

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



Spc. Amanda McBride

Sergeant Madylene Fingerle, operations and training noncommissioned officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade Combat Team, reads to students from Kessler Elementary, March 6. Soldiers from HHC read to students at Kessler Elementary school to celebrate National Education Association's Read Across America Day.

4 BCT Soldiers 'Read Across America'

Spc. Amanda McBride
4th BCT Public Affairs

In an effort to show support to local schools, Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade Combat Team, read books to students at Kessler Elementary School as part of the National Education Association's Read Across America Day Friday.

Read Across America Day is an annual reading celebration that calls for a focus on motivating children to read in order to help other basic skills.

More than 10 Soldiers went to classrooms throughout the school and read books written by Dr. Seuss to students from pre-kindergarten to sixth grade.

Sergeant Madylene Fingerle, operations and training noncommissioned officer with HHC, said the Soldiers'

participation was a way of getting involved with the local school children and what they do.

"(We) signed up to go spend time with them and read a story and get involved in their day," Fingerle said. "More than reading, we got involved with the things that happened in the story."

Kessler Elementary is sponsored by HHC as part of the adopt-a-school program. Soldiers within the unit help support the teachers and students from the school by volunteering at various events throughout the year. This event was the first to include HHC Soldiers since the company returned from Iraq.

Fingerle said it's important for Soldiers to get involved with the community, because it shows students who Soldiers are and what they do.

"It gets us closer to the community," Fingerle said. "It

shows them that we're people who they know and people who they trust."

The children and teachers of Kessler Elementary observed the National Education Association's Read Across America Day in honor of the late Dr. Seuss birthday.

The celebration began March 2 with a "Green Eggs and Ham" breakfast. Students ate green eggs and ham for breakfast while the book "Green Eggs and Ham" was read to them.

"We're happy to have the Soldiers here," Linda Flora a math facilitator at Kessler, said. "The Soldiers coming in to read is also a plus."

"I think (Read Across America) is a great experience for the children," said Flora. "You get to know what they read, and it helps them have a love for books."

New Winn program encourages family reading

Ann Erickson
Winn Public Affairs

Winn Army Community Hospital's Department of Pediatrics has recently implemented a new program that promotes literacy as a standard part of

pediatric primary care.

The program, called Reach Out and Read, coordinates the distribution of new books to children during their well-child visits. The Department of Defense chose Winn among 20 military treatment facilities across the country

to take part in the program.

Constance Hamilton, head nurse for the Pediatric Clinic at Winn, is excited about having the program here.

"Optimizing situations for reading out loud is important," Hamilton said. "We have started utilizing our Red Cross clinic volunteers to read stories to the children in our waiting room."

Reach Out and Read has three key elements - training providers to encourage parents to read aloud to their children, providing developmentally-appropriate reading material to children and placing books in the waiting rooms of clinics to promote reading.

"Reading aloud to a young child every day is a wonderful way to stimulate language," Perri Klass, M.D., Medical Director of Reach Out and Read, said. "It also does so many other things. It helps children love books and reading, because they associate books with the parent's voice and with the pleasures of being read to. Reading aloud can help children feel secure and loved and reassured, so it can help families cope with stressful times. That could be especially important in military families who face separation and deployment."

The books that will be distributed are popular titles, like "The Tales of Peter

Rabbit" and the "Three Little Pigs." The program will also provide books intended to calm fears about deployment and military service such as "While You Were Away." Some books are available in Spanish as well. In February, the clinic handed out 120 books to children between six months and 4 years old.

Along with the free book for every child, military healthcare providers will also provide advice and tips to parents about reading aloud with their children. Each child who participates in Reach Out and Read will start kindergarten with a home library of up to 10 books and benefit from parents who understand the importance of reading.

Studies from the American Academy of Pediatrics have demonstrated that less than 47% of parents read to their young children. A focus on books and reading assists in language development, cognitive growth and preparation for preschool.

Additionally, reading out loud helps build relationships and offers families tools to learn, bond and deal with the stress of military separation. Providing books for children to take home provides a bond with the pediatrician and the parent and initiates an understanding of the importance of books, vocabulary, sound recognition and reading.



Ann Erickson

The Cat in the Hat reads to Lindsey Viers, 8, and Ashton Viers, 5, in Winn's Pediatric Clinic, March 4 as part of a new program called Reach Out and Read.

Women in the Outdoors comes to Fort Stewart

Randy Murray
Public Affairs Specialist

Women in the Outdoors is coming to Fort Stewart's Holbrook Pond, March 21. This program, sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation, is exclusively for women ages 14 and older. Tammy Mowry, national coordinator for the program, described Women in the Outdoors as an educational program that has been around for 11 years providing "hands-

on, in-the-field learning opportunities for women." Regional Coordinator Kim Abernathy said the purpose of the program is to help women develop an appreciation for the outdoors so they can understand the need for conservation.

"Many of the women who participate in our program are single moms," Abernathy said. "Their children grow up without a father-figure taking them fishing or hunting or hiking and things like that.

They grow up without an appreciation for the outdoors and subsequently (lack) an appreciation for managing natural resources. We teach 'mama' and let her pass on her new appreciation for the outdoors and conservation efforts to her children."

Abernathy said that she and instructor Danny Sparks will be conducting two-hour classes on archery, shotgun and rifle familiarization, camping and camp cooking, fishing, hiking, land navigation, and

even candlestick-making. She explained that women tend to be overlooked by conservation groups because fewer women participate in outdoor sports and recreation events. However, because women exercise so much influence as moms, she said it only makes sense for conservation organizations like the National Wildlife Federation to support a program like Women in the Outdoors.

She emphasized that whether you are an experi-

enced outdoorswoman already or a novice, their instructors provide information about a variety of outdoor activities which include something for everyone. Ladies who are interested in participating in the Women in the Outdoors program next Saturday should contact Chris Dent at the Fort Stewart's Outdoor Recreation office, 767-2515 or 767-8609. The \$55 cost includes four classes, a "Dutch-oven" lunch, and use of equipment and supplies.

HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

Take measures to prevent traumatic brain injuries

Dr. Richard Toye

Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic

Traumatic brain injury is the single most preventable health problem resulting in serious injury or death in this country. It is most frequent in children below the age of 5 and older adults. Men experience TBI more frequently than women in all age categories.

Risk factors besides age and sex for head injury include fatigue, substance abuse, high levels of personal stress and emotional disorder. Common causes of TBI includes falls, sports injuries, motor vehicle accidents (including bicycle and motorcycle accidents), industrial accidents, fights and blast injuries.

There are two types of TBI - mild TBI, also known as concussion, and moderate to severe TBI, without penetration of the skull and brain.

In mild TBI, the patient can experience brief loss of consciousness, alteration of consciousness -- "seeing stars" or feeling dazed for a period of minutes to hours or amnesia.

In cases of moderate to severe TBI, the patient can experience a bruise to the brain (contusion), bleeding at the surface to the brain (hemorrhage),

brain swelling (edema), alteration in, or loss of, consciousness and bleeding in the brain, and cell death at the site of injury.

Effects of TBI

Mild TBI may result in inefficient thinking, concentration problems and memory problems that usually resolve within three to 18 months. Headaches and sleep problems are common.

The effects of moderate to severe TBI vary as a function of how severe the injury is but can involve altered language, sensation and perception, concentration and memory, motor function and balance, and self-control and emotional distress.

Another significant effect can be the impact on Families due to care needs of the patient or changes in their personality.

Individuals who are re-injured within the first few days of a TBI are at risk for a catastrophic brain injury called "second impact syndrome." There is no apparent increased risk of a second injury if the first injury is allowed to heal.

Treatment for TBI

After a mild TBI, reassurance and education are

critical to keep the individual focused on recovery. Supportive counseling for the patient and Family can be useful. Some types of attention training can be helpful.

In the case of a moderate to severe TBI, physical, occupational and speech therapy may be required. Medical management of physical and sensory changes may be needed. Cognitive rehabilitation for visual problems, attention problems and mild memory problems may be useful. Training that deals with lists and memory minders, putting in place physical support systems, and altering the work setting to be simpler can also help.

Prevention

The key to reducing the effect of TBI is reducing the number of TBIs. Remember to provide adequate lighting, supervise children and the elderly, and use hand rails to avoid falls. Always wear helmets, seatbelts, reflectors and other safety devices in cars, motorcycles and bicycles. Use safety devices prescribed for sports and hazardous work environments

Maintain healthy life habits including good sleep, hygiene, good stress management and exercise moderation when using caffeine and alcohol.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

February 5

• **Klayten Wayne Davis**, a boy, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Pfc. Brandon W. Davis and Pfc. Anna W. Davis.

February 8

• **Trevon Amer Woods**, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. Larry Woods and Marquita Woods.

February 19

• **Essence Tiara Bell**, a girl, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Michael Bell and Spc. Mozell Bell.

February 22

• **Joxel Jamil Ortega-Velez**, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Jorge M. Ortega and Wylessa Velez.

February 22

• **Alexander Basilio Rodriguez Jr.**, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Alexander Rodriguez and Carmecia Rodriguez.

February 23

• **Alex Migdoel Vazquez Garcia**, a boy, 4 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Sgt. Migdoel Vazquez and Yaritza Vazquez.

• **Michael Lewis Harnden**, a boy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Capt. Brian L. Harnden and Teresa M. Harnden.

• **Kadence Lee Strawn**, a girl, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Justin Keith Strawn and Audry Marie Strawn.

February 24

• **Abigail Kaylee Lerch**, a girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. William C. Lerch and Jessica C. Lerch.

• **Gabriel Charles Lewis**

Manns, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. James Douglas Manns and Kelly Nichole Manns.

February 25

• **Brylee Taylor Stewart**, a girl, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. William Kenneth Stewart and Christina Lynn Stewart.

February 26

• **Jermaiah Lashon Harris**, a boy, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Jasmine Shantel Harris.

February 27

• **Devin Jonathan Dixon**, a boy, 9 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Staff Sgt. Oliver Dixon and Staff Sgt. Shelley M. Dixon.

February 28

• **Noah Jaared Fontes Adams**, a boy, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Arnold V. Adams and Sonia de Fatima Fontes-Adams.

• **Sophia Quayyara Warren**, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Capt. Lloyd Warren and Capt. Brittany Warren.

MWR Briefs

Saint Patrick's pre-teen dance slated

You're invited to wear green and put on your lucky dancing shoes for the St. Patrick's Pre-Teen (grades 6-8) Dance from 7-10 p.m., Friday at the Fort Stewart Youth Center. The cost is \$2 for Youth Center members and \$3 for non-members. For details, call 767-4491.

Sign up for MCEC workshop

Friday is the deadline for registration for a two-day workshop, "Living in the New Normal," by the Military Child Education Coalition.

The workshop is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 23-24 at the Hunter Club, building 6015. There is no charge, and meals will be provided.

Register online at www.militarychild.org. For details, call the School Liaison Office at 315-6586. Family participation is encouraged to ensure children have tools to weather life's storms and provide educators and other concerned adults with information on how to support children during times of uncertainty, trauma and grief.

Celebrate Saint Patty's with pet portrait

Celebrate the St. Patrick's Day holiday with a portrait of you with your pet, all dressed up for the occasion. Photos will be taken by appointment only from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday in the yard area of the Fort Stewart Pet Boarding Facility, building 8324 off Highway 144E. Reservations will be accepted until Friday. The cost will be \$10 for each 4-inch by 6-inch picture. Costumes will be available, or you may bring your own. Pets must be under their owners' control at all times. For more information, call 435-8052.

Enjoy Saint Patrick's Sunday brunch

The St. Patrick's Sunday Brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sunday at Hunter Club, building 6015. The menu features breakfast items, Irish stew, corned beef with horseradish sauce, steamed buttered cabbage, lamb stew, herb roasted chicken, salad bar, apple oatmeal crisp and more.

The cost is \$11.95 per person, children ages 5-10 eat at half price and ages 4 and under eat free. For more information, call 459-7923.

Kids cooking class slated

Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, crafts, and more in the St. Patty's Kids Cooking Class from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Hunter Club, building 6015.

The cost is \$5 per child ages 5-12. Reservations required, as space is limited. For more information, call 459-7923.

Sign up for Big Gobbler Contest

Registration will close Saturday for the Big Gobbler Contest at Stewart and Hunter. The contest, which is open to valid Stewart and Hunter permit holders, runs from March 21 to May 15 in the Stewart and Hunter hunting areas. The entry fee is \$20 per person. Prizes will be awarded.

Registration required at Pass and Permit. Any entries under the age of 18 must have parent or guardian-signed entry forms. Only fresh turkeys will be scored (no frozen turkeys).

For additional details and rules, contact 435-8061 (Stewart) or 315-5163 (Hunter).

Watch Hawks battle Magic

The registration deadline is March 17 for the trip to see the Atlanta Hawks and Orlando Magic square off in Philips Arena April 4.

The group will depart during the morning from Stewart and Hunter Leisure Travel Offices for Atlanta. Visit Atlanta metro area attractions in the vicinity of the arena prior to game time, 7 p.m. The \$55 per person cost includes game ticket and a Chick-fil-A meal voucher. For more information, call 767-8609 (Stewart) or 315-3674 (Hunter).

Intramural volleyball deadline approaches

March 18 is the last day to sign up for Intramural Coed Volleyball play. League competition is scheduled March 30 through April 30. Games will be played Monday-Thursday at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. at Newman Fitness Center, Building 439.

The league is open to all DoD ID cardholders. Family Members must be 17 or older. For registration information and details, call 767-8238.

Sign-up to see Harlem Globetrotters

Fort Stewart Youth Center members have an opportunity to travel to Savannah to watch the original Harlem Globetrotters exhibition basketball team perform at 7 p.m., March 19 at the Savannah Civic Center.

The deadline for signing up for the trip is Monday. The \$21.50 per person cost includes transportation and admissions. The group will depart Fort Stewart Youth Center, building 7338. For more information, call 767-4491.

Pets of the Week



Tips the cat and DB the dog are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



PRESENTS
TODAY THROUGH MARCH 15

Last Chance Harvey

Today — 7 p.m.

(Dustin Hoffman, Emma Thompson)

Harvey, on the verge of losing his job, goes to London for a weekend to attend his daughter's wedding but promises his boss to be back on Monday for an important meeting. Harvey arrives in London, only to learn his daughter has chosen to have her stepfather walk her down the aisle.

Trying to hide his devastation, he leaves the wedding before the reception in hopes of getting to the airport on time, but he misses his plane. When he calls his boss to explain, he is fired on the spot. Drowning his sorrow at the airport bar, Harvey strikes up a conversation with Kate, 40-something employee of the Office of National Statistics.

Kate is touched by Harvey, and the growing connection between the pair inspires both as they unexpectedly transform one another's lives. *Rated PG-13 (strong language) 99 min*

Notorious

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Antonique Smith, Naturi Naughton)

The story of Christopher Wallace, who through raw talent and sheer determination, transforms himself from a Brooklyn street hustler to become the greatest rapper of all time, The Notorious B.I.G.

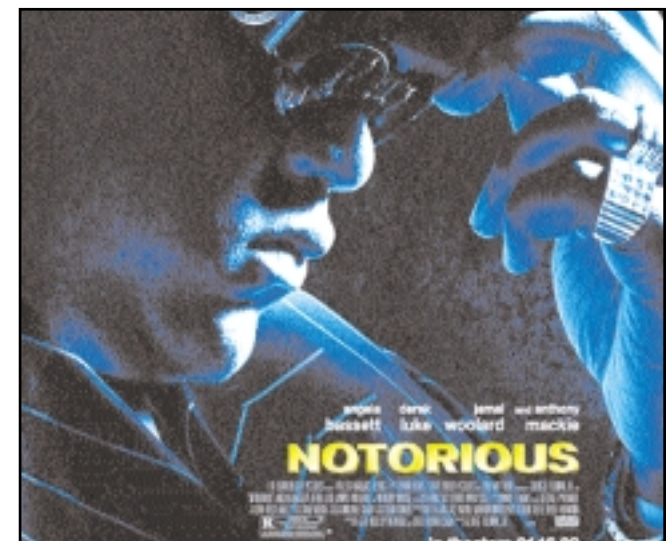
This story charts his meteoric rise to fame and his refusal to succumb to expectation. *Rated R (pervasive language, strong sexuality including dialogue, nudity, drug content) 103 min*

Bride Wars

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Anne Hathaway, Kate Hudson)

Liv and Emma are best friends who since childhood, have planned every detail of their respective weddings. At the top of their bridal "must have" list: a ceremony at New York's ultimate bridal destination, the Plaza Hotel. Now, at age 26, they're both about to get married; they're about to realize their dreams; and they're about to live happily ever after. Or maybe not... *Rated PG (suggestive content, language, rude behavior) 98 min*



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.

Stressed Soldiers need strong leadership, support



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chap. (Capt.) Patrick J. Van Durme
1/3 Aviation Chaplain

I was very blessed to have gone to a conference in San Antonio, Texas in January. The Department of Defense sponsored the conference, and military from every branch of service as well as Civilians from many different programs were there. We were all there to talk about the increase in the suicide rate for the Army and all other services. As we all are preparing and making space in our schedules for the Army-wide Stand-Down this month, the issues and impact of this problem on all of us is sharply felt. I would ask you, what is Toxic Leadership?

Let's be honest: no one says, "Yeah, I am a Toxic Leader!" Certainly, no one would want to have that tag put on them, yet they are out there having a negative effect on all our Soldiers.

The opening keynote speaker was Maj. Gen. Mark Graham, commanding general of Division West, First Army, and Fort Carson, Colo. He said that the attitudes in the Army are changing; leaders had a simple choice, "Get on the new school bus or get sent home on the old school bus!" Leaders have to change and integrate Army attitudes that reflect new understandings of mental health, Soldier resiliency and seeking help.

As a chaplain, I hear from Soldiers who are afraid to get help. They are afraid if people know they came to see me.

Where are you and your attitudes? What is your response when a co-worker or a subordinate comes to you with a problem?

Do you welcome them and help them to understand that their issues are normal and that you support them? That is the real Army Way. The old ideas of "suck it up!" or "Hooah - push through" need to go away. Real strength is knowing when you need help. Soldiers that are strong enough to seek support are the future and true meaning of Army Strong!

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Saturday Vigil Mass	Main Post Chapel	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
Protestant		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church	Diamond Elementary	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Main Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.

Islamic	Location	Time
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546.		

Jewish	Location	Time
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 980-9295.		
Friday	Marne	11:30 a.m.

Latter-Day Saints	Location	Time
Sunday	220 Sandy Run Drive, Hinesville	9 a.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Chapel	9 a.m.

Kids Church

Where God rocks

10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday
at Stewart School Age Services, across from
Diamond Elementary; or at Hunter Chapel
Fellowship Hall, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

For all kids Grade K-5

Fort Stewart bus pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, email
fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior High School Students!

Join us for
free games and pizza

Sunday • 6 to 8 p.m.

at the Stewart Youth Activity
Center, building 7338.

For more information,
contact jerry.e.thompson@comcast.net

or
call 877-7207

Easter Sunrise Service slated

Fort Stewart- Hunter Army Airfield will observe the Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m., April 12 at Marne Garden, and outside Hunter Chapel. The service is open to all Soldiers, Family Members Department of Defense Civilians, retirees, and surrounding communities. Uniform for military officers is Dress Blues with four-in-hand tie; Senior enlisted Soldiers may wear either dress blues or Class A uniform. Uniform for enlisted personnel is Class A.

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Live Oak Public Libraries Programs

Preschool Storytime
Live Oak Public Libraries invite children, ages 3-4, 10:30 a.m. each Monday in March to Preschool Storytime. Join the fun with stories, songs, and more.

Tree Tots Storytime
For children 1-2 is held 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday and also includes stories, songs, and more.

It's Cat in the Hat!
Come celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a visit from the Cat in the Hat, sing songs and have lots of fun. The event is 10 a.m., today at the Liberty Branch Library. The event is for children, ages 5 and up.

Introduction to Internet Searches
A beginner's course on using the Internet is taught 10:30 a.m., March 19 at the Liberty Branch Library. The class will cover using Microsoft Internet Explorer browser to navigate the Internet and print Web pages. Introduction to Windows or equivalent knowledge are prerequisite. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Introduction to Internet Searches (College Edition)
Introduction to Internet Searches is slated for 10:30 a.m., March 14 at the Liberty Branch Library. The class, for individuals 13 and up, will cover colleges and universities, financial aid opportunities, summer programs for high school students and other tools offered to help students reach the goal of a college degree.

Spring Fling
Help us celebrate the arrival of spring with an hour of Family fun. We'll have spring stories, activities, and crafts, 5 p.m., March 18 at the Midway Branch Library. Also, the event will be at the Liberty Branch Library, 2 p.m., March 21. For more information, call 884-5742. The event is for youth, ages 4 and up.

Work Smarter, Not Harder!
Work Smarter, not Harder, presented by Tommy Johns, allows learners to handle wheels, pulleys, levers, wedges, incline planes and screws in a way that makes abstract concepts concrete. Kids learn how simple machines make work easier, 2 p.m., March 28 at the Liberty Branch library.

Computer Practice Session
Want to practice skills that you discovered at the last computer class? Or, if you want to brush up on some computer techniques, come on in. Staff will be ready and able to assist you with the questions that you might have. This class is offered 10:30 a.m., today and March 26 at the Liberty Branch Library. Call 368-4003.

Enjoy arts, crafts in Jesup
The South Georgia Gourd Patch, in affiliation with the Wayne County Arts Council, the Georgia Gourd Society, and the American Gourd Society invite community members, 7 p.m., every third Monday of the month to enjoy arts and crafts at Cracker Williams Recreation Park on South Brunswick Street in Jesup. For more information, call 294-7394 or e-mail cat-sewg@bellsouth.net.

National Infantry Museum to open
The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center dedication and opening is scheduled for March 19 in Columbus, Ga. The Soldier Center, which includes an IMAX theater, restaurant, gift shop, lobby, gallery, classrooms and Ranger and Officer Candidate School Halls of Honor will open as scheduled March 20. For more information, visit www.nationalinfantryfoundation.org.

Enjoy a paintball weekend
Low Country Paintball invites community members to enjoy paintball by waiving all-day greens fees and gun rental fees for active duty military during the first weekend of each month. They have more than 150 guns, group rates, and 63 acres to train on. For more information, call 663-2314.

Volunteer at Fort McAllister
Fort McAllister State Historic Park will hold a Civil War Trust Volunteer Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 4. Volunteers will assist the park staff with a spring clean up of the fort and grounds. T-shirts and lunch will be provided for the volunteers. In addition, a historical talk will be given on the fort. For more information, contact Daniel Brown, park manager at 727-2339.

3rd ID Society Reunion slated
The 3rd Infantry Division Society and attached units in wars and in peacetime will hold their 90th reunion, Sept. 16-20. The reunion will be held at the Clarion Hotel Springfield, 3333 S. Glenstone Ave. Springfield, Mo. 65804; (417) 883-6500. Room rates are \$84 per night plus tax and includes a free breakfast and free airport transportation. For additional reunion information, contact Linda Irvine at (360) 663-2521, info@thereunionbrat.com. The Society of the 3rd ID is seeking those who served in the Marne Division and attached units in wars, peacetime, or special interest to join the Society. Contact Henry Burke, (803) 782-7517.

Free Family day slated
Georgia 4-H, Rock Eagle 4-H Center and Georgia Operation: Military Kids will host a Military Family Day on March 21 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Ga., beginning 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Families may participate in 4-H environmental education workshops and other recreation activities that include exhibits and performances. Lunch and dinner will be provided for all military Families (active duty, National Guard, and Reserve.) There is no cost to participate; however, Families must register by Friday. Registration forms can be found at www.georgia4h.org/omk. For more information on how UGA can support you as a military Family, call 800-ASK-UGA1.

Phonebook recycling drive ongoing
Keep Savannah Beautiful's annual phonebook recycling drive is ongoing. Phonebooks, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, books and white office paper are being accepted now through March 31. The collection process uses the existing red and green or yellow bins stationed at schools in Savannah. If your school does

not have a bin, phonebooks can be dropped off at recycling stations at 10 Hoss Dr. in Garden City. Their hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday. Be sure to specify which school you are supporting so they will receive credit for your donation. For more information, call 964-4224.

StoryCorps comes to Savannah
The Georgia Historical Society and the Telfair Museum of Art are partnering with Georgia Public Broadcasting and local GPB station WSVH to bring StoryCorps, the nation's largest oral history project to Savannah. StoryCorps travels the country collecting the oral histories of friends and loved ones, one conversation at a time.

Come to Claxton Rattlesnake Roundup
Bring the whole Family to a two-day festival like no other - the 42nd annual Claxton Rattlesnake Roundup, Saturday and Sunday. Attractions include a parade, arts and crafts, food vendors, entertainment, snake milking and handling demonstrations, wildlife exhibitions, turkey calling contest, beauty contest and more. Admission is \$5, children under 6 free. For more information, call the Evans County Wildlife Club at 739-3820.

Sheep to Shawl Festival slated
The Sheep to Shawl Festival will be held at Oatland Island Wildlife Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 28. This favorite springtime festival features sheep shearing, plant sale, entertainment, games and crafts for the kids. Doris Mager, "The Eagle Lady" will also be performing. For more information, call 395-1212 or visit www.oatlandisland.org for a complete schedule of activities.

Community theater holds open auditions
The Hinesville Community Theater will hold auditions for their first production, featuring two, one-act plays, "Big Bad" and "The War on Tatum." Auditions will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday; 6-8 p.m., March 19; and 6-8 p.m., March 20. "Big Bad" will cast 14 male and female roles. "The War on Tatum" will cast 16 parts, male and female roles ranging from middle school to high school ages. All auditions will be held at the First United Methodist Church at Main Street and Memorial Drive in Hinesville. For more information, call 877-4332 or e-mail jlb-vip@yahoo.com.

Perform at Small World celebration
The Small World Festival planning committee invites anyone interested in participating in the May 16 international celebration as a musician, dance group, vendor or volunteer to attend a planning meeting at 5:30 p.m., today, at the Liberty County Development Authority, 425 E. Oglethorpe Highway. Applications are now being accepted for all vendors and entertainment. For more information, call 368-3471.

'Taken,' the movie, reviewed

Commentary by:
Sasha McBrayer
Frontline Contributor

French film director, producer and writer Luc Besson understands the full scope of the action movie. Certain of his projects, many based on his own original writings, have inspired such franchises as "Le Femme Nikita," "Transporter 1, 2 and 3," and "Taxi 1, 2, 3, and 4." He has a footprint in science fiction, left by the exciting, futuristic adventure "The 5th Element." He has embraced the martial arts genre with hard-kicking flicks like "Kiss of the Dragon" and "Unleashed." He has worked repeatedly with Jet Li and Jason

Statham. The movie, "Leon: The Professional" is the project I remember Besson most. The 1994 release was tagged as making "Speed" look like a slow ride to grandma's house. In it, a 12-year-old girl (Natalie Portman) is rescued from dirty, murderous New York Drug Enforcement Agency agents (including ring-leader, Gary Oldman) who kill her Family. Her hero is a somewhat childlike Italian hit man (Jean Reno). I've often hoped for a



sequel to this film, also starring Natalie Portman, revealing how the girl turned out after she grew up. Besson fans will have to cross their fingers along with me that such a project may ever become a reality. Until then, fans can revel in Besson's latest offering, "Taken," starring Liam Neeson (actually "Transporter 3" will debut this November). "Taken" is reminiscent of "Leon" in that the protagonist is basically good, however

skilled at violence he might be. Neeson's character isn't a hit man, but rather a retired CIA field agent trying to make up for lost time with his teenage daughter who lives with his ex-wife and her new, very wealthy husband. When the daughter is kidnapped on an overseas escapade, Neeson calls upon his many talents to try and get her back. "Taken" is a great popcorn flick meant purely to entertain. It's a real "guy movie," but there's enough depth to make it a rewarding theater-going experience. Neeson is totally in his element as a relentless and dangerous hero. There are adult themes, so leave the kids at home.

Rattlesnakes gathered for your viewing pleasure

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Scores, maybe hundreds of rattlesnakes are being gathered in Evans County, Ga. this week, all for your viewing pleasure as part of the 42nd annual Claxton Rattlesnake Roundup, held at the Evans County Wildlife Club near Claxton, Ga., March 14-15. This year's event kicks off at 10 a.m. with a parade that will include the 1st Brigade Combat Team Color Guard, 3rd Infantry Division Band and several military vehicles. Brigadier General Patrick J. Donahue, 3rd ID deputy commanding general (maneuvers), will serve as military guest of honor. The Claxton roundups are not intend-

ed to harm the snakes, which are donated to medical research laboratories to provide snake venom. The roundups help prevent snakebites in this mostly agricultural community by reducing the number of rattlesnakes. Attractions at the two-day event also include arts and crafts, food vendors, snake handling and "milking" demonstrations, wildlife exhibits, a turkey calling contest and a beauty contest. Admission is \$5 with children under six free. The gate closes at 6 p.m. on Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information about the Rattlesnake Roundup or Claxton, Ga., check out the March issue of your Quality Time magazine, or call the Evans County Wildlife Club at 739-3820.



Volunteer at the Special Olympics

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of the upcoming Spring Special Olympics at Fort Stewart's Cottrell Field Quick Track, March 27. This annual event features sports training and competition for children and adults with disabilities. Come experience the joy of a powerful and life-changing personal journey for all who participate. Volunteers are needed as huggers, event officials, score sheet runners, food preparation helpers and, most importantly, the audience and cheering section. To sign up to volunteer, please contact the Installation Volunteer Coordinator at 767-9176 or 767-5058/5059.



Army Community Service



Welcome to the Army Community Service Family Page. Our mission is to provide services to support readiness of Soldiers, their Families and communities to promote self-reliance, resiliency and stability. We offer training classes, support groups and Family advocacy programs. Services are offered to active, retired, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers and their Family Members regardless of branch of service. Department of Defense Civilian Employees are also eligible for most services, as are their Family Members. ACS is a member of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's military.

For information or to register for programs at Fort Stewart, please call 767-5058/5059. For information and registration at Hunter Army Airfield, please call 315-6816.

Contribute to the AER Fund Annual Drive

Contributions are now being accepted with a goal of raising \$175,000 to help Soldiers and their Families. AER provides assistance to Soldiers and Families who need money for a variety of needs, including to pay for food, rent and utilities, emergency transportation and vehicle repair, and to cover personal needs if pay is delayed or stolen.

AER is a private nonprofit organization chartered in 1942 to help Soldiers take care of their own.

To make a donation, please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Attend Job Fair at Hunter

Job seekers are invited to the Army Spouse Employment Partnership Job Fair at Hunter Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 19. You will meet representatives from a multitude of local companies recruiting for various positions in customer service, education, retail, and the medical field. Call 315-6816 for more information.

Attend Home Buying Workshop

If you are considering purchasing a home, register now to attend the home buying workshop at Fort Stewart. Learn to compare the benefits of purchasing versus renting, determine how much you can really afford, and successfully navigate through the home buying process. Call 767-5058/5059 to register at Stewart for the March 21 workshop beginning at 9 a.m.

Protect yourself against identity theft

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, identity theft is the number one crime in the nation, and the military is not immune! Attend a special presentation at ACS-Stewart beginning at 3:30 p.m., March 18 to learn how to avoid becoming a victim and where to turn for help if you do fall victim. Call 767-5058/5059 to reserve your seat.

Learn about investments

Stewart offers a four-session investment seminar

Tuesday evenings from 6 - 8 p.m., March 24. Investing is easier than you think! With just a little bit of money and a lot of knowledge, you can begin investing in your future. Come learn about the different types of investments, investment options, products, and language. To reserve your seat, call ACS-Stewart at 767-5058/5059.

Learn money management skills

Sign up now for Money Management, offered at both Stewart and Hunter locations. Learn banking basics, how to properly balance your checking account, and participate in discussions on debt management, credit, and credit reports. These personal banking skills help you take control of your money. Call 315-6816 to register for the 9 a.m. session at ACS-Hunter on March 18, or 767-5058/5059 for the 1 p.m. session at Stewart on March 25.

Attend Family Readiness Group Training

The FRG Basic Course will be held at Stewart from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., March 19. Open to all FRG participants, Family Members, and unit leadership, the course includes an overview of the FRG, tasks during the deployment cycle, expectations and roles for FRG volunteers, communicating with Families, dealing with the media, resources and funding, and more.

At Hunter, FRG Key Caller training will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., March 26. Topics include an overview of Key Caller duties, dispelling rumors, handling crisis calls, and how the Key Caller fits into a successful FRG.

To register, please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter. Also ask about child care. FRG trainings can also be scheduled at your location for the convenience of your unit and volunteers.

Don't let emotions control you

Come to a full-day workshop and learn healthy techniques for coping with life's many stressors, positive ways to react to an angry person, healthy outlets for releasing angry emotions, and information on the many community resources available to help when stress, anger, or conflict disrupt your home or work life. Call ACS-Stewart at 767-5058/5059 to reserve your seat. The workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 19 and seating is limited.

Join Baby Bootcamp

Men who are expecting a baby or have children up to age two are invited to an interactive class where you'll learn the correct way to hold, diaper, dress, and bathe your little one. Challenge the stereotype and take the initiative to be a hands-on Dad. Mom will be thrilled, and you will reap the reward of building a special bond with your child that will last a lifetime. Please call 767-5058/5059 for the 10 a.m. class at Stewart, March 25.

Meet other spouses for support

Our Foreign-Born Spouse Network provides an opportunity for members from various cultures to

share resources, discuss the American way of life and develop friendships. Meet at ACS-Hunter on Neal Boulevard (Building 1279) beginning at 11 a.m. March 16. At Stewart, meet at the relocation office beginning at 11:30 a.m., March 18. Bring a dish to share, if you can.

Join Hearts Apart

Hearts Apart is open to any spouse whose loved one is away, whether in training for more than two weeks, on assignment far from home, or deployed. Come chat with others who are also experiencing their Soldier's absence. Hearts Apart meets at Stewart 11 a.m. March 18 at the relocation office located in building 443. The group meets at Hunter on Apr. 14. Children are always welcome at spouse groups, and feel free to invite a friend! For information on spouse groups, call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058/5059 at Stewart.

Employment help is available

Your Employment Readiness team offers a variety of free workshops to help you succeed in your job search. Employment and Career Orientation is offered at Fort Stewart beginning at 1 p.m., March 17. You'll get an overview of the local job market within a 50-mile radius, including the latest HOT job leads. Job Hunting 101 offers instruction on various topics in the job search process to include resume writing, networking, interviewing, and dressing for success, 11 a.m. on March 26 at Hunter.

Resume Writing helps you identify skills to enhance your resume development, offered at Hunter 10 a.m., March 19 and at Stewart 2 p.m. on March 16 and 23.

If you are seeking a job with the federal government, learn the insider's tips for entering your resume in the electronic system, searching jobs, and maximizing your skills for the most impact. Resumix is offered at Hunter, 1 p.m. on March 17 and at Stewart on March 18 and 25 beginning at 3 p.m. You must pre-register for employment readiness workshops; please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter. Also request a personal employment counseling session and let us help you prepare to find the job you want.

Learn and grow with AFTB

Living within an Army Family culture can be challenging, and Army Family Team Building offers several classes to help Families thrive in the military lifestyle.

Upcoming AFTB classes include Level II "Grow!" which teaches skills to enhance personal growth and development, March 18-20 at Hunter and March 24-26 at Stewart, and Dog Face Soldier for Families at 10 a.m. on March 18 at Stewart. Learn the history of the 3rd Infantry Division, the Dog Face Soldier song, the origin behind our mascot Rocky, and take a guided tour of the Fort Stewart museum. Advance registration is required for all AFTB classes. Please call 767-5058/5059 and let us know you will be coming. Also ask about child care.

To register for free AFTB classes, please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter. Also ask about child care.

Childrens' program begins at Hunter Chapel

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The Hunter Army Airfield Chapel is hosting a kick-off Saturday at the chapel to begin their spring children's program.

The program, All-Stars for Jesus, is a children's Bible club designed for children ages 3 through the 5th grade.

"The All-Stars for Jesus program provides children with solid Bible teaching in a fun and interesting way for kids - one that directs them to know and follow Jesus," said Cindy Byce, lead chapel volunteer for Children's Church. "This program will provide solid life-application activities, which vary from week to week."

The kick-off, which is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hunter Chapel, will allow parents and children to review the curriculum.

The actual program begins March 15 at 9 a.m. during Children's Church, and March 16 for the midweek Bible Club. The Wednesday night program starts with a free dinner at 6 p.m. and the Bible Club starts at 6:30-8 p.m., and will be an on-going weekly program.

"The All-Stars for Jesus curriculum was procured by the post chaplain's office and approved by the Hunter garrison chaplain and Michael Iliff, the Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield director of religious education.

Charles Archer, Hunter Army Airfield youth ministry coordinator said, "I worked with Cindy (Byce) to ensure materials were age-appropriate for the youth of the chapel."

According to Leigh Ann Musiol, chapel parishioner, the program allows children to learn about God's plan for their lives on a level they can easily understand.

"This program incorporates different activities, lessons and awards for specific age groups," said Musiol. "Kids will find it innovative, fun and challenging."

She said making the Bible come alive for children when they are young will lay a biblical foundation on which children can build the rest of their lives.

Musiol said the goal of the program is summed up in a verse - Proverbs 22:6. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."



Spc. Ben Hutto

Benning receives unexpected snow

Scott Hutto, the son of 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division Soldier, Spc. Ben Hutto, examines his and his father's snowman at Custer Terrace Apartments, Fort Benning, Ga., Feb. 28. Many Soldiers and their Families enjoyed the short-lived snowfall before it melted away the following morning.

Operation Purple camp begins

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The National Military Family Association's Operation Purple camp program will begin accepting applications online, beginning Monday at www.operationpurple.org.

The program helps military kids have fun while learning skills that deal with deployment-related stress.

Any military child can apply, but priority is given to those who have a parent, guardian, or Family household member deployed since September 2008. If all spaces are not filled, based on the priority criteria, the remaining slots are filled with any military child, or the child of a U.S. Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association employee.

For information about the NMFA, call 703-931-6632 or e-mail families@nmfa.org.