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Hunter youth, teens have options with top-notch facility



Jennifer Hartwig

Greg Purvis, DoD employee, helps Keila Mawhorr, 7, and Carlos Melvin, 7, with their homework during Hunter's SAS after-school program Jan. 24.

Jennifer Hartwig
Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

If you drive down South Perimeter Road on Hunter Army Airfield, away from post about three miles, you will come across a brand-new facility on your left, just past the gas station. This building, 8805, is the home of School Age Services, ages 6-12, and Middle School/Teen program at Hunter Army Airfield. The brand-new facility, which opened in February 2010, is a mecca for children on Hunter.

At least, it should be.

Currently, according to facility director JaDon Black, about 12 children come to the facility on a daily basis, and they want to get more involvement.

Parents, this section is for you: there is a state-of-the-art computer lab for doing research, a homework lab complete with a tutor, a reading area, USDA-certified meals and snacks and qualified adult supervision. And for parents of MST children – that program is

free.

This section is for the kids: the facility boasts a state-of-the-art computer lab, a game room with all of the latest video game consoles – including PS3, Wii, Xbox 360 and Wii Kinect; music and art room, a top-of-the-line playground, a gym to play basketball or other sports, and more.

"A teenager should want to come to this facility because we have the latest in technology, we offer homework help, we have a computer lab where you can do research for projects, and we're just kind of a laid-back atmosphere where (they) can come in and just relax, get a snack and interact with their peers and have a good time," said Black. "A parent should want their teenage to come because we offer a top-notch service. This is somewhere their children can be off the street, a positive place, for them to hang out and interact with their peers. Once they are here, parents can have a worry-free mind as far as what they're doing, because they're in this safe environment."

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Resilient Families share positive characteristics

Emory Paxton
Family Advocacy Program Specialist

The holiday season brought a mixture of feelings for our Military Families.

Some were affected by the absence of loved ones due to being stationed far away, deployments, or even the loss of a loved one. However, as we have entered into this new year, brighter days are ahead with the process of becoming resilient.

According to Military OneSource, Dr. Froma Walsh stated in Strengthening Family Resilience, second edition (The Guilded Press, 2006), resilient Families share

several distinct characteristics. Each resilient Family has given adversity a meaning and viewed it as challenges the Family will learn from and move forward. These Families also keep a positive outlook on life and current challenges.

Flexibility is another characteristic of resilient Families. These Families adapt to change by adjusting roles and rules to overcome new challenges. Resilient Families share a sense of connectivity and they pull together during a crisis.

Communication is honest, consistent, and clear in resilient Families. When resilient Families face a problem, they use collaborative problem solving tech-

niques.

These were just a few of the characteristics found in resilient Families. If you identified those characteristics in your Family, then rest assure that your Family is taking steps in the correct direction toward being resilient.

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program provides various classes that are geared towards the Family. These classes include parenting for ages 0-18, parenting for blended Families, couples communication, and many more. Please contact FAP at (Stewart) 912-767-2882 or (Hunter) 912-315-3816 for additional information.

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TRICARE improves online communication, access

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON- Additions to the TRICARE military health plan's Web site are giving beneficiaries easier access to their personal health data, more convenient appointment scheduling and better communication with their health care providers, the top TRICARE official has reported.

TRICARE Online, the military health system's patient portal, already enables users who get care at a military treatment facility to schedule appointments, track their medications, order prescription refills and view and even download their personal health records, Navy Rear

Adm. (Dr.) Christine S. Hunter told American Forces Press Service Jan. 21.

Later this year, patients also will be able to get their laboratory and X-ray results through the portal, along with secure messaging from their health care providers, Rear Adm. Hunter said.

"You will be able to go there and it will say you have two messages from your doctor," she explained. "You will click on it, and it may be the nurse telling you that you are overdue for something, and maybe a lab result and an explanation of the findings."

The next goal will be to expand these capabilities so beneficiaries can track what immunizations they received and when, and get a "heads up" from their

health care provider when they're due for their next one, she said.

Meanwhile, TRICARE plans to increase the number of clinics that offer online appointment scheduling and tailor the process to offer the broadest selection of openings so beneficiaries can select what's most convenient for them.

In addition, health care providers will begin using the portal to get patients to fill out forms and questionnaires at their convenience before they arrive for their appointments.

TRICARE Online offers the best of both worlds, Rear Adm. Hunter said. It helps to build a closer relationship between beneficiaries and their health

care providers while taking advantage of technology and health care tools to make that relationship more convenient and accessible 24/7.

Beneficiaries increasingly are taking advantage of the new capability. Almost 311,500 active users have logged into the system over the past year, officials reported, with an average of 2,800 new user registrations each week.

Since January 2010, beneficiaries have scheduled almost 200,000 medical appointments and requested more than 61,500 prescription refills through the system.

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you are NOT alone

"Deployments can be life changing experiences, regardless of whether it is your first, third or last one before retirement. It can just as easily be a change for Family Members. As a Soldier, and one who has been on deployment, and may have more in my future, I am ready to listen to any of my peers who need someone to talk to, especially if you find yourself contemplating doing harm to yourself or someone else. I'm here to listen, and through it all, help and direct you to the services available for you. Call me ... come see me ... My name is Specialist Michael Adams, 46 Quebec. Remember: You are not alone."



'COUNTRY STRONG', REVIEWED



Sasha McBrayer
The Frontline Contributor

The film of the week is "Country Strong." It's a drama that proves that actress Gwyneth Paltrow can sing, but if you watch "Glee" on Fox, you already knew that.

So grab your hat and boots as I weigh in on her latest film.

On the surface "Country Strong" is about a veteran country star who has fallen far from grace and her attempt at a comeback tour with two young protégés in tow. But on a deeper level, the film is about talent and fame and how the choices we

make can corrupt us or make us stronger.

Long time viewers of Showtime with Sasha laughed when I reviewed "Inception" and never once mentioned Leonardo DiCaprio. Likewise, last week I showcased "Tron Legacy" and made very little mention of its star Garrett Hedlund.

Why is that?

Well, it's simple really. Many films feature a main character who is like an anchor. He's a level-headed everyday man and through him we experience the story. Often his or her performance isn't what stands out the most.

So I'm glad to be able to review two Garrett Hedlund films back to back. He may not have done anything truly dynamic for "Tron Legacy" (aside from looking pretty), but in "Country Strong," he steals the show.

OK, so "country Barbie" Leighton Meester is also amazing. Seriously, who knew she had an inner Anna Kendrick? I compare her to the supporting "Twilight" cast member, because she too went from somewhat of a nobody actress to earning an Oscar nom for her work in "Up in the Air" with George Clooney.

But when I went to iTunes to download some infectious tracks from the film, they were all songs that Hedlund sang that I wanted for my music library (except for one duet with Meester). Just as the character of Maddie Ross surprises audiences by turning out to be the one with "True Grit" in that picture, Hedlund's Beau Hutton seems to be the only character in the end who is actually "Country Strong."

I'm a fan! I think you will be, too, especially if you love music.



PRESENTS
TODAY THROUGH SATURDAY



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069 or go to www.aafes.com/ems/conus/stewart.htm.

The Tourist

Today — 7 p.m.

(Johnny Depp, Angelina Jolie)

During an impromptu trip to Europe to mend a broken heart, Frank unexpectedly finds himself in a flirtatious encounter with Elise, an extraordinary woman who deliberately crosses his path. Against the breathtaking backdrop of Paris and Venice, their whirlwind romance quickly evolves as they find themselves unwittingly thrust into a deadly game of cat and mouse.

Rated PG-13 (violence and brief strong language) 98 min.

Little Fockers

Friday — 7p.m.

(Robert DeNiro, Jessica Alba)

The test of wills between Jack Byrnes and Greg escalates to new heights. It has taken 10 years, two little Fockers with wife Pam and countless hurdles for Greg to finally get "in" with his tightly wound father-in-law, Jack. When Greg and Pam's entire clan - including Pam's lovelorn ex, Kevin - descends for the twins' birthday party, Greg must prove to the skeptical Jack that he's fully capable as the man of the house. But with all the misunderstandings, spying and covert missions, will Greg pass Jack's final test and become the family's next patriarch or will the circle

of trust be broken for good?

Rated PG-13 (mature sexual humor throughout, language and some drug content) 98 min.

Yogi Bear

Saturday — 4 p.m.

(Dan Aykroyd, Justin Timberlake)

Jellystone Park has been losing business, so greedy Mayor Brown decides to shut it down and sell the land. That means families will no longer be able to experience the natural beauty of the outdoors, even worse, Yogi and Boo Boo will be tossed out of their only home. Faced with his biggest challenge, Yogi must prove that he is "smarter than the average bear" as he and Boo Boo join forces with their Ranger Smith to find a way to save Jellystone Park from closing forever.

PG for Some mild rude humor 83 min.

Unstoppable

Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Denzel Washington, Chris Pine)

A veteran engineer and a young conductor try frantically to stop a half-mile-long freight train carrying enough combustible liquids and poisonous gas to wipe out a nearby city.

Rated PG-13 (sequences of action and peril and some language) 98 min.

Medalists' wives continue Soldier support on national tour

Susan R. Anderson
Army News Service

WASHINGTON- While Medal of Honor recipient Staff Sgt. Salvatore A. Giunta visits Army units and Americans around the nation, telling his story from Afghanistan, his closest companion, wife Jen, works nearby to draw attention to issues important to Soldiers and Families.

Salvatore Giunta and his wife, along with Silver Star recipient Staff Sgt. Erick Gallardo and his wife, Jackie, visited Southern California as part of an ongoing effort to share the Army story. Both Salvatore Giunta and Erick Gallardo are Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade.

Jen Giunta and Jacqueline Gallardo broke off from the group Jan. 11, to meet with Evan Housley, co-founder of the non-profit group HeroBox. The group provides to Soldiers custom-made care packages designed to truly meet an individual Soldier's needs while in theater.

Jen Giunta initiated the meeting after researching non-profit organizations that help support servicemembers and their Families.

"Their work seemed very targeted, and that made me want to learn more," said Jen Giunta of the group. "I know Sal and his buddies would get care packages sometimes,

but not often enough. And when they did get them, they didn't always have what they needed. I just wanted to see how they (HeroBox) were making sure that the right people were getting the right things, and if there was any way I could help."

Over lunch, Housley explained how Soldiers can go on the HeroBox.org website and sign up for support by providing their info and indicating their specific needs.

Housley, an Army Reserve Soldier, was deployed to Taji, Iraq in 2007, when his brother first conceived of the idea for HeroBox. Intimately familiar with the need for this kind of support, the Housley brothers take seriously their efforts to ensure every Soldier in need gets the help they deserve.

"If there are any Soldiers left without sponsors, then we plan a 'HeroDay' to make sure they get what they need," said Housley.

HeroDays are events where groups of people spend a day working together to assemble care packages for a unit of deployed Soldiers, he said.

Jackie Gallardo, a Family Readiness Group leader at her home base of Vincenza, Italy, said she knew so many people that wanted to help, but didn't know where to go or what to do.

HeroBox takes the guesswork out of it, and provides

the kind of help the Soldiers can really use, she said.

Jen Giunta continues to research other non-profit organizations that support servicemembers and their Families, as she plans to choose several to support in the coming years.

"A lot of Sal's buddies had a hard time finding work after they got out of the Army, so sites like HireaHero.org that help connect former servicemembers with employers really interest me, too," she said.

The Giuntas and Gallardos spent the rest of the week meeting with centers of influence from various companies and organizations, to include a speaking engagement and luncheon with members of the NBC community, and meeting with the Lifetime Television writers and producers of for the television show "Army Wives."

At each meeting, Salvatore Giunta reinforced how grateful he is for the love and support of his wife.

"People will sometimes walk right past Jen and come up to me and want to shake my hand and thank me," said Salvatore Giunta. "But I couldn't do this without her. She's more important than I am, if you ask me. She's my rock."

For more information on other homefront nonprofits that support servicemembers and their families, visit <http://www.ourmilitary.mil/help.shtml>.

Eyes around the Rock

Statues need love too ...
especially if it's one of a Soldier!



Photo submitted by Andrew B. Felton
Evans Army Airfield

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The facility is open for SAS children before school from 6-9 a.m., and after school from 3-6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the first Saturday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For the MST program, the facility is open 3-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and every Saturday from noon-8 p.m. The MST program is something registered children can use whenever they feel like it during operation hours. The facility is also open for full-day programs Monday-Friday during school vacations and summer break.

For SAS, school buses pick up the children from the facility in the morning, and bring them back in the afternoon. Children must be registered with Child, Youth & School Services. The SAS fees are charged using a graduated fee schedule based on total Family income.

The after-school program isn't just a place to bring your children so they aren't alone – it's somewhere where they can learn, interact with others and have fun.

"We have staff that is very equipped to help the kids here," Black said. "We have a homework helper, who is a former teacher, so he is up-to-date on all of the latest school work, and he is very equipped to help the kids with their homework. We also have a computer lab tech – she's very savvy with the computer."

Black made sure to mention that all of the computers in the facility have filters, which filters out "all of the sites that they don't need to be on."

The dedicated staff in building 8805 works tirelessly to ensure that the children who attend their programs get as much out of it as possible.



Jennifer Hartwig

Akeem George, 18, and Caylen Johnson, 12, play Madden 2011 on Xbox 360 during Hunter's MST after-school program.

"It starts with the staff – our staff here really loves the children. We're very involved with and interested in what the children are learning in our program," said Debra Grant, assistant facility director. "We have a new state-of-the-art facility. We offer so many activities for the children, which are based on what the children want, and the staff is here to support that. It goes from recreational to educational."

The SAS and MST programs are free-flow programs, where the participants have the opportunity to suggest things that they want to do. Black said that they offer painting, science projects, a photography program, cooking classes and MST has a leadership program –Keystone, where they go out and do community service projects and learn how to be leaders.

In December, the facility underwent a strict accreditation program, where their paper work procedures, staff interaction and the facility

itself were all scrutinized. **(SEE Hunter SAYS program receives accreditation)**

"It's ensuring that we run a quality program," Black said. "We were the first of Stewart-Hunter to go through the accreditation."

In addition to activities within the facility, the SAS and MST programs also take day outings to places in the area – including the bowling alley and skating rink – or on day trips during school breaks, such as the Georgia Aquarium and the World of Coca-Cola in Atlanta.

The SAS/MST facility is located in building 8805, on South Perimeter Rd. The program is open to children of active duty, National Guard and reserve servicemembers and retirees. For more information about the facility and programs, call 912-315-9795/9781. For registration, contact Central Registration at 912-315-5708 for an appointment.

Hunter SAYS program receives accreditation

Bob Mathews

Family and MWR Marketing Publicity Specialist

The Hunter Army Airfield School Age & Youth Services Program was recently fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation.

The designation, announced in December, puts the Hunter program among "the best of the best," said Heather Ramsey, administrator of Child, Youth and School Services at Hunter Army Airfield, and assures parents that the facility is striving "to be the best at caring for their children."

The SAYS at Hunter is housed in building 8805, a \$7 million, 20,556 square-foot facility on South Perimeter Road that opened in February 2010.

Opening of the new building, Ramsey said, meant the staff had to accelerate its efforts to meet the high COA accreditation standards. The process normally takes a year to 18 months, but Hunter SAYS completed its accreditation mission in nine months.

"The quality of the programs offered by SAS already existed before the new building was completed," Ramsey said. She added that staff had to refine the programs to be certain the level of quality matched the new building.

"We are always improving," she said.

The COA is an international, independent, not-for-profit, child- and Family service and behavioral healthcare accrediting organization. It was founded in 1977 and has its headquarters in New York City.

"The accreditation puts us ahead of the game," Ramsey said. "It signifies to other child care facilities that we are one of the best of the best and that we push professionalism in the area of early childhood."

Ramsey expressed the staff's appreciation for the support given SAYS by garrison leadership.

"Every need we have asked for, we have been given," she said. "We are working toward building the number of students taking advantage of the opportunity we offer here. We want people to know that we are here and what we offer them."

For more information about SAS at Hunter, and other Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs and facilities, go to www.stewartmwr.com or www.huntermwr.com.

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During the week of Jan. 9 to 16 alone, they scheduled almost 3,000 appointments and refilled more than 1,000 prescriptions.

TRICARE officials also report increased use of the "blue button" feature that enables beneficiaries to access their personal health data and, if

they choose, save it to a file on their computer. Since Sept. 25, 2010, officials reported more than 4,000 downloads in .pdf format and more than 1,700 downloads in .txt format. Last week's figures show 486 .pdf downloads and 187 .txt downloads.

Rear Admiral Hunter said this feature is particularly helpful because it enables beneficiaries to download their records when they need to seek medical care away from their regular health care facility, and empowers them to better partner with providers about the treatment they receive.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Pray, don't give up!

Chaplain (Major) Michael W. Summers
 1HBCT, 3rd ID Rear Detachment Chaplain

When do you pray?

Many pray before eating. Others pray at the end of the day as they prepare to sleep. People often pray urgently when faced with crisis situations.

A student worked hard on his high school senior English term paper, knowing he needed a very good grade to salvage a passing grade for the class. He wrote an analysis of the primary character in a novel he had had to read for the class. With his assignment completed, he drove through a driving rainstorm to school. As he stepped out of the car after arriving at school, his term paper slipped from his hands and fell into a mud puddle. The student watched helplessly as another automobile drove over it. When he retrieved the paper, the only legible words remaining on the title page was the name of the book whose primary character he had analyzed: Things Fall Apart. He could only pray that his teacher would grant him another chance.

How effective are your prayers? Does it sometimes seem as though time spent in prayer is so much time wasted?

In this article, I will discuss two specific factors which prevent us from praying effectively.

The first is lack of endurance and perseverance. When we encounter oppositions, illness, financial problems or a crisis in our marriage, we may hesitate to pray because we doubt God's presence or ability to help.

The second is a failure to realize when we need God's help. Jesus teaches in Luke 18 that God is a God of love

and justice who hears and responds to the cries of his people when they need help.

God hears the prayers of people who pray to him knowing that he alone can help.

We must pray with persistence. Jesus taught that his disciples must pray and not give up, even when it appeared that God was not listening.

What he knew that his disciples did not, but which we do know, is that he would go away and that much time would elapse before his return. Followers of Jesus would be discouraged and want to give up. The book of *2 Peter* envisions such a situation, saying, "in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, 'Where is this coming he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning creation' (2 Pet. 3:3,4).

Skepticism can erode the faith of believer. Jesus says to fight back with persistent prayer. Don't just pray once and think, "I left a message. Surely God will get back with me soon." No, keep on praying.

Jesus tells a story about a widow and a judge to illustrate this point. The judge was a crusty fellow. He feared neither God nor man. He did as he wished and let the chips fall where they might. He really did not care about the impact of his rulings on others.

A widow kept coming before him asking for justice against her adversaries. The judge was required to hear the case of a widow. He refused to do so. Perhaps her adversary had bribed the judge. Finally, however, he relented and agreed to give her justice. He feared that she would wear him out with her continuous visits.

Jesus contrasts this judge with God. Even though

the unethical judge feared neither God nor man, he listened to the repeated cries for help by the widow and granted her request.

God with his great love sees that his people get justice more quickly. Sometimes, it may seem to us that God is more like that judge. It may seem that too much time has passed. This widow kept on appealing to the judge because she believed in the justice of her cause.

Will we as disciples of Jesus share that tenacity? All of us face hurdles and obstacles in our lives. When we place our reaction to those in the context of our relationship to God, sometimes we may question where God is.

Will we as Christians continue to cry out to God for help? Or will persecution, injustice, or simply bad fortune destroy our faith? Do we turn to God for help in prayer continually? Or do we pray once, perhaps twice, and then give up because we assume the answer is no? Jesus said, 'Pray and do not give up.' We must pray with persistence.

We must also pray knowing just where we stand with God. We must pray with persistence and overcome discouragement.

God loves us and that makes all the difference. We must realize that we all are sinners in need of God's help.

We must also realize that God longs to help us. Even when we, like the student with the soggy term paper, suspect that all may be lost, he is beside us, listening to our cry for aid.

Pray with persistence. Trust in his love for you. Listen patiently for his answer. Pray and don't give up.

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
Protestant		
Contemporary Worship	Marne Chapel	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post Chapel	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne Chapel	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage Chapel	10 a.m.
Kids' Church	Main Post Chapel	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Main Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.

Islamic Prayer
 Main Post Chapel

Jewish Prayer
 Marne Chappel

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Hunter Chapel	11:15 a.m.
Weekday (M,W,F) Mass	Hunter Chapel	11:45 a.m.

Protestant	Location	Time
Sunday Service	Hunter Chapel	9 a.m.
Kids' Church	Hunter Chapel	9 a.m.

Kid's Church at Main Post Chapel

11 a.m. to noon

Bus Pick-up at Marne Chapel
 10:50 a.m.

For children grades K-5

For more information contact
 Mrs. Bolton at 912-767-8801.

All children must be registered prior to attending Kid's Church.

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Fort Stewart Youth Ministry exists to share "Biblical Truth" with middle and high school age youth, to disciple them in the Christian faith, and to equip them for lives of Christian service.

For weekly meeting information, go to www.twitter.com/ftstewartyouth or contact Michael Iliff, Fort Stewart Youth Ministry Coordinator at 912-813-9789.

Weekday Catholic Schedule

Roman Catholic Daily Mass:
 Main Post Chapel, 11:45 a.m., on Mon., Wed.-Fri.

Roman Catholic Confession:
 Main Post Chapel, 4 – 4:30 p.m., Saturday

For more information, visit
TEAM STEWART
www.stewart.army.mil

Ogeechee River described as scenic, fisherman's paradise

David Lavender

Chief of Operations, DPW Environmental Fish & Wildlife Branch

The name "Ogeechee" intrigues us. Dozens of area businesses use it in their title. For us local folks it rolls off the tongue as sweet as cane syrup, but ask anyone that is not from the low country how to pronounce it and you'll simply get a blank stare. Nevertheless, it serves to remind us of the rich history of this region.

Derived from the language of the Native Americans that inhabited this area, "Ogeechee" is thought to be a Creek word meaning "Our Mother," perhaps in reference to the life-giving attributes of the river that bears this name. Among these attributes, the amazing diversity of flora and fauna that inhabit the river is key to understanding its appeal to outdoor enthusiasts. Canoeing, fishing and nature-watching are popular activities on the river. Many people also enjoy boating along the river, simply to enjoy its natural scenic beauty.

The Ogeechee River originates from spring-fed streams in the Piedmont region just south of Crawfordville, GA. From there it flows 245 miles to end at Ossabaw Sound just south of Savannah. The Ogeechee retains much of its natural state, one of the few free-flowing rivers (no major dams) along the Atlantic seaboard. Another aspect of its natural state is the substantial amount of wood snags that can be found along the river's channel. Though often unappreciated by boaters, this submerged wood provides

perfect habitat for the river's invertebrate animals, a key part of the food chain supporting sportfish populations.

Popular sportfish targeted by Ogeechee anglers include redbreasts, bluegill, shell crackers, largemouth bass, channel catfish, and chain pickerel. At least 80 fish species thrive in these relatively pollutant-free waters. If you've ever eaten an Ogeechee River Redbreast [redbreast sunfish], fresh-caught and deep fried, you'll understand why it is the benchmark by which the flavorful qualities of other freshwater fish are measured. There are four access points for fishing along the Fort Stewart side of the Ogeechee River: Landings 16, 17, 18, and 29, though Landing 17 is the only one managed for boat traffic. The Ogeechee River defines the eastern boundary of Fort Stewart, and the confluence of the Ogeechee and its largest tributary, the Canoochee River, occurs at the easternmost point of the Installation, easily visible from Interstate 95.

The Ogeechee is a scenic, meandering, blackwater river. Though generally clear, the water appears tea-colored due to high levels of dissolved organic compounds. The Ogeechee differs from many blackwater rivers in that it maintains an almost neutral pH, compliments of the carbonate-rich waters from Magnolia Springs, and this plays a role in its increased fertility. Decomposed leaf litter from the floodplain forests provides a rich food source for the invertebrates at the bottom of the food chain, which in turn supports an extensive assemblage of vertebrate life. Bald eagles nest and hunt on the Ogeechee, and endangered wood



Courtesy Photo

Scenic view along Ogeechee River.

storks forage along its shores. The shortnose sturgeon, our only endangered fish in coastal Georgia, is still found in the lower portions of the Ogeechee and the Canoochee Rivers as well as its more popular cousin the Atlantic sturgeon, which is harvested for its eggs or roe, commonly called caviar. The Atlantic sturgeon is currently being considered for listing as "endangered." In addition to these treasures, an amazingly diverse array of reptiles, birds and mammals call the Ogeechee home, making it easy to understand why the Creek Indians named this river "Our Mother."

Coastal Happenings

Reader's Digest to visit Hinesville

Come Saturday noon to the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce/Development Authority Building (425 West Oglethorpe Hwy Hinesville).

Reader's Digest, has named Hinesville in its' 100 Cities in 100 Days Tour, a part of "We Hear You America" sweepstakes and will present Hinesville Mayor James Thomas with a \$1000 "stimulus" check.

The ceremony will consist of presentation of the stimulus check by three brand ambassadors representing Reader's Digest to the mayor and other activities:

- A video kiosk to collect testimonials from people about what makes their town Best in America. These stories will be uploaded to the "We Hear You America" website.
- A magnetic map of the US on the side of the RV that will be fun for consumers to play games with and experience the interactive vehicle.
- An interactive campaign website integrating social media for people to follow the tour and see what makes

America great; visitors can also enter a sweepstakes to win the Reader's Digest RV and t-shirts.

The Liberty County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that thanks to the efforts of Chamber members and their friends, Family Members and staff, that Hinesville is the recipient of this honor. Come on out and support your local community.

Library displays Black Heritage

February is Black History Month. As a partner with the Savannah Black Heritage Festival, Live Oak Libraries will be celebrating African American history with many special programs throughout the branches.

Leopold's Ice Cream is sponsoring an essay contest in celebration of Black History Month. The contest is open to all elementary school students in Chatham, Effingham, and Liberty counties.

Answer the following question in an essay of 1,000 words or less for a chance to win a Leopold's Ice Cream party for your classroom! "If you were Mayor for the day and had to choose one influential African-

American in history to celebrate, who would it be and why?"

Georgia Park passes offered at libraries

Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites are making it easier than ever for patrons to "Get Out. Get Dirty. Get Fit." in the state's great outdoors.

Live Oak Public Libraries customers with valid Power Cards can now borrow a Georgia State Park "Park Pass" and Historic Site pass. The passes are good for free parking or admission at any of the 63 parks and historic sites statewide.

Join in on Love Walk/Run 2011

The annual Wesley Community Centers of Savannah fundraiser, Love Walk/Run, will be held Feb. 12 at Forsyth Park. The 5K run kicks off at 7:45 a.m.; the walk begins at 10 a.m. Proceeds benefit the homeless, low income women, children and families who utilize Wesley's services. For more information, call 912-236-4226.

First Lady, Dr. Biden laud new Family support effort

Elaine Wilson

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, - First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, today lauded the government's new Military Family support effort, calling it an "important next step" in the nation's support of troops and their Families.

Speaking from the White House earlier today, President Barack Obama unveiled a new, whole-of-government approach to Military Family support, with agencies uniting to create new resources and support programs for Military Families worldwide.

"I want to emphasize that this is not a one-time press conference," the first lady said at the event attended by the Defense Department's top brass and other senior government officials. "These are lasting commitments by the government to address your needs and concerns for years to come. And my hope is that these recommendations will live on no matter the president, no matter the party."

Nearly a year ago, Mrs. Obama announced that the president had directed his Cabinet to identify new priorities and partnerships to support Military Families. The government answered today with nearly 50 spe-

cific commitments aimed at improving Military Families' quality of life, she said.

Obama cited the Education Department as an example. The department is simplifying its financial aid application process for Military Families. And the Labor, Commerce and Defense departments and the Small Business Administration are working with the business community to expand career options for spouses, she said.

Additionally, the Health and Human Services, Education, Agriculture and Defense departments are working to expand child care options for Families from all service branches.

"The list of commitments goes on and on," the first lady said, "addressing everything from homelessness to mental health to employment opportunities for young adults. So this effort gives you all a seat at the table not just at the White House or at the Pentagon or at the [Veterans Affairs Department], it gives you a seat at the table all across the federal government."

"Don't think for one minute that Jill and I will not keep pushing and advocating and fighting for you, because we will," she said. "And we're not going to stop until every part of our society -- every part, both inside and outside of government -- is fully mobilized to sup-

port our troops and their Families."

Obama said she's met and spoken with many Military Family members worldwide, and the stories of their challenges and sacrifices resonate for her, not just as first lady but as a wife, a mother and an American.

She's heard the stories of military moms who are raising children, volunteering in family readiness groups and sustaining careers, all in the midst of multiple moves. And she's heard of teenagers shouldering additional responsibilities at home while a parent is deployed, and Family Members leaving jobs and schools to care for wounded loved ones.

"All are a reminder of what words like service, strength and sacrifice -- what those words look like in real life," the first lady said.

"And for me, and for Jill," she continued, "they are a reminder of our obligation to our troops, our veterans, and their Families -- an obligation to work harder [and] an obligation to channel the strength and courage of our Military Families and veterans into our work on their behalf."

As a military mother, Biden said, she knows all too well the "mixture of pride and concern" that Military Families share. Biden's son, Beau Biden, is a captain in the Delaware Army National Guard who recently served a year in Iraq.

Special Deliveries

Provided by Winn Army Hospital

January 13

Kaleb Landon Dixon, boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Kendrick I. Dixon and Chastinie L. Dixon.

Izaiah William Watson, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Sgt. Joshua Watson and Rachel Watson.

January 14

Jacob Joseph Bernowski, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Mr. Ryan Bernowski and Spc. Priscilla Bernowski.

January 16

Gethalyah Moraiah Rancy, a girl, 6 pounds, 10

ounces, born to Sgt. Gethro Rancy and Lanisha D. Rancy.

January 19

Palmer William Barnes, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Christopher Barnes and Sonia Barnes.

Mila Alessandra Booher, a girl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Randy Booher and Heather Booher.

Harlow Marie-Monroe Brunhoeber, a girl, 5 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Jason Brunhoeber and Melissa Brunhoeber.

Riley Jo Ennis, a girl, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Cpl. Michael Quinn-Ennis and Amanda Ennis.

January 20

Katelyn Elizabeth Brasseur, a girl, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Jordan David Brasseur and Laura Lee Brasseur.

January 21

Brian Robert Paul Shaffer, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Christopher Shaffer and Shelby Shaffer.

January 22

Shane Alan Baxter Jr., a boy, 9 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Shane A. Baxter Sr., and Rebecca V. Baxter.

Army Community Service



ACS calendar of classes, newsletter

The new calendar of classes is now available for online registration. Also, check out great tips and articles in the ACS January-March Newsletter. Simply go to the Team Stewart website located at www.stewart.army.mil/DMWR/acs. For more information, call 912-767-5058.

Free classes offered at Stewart

Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m.: Outreach Family Orientation (Soldier Service Center, building 253)

Thursdays, 1-2 p.m.: Newcomer's Windshield Bus Tour (Soldier Service Center, building 253)

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.: 4 Steps to a Better Job (ACS, building 86)

Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m.: Volunteer Management Training- New Approaches for Volunteer Recruitment (Soldier Service Center, building 253)

Tuesday, 1-3 p.m.: Living on a Plan- How to Create a Budget That Works (ACS, building 86)

Feb. 1, 2; 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Resiliency Training for Family Members- Building Mental Toughness, Module 2, Units 6 and 7 (ACS, building 87)

Feb. 2, 9-10 a.m.: Korea Overseas Briefing (ACS, building 86)

Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Foreign-Born Spouses and Hearts Apart Support Groups Combined Meeting (ACS, building 86)

Feb. 2, 2-4 p.m.: Fly Lady- Organizational Guru (ACS, building 82)

Feb. 2, 2-4 p.m.: Infant Massage (ACS, building 82)

Feb. 2, 3-4 p.m.: Germany Overseas Briefing (ACS, building 86)

Feb. 3, 9-11 a.m.: 10 Tools for Your Parenting Toolbox- Multiple Ways to Parent (ACS, building 82)

Feb. 3, 9-11 a.m.: Budgeting for Baby (ACS, building 86)

Feb. 3, 9-11:30 a.m.: Families Achieving Communication Tactics for Success (F.A.C.T.S.) Workshop- Getting Your Message Across (ACS, building 87)

Feb. 3, 1:30-3:30 p.m.: Financial Planning for PCS (Soldier Service Center, building 253)

Feb. 3, 2-4 p.m.: Chasing Toddlers (ACS, building 82)

Feb. 4, 9 a.m.-noon: Risk Management for Senior Leaders (ACS, building 82)

Free classes offered at Hunter

Thursdays, 1-2 p.m.: Newcomer's Windshield Bus Tour (ACS, building 1286)

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.: Play Morning (CYSS Youth Services, building 8805)

Monday, 1:30-4:30 p.m.: Resiliency Training for Family Members- Resilience, Module 1, Units 1 and 2 (ACS, building 1286)

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.: Resume Writing Workshop (ACS, building 1286)

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.: 10 Tools for Your Parenting Toolbox- Multiple Ways to Parent (ACS, building 1286)

Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.: Chasing Toddlers (ACS, building 1286)

Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.: Infant Massage (ACS, building 1286)

Feb. 3, 9-11 a.m.: Resumix Insider's Tips for Federal Jobs (ACS, building 1286)

Resiliency training offered

The Hunter ACS will conduct its first Resiliency Training for Family Members at ACS, building 1286, Monday, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Resiliency Training is to assist Family Members to become more resilient and to be able to face adversity. Module 1, Unit 1 is an overview of the entire course. Topics will discuss competencies that contribute to resilience include self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, mental agility, strengths of character, and connection. Unit 2, Hunt the Good Stuff, helps you notice positive experiences in order to enhance gratitude and enable optimism. Call 912-315-6816 for more details.

Get that spark back in your marriage

Army Community Service offers a class that assists couples with reclaiming the spark and connection in their marriages. The "10 Great Dates" class teaches how to communicate better, how to process anger, how to resolve conflicts, how to appreciate your differences, and how to balance busy lifestyles. Classes will take place at the Stewart ACS, building 82, Feb. 9 and 16, from 9-11 a.m. Hunter's class will be at building 1286, Feb. 17 and 24, from 2-4 p.m. Call (Stewart) 912-767-5058 or (Hunter) 912-315-6816 for more information.

Create stronger bonds

Learn how to create stronger Family bonds after deployment! The Stewart/Hunter Mobilization & Deployment will be conducting Families Achieving Communication Tactics for Success (F.A.C.T.S.) Workshops. These workshops are beneficial for all cycles of deployment, and is open to all members of the community. It is highly recommended for Soldiers, spouses, leaders, and Family Readiness Group members. Workshops include: Everyone has an Opinion, Talking Without Talking, Top 5 Barriers to Communication, and Getting your Message Across. For additional information, please call (Stewart) 912-767-5058 or (Hunter) 912-315-6816.

Hunter ACS (building 1286)

Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.: All day workshop

Stewart ACS (building 87)

Feb. 9, 6-8 p.m.: Everyone has an Opinion

Feb. 15, 6-8 p.m.: Talking Without Talking

FRG basic course slated

The Stewart Family Readiness Group Basic Course will be held at Fort Stewart ACS, building 87, Feb. 10, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. This course provides a basic FRG overview and regulatory guidance. It will also cover information on how to structure your FRG, FRG leadership, and commander's responsibilities and expectations. This basic course is open to all FRG members, FRSA's, rear detachment leaders, and FRG volunteers. Call 912-767-5058 for additional information.

Enhance your personal development

The Hunter Army Family Team Building will conduct its Level II training at the Hunter Chapel Annex, building 129, Feb. 15-17 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Level II enhances personal development and encourages emerging leadership from within the Army community. Topics

include creative problem solving, how to cope with challenging situations, understanding team dynamics, communication, and personal time management. Call 912-315-6816 for more details.

Volunteer management training slated

The Hunter ACS will conduct the Volunteer Management Information System Training (VMIS) Training held at the Hunter Chapel Annex, building 129, Feb. 8 from 9-10:30 a.m. This hands-on workshop provides assistance with the Army online program that tracks volunteer hours. Call 912-315-6816 for more information.

Volunteer Spotlight



Name: Joy Smith-Lyon

Activity/Unit Volunteering for: FRG Leader, E Company, 3/69 Armor Company

Spouse's Unit: E Company, 3/69 Armor

Hometown: Fayetteville, NC

Volunteer Title: Family Readiness Group Leader

Why do you volunteer? "I enjoy helping the Families. I do what I can, when I can. I like the fact that they know that I am reliable and trustworthy. I can remember when I was first stationed here and didn't know anyone. I know the feeling of not knowing anything about the Army and how lost I felt. If there is something that I can do to keep a spouse from feeling that way, I will."

What do you like most about volunteering? "The thing I like the most is know that the Families know that I am dependable."



DFMWR Briefs

Hunter Auto Craft Shop temporarily closes

The Hunter Auto Craft Shop is closed until Feb. 17 to have the facility painted. We regret any inconvenience this may cause. For more information, please call 912-315-6244.

Libby Auto Crafts on Fort Stewart will remain open for all of your car care needs. Their operating hours are as follows: Mon., Thurs., Fri.: 1-8:30 p.m.; Sat. and Sun.: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information call Libby Craft Shop at 912-767-3527.

Brawl For All coming to Stewart

The excitement of Mixed Martial Arts is coming to Fort Stewart on Saturday, when 12 amateur fights will be presented in the Brawl for All at Newman Fitness Center, building 439.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the action is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Cage-side tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. General admission tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. The price for kids ages 5-13 is \$5. Tickets available at Club Stewart.

Twenty-four fighters will do battle in the 12 fights, consisting of three five-minute rounds. Three licensed officials and a licensed referee will judge the contests.

Club Stewart will provide a snack bar and two full-service bars.

All, including fight fans from the surrounding civilian community, are invited to the event.

Teen Rock 'n Bowl Nite planned

Calling all teens 13-18 years old for a night out Saturday and on the last Saturday of each month starting at 9 p.m.

Rock and bowl at Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450, under the cool lights and music. Bring your favorite music and we will play it on the sound system. The cost is \$2 per game and \$1.75 for shoe rental.

Please remember to get your parents' permission and that all teens are required to remain inside the facility after 11 p.m. Fort Stewart curfew rules apply.

For more information, call 912-767-4273.

"Ground Hog Day" events scheduled

Corkan Family Recreation celebrates this national holiday Feb. 2 by having our favorite activity – "Toddler Time" – from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The hours are extended so the kids can have extended fun. The cost is \$1 per child playing. For more information, call 912-767-4273.

Enjoy Groundhog Day at Hays Library

Children will read stories and make crafts about Groundhog Day during storytime at Hays Library, building 411, Feb. 2. The start time is 4 p.m. There is no charge. For more information, call 912-767-2828.

Travel to Museum of Science, History

Travel to Jacksonville, Fla., and visit The Museum of Science and History Feb. 5 with Leisure Travel.

The sign-up deadline is Feb. 3. The cost per person is \$20, which includes admission, a science show and an animal show. Planetarium shows are \$5 extra for the first program and \$1 for each additional.

For more information, call 912-767-2841 at Stewart or 912-315-3674 at Hunter.

R&B Star to perform at Club Stewart

J. Holiday, whose Rhythm and Blues singles "Bed" and "Suffocate" hit the top of the charts, will perform Feb. 4 at Club Stewart, building 405.

Holiday, a singer-songwriter, was nominated in 2009 for a Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Album (Back Of My Lac).

The \$80 VIP Couples cost includes dinner, meet and greet and front row seating. The \$60 Couples cost includes dinner and the show. Tickets for the show only are available for \$25 each.

Dinner will be served from 6-8:30 p.m. The show begins at 9 p.m.

For more information, call 912-368-2212.

Title Fight on Pay-Per-View scheduled

See Silva vs. Belfort in the Ultimate Fighting Championship World Middleweight title fight 9 p.m., Feb. 5 at Thunder Run, building 405.

The fight is live on Pay-Per-View from Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, NV. Also, legends Forrest Griffin and Rich Franklin collide, and virtually-undefeated Jon Jones takes on actually-undefeated Ryan Bader. There is a \$5 per person admission fee.

For more information, call 912-368-2212.

Super Bowl Party at Rocky's slated

From Noon-till closing, Feb 6 slated at Rocky's Zone, building 703, Soldiers can come and celebrate a day full of fun with numerous activities planned on Super Bowl Sunday with door prizes and giveaways. No admission fee. Register to win one of eight theater seats in Rocky's Zone Skybox and enjoy free food and drinks for you and a guest, plus watch the game on a big screen with surround sound.

Activities planned: (at noon) Madden NFL 11 PS3 Video Game Contest and (at 1 p.m.) NFL Theme Texas Hold'em Tournament. Prize to first and second place winners in the two tournaments. Stay and watch Super Bowl XLV on numerous televisions throughout the facility. For details, call 912-767-8715.

Enjoy Super Bowl at Hunter Lanes

Come out from 5-9 p.m., Feb. 6, at Hunter Lanes Bowling Center, building 1280. Bowl and watch the Super Bowl game on televisions throughout the bowling center with special price just for you. \$1.75 per game/person and \$1.75 shoe rental. For details, call 912-315-6279.

Super Bowl party at Club Stewart slated

Come on out to Thunder Run and watch slated Super Bowl XLV, beginning at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 6, at Club Stewart, building 405. Be ready to partake in the games and activities planned.

There is no admission charge, however food will be available for purchase at Thunder Run.

Have valentine brunch at the Clubs

A Valentine's Brunch will be held at Club Stewart, building 405, and Hunter Club, building 6015, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Feb. 13.

Those who plan to enjoy the brunch at Hunter must purchase their tickets by Feb. 7. Tickets can be purchased at either club.

The menu will include breakfast items, chicken breast with port sauce, short ribs Provencal, citrus tilapia, rice pilaf with vegetables, roasted rosemary red potatoes, grilled vegetable with lemon thyme and mustard basting sauce, glazed carrots, molted chocolate fountain, decadent chocolate torte, assorted deserts and sliced fresh fruit.

Prices in advance for corporal and below \$10.95 for adults, \$5.47 for children 5-10. Sergeant and above \$12.95 for adults, \$6.47 for children 5-10. All children 4 and under are free.

Prices at the door for corporal and below \$12.95 for adults, \$6.47 for children 5-10. Sergeant and above \$14.95 for adults, \$7.47 for children 5-10. All children

4 and under, free.

For more information, call 912-368-2212 for Fort Stewart or 912-459-7923 at Hunter.

Pheasant registration continues

Registration for Pheasant Shoots to be held in February and March at the Taylors Creek DZ off Highway 144 West on Fort Stewart will close Feb. 24. The shoots are scheduled Feb. 19 and March 5.

Twenty shooters for a morning hunt and 20 for an afternoon hunt Feb. 19 will be chosen by lottery Feb. 10. Another lottery, this one on Feb. 24, will be held to choose 20 shooters each for the morning and afternoon shoots of March 5. Half of the slots will be given to Active Duty military.

Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield active duty Soldiers, retirees, Army employees and sportsmen from the surrounding community can register for the lottery drawings at the Stewart Pass and Permit Office, building 8093, or the Hunter Pass and Permit Office, building 1286. There is no charge to register.

For fee information or additional information about the hunts, visit or call the Stewart office at 912-435-8061 or the Hunter office at 912-315-5163.

Golf membership drive ongoing

Soldiers redeploying back to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield can join Taylors Creek Golf Course and Hunter Golf Club for 20 per cent off the Fiscal Year 2011 pro-rated fee from now until March 31. For more information, call 912-767-2370 at Stewart or 912-315-9115 at Hunter.

Learn at the Freedom Trail Tour

Join Leisure Travel, Feb. 26, for the Freedom Trail tour and see remnants of the Underground Railroad, where "free persons of color" lived during slavery times, the port of entry where slaves were brought and sold, old communities and Savannah's African American monument.

Register by Feb. 24. The cost of \$25 for adults and \$20 for children includes transportation and tour. For more information, call 912-767-2841 at Stewart and 912-315-3674 at Hunter.

BOSS goes fishing!

Join fellow Soldiers and friends for some deep sea fishing off the coast of Georgia from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Feb. 19. The cost is just \$60 per person for this BOSS-sponsored opportunity, but you must sign up by Feb. 16. For more information, call 912-767-9917.

Ride with Leisure to the Daytona 500

The Daytona 500 is billed as NASCAR's biggest, richest and most prestigious event. And you can be there Feb. 20, when 43 of the best stock car drivers in the world compete in "The Great American Race."

The cost is \$65 per person, which includes transportation on a luxury motor coach bus and a tailgate party with food. Tickets for the race can be purchased through Leisure Travel.

The sign-up deadline is Feb. 18. For more information, call 912-767-2841 at Stewart or 912-315-3674 at Hunter.

Register now for youth sports

Registration will end Feb. 25 for the Fort Stewart Spring Soccer 2011 season that begins March 1. Register online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/stewartcym.html> or in person at Parent Central Services, building CT-0029 at Fort Stewart. The telephone number is 912-767-2312.

Track and Field (ages 7-14) and Soccer (ages 4-13) play is open to all Child, Youth and School Services members. For more information, call Youth Sports at 912-767-4371 or 912-767-9270.

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STEWART

Let's play table soccer

Come play soccer indoors with a twist! Using straws and ping pong balls try and help your team score!

Feb. 1, Southern Oaks Community Center, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Moving out?

Moving out soon? Have questions? Then let us answer them and help make your move out process as easy as possible. (Free hot dogs, chips and drinks provided for those who attend).

Feb. 2, Southern Oaks Community Center, 11:30-12:30 p.m.

Book drive slated

Drop off all of those books you'll never read again and the ones the kids are too old for. We will be donating them to the Fort Stewart Library.

Feb. 7, Liberty Woods and Southern Oaks Leasing Offices, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Cards from the heart planned

Decorate and design special Valentine's Day cards for loved ones and friends. Then, make a fun craft to hold your own Valentine's Day cards.

Feb. 8, Southern Oaks Community Center, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Huddle, hot dogs at Liberty

This is an opportunity for us to meet with our residents, and for residents to meet their neighbors and discuss issues and ideas on how to make the community better as a whole. We need your feedback! Enjoy free hot dogs as you join us for this lunch-break huddle.

Feb. 9, Liberty Woods Leasing Office, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Cooking to Winn

Learn to cook and eat healthy as a Family by receiving tips from our chef, who knows exactly how to make eating healthy delicious! Enjoy dinner and taste for yourself! You must register to participate. Call 408-2478 or e-mail ahumphries@bbcgrp.com if you're interested.

Feb. 9, 7414A Taejon St (North Bryan Village), 5-7 p.m.

HUNTER

Can goods drive slated

Donate a minimum of one can good per family member and your name will go in our drawing for a wonderful Valentine's lunch and movie for your entire family! Winners will be contacted by phone and given entire details. (The lunch for winners will take place, Feb. 13 at our Community Management Office)

Feb. 1-9, drop off at your convenience Location: can goods can be dropped at our Community Management Office and

the New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center

Paint a Piggy Bank:

Make saving money fun by painting a cool shaped piggy bank to put it in!

Feb. 3, New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center, 5-6 p.m.

Clearing seminar slated

Moving out soon? Have questions? Then let us answer them and help make your move out process as easy as possible. (Lunch will be provided for those who attend).

Feb. 4, The Community Management Office, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Enjoy cartoons, brunch

Leave them in their pajamas and bring the kids in to watch their Saturday morning cartoons with us! We'll be providing cold breakfast items for them to enjoy while watching their toons.

Feb. 5 and 19, Community Management Office, 10-11:30 a.m.

Cards from the heart

Decorate and design special Valentine's Day cards for loved ones and friends. Then, make a fun craft to hold your own Valentine's Day cards.

Feb. 10, Community Management Office, 5-6 p.m.

Huddle, hot dogs planned

This is an opportunity for our office to meet with our residents, and for residents to meet their neighbors and discuss issues and ideas on how to make the community better as a whole. We need your feedback! Enjoy free hot dogs as you join us for this lunch-break huddle.

Feb. 11, Community Management Office, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Table soccer planned

Come play soccer indoors with a twist! Using straws and ping pong balls try and help your team score!

Feb. 18, New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center, 5-6 p.m.

Basketball shoot out slated

Race the clock to score the highest points by ringing the most baskets! With an arcade style basketball game, we're bringing the sport indoors!

Feb. 24, New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center, 5-6 p.m.

Check out our website every month for upcoming LifeWorks events at www.haafffamilyhomes.com. Additionally, if you would like to be added to an e-mail list to receive our monthly flyer, please e-mail LifeWorks Coordinator Amber Humphries at ahumphries@bbcgrp.com.