



Pet of the week

Jeff is available for adoption at the Fort Leonard Wood Stray Animal Facility. Jeff is a 3-month-old male Jack Russell mix. Adoption fees are \$102 for dogs and \$77 for cats, which includes microchipping, spay/neuter, vaccines, and required diagnostic testing.

For more information on adopting Jeff or any of the other available animals, contact the clinic at 596.0094. Photos of the pets can also be found at www.facebook.com/FortLeonardWoodPetsLost-FoundAdoptable.

May flowers

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation May Flowers event, 5 to 8 p.m. today at the Pershing Community Center. This event is designed for children and Families to create their own decorative pot and plant a seed. There is no cost.

For more information, call 329.2455.



AER update

More than \$144,116 has been raised for the Army Emergency Relief Campaign. The campaign is scheduled to end May 31, and this year's goal is \$250,000.

To donate to this campaign, contact your unit AER representative or Chuck Matthews at 596.0212.

Community news

If you have a community news submission for the GUIDON, or need more information concerning guidelines for community news, email the community desk at guidoncommunity@myguidon.com. You can also call 563.4014.



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Warmer temps mean outdoor safety crucial

Safety Days keeps population informed

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The U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Summer Safety and Health Fair brought the well being of the community into focus May 15.

The annual fair was designed to remind and inform the Fort Leonard Wood community about potential dangers in the next few warmer months and ways to stay safe.

"It's always good to see what new safety features and procedures there are out there," said Johnny Armstrong, Tank-automotive and Armaments Command supply technician.

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Students watch the Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department simulate a crash scene for attendees at the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Summer Safety and Health Fair May 15 at Nutter Field House.



"Judge" Angela Steidley listens to Jesse French, Garrison director for human resources, plead his case Friday at the AER Jail-A-Thon at the Exchange.

Community members 'locked up' for good cause

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Fort Leonard Wood community members raised more than \$2,300 for Army Emergency Relief and helped bring awareness to the program at the "Most Wanted at the Wood" second annual AER Jail-A-Thon at the Exchange Friday.

There was a lot of laughing and fun going on at the event, all in the spirit of supporting Soldiers and their Families.

"Everyone that participated had fun, and several people have called saying they want to have another soon," said Chuck Matthews, Fort Leonard Wood AER coordinator.

Community members could make a donation to have anyone on the installation "arrested." Those picked up could either pay a fine (donation) based upon rank or serve 30 minutes behind bars in front of the Exchange.

Angela Steidley, an Army

Community Service Personal Financial Readiness specialist, served as judge as the "prisoners" we brought in. Steidley would read the charges and ask a plea. If they pleaded guilty they could make a donation to get out of serving their time, but if they pleaded not guilty, she would sentence them to 30 minutes behind bars.

"It's a small donation, but it is a big help to a Soldier when they have to go on emergency leave or have an emergency," she said.

Maj. Christine Kay, 3rd Chemical Brigade, was arrested more than once for the cause. She spent time behind bars trying to wrangle up donations to reduce her time in jail. Kay was glad to have the opportunity to help raise money for the program.

"AER is a great program. They are always there for Soldiers when they need anything — just to pay bills or deal with Family issues,

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Soldier volunteers help beautify Dixon school

By **1st Lt. James Wheeler**

Special to GUIDON

In an effort to teach her students real-world skills and their application, Kathleen Creamer, a third-grade teacher with Dixon Elementary School, set about researching what the students of her class could accomplish in early March.

After polling her students, the consensus was made that they would initiate a project to build planting beds for flowers on the school grounds. To receive approval, Creamer instructed the students to write formal letters seeking permission to the Dixon

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Equal Opportunity program honors Asian American Pacific Islander heritage

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The 14th Military Police Brigade led the fort in celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, sponsored by Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood, Tuesday at the Pershing Community Center.

The luncheon featured Col. Ross Guieb, executive officer to the provost marshal general, commanding general, Criminal Investigation Command and Army Corrections Command and entertainment by the Hawaiian Polynesian Review dancers.

The dancers entertained the crowd with several island dances and then followed up

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Members of the Hawaiian Polynesian Review dancers teach randomly selected audience members how to hula dance at the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Observance, Tuesday at the Pershing Community Center.



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There were booths set up at the fair that distributed safety and health awareness literature, conducted training, and showed safety and health videos, while subject-matter experts answered safety and health-related questions.

Some of the booths and displays included personal vehicle and motorcycle safety, all terrain vehicles, drowsy and distracted driving, risk management, water safety, privately owned weapon safety and outdoor safety such as, snakes, ticks, spiders and heat.

Armstrong said he was interested in the motorcycle safety booth.

"I'm a motorcycle rider, and I like to practice safety," Armstrong said.

The table with the bright, orange rifles spread across it was drawing a lot of visitors. Thomas Glueck,

Directorate of Public Works, Natural Resources branch chief was manning the hunter education table.

"It's important that every one is aware of how to handle a firearm, not just hunters. Here in the Ozarks, we have a strong hunting and firearm owning culture.

Anyone could come across a firearm. I believe that everybody should be able to safely handle a firearm," Glueck said.

"Don't be scared of firearms. Being scared of something comes from ignorance. Knowledge is confidence. Know how to be safe," he added.

Glueck said most of the visitors to his table were asking questions about the hunters' safety course offered through the Outdoor Adventure Center.

Outside of Nutter Field House a helicopter could be seen circling the

building. It was part of a vehicle accident scene the Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department simulated.

"This is what actually happens on an accident scene. The patient was extracted, packaged and put in a helicopter," said Olaf Jensen, Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department fire inspector. "It's important to understand how a fire department works. When there is an accident, there is a reason we need people to avoid the area."

We don't want people to drive impaired by alcohol or texting. This could happen if they don't pay attention to what they are doing while driving. Pay attention. Make sure you and your vehicle are ready for the road," Olaf added.

The Safety and Health Fair was part of a two-week Summer Safety Days period designed to heighten individual awareness before the summer season.

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it's an incredible program for Soldiers," she said.

The AER campaign ends on May 31, and to date, \$144,116 has been raised. The post campaign goal is set at \$250,000.

The AER program helps provide assistance to Soldiers and

their Families, retirees and widows(ers) for certain emergency needs. AER can assist with travel costs for emergency leave, rent or mortgage payments, utilities, car payments, repairs and other basic living expenses based on the need and situation.

In 2013, 617 Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers, retirees, survivors and Family members were provided with \$753,782 in assistance in the form of a loan or grant.

"There is still time to reach the goal, but units must make an effort to get the donations collected and turned in to the

AER office within 30 days," Matthews said.

"It is not too late to donate. The campaign goes on for active-duty Soldiers (who wish to donate by allotment) until May 31," he said. To donate, see your battalion campaign representative or contact the AER office in

Building 686.

Anyone can donate by cash or check anytime, and anyone can donate on-line by debit card, credit card or Soldiers, by allotment by going to www.aerhq.org/donate. Just select Fort Leonard Wood as your post/agency when donating.

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their program by teaching and leading several audience members through a hula dance.

Guieb, who was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in the past, recounted some of his story of growing up in the Philippine-American home. He said as a speaker, it was hard for him to sum up the many cultures honored during Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

"It's about 50 countries, 13 major languages and over 1,000 dialects. For me, to talk about this is doing a little bit of injustice because there is such a wide-variety of cultures that are part of this great heritage month," Guieb said. "Here in the United States, about 6 percent of the culture is

of that background," Guieb said.

Guieb's grandfather came to the United States after fighting in World War II as a Filipino scout ranger. He was part of the Bataan Death March and escaped, later coming to the United States and serving in the U.S. military before becoming a citizen.

"That was our pathway to the United States," Guieb said.

He said his Filipino culture and his Family's determination has led to success in this nation.

"Every culture has a foundation and many cultures are like them. For us, the Filipino culture...its about faith, Family, loyalty and honor. This is no different to what we do in the Army," Guieb said.

Dixon

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R-I Superintendent, explaining why they sought to build planting beds and the lasting impression it will have on their school. Shortly after the letters were received, her students were notified that the project was approved.

While Creamer was planning this project with her students, Capt. Allan Garcia, commander of Company D, 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment, contacted DES Principal Christi Russell with the offer to bring a group of volunteers from the military community to the school for a day of community service. The date was set for the project, and all the materials were procured by DES.

On April 25, 14 Soldiers and Family members of Company D participated in the project with the students from Creamer's third grade class.

In all, the students and volunteers



Photo by Capt. Allan Garcia

Sgt. Ted Miraldes, and his wife Katie, help students plant flowers in one of three new planting beds at Dixon Elementary School.

created three planting beds that they will be able to fill with plenty of blossoms.