



In Brief

Focus 56

Focus 56 will meet 3 p.m. Friday at the enlisted lounge. All staff sergeant selects, staff sergeants and technical sergeants are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Latoya Jones-Sanders at 283-2283 or Tech. Sgt. Publio Casillas at 283-2609.

Health Fair

The annual Health Benefits Fair for civilian employees is 8 a.m. Nov. 13 in room 267, bldg. 650.

Turkey Bowl

The Officers' Spouses Club Turkey Bowl is 11 a.m. Nov. 13. Interested participants must sign up no later than Nov. 9. For more information, call 271-0299.

Turkey Trot

The Turkey Trot 5k walk and run is Nov. 15 at the fitness center track. The walk will start at 2:30 p.m. and the run will start at 3 p.m. For more information, call the fitness center at 283-2631.

Smoke-out

The Health and Wellness Center wants everyone to go tobacco-free for 24 hours on Nov. 15 to support the Great American Smokeout Campaign. For more information, call 283-3826.



Staff Sgt. Timothy Capling

Tyndall Air Force Base Airmen gather at the base youth center to receive briefings from the 325th Security Forces Squadron on how to protect base children from harm during trick-or-treat hours.

Pumpkin patrol keeping children safe

STAFF SGT. TIMOTHY CAPLING
325TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

One of the biggest concern parents have is to ensure the safety of their children, which becomes especially important during holidays.

More than 100 volunteers geared up and hit the streets Wednesday in support of the 325th Security Forces Squadron pumpkin patrol for Tyndall Air Force Base's Halloween trick-or-treating.

"The annual-patrol event provides security forces and Airmen from other squadrons the opportunity to volunteer their time to patrol base housing, ensuring children have a safe trick-or-treat experience," said Staff Sgt. Jared Keller, 325th SFS NCO in charge of police services and pumpkin patrol coordinator.

Volunteers patrolled from 4 to 7:30 p.m. to curtail hazards associated with Halloween.

"Halloween can be a great time for our children, however, we have a large quantity of children walking around in the streets at night," Sergeant Keller said. "Many of the children will be wearing masks that limit visibility and hide their identity. This can create a problem for vehicle traffic and children getting lost or separated from their parents."

Safety was the biggest concern for



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Sergeant Keller informs two volunteer Airmen on what base housing section they will be patrolling Halloween night.

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Checkertail Salute

Staff Sgt. Angelique Fabiano



Airman 1st Class Anthony J. Hyatt

Staff Sgt. Angelique Fabiano, 325th Mission Support Squadron, helps a customer, via phone, by scheduling them for their pre-final and final out-processing appointments.

Sergeant Fabiano, completed 47 Administrative Discharge cases and improved Team Tyndall's discharge rate timeline 50 percent in only 15 days. She also guaranteed Air Dominance by recruiting 36 of Tyndall's finest for the United States Air Force Reserve duty.

Duty title: NCO in charge, Separations and Retirements

Hometown: Sumter, S.C.

Time on station: One year and four months

Time in service: Eight years and six months

Hobbies: Chasing after my 3 and 5 year olds

Goals: To complete my Community College of the Air Force and moving onto my Associates Degree.

Favorite thing about Tyndall AFB: It is in closer proximity to home.

Favorite movie: The Princess Bride

Pet Peeves: Slow drivers in the left lane and other people's inability to use their blinkers when switching lanes and turning.

Proudest moment in the military: Graduating from basic military training.

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

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the evening.

"Using some safety tips and common sense can help you make the most of your Halloween season and make it as enjoyable and memorable as possible for our base community," said Capt. Darren Stastny, 325th SFS deputy commander and pumpkin patroller.

The evening concluded incident free.

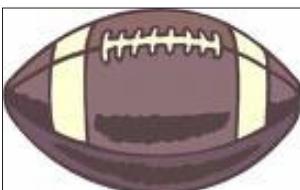
"The night was a success," said Sergeant Keller. "There were no reported injuries, making it another great Halloween and pumpkin patrol."



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Airmen patrol base housing by foot and by vehicle Oct. 31 to ensure safety among trick-or-treaters.

2007 Standings Flag Football



(as of Nov. 4)

Team	Win	Loss
SFS	11	1
AMXS	11	1
COMM	10	2
SVS	8	2
MDG	10	3
OSS	8	4
MXS	7	5
ACS	7	5
MOS	6	7
CES	6	8
MSS/FW	5	8
601st	3	8
53rd	2	10
CONS	1	11
AFRL	1	11
823rd	1	11

2007 Varsity Basketball



Tyndall Tigers Men

The men's Tigers beat Eagles of Eglin AFB 83-74 to even their record at 1-1 Oct. 20.

Tyndall Lady Tigers

The lady Tigers beat the Eglin Lady Eagles with a score of 74-70 to up their record to 2-0 Oct. 20.



Identify this ...

Can you identify this object?

If so, send an e-mail to editor@tyndall.af.mil with "Identify this" in the subject line.

Three correct entries will be chosen at random and drawn from a hat to determine the final winner. The prize can be claimed at the Public Affairs office.

David Marut, 325th Maintenance Group, correctly guessed the Oct. 29 "Identify This" as the nose of an aircraft. Congratulations Mr. Marut.

Principal recognized for outstanding leadership

STAFF SGT. VESTA ANDERSON
325TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

You can find her in the mornings roaming the front circle at the Tyndall Elementary School. She greets the children with a smile each morning. As she opens the car doors, they leap out of their cars with a quick wave goodbye to their parents.

"Make it a good day or not; the choice is yours," says Libbie Pippin, Tyndall Elementary School principal, to her kids daily.

Principal Pippin always knew she wanted to be in a position to have an impact on a child's education and life. She grew up in Bay County and is a product of its schools. Having graduated from Bay High School, Principal Pippin said she has personally seen what the public school does and what it has to offer children.

Early in October, after competing with one principal from every district in the state, Principal Pippin was presented the 2007 Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership.

"I was voted on by my peers in other elementary schools," explained Principal Pippin. "It means a lot."

Principal Pippin has been a principal since January 1993. She's held many positions in the education field to include being a first-grade teacher, a primary specialist, an assistant principle, and a district supervisor of the Primary Program.

"Kids are so genuine," said Principal Pippin. "You never know what they are going to say. I enjoy working with them."

Principal Pippin has a variety of responsibilities. A usual routine involves interacting with the students during her

classroom walk-throughs and child study teams.

"I love kids and teaching," said Principal Pippin. "I realized early that I was good with managing," she said.

Principal Pippin said that when she was a teacher, she began to pick up certain things from her mentors. She found a bigger direction she wanted to follow and was soon on a path towards becoming a principal.

"Principal Pippin is an amazing leader," said Glenda Greier, Tyndall Elementary School assistant principal, "not only to the faculty and staff, but with the children too."

"The way she can communicate with others and make them feel important is what makes Principal Pippin stand out amongst her peers," said Assistant Principal Greier.

"I think this job is perfect because the children are perfect," said Principal Pippin. "We have the best staff, perfect to none. This is an 'A-School' and it's been one for eight years."

Her outlook on the children reflects in the story she shares about the day she returned Orlando, Fla where she received the award.

While she was gone, the children arranged a special day for their principal.

After she returned from her trip Oct. 2, she went outside to the flag pole one morning for a ceremony, Principal Pippin explained. There, she found the students and staff waiting for her arrival and in their hands was a jeweled crown and a white sash that read "Principal of the Year".

"The children made me a queen for the day," said Principal Pippin. "Everywhere I went that day the children would say 'the queen is com-



Staff Sgt. Vesta Anderson

Libbie Pippin, Tyndall Elementary School principal, spends one-on-one time with second grade student Bryden Anderson.

ing!"

Her accomplishments have been recognized by her peers and her leadership has been recognized by the children.

Principal Pippin has followed her advice and has made the best of her days at Tyndall Elementary, setting a good example for the students to

emulate.

"There is no sacrifice to this job," said Principal Pippin. "It's more about the benefits."

Childrens author visits Tyndall Elementary

STAFF SGT. TIMOTHY CAPLING
325TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Children at Tyndall Elementary School received a visit Oct. 25 and 26 from Michael Shoulders, Clarksville, Tenn. children's book writer.

Mr. Shoulders, a retired teacher and administrator, made the visit as part of his nation-wide school tour.

"At the beginning of the school year, a county committee selects from a list of authors to come read to the children," said Pat Mader, teacher at Tyndall Elementary School and event coordinator. "We usually get one author a year here at Tyndall," Ms. Mader said.

To date, Mr. Shoulders has published nine books. Six are available for purchase, and three others are scheduled to be available in the future. His most recent creation, a book titled "Say Daddy!" is slated to arrive in stores in January.

Mr. Shoulders, who grew up in an Army family, started writing in 1995 and first published in 2001.

During his school presentations, he uses magic, humor and self-made rap lyrics to explain the writing and publishing with an emphasis on revision and persistence.

On his Web site, Mr. Shoulders said, "For me, a school visit is exciting because I get to meet the teachers, boys and girls who read my books!"

His appearance drew positive response from the students and staff.

"We were fortunate to have Michael Shoulders visit," Ms. Mader said. "I have heard nothing but rave reviews from students and teachers alike. Some have said he's the best we've ever had."



Childrens author Michael Shoulders demonstrates writing a rap song and acting it out to children at Tyndall Elementary School, who were actively involved throughout the program. Shoulders is scheduled to tour other Bay County, Fla. schools throughout November.

The administration was pleased with the presentation as well.

"It's good for students to see how to connect what they are learning in school to the real world," said Libbie Pippin, Tyndall Elementary School

principal. "When they have a chance to meet a published author who can demonstrate his work and answer their questions, they make a vital connection to the importance of learning."

Mr. Shoulders is scheduled

to appear at various locations throughout Bay County during the next three weeks. For a detailed schedule, visit his Web site at <http://www.michaelshoulders.com>.



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Trick or treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat

Col. William Mott, 325th Operations Group commander, participates in the trick-or-treating activities Oct. 31. Superheroes, witches and ghosts roamed and haunted Tyndall Air Force Base Halloween night. Parents are encouraged to inspect candy for safety.



Susan Trahan

A team effort

Brig. Gen. Tod Wolters, 325th Fighter Wing commander, presents a check to Ron Sharpe, United Way Regional Resource director. Tyndall's goal for the 2007 Combined Federal Campaign was \$185,325, which the base personnel surpassed with a total of \$199,720 in donations.



Airman 1st Class Anthony J. Hyatt

Red alert

Airman 1st Class Shevetta Elder, 325th Maintenance Squadron, volunteers in a beach clean up at Crooked Beach Oct. 26. In honor of Red Ribbon week, the majority of the volunteers came out in a red shirt.