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Bases get new criteria for placement of F-35

Supporters say Luke meets all conditions

by Emily McCann
staff writer

Air Force officials last month announced additional criteria that will be weighed when deciding where to permanently place the new F-35s.

The jets will eventually replace at least 13 types of aircraft, including the F-16s, which are scheduled to remain in service with the Air Force through 2025.

Until recently, Luke had been up against only one other base, Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho. Plans were later expanded to examine all bases nationwide and add more criteria to the selection process.

Now being taken into consideration is air-space, flight training ranges, weather, support facilities, runways, taxi ramps, environmental concerns and cost factors.

"It's very impressive how Luke is positioned for the next F-35," said Steve Yamamori, executive director of Fighter Country Partnership. "I think proof of the matter is that we are home to the largest fighter wing in the world, and that's for a reason. We have the infrastructure, we have the weather, we have the community support already well evidenced here at Luke. I think we stack up extremely well, and I'd say we are the base to beat."

More than 200 potential sites will be evalu-

ated. Once that is complete, other factors will be measured, such as combatant commander requirements, aircraft retirements and delivery schedules, aircraft maintenance and logistics support and integration with the Air National Guard and Reserve.

Supporters of Luke say it is uniquely positioned to take on the F-35 mission because of its proximity to the Barry M. Goldwater Range, which comprises 2.7 million acres owned by the federal government and is used for bombing and gunnery training.

"Generations of joint service fighter aircraft have used this range for decades to achieve the highest levels of combat capability," Goodyear Mayor Jim Cavanaugh wrote. "This is not the time to change as we enter the era of the fifth-generation fighters, F-22 and F-35."

After the release of the candidate bases, a formal environmental impact analysis process will begin, allowing communities to participate and provide input.

Based on the results, the Air Force expects to announce the preferred locations in late spring next year. A final decision could be made in early 2011.

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F-35 Joint Strike Fighter

New Web site launching to keep public informed

by Emily McCann
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Fighter Country Partnership, an advocacy group for Luke Air Force Base, is launching a Web site this month to give people the opportunity to show support for the base and its mission.

The Glendale base, which is the largest fighter wing and the only active-duty F-16 training site in the world, is on a quest to land the military's new F-35 Joint Strike Fighter jet.

The Web site, lukeforward.com, provides updated information about Luke, the Joint Strike Fighter and the process for selecting a home for the new jet.

"What we hope to do is keep in close contact with all of our supporters and send

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City Market features cornucopia of good eats

by Sara Drew
staff writer

Everything including ornate iron wall hangings, crocheted hats and scarves and fresh baked cookies were on sale during Goodyear's City Market debut Saturday.



FRESH apples were among the produce offered at the Goodyear City Market Saturday.

8 a.m. until noon and there is no cost to shop or park at the facility.

All kinds of entrepreneurs were on hand, including new graduates, longtime business owners and others trying to make ends meet during the recession.

Goodyear resident and recent Scottsdale Culinary Institute graduate Brittney Loucks decided to first introduce her business, A Sugar Queen, at the farmers' market.



View photos by Michael Clawson

GOODYEAR BAKER BRITTNEY LOUCKS dishes up some cookies for a customer at Goodyear's inaugural City Market Saturday. The farmers markets feature a wide variety of merchandise and food booths.

She created eight different cookies, including banana and potato chip, with her mother, Patty McClintock.

"She taught me so much in baking and this was our dream," Loucks said. "Some day I want to own my own bakery and shop,

hopefully someday soon."

Introducing the new business at a farmers' market was a way to interact with customers, she said.

"We thought this would be a good way to get our name out there. People can come in, see what we're made of and what we

have to offer," she said.

Bill Davies and his wife, Deborah, divide their time among farmers markets throughout the Valley, Bill said. They sell brittle, fudge and English toffee.

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Web site

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e-mails out to everyone who's registered to keep them informed of what the steps are, how we're doing, any issues that might be coming up and any help they might be able to offer," said Steve Yamamori, executive director of Fighter Country Partnership.

The organization also has speakers who are willing to travel anywhere in Arizona to give a briefing about how important the F-35 is for the state, Yamamori said.

Imaginary Trout, a Phoenix-based Web design and management firm, donated its services to create the site.

"They've done a great job of being able to capture all the letters of support and all the individuals who come on and show their support," Yamamori said. "If you go online and register, it pops up in a matter of minutes."

Hundreds of residents and elected officials from across Arizona have already signed up on the site.

"It's actual proof of just how much impact Luke Air Force Base has on not just the West Valley, but all throughout the state," Yamamori said.

With year-round flying capability, Luke performs more than 150 training missions a day. It also contributes more than 7,000 jobs and \$2.17 billion annually to the local economy.



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— Thomas Schoaf
Litchfield Park mayor

"Luke AFB is a consistent economic powerhouse that does not see the peaks and valleys, the booms and busts, of many other economic contributors," Litchfield Park Mayor Thomas Schoaf wrote in a letter.

The base also has an impact on the surrounding community, with personnel volunteering more than 100,000 hours a year at local schools, churches, youth sports leagues and nonprofit organizations, Yamamori said.

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Market

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"She's been doing this recipe for 30 years and she's perfected it during the recession," he said. "She thought, 'I've got to do something to make some money' and so she started doing this and she's in four or five farmer's markets every weekend."

The business, Desert Delights, brings in enough income to make ends meet, Davies said.

"She had no job but was looking for a job and something to sustain the family needs," he said. "It pays the rent and takes care of the bills."

Larry Wiener of Boxed Greens takes his business to farmers markets to further advertise his fruit and vegetable delivery service, he said. He sold the only produce at the City Market.

Boxed Greens takes fresh certified organic fruits and vegetables to homes through Internet sales, in addition to selling at farmers markets, Wiener said.

"Certified organic is grown by farmers who take care of the soil and don't worry about what the plant actually yields," he said. "The theory is if you take care of the soil and don't use pesticides and don't use chemical fertilizers, just all natural things, then you'll get a much better yield, better flavor and better product."

He sold in-season fruits and vegetables such as potatoes, winter squash, peppers and broccoli.

To learn about City Market or find out how to become a vendor, call the Goodyear Parks and Recreation Department at 623-882-7603.

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Correction

Taste of the Park redux

A Community Note in the Friday *West Valley View* contained incorrect information about the Third Annual Taste of the Park, which will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Oct. 18 at Old Litchfield Road and Wigwam Boulevard in downtown Litchfield Park.

The event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Litchfield Park, and the funds raised will be used to benefit the Rotary's projects, including increasing child literacy, reducing hunger and poverty, and providing clean water. In particular, books will be donated to the Boys & Girls Club, to families at Luke Air Force Base and to disadvantaged children at the annual McFeast Thanksgiving Breakfast. Food gift cards will also be donated to the Luke families and funds to the St. Mary's Food Bank. The club along with other Arizona Rotary Clubs is co-sponsoring a water well project in Africa that will serve two elementary schools and one hospital.

In addition to food, wine and beer tastings, the event features a silent auction from golf packages to Suns tickets, and a belly dancer will perform from 5 to 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling 623-444-4416.

The *View* regrets the error.

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