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# CONNECTIONS

BARKLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY



Major General Donald Storm (center) digs in to turn the first dirt for the new Paducah Armed Forces Readiness Center/Field Maintenance Shop. Others participating in the ground breaking ceremony were Eddie Spraggs of Gov. Fletchers' office, Representative Steven Rudy, Barkley Regional Airport Authority Chairman Neil Archer, General Storm, Judge Executive Danny Orazine, T.C. Freeman of Senator Bunning's office, Brigadier General Julius Berthold, (Ret.) Mayor Bill Paxton, and Civil Airport Patrol Cadet James Knowles.

## A Model Facility

Ground breaking took place last week for the \$16 million Paducah Armed Forces Readiness Center/Field Maintenance Shop (AFRC/FMS) to be built on airport property. The site is the current location of the Civil Air Patrol headquarters on old U.S. 60.

Construction for the two building project is scheduled to start in the spring and be completed in the fall of 2008.

According to Major General Donald Storm, the buildings will be a "model facility" that will accommodate 200 plus soldiers at one time. Total

square footage is approximately 80,000 square feet.

The new buildings will house a variety of uses including a vehicle maintenance facility and a drilling area, classrooms, offices and kitchen.

This AFRC/FMS will replace the current Kentucky Army National Guard Armory and two Army Reserve Centers in Paducah as part of a federal initiative to modernize and consolidate similar functions to provide a more efficient service. This initiative is known as BRAC06 (Base Realignment and Closure Act) and is the first BRAC process to involve reserve units.

# Giving Away Instead Of Throwing Away

When liquids, gels, and aerosols were banned from carry-on luggage in August, passengers who had the items were forced to surrender them to Transportation Security Association screeners who threw the items away. An update to the banned policy allowed liquids, gels, and aerosols to be carried on if they were under three ounces and in a one quart see-through bag.

Although passengers are catching on to the new procedure, there are still numerous items that must be disposed of each day because they are over the three ounces and are not in a clear plastic bag. Many of the items have never been used.

“Seeing those unused items disposed of when there is so much need caused us to look for a better solution than just throwing them away,” said Jackie Jones, Airport Marketing Director. “We contacted Cindy Watson, Director of the Homeless Program for Paducah City and McCracken County Schools, and found that she currently has over 100 students in grades K-12 who could benefit from the items.”

Among the many things Cindy does for the students is prepare personal hygiene bags. The bags contain toothpaste, lotion, and several of the items often surrendered to the TSA screeners.

Cindy drops by the airport every two weeks and picks up the items. Since the donations to the Homeless started four weeks ago, she has received canned soft drinks, bottled water, hair products, lip gloss, lotions, air fresheners, plus much more.

“One of the most unusual items we have received is a bottle of liquid plant fertilizer,” Cindy said. “I’m going to hold on to it. Someone will have a need for it some day.”



**TSA Screener Nicole Cobb helps Homeless Director Cindy Watson load up items including a bottle of hairspray.**

## Travel Tips: *Making Your Air Time Better*

When booking travel, always include good contact information such as cell, home, or hotel phone numbers and e-mail address.

A significant number of seats are held for Frequent Flier passengers. It is worth your time and effort to become a Gold or Platinum member. Contact [www.nwa.com](http://www.nwa.com)

Having a seat assignment is paramount to avoid getting bumped from a flight.

When checking in, ask for boarding passes and seat assignments all the way through to your final destination.

If you are checking luggage, your check-in

time is tied to the time your luggage is checked.

If your flight is cancelled or overbooked and you don't have a seat on the flight:

The airline will schedule you on the next available flight. Because of increased loads, this is not necessarily the next flight.

The airline will pay for your overnight accommodations if your delay involves an overnight stay.

The airline will not pay for rental cars.

**Contact Jackie Jones, Marketing Director, for additional information and assistance. 744-0521.**

# Airport Authority Adds Two Members

New to the airport board are Dr. Carl Baker and Allan Rhodes. **Dr. Baker** is a local ophthalmologist whose interest in aviation is both for pleasure and business. He is a frequent business flyer who attends research and professional meetings and is an active general aviation enthusiast. He and his family travel in their Cessna 206 at least monthly.

Although many in the area know **Allan Rhodes** as an auto dealer, he has had a lifelong

interest in airplanes. He brings his love of aviation plus experience on the Peoples Bank ('89-97) and BBT Bank Boards (currently) to the Barkley Regional Airport Authority.

He was a national licensed race car driver in Sports Car Club of America from 1987-1996.

Allan is a member of the classified staff at Paducah Tilghman High School and is co-partner in Johanna Etcetera Coffeehouse and student art gallery in Lowertown.

# *Osprey Makes A Visit To Barkley*

## **Webster definition**

osprey (as pre) n. - a large diving bird of prey of the hawk family; its plumage is blackish on top and whitish underneath.

## **Airport definition**

Osprey - a tilt-rotor aircraft that is known for its range and speed. It made the trip from Amarillo to Paducah in only two hours. A crew of three Marines piloted the Osprey when it landed at Midwest Aviation for refueling. The Marines are currently testing the aircraft for use in combat situations in the near future.

