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## SOS Tree of Honor displayed at CAC HQ to reflect, remember

by Prudence Siebert/Editor

Each year at Christmastime, Gold Star families from the Fort Leavenworth and surrounding area gather at the Center of Valor and Remembrance in the Resiliency Center to remember their fallen service members and support one another, as well as receive support from Survivor Outreach Services, while trimming a Tree of Honor with the names of their lost loved ones.

This year, an additional SOS Tree of Honor has been decorated in glittering gold ornaments adorned with the names of fallen service members and placed in the foyer of the Combined Arms Center Headquarters building.

"The reason why I wanted to bring a tree here... as many people as come in this headquarters every day, it's going to cause you to stop, to see and to get your arms around understanding that loss, that name," said CAC and Fort Leavenworth Commanding General Lt. Gen. Milford Beagle Jr. "You see it — it's going to cause that curiosity



to see the name, whether special tree with others this you know them or not, and then reflect, and now it gets

"The intimacy of the (SOS tree-trimming) event that happens — and I've seen it the last couple years and at other places in our SOS Valor Center with those families — only they get to see it," Beagle said. "When you think in terms of what you see and what

you understand, they both see it and understand it every single day, because they've lost a loved one. So, when they look at a picture, that picture will never be the same as it was in the past, because there is somebody missing. When they sit

SEE SOS TREE OF HONOR

## December retirements

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**Combined Arms Center** Command Sgt. Maj.

Shawn Carns and CAC

and Fort Leavenworth

**Commanding General Lt.** 

Gen. Milford Beagle Jr. add names of area fallen

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Photo by Prudence Siebert/

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day season.

by Staff Report

Seven officers, a chief warrant officer and one senior noncommissioned officer will be recognized for their service to the nation during the post retirement ceremony at 9 a.m. Dec. 12 at the Frontier Conference Center. The ceremony will also be live-streamed at https://www.facebook.com/USAGLeavenworth/.

Retiring are: Col. Christopher Whelan, Combined Arms Center; Lt. Col. Mike Pearce, Mission Command Training Program; Lt. Col. Raphael Vasquez, Command and General Staff College; Lt. Col. Jason Johnson, CGSC; Lt. Col. Paul Castillo, MCTP; Lt. Col. Joshua Zaruba, MCTP; Maj. Charles Dunlevy, Army Management Staff College; Chief Warrant Officer 5 Thomas Mann, MCTP; and 1st Sgt. Sara Stachura, Adjutant General.



## Santa helps light up Zais Park for holidays

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Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

ABOVE: Three-year-old Hudson Zimmer poses for a photo for Hudson's mom, Jessica Zimmer, with Mrs. Claus and Santa Claus during the annual holiday lighting event Dec. 6 at Zais Park. Hudson's Christmas wish was for a Barbie Dreamhouse, verbalized by her mom when she was too shy to say.

LEFT: Santa Claus celebrates the lighting of Zais Park for the holiday season after helping flip the switch Dec. 6. See page A7 for more photos from the event.

#### AT A GLANCE

- Anyone with **DEBTS OWED** to or by the **ES**-TATE OF SPC. TREVOR D. WHITE must contact Capt. Kaleb Dahl, the summary court martial officer for the soldier, at 913-684-2313 or kaleb.w.dahl.mil
- @army.mil. Spc. White passed away Nov. 11, 2024. ■ See page A8 for the **RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY** 
  - The free 312TH ARMY BAND HOLIDAY CON- HAS SHORTENED HOURS on Christmas Eve and

SERVICES SCHEDULE.

- CERT is at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 in Eisenhower Auditorium at the Lewis and Clark Center.
- NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY ceremony is at 11 a.m., followed by wreath placement, Dec. 14 at the Fort Leavenworth National Ceme-
- The FORT LEAVENWORTH COMMISSARY

New Year's Eve, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

- BERNSTEIN MEMORIAL POOL in Harney Sports Complex will be closed for regular cleaning Jan.
- See the **POST NOTES** (B section) for more information on upcoming events.

## Officer ponders Fort Leavenworth as crossroads for family

#### COMMENTARY

Editor's Note: Over the Thanksgiving holiday, Lt. Col. David Lukefahr reflected on Fort Leavenworth as not only a crossroads for military history, but as a personal crossroads, as well, for his family. He attended Bradley Elementary School in 1993-94 as a third-grader when his father was at the Command and General Staff College. In 2017, he attended CGSC himself, and now in 2024, he is an instructor in the Department of Sustainment and Force Management at CGSC, with a daughter in kindergarten at Bradley Elementary.

by Lt. Col. David Lukefahr

If one believes that our legacies proceed us, then are we walking in circles? If the path we walk is a circle, are there crossroads?

For those who live at Fort Leavenworth, it is not unfamiliar to hear the word "crossroads" used to describe the fort. In fact, as a crossroads, Fort Leavenworth can describe many things, such as families. This is true for my family, and much like many things in life, the crossroads can be obvious and other times hidden. In order to find something, however, usually a question proceeds the journey. While here at Fort Leavenworth, one should seek crossroads to help answer questions so we can decide if we are walking in circles, or rather, continuing our legacies. Why else are we

Continuing legacies matter because, as an instructor recently told me in the Lewis and Clark Center here at Fort Leavenworth, history is frail, and, as Napoleon once described it, just agreedupon fiction. As the instructor pointed out to me, one could argue history's fragility because the historian writing the history is not present at the exact moment in history, as the moment has passed before writing occurred. Additionally, the instructor told me memories fade, so even a history written one second afterward is still a little bit faded. Maybe this is why history can seem recognizable but at the same time not quite clear, like a familiar fog. Maybe this is how walking in circles may lead us over our legacies time and time again unknowingly. Maybe this is why walking in circles is important since history alone is not enough to preserve a legacy.

Taking it a step further, since history cannot be described in absolute facts, maybe it would not be the facts that are most important, but rather the questions from our history we should know. These questions will help us in the future because if history's answers are not answers, then history can just help us to ask questions. So, maybe asking questions about our history is just the crossroads of human nature. Without certain facts, one may not ascertain certain logic from history. Maybe only feeling can be the reason history is worth writing about, reading about and studying

#### The history of the Lukefahr family at Fort Leavenworth is one such example.

Originally, I thought that the only history of Fort Leavenworth and my family started in 1993 when my father attended Command and General Staff College. Memories of filling sandbags when the Missouri River flooded downtown Leavenworth, my family contemplating purchasing a carousel horse for decoration at home, playing tetherball in the third grade at Bradley Elementary School, and my father's class gift painting of brothers attacking the beaches of Normandy summarized the majority of what I thought Fort Leavenworth represented.

During this time, however, I did not ask any questions and I was content with just this information.

Time passed and I joined the military and married my wife, Patricia, after meeting her in Germany during my first assignments. More time passed and I found myself attending Fort Leavenworth as a CGSC student in 2017 living in the Infantry Barracks, beginning to read about philosophy and going to the C.W. Parker Carousel Museum to ride the carousel. Fort Leavenworth



Submitted photo by Patricia Lukefahr

Earlier this year, Lt. Col. David Lukefahr and his daughter, Heidi, pose in front of Bradley Elementary School, where she is currently a kindergartner and where he attended third grade in 1993-94 when his father attended the Command and General Staff College.

represented itself a little differently before departing in 2018, especially with my wife and I expecting our daughter, Heidi.

Again, I did not ask any questions and was content with just this information.

Before I left Fort Leavenworth in 2018, my uncle started to share family stories with me about past relatives dating back to when the Lukefahrs first came to America. This caused me to wonder if there were any Lukefahrs buried on Fort Leavenworth. I left Fort Leavenworth without discovering any family buried on post, but later a friend helped me discover my relative was buried in a cemetery just a short distance outside Fort Leavenworth at the Leavenworth National Cemetery. My relative's name was misspelled as Lickefare and the first initial was A.

At the time, I considered it a special surprise and left it at that.

Fort Leavenworth represented itself a little differently now, but I did not ask any questions and was content with just this in-

As time passed, I learned more about my family from my uncle. He asked me to ask more questions about my family's history. Eventually, this led me to learn that the Lukefahr buried at the cemetery in Leavenworth was named Anton. When he was 16 years old, he served as a bugler in the 47th Missouri Infantry for the Union during the Civil War. Anton was from Perry County, Missouri, and was my first cousin, four times removed.

SEE FORT LEAVENWORTH AS A CROSSROADS |



Submitted photo by Patricia Lukefahr

Editor

Lt. Col. David Lukefahr and his daughter, Heidi, pose at the grave of his ancestor, Anton Lukefahr (misspelled Lickefare) at the Leavenworth National Cemetery earlier this year.

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#### Fort Leavenworth as a crossroads (continued from Page A2)

Around the same time of discovering this information, I remembered running around the golf course past the cemetery and between two ponds on Fort Leavenworth. Sometimes, the street lights would create multiple shadows around me as I ran. I would say a few prayers in my mind as I imagined past soldiers running with me. I only thought of my grandparents, who served in different branches of the military, taking a break from heaven and coming to run with me in the dark, but now I added Anton to the memory.

After this, however, again, I did not ask any questions and was content with just this information.

As time passed, I learned more about my family from my uncle. Soon, orders told me to report to Fort Leavenworth again as a CGSC instructor in 2024. Before reporting in from leave, my daughter, wife and I visited Anton at the Leavenworth National Cemetery. Next to the cemetery was the Eisenhower Veterans Affairs Medical Center where one can drive past old buildings that used to be barracks, hospitals and churches. The buildings, much like the memories of when the grounds were referred to as the Soldier's Home, were fading

Now questions started to float and pop as bubbles in my mind, and I found myself not content with this information.

Shortly before I began training to become an instructor at CGSC, I found a newspaper article in the Leavenworth Public Library from The Leavenworth Times' July, 8, 1900, Sunday edition. It stated that Anton Lickfare was admitted to the Soldier's Home that week. Lukefahr was misspelled as Lickfare. I also found a burial record the same day that showed Anton Lickefare passed away on April, 1 1904. Again, Lukefahr was misspelled as Lickefare. This did not bother me, though, as my uncle had shared with me that Lukefahr itself was most likely a misspelling, too. Days passed, a few rides at the Carousel Museum with my wife and daughter happily occurred, and later that summer, my daughter started kindergarten at Bradley Elementary

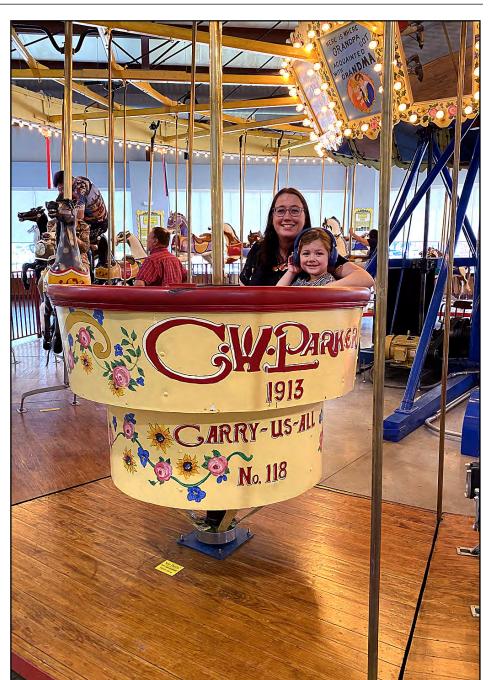
Questions were all around me, and I found myself content with this information.

I share these stories to highlight some crossroads, but they are not unique to my family. Fort Leavenworth is a crossroads for the military, the country and multiple families throughout history.

The question, however, is not how this is, but how does this make us feel? If crossroads make us seem like we are traveling in circles, are we on the perimeter of the circle or in the middle? Is the circle stationary or is the circle also moving in a circle? Is the crossroad really crossing anything? With these questions, is it okay to feel excited about the possibility of history not being able to provide facts? If history cannot provide facts, can we at least feel something in the present history? Can we decide what we are doing in the present?

If we can, then I strongly encourage everyone to make the best feelings possible, right now. Enjoy the feelings that occur here at Fort Leavenworth. Understand, as an instructor told me while I was learning how to instruct, that sometimes, split decisions may actually be a multi-year experience, study, reflection or something else entirely. The present may determine the legacy of the past and future.

Fort Leavenworth is a crossroads not just for our Army, but for life. Your feelings are gathering places for people, ideas and legacies. I feel honored to have crossed paths with Anton's legacy while here at Fort Leavenworth. Or maybe I just caught up to him on a circle? Or maybe we caught up to someone else? Or maybe someone is going to meet us in the future?



Submitted photo by David Lukefahi

Patricia Lukefahr and her daughter Heidi ride in the "lover's tub" on the 1913 restored carousel at the C.W. Parker Carousel Museum in Leavenworth earlier this

## MAHC's Patient, Family Partnership Council meets

by Maria Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs

Community members on Munson Army Health Center's Patient and Family Partnership Council convened at the health

center for a working lunch Dec. 6. "Thank you so much for taking time out of your day to come and share your experiences as a beneficiary in the Military Health System," said Col. Jolanda L.J. Walker, MAHC director. "We are in a transformative time as we reevaluate our model of healthcare delivery, and having both our patients and staff together in this process can result in a healthcare model that is more responsive, ef-

ficient and effective." The PFPC is a Defense Health Agency initiative that provides a forum for patients and families to share insights with military treatment facility leaders and staff and have a voice in the patient care experience.

Participants provided valuable feedback during the meeting and identified several focus areas they would like to explore as a council.

"Overall, they were very complimentary, so that was nice, and they had some ideas about things that we could look into," said PFPC Council Director Tim Stevens, MAHC's chief of quality

work and school day.

"Their feedback was tremendously helpful. In addition to things for us to investigate, we also learned what services we could communicate better and how," Stevens said.

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and safety.

Participants requested the option of having more afternoon appointments or one late day available each week be explored to help accommodate beneficiaries who can't get away during the

Through their discussion they also learned about available services that they didn't realize MAHC offered.

Lastly, the meeting allowed MAHC officials to provide a

Council members learned administrative processes a provider or care team must do before and after an appointment, like placing orders



Photo by Maria Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs

Munson Army Health Center Director Col. Jolanda L.J. Walker welcomes participants to a Patient and Family Partnership Council meeting Dec. 6 at the health center. The PFPC is a Defense Health Agency initiative that provides a forum for patients and families to share insights with military treatment facility leaders and staff and have a voice in the patient care experience.

and referrals, charting, reviewing results, and follow up.

A few council positions remain open. Anyone interested in becoming a part of the council should contact MAHC's patient

advocates at 913-684-6211/6127, or by e-mail at usarmy.leavenworth.medcom-mahc.mbx.patient-advocate@health.mil.

To participate in the council, a volunteer must be a beneficiary and can be an active-duty service member, an active-duty family member, a retiree, or a retiree family member.

The PFPC meets quarterly.





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## Holiday trees at PX display children's wishes, adoptable pets



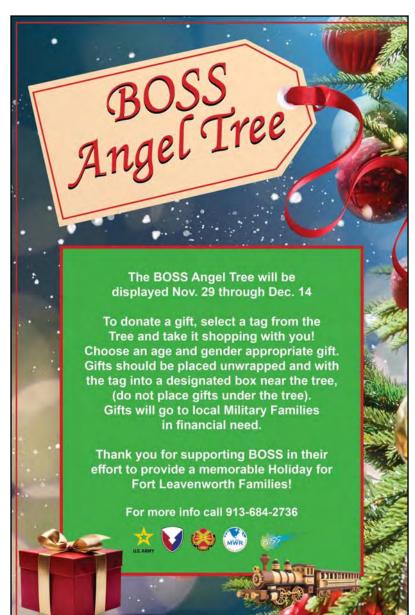


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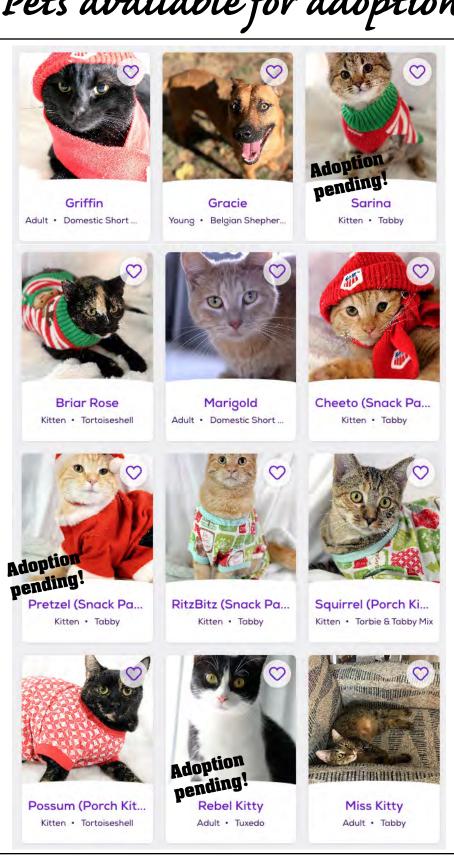
The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Angel Tree is set up in the foyer of the Post Exchange now through Dec. 14.

The tree is decorated in tags listing the name, age, gender, clothing size and likes/wishes of children from area military families in financial need.

Shoppers can select a tag from the tree and choose age- and genderappropriate gifts for that child. Donated items can be placed, unwrapped — with the accompanying Angel Tree tag — in a box by the Angel Tree.

Call 913-684-2736 for more information.

### Pets available for adoption



Screenshot from FLSF.petfinder.com





Fort Leavenworth Stray **Facility volunteers have** placed a tree at the Post Exchange decorated with ornaments featuing photos of pets in the Stray Facility's care.

The tree features images of currently adoptable pets, as well as photos of 8-week-old kittens from two litters that will be available for adoption in January. QR codes for volunteer-

ing, adopting/fostering and FLSF's Facebook page are on the backs of the ornaments.

Profiles of currently adoptable pets are listed at FLSF.petfinder. com.

Call the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility at 913-684-4939 for an appointment or more in-

formation. E-mail fortleavenworthstrayfacility@gmail.com

for an adoption applica-See page A11 for this week's Pets of the Week.

> Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

## Local author joined by adoptable cat for children's story time at PX



Local author retired Maj. Thad Krasnesky, animal rescue supporter and restorer of the Krasnesky Manor for Wayward Cats in Leavenworth, talks with 5-year-old Kallie Emery, 6-year-old Thiago Santiago, 6-year-old Hadassah Williams and 5year-old Lane Siegel about Pretzel, a cat available for adoption at the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, before reading his book "That Cat Can't Stay" to children and their family members Dec. 6 at the Post Exchange. Krasnesky offered two story times, which were followed by a hot chocolate bar and cookies offered at





Kallie reaches to pet adoptable Preztel. ABOVE. as local author retired Maj. Thad Krasnesky, LEFT and BELOW. reads his book "That Cat Can't Stay" during children's story time Dec. 6 at the Post Exchange.

Krasnesky's catthemed reading was paired with adoption event by the Fort Leavenworth Facility, with Pretzel serving as ambassador.

Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth



## Volunteers wrap gifts at Post Exchange





ABOVE: Sgt. 1st Class Randall Peaslee, Sergeant Audie Murphy Club volunteer and candidate and senior career counselor for the Combined Arms Center, wraps an oddly-shaped package to look like a piece of candy while volunteering Dec. 6 at the Post Exchange.

LEFT: Peaslee's 13-year-old daughters Delilah and Makayla help him change rolls of wrapping paper and wrap gifts while volunteering for SAMC Dec. 6 at the PX.



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Survivor Outreach Services Coordinator Greg Bailey Sr. and Army Community Staff members watch Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth Commanding General Lt. Gen. Milford Beagle Jr. add a name to the top of the SOS Tree of Honor, which bears the names of area fallen service members, while trimming the tree Dec. 10 in the CAC Headquarters building. Beagle asked that a duplicate tree to the one decorated each year by families of fallen service members in the Center of Valor and Remembrance be placed in CAC HQ for everyone who enters the building to remember the fallen and their families.

#### SOS Tree of Honor (continued from Page A1)



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

ABOVE: Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth Commanding General Lt. Gen. Milford Beagle Jr. adds the name of a fallen service member to the Tree of Honor Dec. 10 in the atrium of the CAC Headquarters building.

RIGHT: The Survivor Outreach Services Tree of Honor — decorated by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation employee Magdalena Fritz, Army Community Service staff members and the Combined Arms Center Command Team — is adorned with the names of area fallen service members. The tree is on display at CAC HQ for visitors to reflect and remember the fallen and their families.

down, as we all do for holidays and everything else, the picture is different because somebody is not in the space they're normally in, so they see it every day.

"Part of my intent was to get a tree here, because we may think about it, we may see it, but we may not have the full extent because that void is not being created for us. Sometimes we don't need the reminder, but I think the reminder is helpful, so I appreciate all of you for hanging the names," he told the Army Community Service staff members assembled to help hang the names on the tree.

The names on the Tree of Honor represent 433 active-duty service members who have died in the Fort Leavenworth community — many lost in combat, but that number also includes those who have died in accidents or by suicide, since Sept. 11, 2001. The tree also holds at least one name of fallen service members from every conflict from World War II to present, including the name of WWII service member whose family is actively involved in the SOS program. About 500 area survivor families are currently active in the SOS program. SOS has served about 1,000 area survivor families since the program's inception nearly 20 years ago.

"In our staff meetings, I will often say the number of active Gold Star families, our survivor families that we have, and I'm confident that all our staff know that number, but even as they were putting (the name ornaments) on today, they were like 'Oh gosh, I didn't realize it was this many," SOS Coordinator Greg Bailey Sr. said.

In addition to the tree in CAC HQ, visitors can view the original SOS Tree of Honor in the Center of Valor and Remembrance, located in room 161 of the Resiliency Center, from Dec. 16 through the first week of Lengager.

"Additionally, visitors are welcome to visit the Center of Valor and Remembrance where we pay homage to our fallen heroes and their families via photos, memorial books and mini shadow boxes bearing each fallen service member's date of birth, date of transition, rank, name and a folded flag of honor," Bailey said.

CAC Command Sgt. Maj. Shawn Carns thanked the ACS staff members present Dec. 10 for their help placing the names of the fallen on the tree.

"Thank you all for being here to remember. It touches all of our hearts, because all of us have experienced it throughout the years, whether you have a survivor, you know a survivor, or you are part of those families that have the ones who have passed away during our combat," Carns said. "Thank you very much for everything you all do in being here to remember our fallen."

In addition to the glittering ornaments and the names of the fallen, a framed explanation for the SOS Tree of Honor also adorns the tree

"This holiday remembrance tree celebrates the lives and sacrifices of our Fort Leavenworth fallen heroes," the framed sign reads. "It stands as a symbol of gratitude and enduring remembrance for the brave soldiers who gave all. This tree helps to ensure their names, sacrifices and memories live on in our hearts during this holiday sea-

Bailey asked that the community remember the families of fallen service members this holiday season

"Please continue to keep our Gold Star and survivor families in your thoughts and prayers, especially during the holiday season when life's circumstances can sometimes feel more challenging than other times of the year, for everyone," he said, urging community members to take care of themselves as well.



## Santa helps light up Zais Park for holidays

Ten-year-old Juanita Reges, from Colombia, translates Christmas wishes for her 4-year-old brother, Juan, as they visit with Mrs. Claus and Santa Claus at the annual holiday lighting event Dec. 6 at Zais Park. Juanita asked for doll clothes and Juan asked for a Nerf toy gun.

Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp





Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

ABOVE: Santa and Mrs. Claus join the Gardner family — Kimberly Gardner, 12-year-old Jordan and 8-year-old Grayson — in celebrating the lighting of Zais Park Dec. 6. The Gardners, whose husband/father Capt. Randy Gardner is deployed to Poland, helped flip the ceremonial light switch for the annual holiday lighting of the park.

RIGHT: Kimberly McMenamin, co-author of "Hello, Home Fort Leaveworth," Maj. Marc McMenamin, Command and General Staff Officer Course student, and their 2-year-old sons James and Tyler watch a team from Duncan Carriages take community members around Zais Park as the holiday lighting festivies begin Dec. 6.



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

The combined schools choir performs seasonal songs during the annual holiday lighting event activities Dec. 6 at Zais Park.





## German market follows annual bilingual Christmas service at Memorial Chapel



**LEFT: German Military** Chaplain (Militärpfarrer) Gundolf Brosig, stationed at the German Catholic Military Chaplaincy at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, delivers a bilingual German-**English Catholic service** Dec. 7 at Memorial Chapel. The service featured the singing of traditional German holiday carols and a visit from Saint Nicholas, who gave German chocolate to children in attendance. **BELOW: German soldiers** and spouses bratwursts, glühwein, kinder punsch and cookies at the Christkindlmarkt after the German Christmas Service Dec. 7 outside Memorial Chapel.

Photos by Sean Bergosh/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs Office

German Military Chaplain (Militärpfarrer) Gundolf Brosig, stationed at the German Catholic Mil-Chaplaincy at **Sheppard Air Force Base,** Texas, delivers a bilingual **German-English** Catholic service Dec. 7 at Memorial Chapel. The service featured the singing of traditional German holiday carols and a visit from Saint Nicholas, who gave German chocolate to children in attendance.

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## **Holiday shoppers** can make AER onations at PX

by Army and Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs News Release

DALLAS – Army and Air Force Exchange Service shoppers can make a difference to those in need in the military community by donating to military relief funds this holiday season.

Donations can be made to Army Emergency Relief (AER) or the Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) during checkout in Exchange stores or on ShopMyExchange.com. Shoppers can also donate to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) at select Exchanges in the Pacific Region.

"As the holidays approach and the busy shopping season that comes with them, it is an even more important time to think of those in need in our military community," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Rich Martinez, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor. "The Exchange is honored to have such generous shoppers who always support these important relief organizations year after

The Exchange has partnered with the AER and AFAF since 2017 and the NMCRS since 2023. In those seven years, Exchange shoppers have donated \$9.35 million to relief

Shoppers can donate at PX and BX reg¬isters, including self-checkout. Online shoppers will receive a prompt with a donation option when checking out on ShopMyExchange.com.

AER, AFAF and NMCRS provide grants, scholarships, interest-free loans, charitable donations and more to active-duty service members, retirees, Guard members and families. For more information, visit publicaffairs-sme.com/ Community/give/.

#### RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE **POST CHAPELS**

TIME/DATE 9 a.m. Jan. 11

6 p.m. Dec. 20

**SPECIAL SERVICES** 

Chapel Decorations Restoration Event

**JEWISH SERVICES** Jewish Service (Pioneer Chapel) Hanukkah (25 DEC 24 - 02 JAN 25) \*\*\*Please call the RSO for details

#### **CATHOLIC- PIONEER CHAPEL**

9:30 a.m. Dec. 15 9:30 a.m. Dec. 22 4 p.m. Dec. 24

9:30 a.m. Dec. 29 Noon Jan. 1 9:30 a.m. Jan. 5

Third Sunday of Advent Mass Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass Christmas Eve Mass (Pioneer Chapel) The Holy Family- Mass (Frontier Chapel) Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation (Pioneer Chapel)

Epiphany (Frontier Chapel)

#### PROTESTANT (LITURGICAL) - MEMORIAL CHAPEL

9:30 a.m. Dec. 15 9:30 a.m. Dec. 22

Third Sunday of Advent Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### **FORT LEAVENWORTH GOSPEL SERVICE - PIONEER CHAPEL**

2 p.m. Dec. 14 10 a.m. Dec. 15 10 a.m. Dec. 22

10 a.m. Dec. 29

Christmas Cantata (Frontier Chapel) Third Sunday of Advent Fourth Sunday of Advent First Sunday after Christmas

#### PROTESTANT (CONTEMPORARY 1100) - FRONTIER CHAPEL

11 a.m. Dec. 15 11 a.m. Dec. 22 5 p.m. Dec. 24

Third Sunday of Advent Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Pioneer Chapel -Contemporary Service)

11 a.m. Dec. 29 First Sunday after Christmas

#### PROTESTANT (TRADITIONAL 0830) - PIONEER CHAPEL

8:30 a.m. Dec. 15 8:30 a.m. Dec. 22 7 p.m. Dec. 24 8:30 a.m. Dec. 29

Third Sunday of Advent Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Pioneer Chapel - Traditional Service) First Sunday after Christmas

For more information, call the Garrison Chaplain's Office at 913-684-2210

## **December Housing Update from FLFHC**

by Kaylee Winsand/Fort Leavenworth Frontier Heritage Communities

At Fort Leavenworth Frontier Heritage Communities, we are deeply thankful for each of our residents. Your choice to make this community your home means the world to us, and we're especially grateful for you during this season of gratitude and joy.

As we embrace the holiday spirit, here are a few important updates and reminders to focus on this month.

#### **Upcoming events**

#### · Light up the Holiday decorating contest

Show off your holiday spirit with your most creative decorations. Whether it's a cozy corner or a dazzling display, we want to see your magic. Fabulous prizes and ultimate bragging rights await. E-mail your pictures by Dec. 19th to kwinsand@tmo.com.

#### · The Gingerbread Showdown

Children ages 4-12 years old are invited to join us from 3:34-5 p.m. Dec. 17 at the FLFHC Community Center for a sweet and festive challenge. Build your own edible masterpiece, win fun prizes, and spread holiday cheer. Bring your creativity — we'll bring the frosting.

#### Reminders

#### Holiday decorations

We love seeing your festive decorations and encourage you to celebrate the season.

compliance, here are a few guidelines to keep in mind:

- · Roof decorations are not permitted.
- The use of nails, screws or staples on the exterior of the house is prohibited.
- · Holiday lighting and decorations can be displayed up to 30 days before the celebrated holiday and must be removed within two weeks following the occasion.
- · Decorations requiring electricity should not be plugged in until dusk.

Thank you for helping us keep our community beautiful and

**RULES:** 

No decorations

No nails, screws

or staples to the

exterior of the

Turn on lights

after dusk

January 15th

Remove decorations by

house.

on the roof.

Winter preparation

**DECORATING CONTEST** 

TURN IN YOUR 12/19
PICTURES BY:

#### freeze protection

· Make a clear path to your water shut-off valve.

Be aware of where the water shut-off is located for your house. Should a water line ever freeze and burst, you will need to shut off the home's water supply immediately. Make sure belongings are not blocking access to your main water shut-off valve, so that it will be easily accessible in the event of a plumbing emergency.

#### Prepare home for freezing

 Remove and store hoses to prevent plumbing fixtures from freezing. If necessary, FLFHC technicians will remove or cut

them in freezing temperatures.

· On cold days, set indoor faucets that are near exterior walls to a slow drip.

This is to prevent pipes from freezing on days the temperature dips well below the freezing point. Also, consider leaving cabinet doors open so that pipes will be warmed from the room air.

· Keep your garage doors closed as much as possible.

If your garage is attached to your home, minimize the time your garage door is open. This will help to keep cold air out of your house and protect plumbing fixtures in your garage, as well as pipes in the shared walls between

the house and garage.

Keep your heat on.

Make sure to keep your thermostat running by keeping spare batteries on hand.

 Contact FLFHC if you plan to leave for an extended time.

Consider having your plumbing shut off and house drained if you plan to leave for an extended period of time. Reach out to the maintenance office for assistance.

• Set the heat to at least 65 degrees F all winter.

If you leave your house during winter, don't turn off the heat. Doing so could result in freezing temperatures in the house, which will lead to frozen/burst pipes.

Change your furnace filter.

Dirty filters cause additional strain on the entire heating/cooling system, which will lead to the system not operating correctly or shutting down completely. FLFHC offers free filters at the maintenance office.

• Change the rotation of your ceiling fans.

During the summer, fans should rotate counter-clockwise to create a downdraft to cool the room; during the winter fans should rotate clockwise to create an updraft to circulate the warm air around the room.

Thank you for taking the time to stay connected with FLFHC. We appreciate you and wish you and your loved ones a happy and safe holiday season. May your days be filled with joy, warmth and wonderful memories!







## Data immersion course offered in February for knowledge managers

by Micheal Clowser/Army Knowledge Management Proponent

The Army Knowledge Management Proponent, in collaboration with Head-quarters, Department of the Army Office of Enterprise Management, is spearheading an initiative aimed at transforming the Army's approach to data management.

The AKMP will host its second iteration of a comprehensive 32-hour online offering named "Data Immersion Course for Knowledge Managers" from Feb. 3-6, 2025.

The training, essential to today's strategic data landscape and Army enterprise data capabilities, covers vital topics such as data governance, the Army Data Catalog, data workforce roles, data-centric question triage, generative artificial intelligence capabilities, and use of Vantage, the Army's data platform.

The target audience for the course is operational knowledge managers serving in divisions, corps, sustainment commands and above.

The increasing demand for a data-centric approach within Army organizations was the driving force behind the course's development, said Joe Koskey, program manager of the AKMP portfolio within the Mission Command Center of Excellence's Command and Control Integration Directorate.

"As the Army shifts toward a more datafueled and knowledge-driven operational framework, it is imperative to equip knowledge management officers with the skills and capabilities needed to proficiently gather, analyze, utilize and visualize data," Koskey said.

Subject matter experts from the AKMP and C2ID meticulously curated course content to provide KMOs with the knowledge, skills, and attributes for effective data governance, application use, development, management and visualization. The integration of these core components throughout the training exposes students to the complexities of a data-centric environment. Mastery of data governance allows students to establish robust frameworks for data integrity and compliance. Proficiency in data application and development equips them with the tools and techniques for effective

data handling. Additionally, effective data management practices ensure data accuracy, reliability and accessibility, while data visualization skills enable KMOs to present insights in a compelling and coherent manner.

Course modules include practical exercises designed to reinforce learning. These modules equip learners with knowledge, skills, and attributes to manage data assets effectively, ensuring data integrity, security and compliance. This knowledge is crucial within the Army context for maintaining operational efficiency, supporting decision-making processes and enhancing knowledge management practices. Mastering these elements prepares KMOs to handle datadriven tasks more effectively, ultimately improving mission outcomes and decision-making advantages.

A pilot of the course, conducted from Sept. 30 through Oct. 3, 2024, provided AKMP with essential feedback, and instructors are now adjusting course material to improve delivery.

The February iteration will move to the next level by requiring participants to complete a two-hour Microsoft Excel course and a two-hour Contour course beforehand. These prerequisites will ensure participants possess essential baseline skills and allow instruction to focus on practical exercises. This approach will enhance proficiency in the critical areas of data management and governance.

In the end-of-course survey, students in the initial pilot reported significant improvements in their knowledge and skills across various data management areas. Precourse surveys indicated students had lower familiarity and understanding of data governance, analysis, platform use and product development. Post-course survey results, however, demonstrated substantial



Knowledge Managers is a virtual 4-day pilot course intended to fill an operational gap across mission areas and improve use of data throughout the enterprise.

Attendees of this course will recieve instruction on data product development using the process outlined in the Decision-Driven Data CONOPs.

This course is designed to deliver baseline information to Army KMOs on today's current strategic data landscape and enterprise data capabilities available to Managers across all orgs and commands. We focus on applied learning directly using available data platforms and tools.

#### Key Task

Data Governance and the Army Data Catalog: Discovering and Requesting Data Assets
The Data Analysis Journey: Triaging Data-Centric Questions to Data-Enriched Answers
KM Interoperability Advantages: SharePoint, MilSuite, PowerApps and Vantage
Vantage 101: Getting into the Army Data Platform

Don't miss the opportunity to get this small-group 101 deep-dive training, a rich hands-on-keys intro to the full stack of data management and dashboarding applications at our fingertips.

The class will be offered through Microsoft Teams to select cohort of Knowledge Managers with priority given to Division, ESC, TSC and Corps level personnel. To reserve your spot, please email: Micheal.H.Clowser.civ@army.mil



gains in all these areas, with participants rating their knowledge and skills much higher

These improvements underscore the effectiveness of the pilot course in enhancing competencies for handling data-centric tasks and contributing to the Army's data-driven initiatives. The marked increase in post-course ratings demonstrates the importance of targeted training programs in

developing essential data management capabilities among knowledge managers.

"I am extremely proud of the work that has gone into the new data immersion pilot course, and our next iteration will be even better," said Brig. Gen. Bryan Babich, director of MCCoE. "We understand that honing our ability to understand and use data is key to gaining an information advantage against our adversaries."



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...because there are times when we all need a helping hand.

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Donate at the register to either Army Emergency Relief or Air Force Assistance Fund



## Have the Fort Leavenworth Lamp delivered to your inbox!

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usarmy.leavenworth.id-training.mbx.pao-inbox@army.mil.

# Briar Rose vs. Sarina Sarina

## Adoptable pets model holiday fashion

Who Wore It Best? Vote for your favorite!



Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Who wore it best?

Briar Rose, ABOVE, and her kennelmate Sarina (adoption pending), RIGHT, model a tiny Christmas sweater in the second week of "Who Wore It Best" duels this season. Briar Rose is about 6 months old, Sarina is about 3 months old, and both have already been spayed, vaccinated and microchipped.

Vote for who wore it best at https://www.facebook.com/FortLeavenworth-StrayFacility/ or on Instagram, FortLeavenworthStrays, https://www.instagram.com/fortleavenworthstrays/?igsh=MTA2ajdzdzV4a2Rhag%3D%3D.

A new "Who Wore It Best" matchup will be featured each week in December, with results revealed in January.

Visit www.FLSF.petfinder. com for pet profiles, e-mail fortleavenworthstrayfacility@gmail.com for an adoption application, and call 913-684-4939 for more information.

The Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, at 510 Organ Ave., is open by appointment only until Dec. 16, when normal hours return. The facility's normal hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and by appointment for pre-approved adopters. Call 913-684-4939 to schedule an appointment. Military affiliation is not required to adopt from the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility.

Volunteers are needed to help cover pet care shifts, walk dogs, clean kennels and more. Foster homes for adoptable pets are also needed. To apply to volunteer with the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, enter ZIP code 66027, then search for "stray animal facility" at https:// vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com/.



## 'Yappy Holidays' from AAFES!

## Festive pets can fetch up to \$3,000 in prizes (10 gift certificates) in Exchange's photo contest

by Army and Air Force Exchange Service Public

DALLAS — Army and Air Force Exchange Service shoppers can show off their furry friends in their festive best for a chance at \$3,000 in prizes in the Holiday Pet Photo Contest.

Through Dec. 31, shoppers can submit an unaltered photo of their pet in holiday attire at ShopMyExchange.com/sweep-

Two grand-prize winners will each receive a \$500 Exchange gift card while eight runners-up will each receive a \$250 gift card

"Pets are very much a part of military families," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Rich Martinez, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor. "Giving the military community a chance to show off their festive friends for a chance at great prizes brings extra excitement to this holiday season."

Ten entries will be chosen as winners based on originality, creativity and appropriateness to the contest theme.

All authorized Exchange shoppers 18 years of age or older are eligible to enter, along with Department of Defense and Coast Guard civilians and honorably discharged veterans who have confirmed their eligibility to shop online. Veterans can visit https://aafes.media/paveterans and DoD civilians can visit https://aafes.media/cacbenefitspa to learn more about their shopping benefit.

Winners will be chosen on or around Jan. 17 and notified directly by e-mail and/or phone.

For contest rules, visit https://media.shopmyexchange.com/is/content/aafes/aafes/media/ecom/assets/sweepstakes/photo-contest/win-2024-holidaypetrules.pdf Limit one entry per person.



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#### **Blood Drive**

**Ft. Leavenworth Munson Army Health Center** 

On the First Floor 550 Pope Ave. Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and



Schedule a blood donation appointment today: oad the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767



WHO: ALL BOSS QUALIFIED SERVICE MEMBERS

WHEN: TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 1200-1300

WHERE: MOVIE ROOM AT SSQ

WHY: CREATE A SPACE TO LEARN ABOUT BOSS TO ALWAYS BE INFORMED ABOUT BOSS AND HELP **BRING SOME FESTIVITIES** 

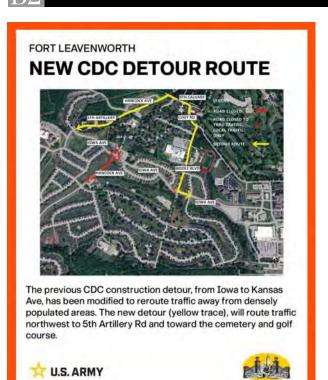
\*\*\*LUNCH AND COOKIES PROVIDED!\*



\*\*PLEASE RSVP WITH QR CODE SO WE HAVE ENOUG







#### We want to hear from you!

Fort Leavenworth's environmental restoration team is working to improve our programs and your input is key.

By sharing your thoughts and concerns in interviews, you'll help us create a community involvement plan that benefits everyone - both on post and across the surrounding areas.

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Virtual interviews will be held through December 6, 2024

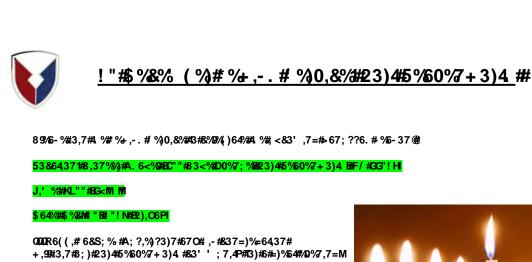
Interviewee responses will be compiled and any information used will be anonymous.

Your input really matters, and we appreciate you taking the time to be part of this Community Involvement Plan. To participate, please contact Carla Avery at cavery@contifederal.com or 848-327-4448, who is providing environmental contract support to the Army.









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#### LIBRARY CLOSURES

December 21 - 29

#### RESOURCES

Public computers: Login procedures for the 1st floor computers have changed. Please go to the Circulation Dask to gel a computer login.

Interlibrary loans: Request materials fro other libraries. Fill out an ILL form here

Book displays: Highlighting various subjects throughout the year.

#### Holiday Hours

Regular hours resume January 4

#### ACADEMIC NEWS

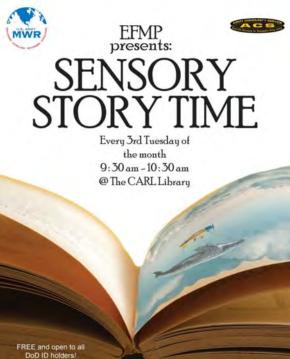
Need research or archives assistance? Use our "Ask a Librarian" form or speak to a first-floor Reference Librarian.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

Storytime: This month 3 December, 10 December, and 17 December at 0930.

ACS Sensory Storytime will be 17

All are welcome



#### Join us! Held in the Children's Room Every Tuesday @9:30a.m. Family Storytime (Open to all ages) Storytime with stay & play after CARL LIBRARY **CALL FOR**

**VOLUNTEERS** 

The Frontier Army Museum is looking

for a consistent, longterm volunteer to

work in the collections.

Role: Assisting with inventory, minor artifact cleaning,

mount making, and other collections related tasks.

> Age Requirement: Must be 16 and older.

Interested? Please contact Megan Hunter

LIBRARY

**STORYTIME @ THE** 

### **Dental Assistant Training Program**



Fort Leavenworth **Dental Clinic Command** 

EFMP:





#### INTERESTED IN THE DENTAL ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM?

The Dental Assistant Program is a combination of classroom and hands-on basic education and clinical skills. The program is designed to provide the skills necessary for volunteers to become employed at a Dental Treatment facility (DTF). Please note, employment is not guaranteed.

This is a valuable training opportunity where dental trainees MUST commit to a six (6) month period required for completion. First 2 weeks in lectures then rest of the 22 weeks in clinic handson experience.

Training day is from 0720-1600 Monday - Friday

- ❖Must have valid DoD sponsored ID card Retiree or family member of active/guard/reserve retired with regular post access privileges.
- **❖**Must be 18 years old or older prior to start of program.
- ❖High School Graduate or GED.

POC 913-684-2871/ 2838

- ❖Candidates must have or be willing to complete BLS training and vaccination requirements prior to start of program.
- There is no cost for those accepted.
- Candidates will be chosen based on application, essay, and individual interviews.
  - Applications accepted, and interviews conducted now through 15 Dec 24
  - Training begins on 3 Feb 25
  - Contact American Red Cross today for an application packet!

#### START HERE FOR A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

**American Red Cross** 

Jason.Ramlow@redcross.org

Phone: (816) 536-0108

#### Free Dental Assistant Training

- · Brought to you by the American Red Cross & the Ft. Leavenworth Dental Clinic Command
- · 2 weeks lectures and 22 weeks chairside on the job clinical
- training (1000 hours total). All done as a volunteer. Must be military ID holder, HS grad, and age 18+ to apply.
- · Training will be at Smith Dental Clinic, 520 Pope Ave.
- Applications available now and interviews held now through 15 Dec 24. Training begins on Monday, Feb. 3rd, 2025.
- Call the Red Cross at 816-536-0108 or email: Jason.Ramlow@redcross.org for an application.

American Red Cross









## STRONGHOLD DISTRIBUTION & HAPPY BOTTOMS

By Appointment Only www.strongholdfoodpantry,org

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Mon- Fri 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. with limited hours Thur 1-4:00 p.m. | 913-684-HELP (4357) / 2800

DECEMBER Resiliency Center, 600 Thomas Ave, Building 198 \*\*\* ACS is closed for lunch from 1130-12:30pm daily\*\*\*

#### NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

There will be no NPSP events Dec 25-26 or Jan 1-2

\*\*Call 913-297-3212/ 9704 to register for all NPSP classes & events.

#### **Toddler Time**

Wednesdays, 9:00am Resiliency Center Playroom

#### Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:00am Resiliency Center, Room 157

#### **Play Morning**

Thursdays, 9:00-10:00 am & 10:00-11:00 am Resiliency Center, Playroom

#### **Breastfeeding Class** Dec. 2, 5:00-7:00pm

Resiliency Center, Room 157

#### Dad's Night Out Dec. 4, 6:00-8:00pm

Restaurant TBD **Newborn Care Class** 

#### Dec. 9, 5:00-7:00pm

Resiliency Center, Room 157

#### Mom's Night Out Dec. 11, 6:00-8:00pm

Restaurant TBD

#### ACS WILL BE CLOSED DEC 24-25, 31 & JAN 1



#### **FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

\*\*Registration Required for all FAP events.

#### Co-Parenting Workshop

Dec. 2, 9,16, 30,12:00-1:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 145 virtual options available

#### **Anger Management Class**

Dec. 5,11:30am-1:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 145

#### Mom & Me Crocheting

Dec 6, 1:00-3:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 145

#### Positive Parenting Series

Dec. 6,13, & 20,1:30-3:00pm via Microsoft Teams

#### **Navigating the Teen Years** Dec. 18, 1:00-2:30pm

Resiliency Center, Room 145



CALL ACS TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES TODAY! ALL EVENTS LISTED ARE FREE!

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Ft Leavenworth SHARP Resource Center Building 197, 632 McClellan Ave

Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

Contact the team at usarmy,leavenworth,cac.mbx,cac-sharp@army.mil

We Have Realigned Under a New Installation Model

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Team 2 CAC HQ, CAC-T HQ, MCTP, NSC, STB, TMD, 505th CCW and 500th/67th MP

Team 3 ACB, MWJRCF, USDB

Army U, CGSC, Dental, DLI, MAHC staff, Patients, Team 4 SAMS, SOF, TRADOC, Veterinarian, and Other Serice Staff tenant personnel



290 Grant Ave

Hiring Underway Victim Advocate



Ms. Nicole Hernandez Victim Advocate Maureennicole.n.hernandez.civ@army.mil Office: 913-684-5230 Cell: 913-544-9243 Bldg 58, 614 Custer Rd



**Hiring Underway** Victim Advocate

For Assistance contact the **SHARP Hotline** 

**Hiring Underway** Victim Advocate

Fort Leavenworth 24/7 SHARP Hotline 913-683-1443 DoD Safe Help Line 877-955-5247

#### **Sexual Harassment Complaint Reporting Option** Formal | Informal | Anony **Sexual Assault Reporting Option**

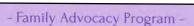
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#### Victim Advocacy Program

1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of domestic violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. If you or someone you know is

experiencing violence by an intimate partner, please reach out to the victim advocacy program at 913.683.2537



Safety Planning



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#### If you experienced sexual trauma during your military service, VA can help.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers free health care and other benefits for current and former Service members who experienced sexual assault, harassment or abuse during military service, also known as military sexual trauma (MST).

**For Current Service Members** 

Current Service members (including current National Guard and Reserve members) can access confidential MST-related counseling at VA's Vet Centers without a referral and care at VA medical facilities with a Department of Defense referral. No Report or Evidence of MST Needed to Receive Care

No report to authorities or other documentation of the MST experience is needed to receive health care services.



For more information, scan the QR code, download the Beyond MST mobile app, or visit/call: www.mentalhealth.va.gov/mst









Safe Sexual Assault Support for the DoD Community

safehelpline.org | 877-995-5247

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**DECEMBER** 

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#### **RELOCATION READINESS PROGRAM**

**In-Processing Brief** 

Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am Resiliency Center, Room 157

**OCONUS Levy Brief** 

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00am Resiliency Center, Room 157

**Hearts Apart Bowling** for Families of Deployed **Service Members** 

Dec. 7, 12:00-2:00pm Strike Zone Bowling Center \*Registration Required

Multi-Cultural Families Friday Fun Day- White Elephant **Holiday Celebration** 

Dec. 13, 9:30-11:00am Resiliency Center, Room 106 \*Registration Required

#### **Lending Closet**

Are you In/Out-Processing and need essentials? ACS has short-term basic items to help you get by.

- · kitchenware
- cookware
- · small appliances

#### ACS WILL BE CLOSED DEC 24-25, 31 & JAN 1

#### **EMPLOYMENT** READINESS PROGRAM

offers career counseling, job search assistance, job referrals, and civilian & federal resume review. Call to schedule one-onone or register for classes. Follow us on FB @Fort Leavenworth



#### ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS

(AVC) To register for a volunteer account or find volunteer opportunities visit: https:// vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com

facebook.com/FortLeavenworthACS

#### **EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM**

(EFMP) \*Registration Required for EFMP events

EFMP Recreational Bowling for **EFMP Families** Dec. 7, 12:00-2:00pm

**EFMP Sensory Story Time** Dec. 17, 9:30-10:30am **CARL Library** 

Strike Zone Bowling Center

#### **SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES** provides long-term

support to surviving Families of fallen Soldiers.

#### **SOS Tree Trimming Social**

- Dec. 10, 11:30am, Grant Hall, BLDG 52, 1 Sherman Drive
- Dec. 14, 1-3pm, Resiliency Center, Center of Valor & Remembrance

facebook.com/FortLeavenworthFMWR https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/

#### ARMY EMERGENCY **RELIEF (AER)** provides

emergency assistance to active duty service members, their families, and retired service members.

For emergency financial assistance during normal duty hours, call the ACS main line, and after hours, weekend or holiday, call the American Red Cross Call Center at 1-877-272-7337.

Command & Troop training is also available upon request.

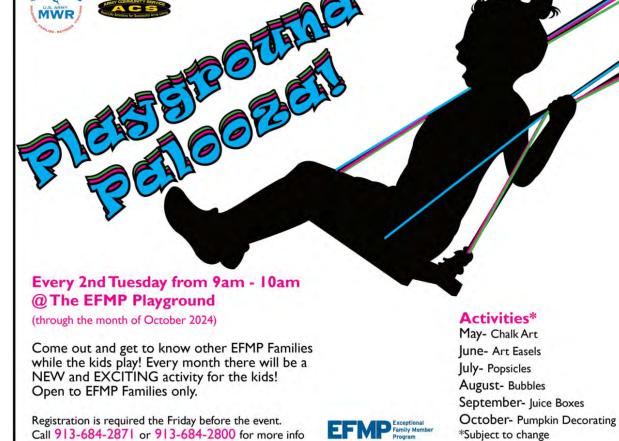
#### **FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM** offers one-on-one appointments and classes by request on topics such as TSP, BRS/Continuation Pay, financial

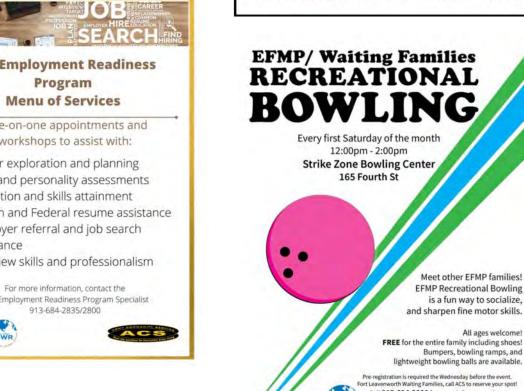
counseling and budgeting for major life events (retirement, marriage, divorce, new child, illness & more).



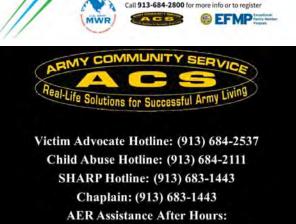


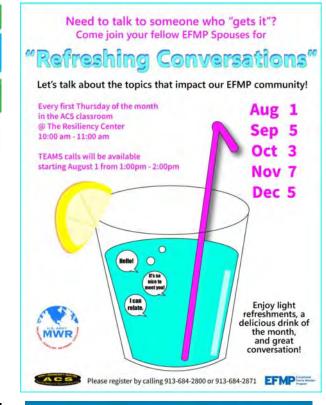
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American Red Cross at (877) 272-7337









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kids and meet other Moms at a restaurant.

The focus of this event is to improve social

connections and to learn about different parts

Time: 6PM • Restaurants TBD

Childcare, food, and drinks are not

For Moms with children 0-3 years old Info: (913) 297-3212 or (913) 684-2800











SCREAM FREE
Parenting ACS Conference Room 145 600 Thomas Ave From 1:00 - 2:30pm June 5, July 10, Aug 7, Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6 Dec 4

Feeling frustrated? Overwhelmed? Let us help you focus on staying both calm and connected with your loved ones. We'll work together to find the tools to revolutionize your relationships with your children. nmended for parents with children aged 5+.



Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6 1pm - 3pm Room 145

> 600 Thomas Ave Come on out and learn a new skill, or perfect an existing one! An instructor will be available to teach the basics. "Stitch" together and bond with your kids! Supplies and snacks will be provided! Have a favorite yarn? You're welcome to bring it!

FREE! Ages 8+





#### Playgroup Free toddler play group.

- · Open to ages 2-3 years old with adult.
- Offers an introduction to preschool routines, explores educational concepts, and builds social skills through hands on experiences and activities.

Wednesdays @ 9:00am

Located at the Army Community Service Resiliency Center 600 Thomas Ave. Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Registration required call or text 913-297-3212 or 913-297-9704

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## Thursdays from 9-11:00 a.m.

Ages 3 months - 3 years with Guardian • Resiliency Center Free play group for ages 3 months - 3 years

and their

parents/guardians

Enjoy a large play area with interactive activities, toys and crafts to develop gross and fine motor skills. Play with other kids, meet other parents and learn about healthy childhood development.

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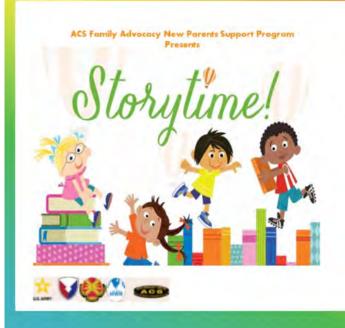








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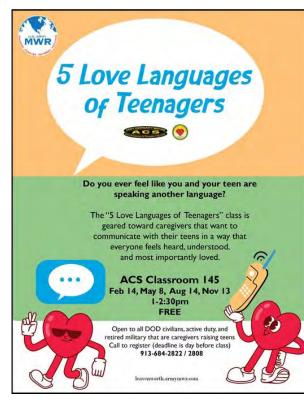
Join us for storytime to use our imagination and develop a love of books

Storytime fosters early literacy skills, language development, and social growth.

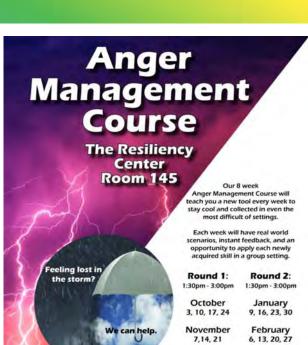
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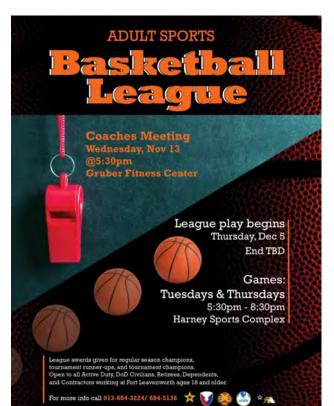






December













Learn proper Olympic Lifting technique and how to safely resistance train. Programming is designed to increase Muscle Mass, Strength, and Power. Resistance training has been shown to increase bone density, metabolic rate, cognition, reduce fat accumulation, lower risk of heart disease, and so much more. Start enjoying the benefits!

CLASSES MEET MON, WED, FRI 9:00-10:15 AT HARNEY GYM \$10 DROP IN RATE OR \$75 MONTH







11-11 CLASSES

Monday - Friday 9:00-10:15am Harney Gym 185 Fourth Street

Classes are designed to increase strength, power, speed, agility, and aerobic capacity by Olympic lifting, weight lifting, gymnastics, and plyometrics. This class is ideal for beginners and elite. Get healthier, get inger, live longer. Enjoy profess programming in a supportive, encouraging environment.

ABOUT



Monthly rates 3x week \$75 5x week \$85 Drop in \$10

#### CONTACT For more info: 🛨 🗸 🚳 🏖 🟂 949-291-0386 A WOMEN'S ONLY FREE JIU-JITSU SEMINAR WITH COACH DON CASTRO REGISTRATION IS LIMITED SIGN UP EARLY POC: 254-346-7156 CLOTHING: Appropriate Gym Attire Gi / No Gi Attire recommended NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> (Saturday) Beginner / Advanced Women FREE JIU-JITSU SEMINAR GRUBER FITNESS CENTER 1130 - 1230

Starting August 19th, 2024

#### Fort Leavenworth **Group Fitness Classes**

GRUBER FITNESS CENTER-200 Reynolds Ave. - 684-5120 Mon-Fri: 0500-1800, Sat and Sun: 0800-1700

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0530			Spin (Karyn)			
0930		Zumba (Lydia)		Zumba (Lydia)		
1200						
1630	Hot Yoga (Kim)	Zumba (Lydia)	Power Cycling (Kim)	Zumba (Lydia)		
1730			Power Yoga (30min) (Kim)			

#### HARNEY SPORTS COMPLEX - 185 Fourth St. - 684-2190

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0800						
1630		*Power Cut (Kim)		*Power Cut (Kim)		

\*Power Cut classes are held in the Bubble Gym



Single Ticket For \$5.00 10 Tickets For \$45.00 20 Tickets For \$80.00





#### October - December

#### Workshops

#### Watercolor

\$30 per workshop

Watercolor (Basic Techniques) Wednesday, Oct 9 11am - 1pm Tuesday, Nov 5 6pm - 8pm

Watercolor (Color Theory) Wednesday, Oct 16 11am - 1pm Tuesday, Nov 12 6pm - 8pm

Watercolor (Simple Landscapes) Wednesday, Oct 23 11am - 1pm

Watercolor (Holiday Cards) Tuesday, Nov 19 6pm - 8pm

Watercolor (Holiday Wreaths) Tuesday, Dec 3 6pm - 8pm

> Call now to register! 913-684-3373

#### Acrylic

Cost includes all supplies!

Acrylic (Basic Techniques) Tuesday, Oct 15 6pm-8pm

Acrylic (Intermediate) \*Must sign up for both Tuesday, Oct 22 6pm - 8pm Tuesday, Oct 29 6pm - 8pm





scan for more info

## Arts & Crafts Studio 310 McPherson Ave

**OPEN STUDIO** 

913-684-3373

Hours 10am - 5pm T - F Ask about our Hourly Fees

Multi-Craft Room

Come use our provided supplies to craft with the whole family!

Painting Studio

Provided watercolor and acrylic supplies to create your own masterpiece.

Framing Studio

Must take Intro to Framing before using DIY Framing Studio.

> **Pottery Studio** (Coming Spant)

#### Modern Calligraphy

#### Basics

\$20 per class

Wednesday Oct 30 11:30am - 1pm

#### Special Projects

**Holiday Cards** Wednesday

Nov 13 11:30am - 1pm

Wednesday Dec 4 11:30am - 1pm

**Holiday Cards** 

#### Intermediate

\$20 per class

Wednesday Nov 6 11:30am - 1pm



#### Reoccurring Classes MUST PRE-REGISTER

Intro to Framing \$40 per class

Every 2nd Thursday & 4th Saturday of the month 10am - 2pm

> Paint & Sip \$35 per session

Every 2nd Friday of the month 6pm - 8pm

Must be 21 years or older.

Come see what's new at the Studio!



#### October - December

#### Workshops

#### Acrylic

\$35 per class

Acrylic Pour Tuesday, Oct 29 11am - 1pm



#### Framing

\$40 per class

Intro to Framing \*Must pre-register\*

Thursdays Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12 10am - 2pm

Saturdays Oct 26, Nov 23 10am - 2pm

> Call now to register!

913-684-3373

#### Crafts

\$35 per class

Sweater Pumpkins Friday, Oct 25 11am - 1pm

Grateful Pie Garland Friday, Nov 22 11am - 1pm

**Holiday Ornaments** Tuesday, Dec 10 11am - 1pm



## 310 McPherson Ave 913-684-3373

Paint & Sip \$35

Must be 21 years or older. **BYOB** 



Day of the Dead Pumpkin Friday October 11



**Festive Gnome** Friday November 8 6pm - 8pm



Raccoon Friday December 13 6pm - 8pm

Red Scarf

Cost includes all supplies!

### Kids Arts & Crafts

#### Messy Art

\$12 per class (ages 7+)

Thursday, Oct 3 11am - 12pm

Thursday, Oct 17 11am - 12pm

Thursday, Nov 14 11am - 12pm Thursday, Dec 5

11am - 12pm

Color Me Happy (Parent & Toddler)

\$10 per class

Thursday, Oct 10, 24 10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday, Nov 7, 21, 10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday, Dec 12 10:30am - 11:30am

#### Art History

\$15 per class (ages 7+)

Pumpkins & Picasso Wednesday, Oct 23 1pm - 3pm Thursday, Oct 24 4pm - 6pm

Macrons & Matisse Wednesday, Nov 20 1pm - 3pm Thursday, Nov 21 4pm - 6pm

Waffles & Warhol Wednesday, Dec 11 1pm - 3pm Thursday, Dec 12 4pm - 6pm



Come see what's new at the Studio!

leavenworth.armymwr.com





Fri, Dec 13 at 6:00 PM CST

Cozy Raccoon - December Paint and Sip

310 McPherson Ave, Fort Leavenworth, KS, United States, Kansas 66027...





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**Arts & Crafts Studio** 310 McPherson Ave (913) 684-3373

The Frame Studio is

available for all of your framing needs!

Intro to Framing:

Every 2nd Thursday of the

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Every 4th Saturday of the th from 10am - 2pm

before class. Ages 18+

**Military Prints Art Projects Photography Prints Graduation Certificates Etchings/Engravings** 



#### FORT LEAVENWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT OPENINGS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR:

- Special Education Para Educators
- Food Service Manager
- Food Service Cook
- Full-Time & Daily Substitute Teachers
- Full-Time Bus Aide
- Full-Time Bus Driver
- Special Education Teacher K-5
- Special Education Teacher 6-9
- Early Childhood Pre-School Special **Education Teacher**



















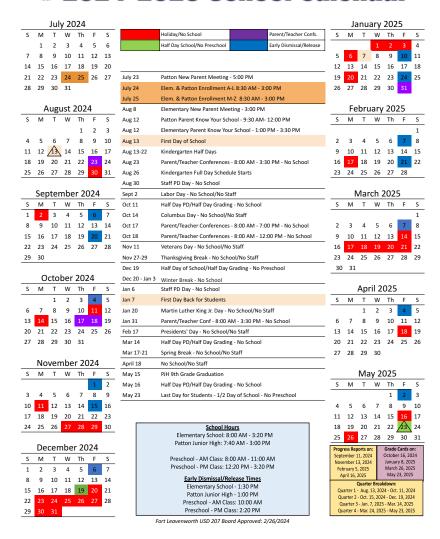






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#### **2024-2025 School Calendar**



#### Fort Leavenworth Care Options Available for Summer 2024 & School Year 2024-2025





**DECEMBER 20 - JANUARY 3** 

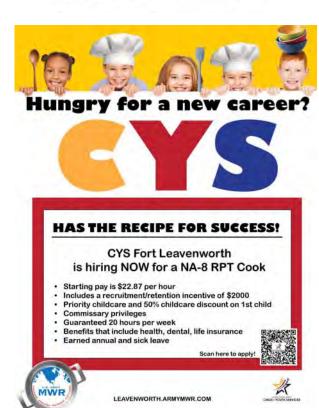
The first day back for staff from Winter Break is January 6. The first day back from Winter Break for students is January 7.

New to Fort Leavenworth? Online enrollment is available on our websii

DISTRICT OFFICE WINTER BREAK HOURS

7:30 AM - 2:00 PM, Friday, December 20 CLOSED | Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3 The USD 207 District Office will resume normal operations on Monday, J

913-651-7373 questions@usd207.org









## MUNSON NOTES

- MEDICAL APPOINTMENT **CHECK-IN:** Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment to complete any required paperwork and bring the following items: DoD ID card; list of current medications including over-the-counter meds, vitamins, and supplements; any relevant paperwork or forms; and a list of questions or concerns. If you are not able to make your scheduled appointment, call the appointment line at (913) 684-6250 to cancel.
- Munson Army Health Center is looking for volunteers to join the PATIENT AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP COUN-CIL. Volunteers can be active-duty, activeduty family members, retirees or retiree family members. The PFPC meets quarterly. If interested, call 913-684-6211/6127.
- Munson Army Health Center Pharmacy offers patients a variety of OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS AT NO COST to service members, retirees and familiy members. These items are available without a prescription or medical appointment. These self-care items are comparable to those available for purchase from retail stores and include pain relievers, cough medicine, allergy medication, antibiotic ointment, lice treatment and much more. Visit https://munson.tricare.mil/Health-Services/Pharmacy and scroll down to the Over-the-Counter Medication Program for details.
- Service members, retirees, family members and Department of Defense federal employees on Fort Leavenworth are EL-IGIBLE TO USE THE ARMED FORCES WELLNESS CENTER FOR FREE. This includes physical fitness testing, body composition analysis, stress management, improving sleep habits and individual health coaching. You set the goals; the AFWC staff puts you on the path to achieving them. Programs are individualized to address your current needs, motivation and confidence level. Visit the Fort Leavenworth AFWC in Eisenhower Hall or call 913-758-3403 to schedule an appointment. The health educators are also available to go mobile, taking their class to units or organizations on post and family readiness groups. To learn more about AFWC services visit https://dvidshub.net/r/8wttlf.



https://www.facebook. com/munsonhealth/ for updates and information.

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TRICARE is the uniformed services health care program for activeduty service members (ADSMs), active-duty family members (ADFMs), National Guard and Reserve members and their family members, retirees and retiree family members, survivors, and certain former spouses worldwide. You may be able to get care from a military hospital or clinic, a civilian network of providers off your post or base, or TRI-CARE-authorized nonnetwork providers. Learn more

https://www.tricare.mil /Plans.



symptoms, but they can include:

- · Sad, anxious, or "empty" feelings
- Feelings of hopelessness, guilt, worthlessness, or helplessness
- · Loss of interest or pleasure in activities you used to enjoy
- Fatigue and decreased energy
- · Difficulty concentrating, remembering details, and making decisions
- · Thoughts of death or suicide

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a condition in which some people experience a significant mood change when the seasons change. SAD is not considered a separate disorder but is a type of depression.

- Oversleeping
- · Overeating, particularly with a craving for carbohydrates
- · Weight gain
- · Social withdrawal (feeling like "hibernating")
- Difficulty sleeping
- · Lack of appetite
- · Irritability and agitation

samhsa.gov/mental-health/seasonal-affective-disorder

lf you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org. To learn how to get support for mental health, drug, and alcohol issues, visit FindSupport.gov. SAMHSA







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