

THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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Can't get enough of The County Connection?

Every issue, there are some submission materials that don't make it to the final printed copy.
Here is that material from the Summer Issue.

Enjoy!

Conquer Kids' Cancer

Melissa Mavers, daughter of PEG MAVERS (DHS), raised over \$5,000.00 as a shavee in the 2006 St. Baldrick's Foundation Celebration. The mission of the St. Baldrick's Foundation is to raise awareness and funds to Conquer Kids' Cancer by shaving heads on St. Baldrick's Day. Today, 78% of the children diagnosed with cancer will survive, which offers hope to more families facing the disease than ever before. Still, working for the promise of a healthy future for the families of the other 22% of children is an important priority; because, sadly, cancer remains the #1 disease killer of children. This year's event was held at Helen Fitzgerald's in March. Melissa was third in fundraising for this area. For more information about this foundation or the Helen Fitzgerald's event, visit their website at [St. Baldricks.org](http://St.Baldricks.org). You can also view more pictures at this site by clicking on "find a participant."

In January 2005, Andre and his company went to Fort Bliss, Texas for training. They shipped out to Kuwait in April, and a short time later arrived at FOB Duke, which is located approximately 20 miles from An Najaf, Iraq (About 100 miles south of Baghdad).



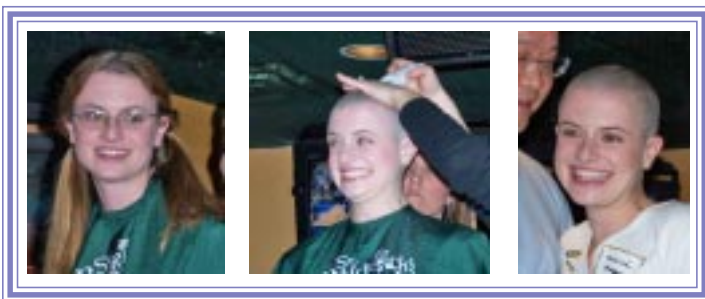
Lt. Cody served as a platoon leader in charge of 35 soldiers. They worked to maintain the huge number of military vehicles utilized by the US Army in the Iraq campaign. As the Convoy Officer for his company, he oversaw delivery of supplies to twelve different bases all over Iraq, and

had to be on constant alert for improvised explosive devices (IED's) and insurgent attacks. He was also assigned as the FOB Duke Ammo Supply Point Security Patrol Officer In Charge, and patrolled the area 35 miles around the base. According to Lt. Cody, Saddam Hussein had located numerous ammunition bunkers around FOB Duke; and these had to be guarded to prevent theft of munitions by the insurgency.

The majority of Iraqis - especially women and children - were happy to see him and his fellow soldiers. The soldiers spent considerable time in rebuilding schools and other structures and donated large amounts of supplies to the Iraqis.



Andre is very glad to be back in his lush, green Missouri homeland. From June through August the temperature ranged between 120 - 140



BACK FROM IRAQ

ANDRE CODY, who works at the Department of Human Services Lakeside Center as an Adolescent Care Specialist Lead, recently returned from a lengthy tour of duty in Iraq. Andre is a 1st Lieutenant in the 1035th Maintenance Company of the Army National Guard, stationed out of Jefferson Barracks.

degrees; and it only rained twice over a ten-month period! The brief rainy season was followed by periods of intense sand storms.

Lt. Cody has over 19 years of military service - 14 years in the Navy and going on 6 years in the National Guard. For his service in Iraq he earned The Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal and a Combat Patch from the 155th Brigade Combat Team. We are grateful that he has made it back home safe and sound and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his service to our country. He will return to his Lakeside duties on June 3.



Babies

Congratulations to **MARY ANN COOPER** (Rev) on the birth of her new grandson, Stevie, on February 12.

Congratulations to Epidemiology Specialist **SARA EVERS** (DOH) and her husband, Tom on the birth of Abigail Marie Evers, 8 lbs - 7 oz, 21 inches long, on 5/20.

Congratulations to **RON PHILLIPS** (Rev) on the birth of his new granddaughter, Kaelin Grace Kerpash, born on May 5.

Congratulation to **PRISCILLAH POELING** (DHS) on the birth of Victoria Poeling.

LINDA SCHUELLER (Rev) is proud as a peacock of her new grandson, Zane Edward Boroughf, born February 13, at 9:18 AM weighing in at 7 lbs - 4 oz and 19 3/4 inches long. Our congratulations go out to her and husband, Carl.

Congratulations to **SUE STRAIN** (Rev) on new grandson, Holden Gabriel, 6 lbs - 15 oz, on April 4.