

Vance At A Glance

Sept 26, 2025

“What is the bravest thing you ever said,” asked the boy. “Help,” said the horse. – Charlie Mackesy

This week in pilot training – The Ballers’ & Dragons’ T-6s flew 604 sorties; the Shooters’ T-38s flew 233 sorties; and the Peugeot’s T-1s flew 84 sorties, for a total of 921 training sorties this past week. Every member of Team Vance has contributed to delivering 394 world-class pilots so far, this fiscal year. Vance Proud!

Teen Center Friday Night movies – The Vance Teen Center hosts Friday Night movies from 6 to 9 p.m. Free for members, \$10 for non-members. For more information, call 580-213-7170.

Vance/Enid golf scramble, Oct 19 – The City of Enid is hosting the annual Vance/Enid golf scramble, with a shotgun start at 8 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Oakwood Country Club. Breakfast will be served at 6:30 a.m. Teams will include one community/business leader and three base personnel. For more information, contact George Pankonin, 580-747-1323.

Coloring contest for 2nd to 4th graders – The Vance Fire Department is hosting a coloring contest for 2nd through 4th graders during Fire Prevention Week. The theme is “Charge into Safety – Lithium-ion battery in your Home.” A second coloring contest is open to all others. For more information, contact the Fire Department, 580-213-7220.

CGOC Backyard BBQ, Sept 26 – The Vance Company Grade Officers’ Council is hosting a fun backyard BBQ beginning at 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 26. Join your fellow CGOs for a night of free BBQ, giant backyard games and more. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Julia Love, julia.love.3@us.af.mil.

Clinic closing early, Sept 26 -- The Vance Clinic will close early at 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 26. Plan accordingly for any appointments, prescription pickups or services prior to this time. Normal hours of operation will resume the following duty day. For more information, call the Appointment Line, 580-213-7416.

Magic: The Gathering, Oct 18 – A Magic: The Gathering Game Day is scheduled from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Chapel Community Activity Center. Commander, Standard and

Modern editions will be available for players of all experience levels. For more information, contact Scott Whisler, 580-213-6118.

Blood Drive, Oct 10 – A blood drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10, at the Chapel Community Activity Center, Building 528. Donors will receive a glow-in-the-dark “Wicked” T-shirt.. For more information, contact Tech. St. Ryan Fletcher, ryan.fletcher.3@us.af.mil.

National Preparedness Month trivia contest, Week Four -- The first three people to send the correct answers to the following five Emergency-Preparedness questions to Thomas Eckert, thomas.eckert.4@us.af.mil, and Staff Sgt. Briana Calloway, briana.calloway@us.af.mil, will win an emergency preparedness kit. Answers will be provided in the Sept. 30 Base-wide email.

- 1 -- What public facility in Enid often hosts preparedness workshops?
 - 2 -- What group in Enid helps organize neighborhood watch programs?
 - 3 -- What location is ideal for posting emergency information in Enid?
 - 4 -- What local event in Enid promotes safety awareness?
 - 5 -- What personal trait is essential for community leaders in Enid?
- For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Briana Calloway, 580-213-5209.

Motorcycle Safety Training, Sept 27 & 28 -- A Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course is scheduled Sept. 27 & 28. All vehicles should be removed from the MSF training range/parking lot north of the Chapel Community Activity Center by the close of business the Thursday before. The MSF training range/parking lot will be coned off and closed the Friday morning before training weekend. Vehicles that remain will be towed at owner’s expense. For more information, contact Wing Safety, 580-213-6169.

Friday night at the movies – Movies are screened Friday nights in Building 455 and are free for all with base access. This month’s movies are:

Friday – Sept 26

5:30 p.m. -- The Fifth Element (PG-13)

8 p.m. -- 28 Years Later (R)

Friday – Oct 3

5:30 p.m. -- Jurassic Park (PG-13)

8 p.m. – Sinners (R)

Attendees are welcome to bring their own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Joseph Reddin, 580-213-7303 or joseph.reddin@us.af.mil.

Tax tip -- When one half of a newly married couple is surprised to learn their expected federal refund was seized to reduce their spouse’s federal debt, the IRS refers to them as an “injured spouse.” If the federal debt was incurred prior to their marriage, the IRS allows the couple to file

an amended return with Form 8379, “Injured Spouse Allocation,” which provides the injured spouse with any refund due based on the injured spouse’s earnings and taxes withheld. To avoid this issue, file a Form 8379 with the initial return. For more information, contact Greg Butterfield, 580-213-7859.

Today’s chuckle – I once had a job at a computer keyboard factory. But I was fired for not putting in enough shifts!