

In the military

Local man on winning team

Technical Sgt. Robert L. Gooding of the 304th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron was on the team that won the international SAREX search and rescue competition recently at Prince Edward Island, Canada.

The competition is an annual joint Canadian/American event for active duty and reserve and guard military forces teams to compete while training and exchanging search and rescue techniques.

The competitions began in 1964. American teams have participated since 1972.

The C-130 aircraft, nicknamed "OTIS," was flown throughout the competition without one maintenance failure, according to Karole Scott, chief of public affairs for the 939th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group.

The 304th Aerospace and Recovery Squadron is a subordinate unit of the 939th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group.

The fulfillment of rescue missions is dependent upon the availability and reliability of aircraft as was demonstrated by the maintenance personnel during this exercise, Scott said.

Gooding, who is from Sandy, was one of the six members of the maintenance crew.

The Air Force Reserve unit, based at the Portland International Airport, finished first overall by winning first in parachute jumping, second in the medical event and third in the search event.

There were 12 teams in the competition, six from the United States and six from Canada.

Russell Hobbs

Russell Dean Hobbs recently graduated from Navy "A" School in Indiana.

The curriculum included aviation organization, aircraft fundamentals, basic aircraft systems and firefighting, aircraft handling and support equipment and aviation maintenance.

He has received flight orders and will be stationed at the Moffett Naval Base in California.

Hobbs is a 1986 graduate of Sandy High School and has been on active duty with the Navy since 1986.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Hobbs of Sandy.

John Wootan

Army National Guard Pvt. John A. Wootan, son of Dorothy Kramer of Sandy and Jim Simmons of Boring, has completed one station unit of training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Volunteer drivers sought

People with good driving records who are interested in helping senior citizens and handicapped people may be interested in the "TRIP" program, which is offered through the Clackamas County Social Services department.

Tom Connolly, coordinator, will make a presentation on the program Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 12:30 p.m. at the Sandy Community Senior Center, 38348 Pioneer Blvd.

"People can volunteer for as little as one day a month or a few hours a week and that would still be beneficial to our elderly riders," Connolly said.

About 35 drivers already have signed up from Hoodland, Molalla, Canby, Oregon City and Milwaukie. The program, which receives a majority of its funding from Tri-Met, was started in June.

Connolly said he feels the program is off to a good start. "We didn't know how much need there would be, but there is quite a bit," he said.

Drivers have told Connolly they have given rides to people who have put off important medical appointments because they didn't know if they could get a ride.

In another situation, Connolly has a driver who takes a man on a scenic drive through the country once a week because he doesn't get out often.

Commuters also can be a helpful resource, he said. If people driving to work can drop a person off at an appointment, the TRIP dispatcher can take care of finding that person a ride home.

Those interested in participating may sign up at the meeting if they take proof of insurance.

TRIP pays drivers a 20 cent per mile stipend and extends liability coverage to \$500,000, Connolly said.

People who would like to volunteer need a current Oregon driver's license and a good driving record. They must have insurance coverage.

People who cannot attend the meeting may receive additional information by calling 1-655-8208 or 1-800-422-7741.

OSUT is a 12-week period that combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. Completion of this course qualifies the soldier as a light-weapons infantryman and as an indirect-fire crewman.

Soldiers were taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

Robert Kitto

Airman 1st Class Robert A. Kitto has participated in the Strategic Air Command's annual readiness training exercise "Global Shield 87."

Select Air Force Reserve and Guard units joined with SAC units worldwide in the extensive exercise designed to enhance readiness and support U.S. national policy.

Kitto is the son of John and Christina Kitto of Sandy.

He is a medical administration

specialist at Ehring Bergquist Regional Hospital at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

The airman is a 1985 graduate of Sandy Union High School.

Richard Cole

Master Sgt. Richard D. Cole has participated in the Strategic Air Command's annual readiness training exercise "Global Shield 87."

The exercise is designed to enhance readiness.

Cole is the son of Gurley and Martha Cole of Eagle Creek.

He is a mission system branch chief with the 379th Avionics Maintenance Squadron at Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Mich.

He is a 1964 graduate of Fort Vancouver High School in Vancouver, Wash.

Casimir Teliczan

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Casimir J. Teliczan, son of Edmund Teliczan of

Grand Rapids, Mich., and Marjorie Van Tuinen of Conklin, Mich., has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

The Meritorious Service Medal is awarded specifically for outstanding non-combat achievement or service to the United States.

Teliczan is chief of the European Training Section with the 3480th Technical Training Group.

His wife, Michelle, is the daughter of Barbara Matheisen of Brightwood.

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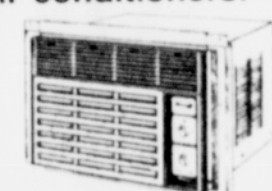
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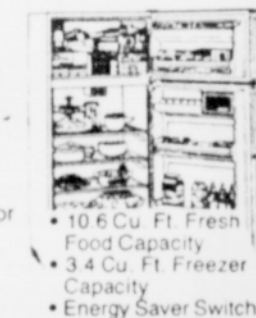


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