenda-

tions," said Krause.

The dedication they have shown him, they assure, is a reflection of the work and friendship he has offered them in the last two years as a victim advocate, friend and Airman.

Both women also expressed no doubt in his ability to handle the demands expected of him in his pursuit of a medical degree, just as they hadn't been surprised when he had been accepted to school.

"It's funny, when I got it, it was like, 'Congratulations, but I told you it was going to happen," said Johnson.

Johnson's unfaltering smile couldn't help but grow when talking about the day he received news of his acceptance. After a rigorous application process to enter medical school, he had received quite the gift.

"I found out three days before my birthday," said Johnson. "I'd say it was a good birthday gift, just finding out."

Johnson, after taking the Medical College Admission Test, received his score fairly quickly. However even after immediately applying those scores to his 15 medical school applications, he had to wait months, then receive secondary applications, fill them out, resubmit them, wait again, received three out of 15 interviews, wait again, and then fly to three different locations and interview against students with undergraduate degrees from universities such as Harvard and Yale.

Despite the competition and importance partnered with these interviews, Johnson was not shaken.

"He's able to look at (other students strengths) like, 'Okay that's good for you, and nothing against that, but I feel like I have this to offer, and this is what I bring to the table" said Krause. "He has confidence, not arrogance, not ego, but he knows what he's capable of."

Johnson explains how the only terrifying moment he experienced was after he returned to share the news of his acceptance with his supervisor and coworkers.

"I told my supervisor the morning I came back from leave," said Johson. "Later I'm sitting at my desk when I saw the commander, the director of operations, the superintendent, the assistant director of operations, my supervisor, my flight chief, everyone just walk towards my desk."

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He paused to sit straight-up in his seat, fists curled on his knees, mimicking the motions he had done in that moment.

"'Oh God, am I in trouble?' Completely forgetting I just told my supervisor, because all you see is all these higher ranking people come walking towards you and all you can think is, 'what did I do,'" he said.

Despite Johnson's panic, his supervisors were there to congratulate him on his acceptance, and wanted to reassure him they would help in any way they could with his separation.

Johnson admits joining the military was one of the best decisions he could have made, and believes it may have been one of the reasons his applications and interviews were more competitive

"I think the military has really broadened his world view and helped him with executing projects," said Krause. "He has a thirst for knowledge, he has a helping heart, and he already has the ability to lead. He's also able to not get bogged-down in minute things."

These abilities helped him not only on paper, but gave him confidence in person to sell himself to the schools he interviewed with, and maybe someday those abilities will partner with the Air Force once again.

Johnson admits joining the military was one of the best decisions he could have made, and believes it may have been one of the reasons his applications and interviews were more competitive.

"It just happened that the last year of my enlistment that I happened to get into medical school," said Johnson. "Maybe after I'm done, I'll consider coming back (to the military) a few years later. It's all a matter of how things go."

However Johnson does not deny, "going from E-4 to O-3, that'd be amazing."

Ultimately, Johnson's goal is to become a doctor; where he takes his career after receiving his medical degree is still up for debate.

"Knowing me I'd probably either do emergency medicine because I'm one of those people who can handle it if 'the world is ending," said Johnson. "Or pediatrics because I was a sick kid and I would like to give back to the sick kids."

Despite having options open to him, once Johnson chooses his path, he's in it for the long haul.

"It's definitely one of those things that's a life-long ambition," said Johnson. "I'll probably be one of those old doctors that's like: 'So I can't actually do any surgeries or work with any patients but I'm going to sit in this office and make it look like I'm doing something until I pass out and then you have to take care of me for the rest of my life."

Until he's able to retire at his desk, Johnson still has to complete medical school. He will be learning through a difficult dual-enrollment program sometime after his separation with the help of his G.I. Bill, and while he would have liked to stay in Colorado, he does not mind the thought of being near the beach once again.

"There's never a road that's perfectly smooth," said Johnson. "Even Marksheffel, that's getting paved right now, it's wavy-a little bit- there's always going to be some bumps."

"Even with all the stressful situations, late nights, early mornings, and days where I don't get to sleep because I'm on call, it'll all be worth it for me. As long as I know I'm doing something that's worthwhile," said Johnson.

His passion to achieve his dream will not be snuffed-out due to adversity. His urgency to help others has been developing since the encounter he had with a kind doctor when he was 10 years old. The one who took the time to notice him as a person, not as his disease.

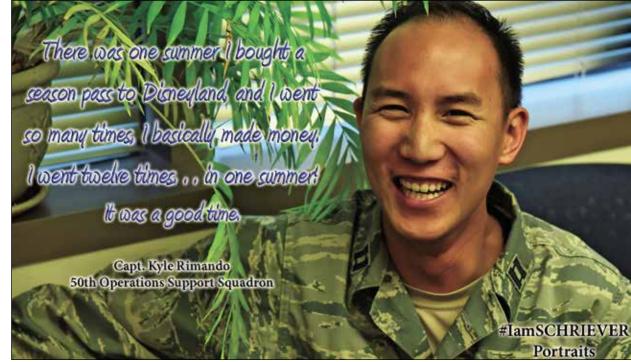
"There's a quote that says: 'Good doctors treat diseases, great doctors treat patients with diseases,' and when it comes to medicine, that's my approach," said Johnson.

While Johnson has a deep respect for the several doctors he had to come into contact with due to his repetitive bouts of pneumonia, asthma and other ailments as a child, the kindly doctor who spoke to him as a brief but necessary friend had made him realize the need for someone who isn't just passionate for work or money, but for people.

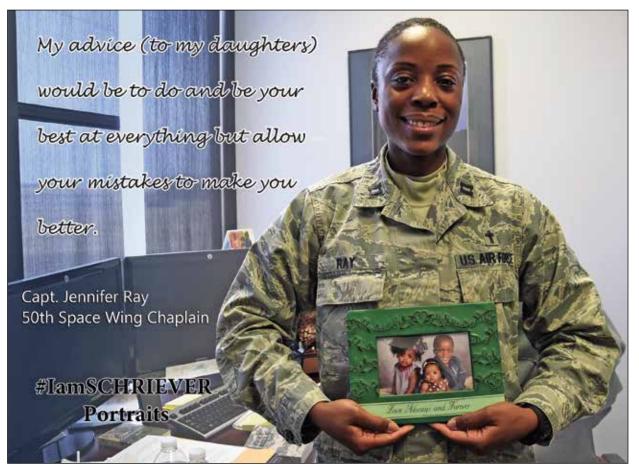
"Yes, your job is to treat a disease, but these diseases aren't their own entity. People have them."

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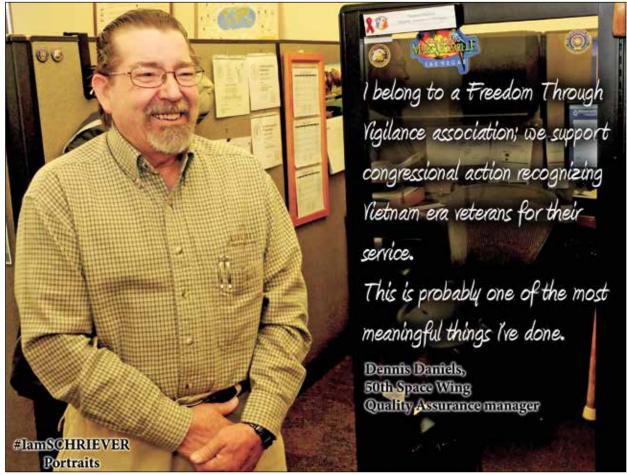
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Chris Henderson, rhythm guitarist for the band "Three Doors Down," performs during Patriot Fest 2017 at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, Sept. 9, 2017. The band performed many of their hits during the show, including "Kryptonite" and "It's Not My Time."



U.S. Air Force photo by Christopher DeWit

The Panamanian Mexican Dancers group pose after performing a traditional Panamanian dance during Diversity Day at Schriever Air Force, Colorado, Aug. 18, 2017. The Panamanian Dancing Group, Seven Falls Indian Dancers and BBoy Factory dancers performed during the event's closing ceremonies.



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Fred Dutton, James Boyd and Searra Peck tear downhill in their "Bombsled" during the Intergalactic Cardboard Sled Race at Mount Sunapee, Newbury, New Hampshire, April 2, 2017. The sled, made by Team 23rd Space Operations Squadron, had to be hand built for the competition, and no metal was allowed to be used in the creation.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Wes Wrig

Patricia O'Kane-Trombley gazes fondly at a picture of her son at her home in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Sept. 13, 2017. Her son, Capt. Thomas Gramith, was an F-15E Strike Eagle pilot stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina, who died while deployed to Afghanistan in 2009. O'Kane Trombley is a member of Gold Star Mothers, a service organization for grieving mothers of fallen service members. The group sets aside Sept. 24 as Gold Star Mothers Day.



U.S. Air Force photo by Halle Thornton

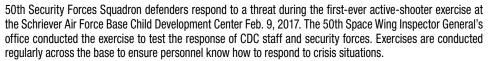
Angelo, 6, patiently waits for the face painter to paint a half Spiderman, half Hulk design on his face at the Summer Slam base picnic at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, July 21, 2017. Airmen and families spent the day with activities, food and events.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class William Trac

A Tierra Vista Community housing member gives Michael and Liberty Baumgartner candy during Halloween trick-or-treating at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Oct. 31, 2017. Parents and children spent the evening wearing costumes and celebrating, while the 50th Security Forces Squadron "Boo Patrol," kept them safe.







Joel Mozer, Air Force Space Command acting chief scientist and technical advisor, sends the final command to the now-decommissioned Automated Navigation and Guidance Experiment for Local Space satellite at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Nov. 20, 2017. Mozer had satellite control authority during the beginning stages of ANGELS in 2014.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class William Tracy

Airman 1st Class Michael Gibson, 50th Force Support Squadron, propels water at Col. Scott Angerman, 50th Network Operations Group commander, during a tug-of-war competition during the 50th Space Wing's combat dining out at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, June 23, 2017. Those not involved in competition played a role distracting and disrupting throughout organized competitions.



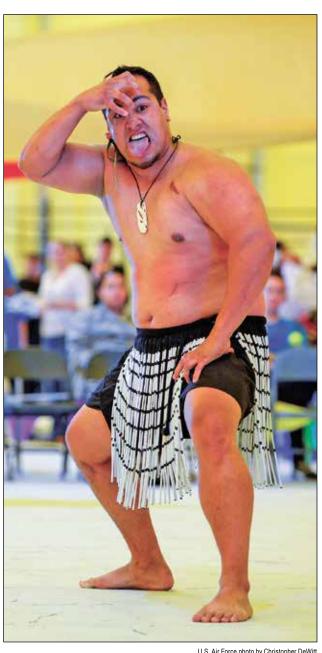
U.S. Air Force photo by Dennis Rogers

Retired Master Sgt. James D. Crosby, Orbital Harmony choir, performs TAPS during the Pikes Peak Area 9/11 commemoration ceremony 'A Community Remembers' at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Sept. 11, 2017. TAPS and a ceremonial bell ringing ceremony known as "striking the four fives," paid tribute to the fallen firefighters, police officers and emergency medical providers who gave their lives during the attacks.



(Top) Participants march to the top of the final hill during the Team Cohesion Challenge at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, May 5, 2017. More than 35 Team Schriever members participated in the grueling, five-hour event.

(Rght) Kaika Hafoka performs a traditional Polynesian dance during Diversity Day at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Aug. 18, 2017. Diversity Day is held each year in celebration of the different cultures that define Airmen.



U.S. Air Force photo by Christopher DeWitt

BASE BRIEFS

Don't forget to check out facebook.com/SchrieverAirForceBase for more events.

THIS WEEK

CC to host all-call

The 50th Space Wing Commander will host an all-call Jan. 10 in the Building 300 Auditorium. Two sessions will be provided: 10:00 a.m. for 50th Operations Group and Wing Staff Agency and 3:00 p.m. for 50th Network Operations Group and 50th Mission Support Group. Personnel are asked to be in place no later than 9:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. respectively. If you are unable to attend in person, please make every effort to log into the DCS link at https://conference.apps. mil/webconf/50SWAllCall.

Legal Office changes operating hours

The 50th Space Wing Legal Office is closed daily from 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. The office is also temporarily closed Thursdays until further notice. If you have a deploymentrelated issue or need to contact a member of the staff, call 567-5050 for assistance.

Claims against the estate

With deepest regret to the family of Airman 1st Class Neill T. West III, if anyone has claims against the estate of West, please contact 2nd Lt. Rachel Rivera at 567-2686.

ON-BASE

Lactation rooms available

New moms, there are dedicated lactation rooms inside the Restricted Area, Buildings 24, 210, 300, 400 and 730. These rooms provide dedicated space for lactation and will assist with successful breastfeeding while serving at Schriever.

Building 24, Room 1003

Building 210, Room 204

Building 300, Room 210

Building 400, Room 203

Building 730, Room B19A

These rooms are available for the duration of the building's duty day. For any questions or concerns, contact Robert Matthias at 567-3480.

TA mass briefing, one-on-one education counseling available

Tuition assistance briefing followed by education coun-

seling is now offered the last Wednesday of the month in Building 210, Room 310. Mass TA Counseling is held 8 — 9:30 a.m. and one-on-one education counseling at 9:30 a.m. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. To sign up, call Master Sgt. Janelle Amador at 567-5927 or Vicki Brautigam at 567-5903.

2018 Green Dot Program implementation team recruitment

The Team Schriever Green Dot Team is seeking individuals to implement the 2018 Green Dot program. Individuals should have experience teaching and have a passion for reducing interpersonal violence and suicide. Recruitment is open to all members of Schriever AFB including civilian employees, reserve and tenant units. For more information, contact Dr. Ken Robinson at 567-2647 or Staff Sgt. Shelby Parry at 567-4880.

Voluntary Leave Transfer Program — Bethany Bushhouse

Bethany Bushhouse has been approved for the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program due to a current medical condition. If you would like to donate leave to her, you can complete the OPM 630-A, request to donate annual leave to leave recipient under the VLTP (within agency) http://www.opm. gov/FORMS/PDF_FILL/opm630a.pdf or https://www.opm. gov/forms/pdf_fill/opm630b.pdf (outside agency. You may also scan the signed form and email it to jaime.sampayo.1@ us.af.mil or fax to 567-2832.

OFF-BASE

Volunteers needed for Martin Luther King observance

The Martin Luther King Observance planning committee is looking for volunteers to help facilitate the MLK celebration Jan. 12, at the Peterson Air Force Base chapel. The committee is in need of five to six volunteers to assist with the remaining planning efforts. Volunteers would be responsible for assisting in audio/visual (no training required), helping coordinate programs and e-invites with protocol, and assisting with set-up and tear-down. For more information, contact Capt. Celeste Oliver at 567-6845.

Society of Military Widows holds meeting **(V)**

The Society of Military Widows is open to widows of any branch of military service, regardless of the spouse's rank. The Pikes Peak Chapter 15 of the Society of Military Widows meets on the last Wednesday of the month 10:30 a.m. at the Peterson Air Force Base Club. Call 597-0492 or 591-9523 for more information.

Cub Scout troops seeks recruits 🐠

The local Cub Scout Pack 808 is recruiting ages 7-10. Weekly meetings at Ellicott Middle School Library are Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. They are also seeking adult leaders/volunteers to facilitate character development. For more information, contact Capt. Archie Johnson at 850-420-7358.

Military Retirees Activities Office 🐠

The Military Retiree Activities office holds its monthly council meeting the second Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in Building 350, Room 1206, at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. The guest speaker for Thursday will be Rhonda Sargent with an overview of the Gold Star Program. Call 556-7153 for more information.

Fort Carson DLA announces services

Disposition Services Colorado Springs, located in Building 324, 1475 Wickersham Boulevard, Fort Carson, conducts orientations by appointment. The orientations discuss disposition services/processes to include turning in excess property, reutilizing government property, available web-based tools, special handling of property and environmental needs.

- To schedule an orientation training, contact 352-4186
- For receiving/turning in questions, contact 526-9689
- Environmental questions, contact 526-0289
- Reutilization/Transfer/Donation, contact 466-7002

TAPS looking for service members

The Tragedy Assistance Program will host a survivor seminar and is in need of active duty service members to pair with a child during their journey of grief, helping them gain coping skills in a supportive environment. For more information and how to register, visit the program's website at www.taps.org or call Melissa Hermosillo at (915) 780-3344.

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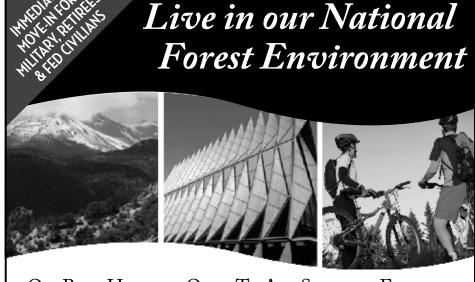
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Locals Till Last Call, hosted by comedian Melody Klema. Locals Till Last Call showcases a local comedian and band every First Saturday of the month then ends with an Open Mic and Improv. First Saturday of every month, 8 p.m.-midnight. Free. Gold Camp Brewing Company, 1007 S. Tejon St., 695-0344, LocalsTillLastCall@gmail.com, facebook.com/ LocalsTillLastCall.

Make 'em Laugh Open Mic Night, an open mic for comedians of all sorts. Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Free. Playing Field Sports Bar, 3958 N. Academy Blvd., #112, 210-1316, theplayingfieldsportsbar.com.

Open Mic Comedy, open mics on the first, third and fifth Thursdays; and improv on the second and fourth Thursdays. Thursdays, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Free. Underground, 110 N. Nevada Ave., 578-7771, facebook.com/under-

Stand-Up Comedy Show, featuring a different professional comedian every week. Wednesdays, 9-10:30 p.m. Free. Anchors Country Bar, 606 S. Santa Fe Ave., Fountain, 719/358-9220, dickeybillwagner@gmail.com, facebook.com/anchorsstandupcomedyshow.

Stay Gold Comedy Open Mic, hosted by Tyler James. Sign-up begins at 9 p.m., open mic at 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Free. Gold Camp Brewing Company, 1007 S. Tejon St., 695-0344, facebook.com/goldcampbrew.

GET INVOLVED

Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado, is seeking volunteers to sort and pack food boxes to serve families in need in Southern Colorado. Mondays-Saturdays, 1-3:30 p.m. Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado, 2605 Preamble Point, 434-4677, eric@careandshare.org, careandshare.org.

CASA of the Pikes Peak Region, seeks volunteers to advocate for victims of child abuse and neglect. Training provided. CASA of the Pikes Peak Region, 418 S. Weber St., 447-9898, ext. 1033, casappr.org.

Colorado Springs Therapeutic Riding Center, is seeking volunteers to work with equineassisted therapy for children and adults with disabilities. Ongoing. Mark Reyner Stables, 3254 Paseo Road, 641-5213, cstrc.org

Educational Resource Development Trust, is seeking families to host foreign exchange students for summer and school year programs. All students are proficient in English. 800/321-3738, erdtshare.org.

Free Public Recycling Drop Off, for business and individuals, transforming recyclable materials into meals benefiting Care and Share Food Bank of Southern Colorado. Goal Zero Recycling, 2265 Waynoka Road. Mondays-Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. 434-5728, info@goalzerorecycling.com, goalzerorecy-

Gentiva HealthCare Hospice, is seeking volunteers to offer companionship to people with terminal illnesses by sharing your talents as a musician, artist, pet therapist or just by listening. Volunteers must complete training, call for dates. 573-4166, rshardy@odsyhealth.com.

Mountain Park Environmental Center, is currently seeking bus drivers to help shuttle children from Pueblo schools to Pueblo Mountain Park. Interested drivers may volunteer for one or more weekdays. Ongoing. Mountain Park Environmental Center, 9112 Mountain Park Road, Beulah, 485-4444, taylor@hikeandlearn.org, hikeandlearn.org.

Mueller State Park, is looking for volunteers to guide hikes, maintain trails and present naturalist programs. Ongoing. Mueller State Park, 21045 State Hwy. 67, Divide, 687-2366.

North End Adult Day Care, seeks volunteers to play games, sing, make arts and crafts and more with North End's seniors, who are in need of memory care. Call for more information. 351-8786, northendadultdaycare.com.



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Tuesday Walkers, a walking group for seniors. Tuesdays, 8 a.m. Senior Resource Development Agency, 230 N. Union Ave., Pueblo, 719/545-8900, srda.org.

Peterson Air and Space Museum, is seeking volunteer tour guides. Any civilians, active duty members, retirees or family members 18 and older are welcome. Fridays, Saturdays. Peterson Air and Space Museum, 150 E. Ent Ave., 556-4916, 21sw.mu@us.af.mil.

(Pikes) Peak Pet Pantry, is seeking donations of pet food and volunteers to help pick up and distribute food, talking to business sponsors and contacting local veterinary offices. peakpetpantry.org

Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center, is seeking volunteers at least 14 years old to assist in Therapeutic Riding classes and to help with barn upkeep. Opportunities available Monday through Saturday. Ongoing. Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center, 13620 Halleluiah Trail, Elbert, 719/495-3908, bennett@ pptrc.org, pptrc.org.

Safe Passage, is seeking volunteers to devote four hours per week to help abused children. Ongoing. 636-2460.

Tim Gill Center for Public Media, seeks volunteers to staff the Welcome Desk during weekdays, answer phones, assist with special projects and interface with guest organizations using the facility. Call or email to sign up. Tim Gill Center for Public Media, 315 E. Costilla St., 418-5851, elysejones@rmpbs.org, rmpbs.org.

Tree Recycling, a convenient way to recycle your Christmas tree so it doesn't end up in a landfill. Hosted by Boy Scout Troop 78 and WMMI. Through Jan. 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Western Museum of Mining and Industry, 225 Northgate Blvd., 488-0880, info@wmmi. ora, wmmi.ora.

Volunteer Orientation, for "dynamic individuals who love the outdoors and have a passion for education and the environment," who wish to volunteer with Catamount Institute. RSVP requested. Mon., Jan. 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Catamount Institute/Beidleman Environmental Center, 740 W. Caramillo St., 471-0910, hinkle@ catamountinstitute.org, catamountinstitute.org.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Colorado Springs Fitness Expo, with free live fitness classes, on-site health and fitness vendors, studios and clubs and more. Sat., Jan. 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. with free live fitness classes, on-site health and fitness vendors, studios and clubs available and more. Sat., Jan. 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Colorado Springs City Auditorium, 221 E. Kiowa St., 231-2109, Fitness719@gmail.com, coloradospringsfitnes-

CPR classes from American Heart Association, get certified by the American Heart Association in adult, child, infant CPR, AED and first aid. Get your card in one week. Preregistration required. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Mondays, 6-9 p.m.; through Dec. 14. \$60, includes a book. Simple Therapeutics, 3100 N. Academy Blvd., #115, 229-5504, jdcleveland78@gmail.com, simpletherapeutics. massagetherapy.co.

Mindful Resilience Yoga Therapy, a class designed for combat veterans with PTSD, taught by a veteran. "Students learn the tools of mindful resilience to help cope with the symptoms of their trauma." Saturdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Free for veterans and active duty personnel. Hot on Yoga, 5740 Carefree Circle North, #360, 440-4800, support@hotonyoga. com, hotonyoga.com.

KIDS & FAMILY

Baby Time, Stories and activities for babies and their families. Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Fountain Branch Library, 230 S. Main St., Fountain. Stories and activities for babies and their families. Thursdays, 10 and 11 a.m. Library 21c, 1175 Chapel Hills Drive.

Chess for All Ages, all experience levels welcome. Thursdays, 3 p.m. Fountain Branch Library, 230 S. Main St., Fountain.

District 11 Gifted Magnet Program Information Night, learn about this program, which provides gifted and talented students with qualitatively different instruction, while having them learn with intellectual peers. Tues., Jan. 9, 6-7 p.m. Free. West Middle School, 1920 W. Pikes Peak Ave., 520-2464, hillary.charles@d11.org, d11.org/GMP.

Family Day: Geology, an opportunity to learn about Colorado's mineral and mining heritage, identify mineral specimens, and understand processes important to the formation of mineral deposits. Sat., Jan. 6, 10 a.m. to Meetern Museum of Mining dustry, 225 Northgate Blvd., 488-0880, info@ wmmi.org, wmmi.org.

Reading Tutoring, one-on-one tutoring sessions for children struggling with reading. Call to check eligibility of your child. Ongoing. Free. The Children's Literacy Center, 2928 Straus Lane, 471-8672, sierra@childrensliteracycenter.org, peakreader.org

Season of Enchantment, an annual holiday exhibition with dance, music and songs. Kids can even help the elves in Santa's workshop. Through Jan. 6. \$6-\$8. Buell Children's Museum, 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., Pueblo, 719/295-7200, mail@sdc-arts.org, sdc-arts.org.

to be a small mammal pet owner with real, live animal ambassadors and interactive activities. Take-home booklet included. Sun., Jan. 7, 6-7:30 p.m. \$10.75-\$15.75. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, 4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Road, 424-7827, edprograms@cmzoo.org, cmzoo.org.

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Toddler Time, an introduction to the delights of rhyme, rhythm and a few stories as a first step to reading. Wednesdays, 9:30-10 and 10-10:30 a.m. Free. Pikes Peak Library District, Rockrimmon Branch, 832 Village Center Drive, 593-8000, ppld.org.

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LITERARY EVENTS

Hear Here Poetry Open Mic Workshop and Potluck, an uncensored open mic and workshop, led by members of the Hear Here board. Please bring a dish and poems to share. First Saturday of every month, 7-10 p.m. Donations accepted. The Gallery Below, 718B N. Weber St., 966-7765, lindsaydeen@ gmail.com, hearherepoetry.org/events.html.

Open Critique, a program to provide a critique experience for up to eight writers who seek feedback on manuscript pages. First Wednesday of every month, 6-8:30 p.m. Free. Cottonwood Center for the Arts, 427 E. Colorado Ave., 244-6220, critique@pikespeakwriters. com, pikespeakwriters.com.

MUSEUMS & ATTRACTIONS

Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, 215 S. Tejon St., 385-5990, cspm.org. Promoting Patriotism: WWI in Colorado Springs, commemorating the 100th anniversary of U.S. entry into WWI with an extensive collection of WWI-era propaganda posters and artifacts from local residents. Ongoing. Story of Us, allowing visitors to explore the history and geography of the area from A-Z, with interactive digital stations, playful displays, dynamic maps and more. Ongoing.

Manitou Springs Heritage Center, 517 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-1454, ManitouHeritage@gmail.com, manitouspringsheritagecenter.org. Pikes Peak Feats and Fibs, an unusual exhibit that takes a look at true and imagined stories of the Pikes Peak region. Ongoing. "Old School" Manitou - Education from 1872-1957, an exhibit of Manitou Springs High School's championship trophies, school banners and other memorabilia. Ongoing.

Western Museum of Mining and Industry, 225 Northgate Blvd., 488-0880, info@wmmi. org, wmmi.org, Holidav Model Train Exhibit. including several types and sizes of model train layouts, some of which are kept running so both children and adults can see how they work. Through Jan. 27.

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Saturday Morning Hike & Campfire, a short winter hike, followed by a campfire, songs, stories, and s'mores. Sat., Jan. 6, 10-11:30 a.m. \$3-\$4. Fountain Creek Nature Center, 320 Peppergrass Lane, Fountain, 520-6745. elpasocountyparks.com.

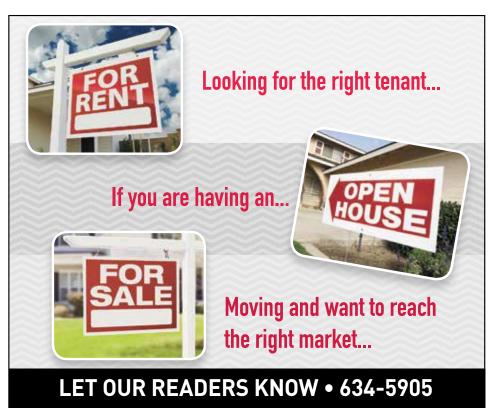
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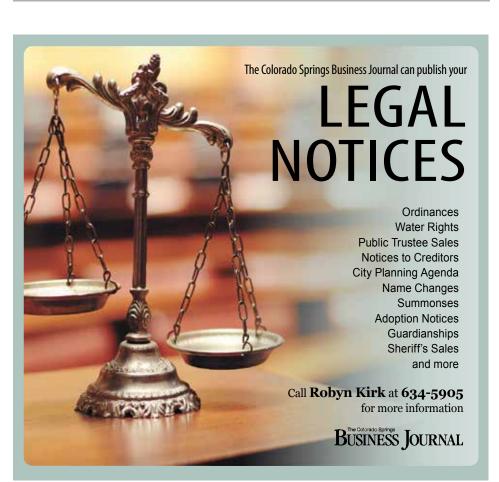
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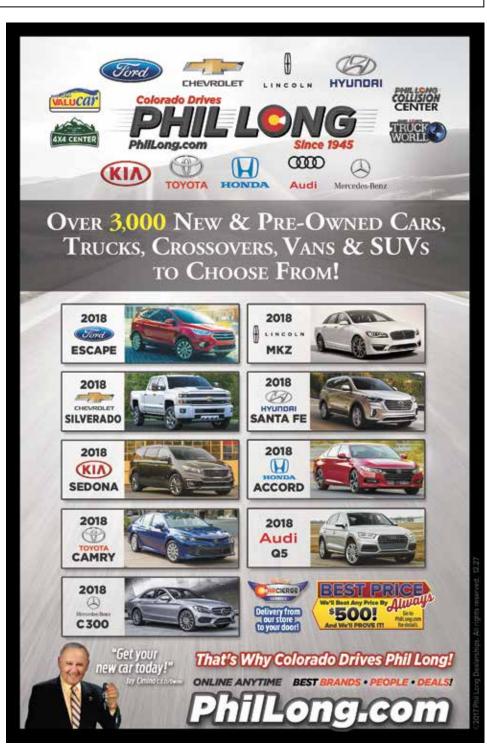
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- 1 Sparkling topper
- 6 Reaped bundle
- 11 Car stat
- 14 Gold bar
- 15 Poem made from quotes
- **16** "Afore" kin
- Precipitation living in a home?
- 19 MGM's lion
- 20 Inner skin layers
- Like a defeated chess player
- 23 Demands firmly
- 26 Salty
- 27 Threesomes of trios
- 28 Be a substitute
- 30 Hammered superhero?
- 31 Type of wave
- 32 Fed. property manager
- 35 Column crosser
- 36 Flying saucer study
- 38 Weep with joy
- 39 Bird in a barn
- 40 Banister attachment
- 41 Slight
- 42 Most aged
- 44 Tranquility
- 46 Kept afloat
- 48 By any means
- **49** Words with your instructions?
- 50 Hold in custody
- 52 "Deep Blue ____" (shark movie)
- **53** Precipitation on the road?
- 58 Misspeak or misdo, e.g.
- 59 Broadcasting
- 60 Full of cattails
- 61 Tripper's tab
- 62 Irritates or exasperates 63 Gradually chip away

DOWN

- 1 It's in poetry?
- 2 Quaint stopover
- 3 "It was 20 years ____ today ..."
- 4 More unruly
- 5 Optimally
- 6 Defrauds
- 7 Jealous wife of Zeus
- 8 Stops
- 9 Had brunch
- 10 Good way to dress for a ball
- 11 Warming precipitation?
- 12 Groom carefully
- 13 Crystal-lined rock
- 18 Scraps for a pooch
- 22 Norton and Foreman fighter
- 23 First part of a song
- 24 Not by a long shot
- 25 Catty precipitation?
- 26 Foundry refuse
- 28 Boneless cut
- Ten Commandments no-no
- 31 Pulls behind
- 33 Master of marches
- 34 Monastery church
- 36 Unlikely winner
- 37 Provide nourishment
- 41 Old TV guy "For Hire"
- 43 Soap solution
- Chestnut red horse
- 45 Asylum seeker
- 46 Swiss city on the Rhine
- 47 Manual consultants
- 48 Mixes
- 50 Old watch feature
- 51 Wicked
- 54 Stranded stuff in cells
- **55** New beginning?
- 56 Not even
- 57 Zee preceder

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