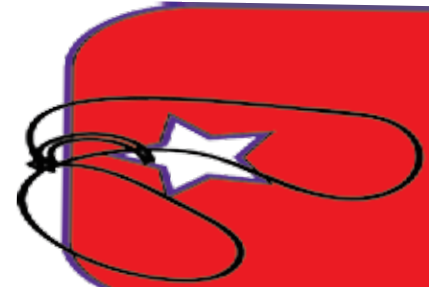


Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



Nancy Gould

Valarie Lopez, wife of a Soldier from the 1/75th Rangers, holds up five fingers indicating the price for an item at the Great MWR Yard Sale at Hunter, April 18.



Something for everyone at the Great MWR Yard Sale



Nancy Gould

Specialist Monica Smith, HHC, CAB, a vendor and a shopper at the MWR Yard Sale, is delighted to buy a formal gown from an adjacent booth for \$35.

Nancy Gould
Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Shoppers gave up valuable hours of early morning sleep on Saturday, to look for bargains in the bright, sunny driveways scattered around installation housing areas, as well as the Hunter Credit Union and Club Stewart parking lots.

By 10 a.m., hundreds of shoppers had visited the yard sale lots filled with booths rented by vendors. Shoppers from outside and inside the gates searched for items marked down to rock-bottom prices among the yard sales scattered throughout the housing areas.

"It's the perfect opportunity to get rid of junk," said Eli Wilson, the Tominac Fitness Center director, who, along with other Department of Family, Morale and Recreation staffers, helped orchestrate the event. Wilson said the garage sale is held in conjunction with the post's clean-up campaign, and it usually yields great participation from residents.

"I'm happy with what I've sold so far," said Valarie Lopez, wife of a Soldier from the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, who had raised \$250 by 11 a.m.

Lopez, who participated in the 2008 Great MWR Garage Sale, said having it on post with everyone else was convenient and a great way to get rid of baby clothes. Before leaving for the day, Lopez planned to replace those clothes with other inexpensive clothing for her one-year-old baby and her two older children.

Marcia Steele, the Hunter community mayor program coordinator, worked diligently to get Hunter residents and her civilian friends involved.

"This is a great way to for our community to come together," said Steele. "Twelve bingo players showed up and 20 of my friends from the Second Arnold Baptist Church. I think we have better participation this time than we did at the last MWR garage sale we had in September."

Wilson said the DFMWR staff does everything possible to make the event something that helps out the military community. They give gate guards strip maps to give out that show the location of the participating houses. Identifying those locations is the primary reason residents are required to register, according to Wilson. Booths at the credit union lot could also be rented for a \$5 registration fee.



Bob Mathews

Sergeant Scott Blanchett and wife Denise, residents of Marne Woods, attempt to fit a wishing well they had purchased from a Club Stewart yard sale participant into their car trunk.

"I paid \$5 to register for this booth and have made about \$100 so far," said Gale Neal, a retired service member who decided to participate after she saw a flyer about the event in the Hunter commissary. "This is a great way to make a little money and spend a beautiful day outside."

Hospital recognizes selfless service of volunteers

Jennifer Small
Public Affairs Specialist

Over the past year, more than 100 Red Cross volunteers have worked for a combined 17,500 hours at Winn Army Community Hospital, and their hard work was recognized in a ceremony, April 14.

The total number of volunteer hours adds up to more than \$331,000 in man-power, something the hospital would not otherwise be able to afford.

Congressman Jack Kingston, representative of the 1st District of Georgia, and Brig. Gen. Donald M. Bradshaw, commanding general, Southeast Regional Medical Command, were guest speakers at the ceremony. Also at the ceremony was Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, commanding general, 3rd Infantry Division, Col. John P. Collins, hospital commander, Col. Todd Buchs, Fort Stewart garrison commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews, 3rd ID command sergeant major.

"(Volunteers) have contributed this year alone more than \$330,000, which is a tremendous amount of manpower, and money that otherwise would come out of the pockets of the American taxpayers," said Collins.

The majority of the volunteers are retirees and military spouses.

"I decided to volunteer initially, because my husband was going to Iraq, and I didn't want to sit around," said Alice Maniece, wife of Sgt. Marcel Maniece, Company F, 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment.

A former Air Force pharmacy technician, Maniece volunteers her time in the Allergy and Immunization Clinic. Initially, she input patient records into the computer; now she assists with putting syringes together and getting shots ready.

"I'd gone to the clinic to get my shot history, and it wasn't in the computer I figured I wasn't the first person this happened to," Maniece said of her decision to volunteer at the clinic. "I saw there was a need, so I jumped at it."

Maniece is a student studying accounting and culinary arts at Savannah Tech and does her volunteering around her class schedule.

The longest-tenured volunteer at the hospital is Margie N. Smith, who has volunteered in Winn's Chaplain's Office since April 1986. She visits patients in ICU and other wards, including the



Jennifer Small

Husband and wife, Dick and Charlotte Webb, are congratulated by Col. John P. Collins, Winn Army Community Hospital commander, Brig. Gen. Donald M. Bradshaw, SE Regional Medical Command, and Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, 3rd ID commander, at an awards ceremony at Winn Army Community Hospital, April 14. The Webbs were among the more than 100 Red Cross volunteers recognized for their service.

maternity ward.

The wife of Staff Sgt. (Ret.) Aldon Smith, a military cook, and the mother of four, Smith began volunteering after a hospital stay at Fort Benning, where her husband was stationed.

"I was in isolation at the hospital at Benning for 15 days, and seldom did I see anyone but my own Family and hospital staff," Smith said. "From that time, there was a calling in my life." Since that day in 1981, Smith has volunteered at hospitals at each base her husband was stationed at.

"Reaching out to sick people does help, because it helped me when I had visitors when I was sick," she said. "I visit anyone who allows me to come into their room and wants a visit. Just being there, and letting someone know you care... it helps."

At Fort Stewart, all of the volunteer hours allow

the Soldiers and hospital staff to concentrate on their mission, and spend more time with patients, said volunteer director Brigitte Shanken.

"Volunteers give us the extra room to do the extra little things that make all of the difference (in patient care)," she said.

The volunteers time and commitment isn't lost on the Army's medical command.

"Volunteers do so many things for us that we wouldn't function without them," Bradshaw said. "They're part of our team."

In addition to the civilian volunteers, Soldier volunteers were honored as well, including Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Armstrong and Spc. Kelle Sayers, who were awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for their volunteer hours outside of the hospital.



PRESENTS TODAY THROUGH APRIL 26

Last House on the Left

Today — 7 p.m.

(Garret Dillahunt, Martha MacIsaac)

The night they arrives at the remote Collingwood lakehouse, Mari and her friend are kidnapped by a prison escapee and his crew. Terrified and left for dead, Mari's only hope is to make it back to her parents, John and Emma. Unfortunately, her attackers unknowingly seek shelter at the one place that could be safe. When her family learns the horrifying story, they will make three strangers curse the day they came to the Last House on the Left.

Rated R (sadistic brutal violence including rape, disturbing images, language, nudity, drug use) 110 min

Duplicity

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Julia Roberts, Clive Owen)

CIA officer Claire Stenwick and MI6 agent Ray Koval have left the world of government intelligence to cash in on the highly profitable cold war raging between two rival multinational corporations. Their mission? Secure the formula for a product that will bring a fortune to the company that patents it first. For their employers, industry titan Howard Tully and buccaneer CEO Dick Garsik, nothing is out of bounds. But as the stakes rise, the mystery deepens and the tactics get dirtier, the trickiest secret for Claire and Ray is their growing attraction. As they each try to stay one double-cross ahead, two career loners find their schemes endangered by the only thing they can't cheat their way out of: love.

Rated PG-13 (language, sexual content) 125 min

Coraline

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(voices of Dakota Fanning, Teri Hatcher)

Coraline walks through a secret door in her new home and discovers an alternate version of her life. On the surface, this parallel reality is eerily similar to her real life – only much better. But when her adventure turns dangerous, and her counterfeit parents, including Other Mother, try to keep her forever, Coraline must count on her resourcefulness, determination and bravery to get back home – and save her family.

Rated PG (thematic elements, scary images, language, suggestive humor) 101 min

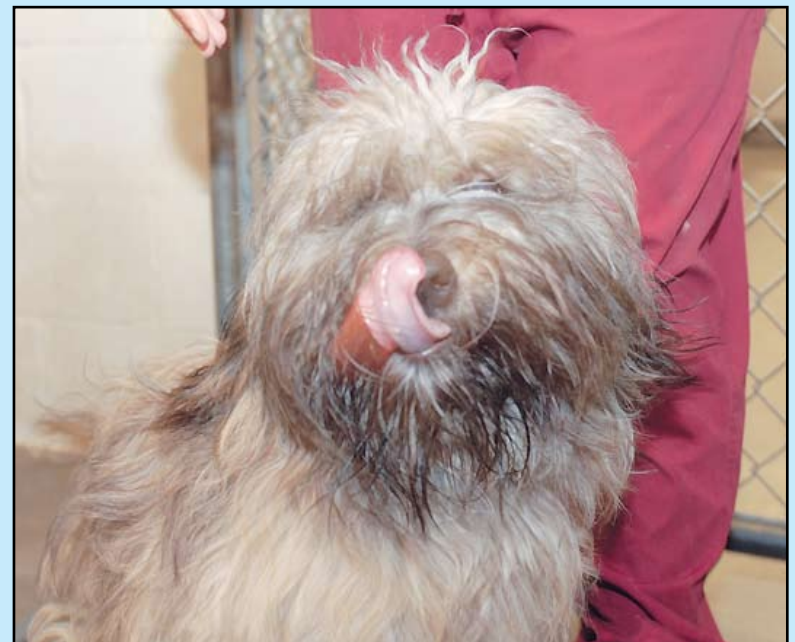
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Pets of the Week



Nina the cat and Sugar 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.



Local girl donates time, soda can tabs

Master Sgt. Marcia Triggs
3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs

Soda can tabs serve only one purpose for most people. A creative nine-year-old used the small, silver links to make jewelry, until she realized just how valuable they are.

Paige Streeper, the daughter of Warrant Officer Michael Streeper, an Air Defense C41 Systems integrator with the Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, and third grader at Button Gwinnett Elementary School in Hinesville, is passionately giving her time, and even tooth fairy money, to support the Savannah Ronald McDonald House. Paige donated 91,000 pop tabs, equal to 72 pounds, to the Ronald McDonald House Charities after getting her entire school and Tae Kwon Do class involved in the collection efforts.

"It's fun to help people, and I like doing it," Paige said. The young student's goal is to raise \$1,000, which would allow a visiting Family to stay at the Ronald McDonald House for up to 15 days.

The house provides Families, who live out of the area and have critically ill or injured children receiving medical treatment, with an affordable place to stay. It is run and operated using donations in the form of money, can tabs, household items, groceries and time — all of which Paige has given.

"I've been here since February, and she's one of the most dedicated kids I've ever seen," said Mindy Nash, the director of Development for the RMHC. "I think she's constantly thinking about the Ronald McDonald House."

Collecting aluminum can tabs is only a small portion of Paige's dedication. Since she began volunteering in February, she's become the youngest person in the history of the Savannah house to collect tabs and create a fundraising Web site. Her site, www.firstgiving.com/paigestreeper, has raised \$305 so far.

Her initial commitment to this project came as a surprise to her father, but her sincerity has jolted a Family movement.

"I support all of her ideas and get involved when she needs me to," said Warrant Officer Streeper who wrote the letter to Button Gwinnett's principal, at Paige's request, asking for the school to get involved. He then bought pizza for the fifth-grade class who collected the most tabs.



Master Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Paige Streeper, daughter of Warrant Officer Michael Streeper, collects recyclable pop tabs to donate to the Savannah Ronald McDonald House. Paige donated 91,000 soda can tabs, equal to 72 pounds, to the Ronald McDonald House, with the help of her school and Tae Kwon Do class.

Her mom gave her the idea to donate the tabs and took her to Savannah to get a tour of the house, Warrant Officer Streeper said. After that the decisions have been all hers, he added. Those choices have included baking homemade cookies, preparing ham and meatball sandwiches, using her tooth fairy money to purchase household items, and talking and playing with the visiting Family Members.

Unselfishly, Paige said she gives so much so that the sick children can have their Families nearby. She said she also enjoys visiting the house to meet new people.

"I'm going to come here every month with more tabs," Paige said with a smile.

As a reward for her hard work, Paige and her

Family just returned from a trip to Disney World.


"I was surprised. I thought we were going to the beach," Paige said.

Between school, playtime and Tae Kwon Do, this energetic third grader said she's not too small to work hard.

She would tell anyone her age, "never give up; just go for it," when it comes to meeting your goals.

Paige's efforts have also received media attention. She was featured in a news report on Fox 28 last month.

Nash encourages anyone who's inspired by Paige's story to go to her Web site, and find out more about the Savannah RMHC and the young girl with such a big heart.



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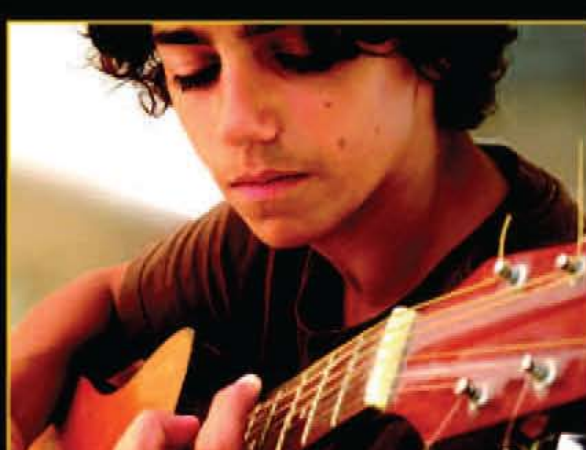

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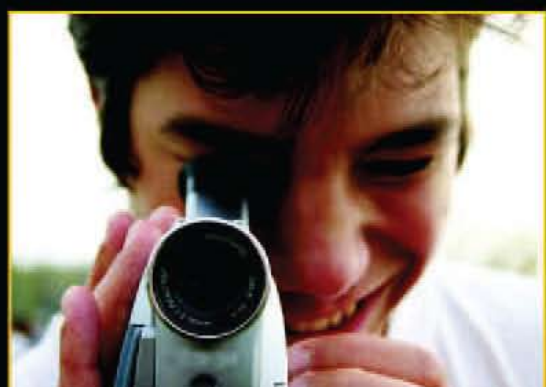

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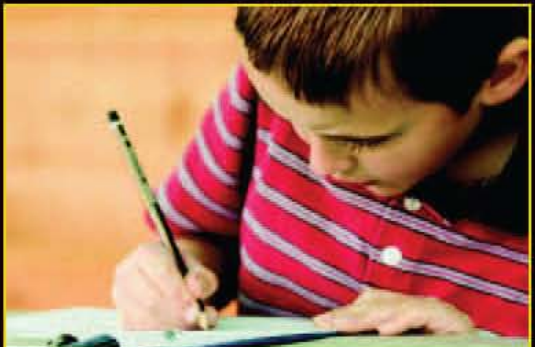
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Month of the Military Child,

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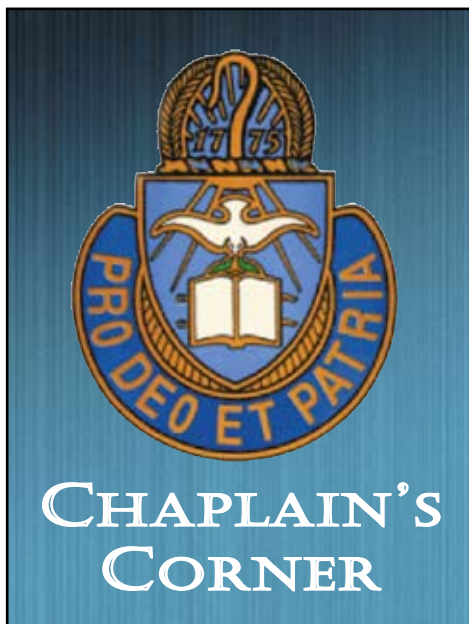


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Relationships provide shelter during troubles

Chap. (Maj.) Terry E. Romine
3rd ID Family Life Chaplain

Trouble can come from a variety of sources. Trouble comes in the form of illness, some mild, some severe, some



painful and some terminal.

Trouble can come in the form of financial problems. Financial trouble can come from bad business decisions, bad investments, unexpected problems with an automobile or a home. Financial trouble can come as a result of our own doing or as the result of the decisions or actions of others.

Trouble can come in the form of natural disasters such as floods, earth quakes, hurricanes, tornados or many others. Trouble comes to all of us, often at many points in our lives. It really is not a question of if trouble will come our way, but how we will deal with the trouble when it comes.

It is not always possible to remove trouble. When someone in our Family is seriously ill or passes away, it is not always possible to cure the illness, and it is never possible to restore a person to life. Sometimes it is not possible to change our situation, or to remove the difficulties of financial trouble. It is not always possible to increase our income or to remove debt we already have. When natural

disaster comes, how do we cope with the loss of our home to a storm? Or how do we cope with the loss of a community to floods or hurricanes? We must find other avenues of dealing with the trauma brought by trouble.

Jonah found himself in trouble, because he was running from what God told him to do. He was in a ship in a storm because he was running from God's call to go to Nineveh. His trouble can be attributed to his own decisions. On the other hand, the disciples were in a storm in the middle of the sea because they went exactly where Jesus told them to go. Trouble came their way when they were being obedient. These two situations illustrate that trouble comes to the just and the unjust – trouble comes to us all.

So how do we cope with trouble? First, we can do our part in handling the trouble. Financially, we can rework our budget, work extra hours or another job, and eliminate unnecessary spending. At other times, there may not be much we can do to directly affect the trouble. These are the times when we will need to depend

on the relationships we have built around us. We will need our friends, our Family, our co-workers, neighbors, acquaintances, church or religious organization, and God. If we wait until trouble comes to build these relationships, it will be too late to rely on them during our time of need.

On the other hand, when we invest in building relationships or connections with other people and with God, we will be able to have someone whom we can lean on in times of trial or trouble. Who knows when we may be the relationship that someone else needs when they are facing trouble.

If you find yourself at a loss for what to do next, look at the relationships that are important to you and lean on a friend or neighbor. In case you have not developed those relationships, you may need to borrow a friend or relationship in a time of trouble. Someone like a chaplain, priest, rabbi, or other spiritual leader may be just the person who can provide the relationship you need to get your through a crisis.

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

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

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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-duty, 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.

SAAM foster awareness

Everyone is invited to participate in Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities. Tonight at Hunter, join in "Take Back The Night," a walk against violence. Meet at the New Gannam Community Center beginning at 6 p.m. for a one-mile walk to show your support for victims of sexual assault.

Other SAAM events include free self-defense classes for female teens and women. Classes are 6-9 p.m., Sunday at Stewart (teen classes meet at the Corkan Teen Center; women meet at Newman Gym), and at Hunter, Wednesday (both teens and women meet at Tominac Fitness Center). No need to pre-register.

Adults are invited to attend a showing of the movie, "Open Window," starring Robin Tunney and Joel Edgerton as a newly-engaged couple who find their world shattered by a random act of violence. The haunting drama also stars Cybill Shepherd, Elliott Gould and Scott Wilson as the parents who struggle in their individual ways to help their children. Rated R, the last showing of the free movie is at Stewart's Woodruff Theater at 6 p.m., Wednesday.

ACS to train key callers

Family Readiness Group training for key callers will be held tonight at ACS-Hunter from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Topics include an overview of the key caller's duties, communicating with Family Members, dispelling rumors, handling crisis calls and how the Key Caller fits into a successful Family Readiness Group. Please call 315-6816 to register. Also ask about child care.

Training prepares spouses

Spouses are encouraged to attend a "Battlemind Training" class to learn skills to increase your and your Family's resiliency throughout the military deployment cycle. Topics include buddies (social support); adding and subtracting family roles; taking control; talking it out; loyalty and commitment; emotional balance; mental health and readiness; independence; navigating the Army system; denial of self (self-sacrifice) and much more. Space is limited, so please call 315-6816 to reserve your seat.

New group helps new parents

Stewart introduces "Parent Power Hour," a new support group open to anyone who has parenting questions or concerns. Join other parents to share the joys and the challenges of parenting infants and toddlers (ages 0 to 36 months). Come and build your parenting toolbox and recharge your battery. We know parenting isn't easy. Let us help you with tips to build your parenting toolbox and recharge your battery! The group meets 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday at ACS-Stewart and will meet twice monthly beginning in May.

At Hunter, a weekly Parenting Support Group meets every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. at ACS-Hunter.

Please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter for more information.

Newcomer briefings available

Fort Stewart offers a comprehensive newcomer's orientation each Tuesday and Thursday with an overview of the

many agencies, events and programs available to help with your transition to the area. A bus tour of Stewart and Hinesville departs at 1 p.m. from the Soldier Service Center, also each Tuesday and Thursday.

To register for the newcomers orientation, please call ACS Outreach at 767-9176. To register the bus tour, please call 767-5058/5059 and ask for Relocation Readiness. Also ask about child care.

ACS makes moving easier

Learn how to plan monthly expenses during a permanent change of station. By planning ahead, you will avoid pitfalls and alleviate stress on your finances during your move. Sign up now for Financial Planning for PCS, offered every Thursday at Stewart and at Hunter, Tuesday.

AFTB strengthens Families

Army Family Team Building is a volunteer-led program that provides free training and knowledge to Soldiers and Family Members to support the total Army effort. Upcoming classes at Hunter include Level II "Grow," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 28-30, and Level III, "Lead," 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 5-6.

Level II focuses on personal growth and development skills with modules in communication, time management, personality traits, team dynamics, managing stress and conflict, creative problem solving, introduction to leadership, and more. Level III focuses on leadership skills to enhance coaching, mentoring and leadership abilities. To register, please call ACS-Hunter at 315-6816. Also ask about child care.

ACS hosts play mornings

Parents are invited with their children (ages 0 to 5) to spend time playing together. Led by an energetic and playful adult from our New Parent Support Program, the play mornings are designed for meeting, sharing and playing with other military Families in a fun, upbeat atmosphere. At Stewart, Play Mornings are held each Thursday at the Bryan Village Youth Center. At

Hunter, Play Mornings are held each Tuesday at the New Gannam Community Center. The fun begins at 10 a.m. at both locations. Come on down and see what all the fun is about!

AER looks to reach goal

Contributions are being accepted now through May 15 with a goal of \$175,000 to help Soldiers and their Families. AER assists to Soldiers and Families who need money for several needs including to pay for food, rent and utilities, emergency transportation and vehicle repair, and 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.

Families can 'Chill and Chat'

If you sometimes feel overwhelmed, stressed out, or sad, come to "Chill and Chat" to unload your concerns. Hosted by the Military and Family Life Consultants 9 a.m. every Monday at ACS-Hunter, Chill and Chat offers an opportunity to discuss deployment or any other concerns with a knowledgeable professional. Please call 315-6816 and let us know you will be coming.

Military and Family Life Consultants are also available to provide free and confidential support when you are having difficulty coping with issues related to daily life. At Hunter, appointments can be made by calling 655-8327. Appointments at Stewart can be made by calling 432-1033, 492-6428, 432-0013, 536-7854, 432-1798, or 492-6367.

If you prefer to meet with a counselor off-post, please call 492-6367 at Stewart or 704-9505 at Hunter to schedule an appointment. Off-post sessions are available at these local community locations: Richmond Hill Library, Glennville Welcome Center, Pembroke Senior Center, and Hinesville National Guard.



Capt. Jeff Wright

Hunter Command celebrates Month of the Military Child

Lieutenant Colonel Dan Whitney, Hunter Garrison commander, visits children of different age groups at Hunter's Child Development Center during their daily activities, April 14. In honor of the Month of the Military Child, Lt. Col. Whitney read "Night Catch" by Brenda Ehrmantraut to the children over the center's intercom. The book is about a Soldier whose work takes him half way around the world, enlisting the help of the North Star for a nightly game of catch with his son.

Waycross leaders visit Stewart

Pat Young

Community Relations

The Waycross, Ga., Chamber of Commerce, a group of business and civic leaders, visited Fort Stewart to learn the mission of the 3rd Infantry Division, and the installation's business practices and impact on the local community, April 15.

Third Infantry Division Deputy Commanding General-Maneuver, Brig. Gen. Patrick Donahue, provided an overview of the mission of the 3rd ID, and the Deputy Garrison Commander Michael Biering provided a windshield tour of the installation. The guests also

visited the Fort Stewart Museum.

Among the Leadership Waycross Class was Frank Baugh, Waycross City Engineer; Kristy King, Ellianos Coffee Company; Sabrina Tuten, Satilla Community Services; Phillip Saussy, JSaussy Group Benefits; Tina Rees, Georgia Power Company; Scott Petty, Lewis Appraisal; Joy Peterson, Satilla Regional Medical Center; Daryl Perritt, Waycross Fire Department; Lt. Joe Morris, Ware County Sheriff's Office; Taylor Hereford, Waycross College; Heidi Flowers, Extension Office; David Eddins, Waycross Fire Chief; Eric Dyal, Atlantic Coast Bank; Harry Broyles, Satilla Spine Center; and Wayne Badie, Ware County Board of Education.

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Jesup arts and crafts nights are ongoing

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 for an evening of arts and crafts at Cracker Williams Recreation Park in Jesup every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, call 294-7394 or e-mail catsewg@bellsouth.net.

Low Country Paintball waives fees

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. Players can enjoy more than 150 guns across 63 acres. Group rates are available.

For more information, call 663-2314.

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 breakfast and free airport transportation.

For additional information, contact Linda Irvine at (360) 663-2521, info@thereunionbrat.com.

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. For more information, go to www.storycorps.net.

Savannah Winds concerts scheduled

The Savannah Winds will perform "Pops the River" at dusk in the Rousakis Plaza on River Street, Friday. Admission is free. The Winds' annual "Pops" concert will be held at 3 p.m. at the Armstrong Atlantic State University Fine Arts Hall, Sunday. Tickets are \$14. Senior and military discounts are available.

For tickets, visit www.finearts.armstrong.edu/tickets, or call 344-2801 for other ticketing options.

GHS Annual Book Sale begins soon

Thousands of used books at discounted prices will be offered for sale at the Georgia Historical Society's Annual Book Sale to be held at Hodgson Hall, 501 Whitaker St., Savannah, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Join us for this popular annual event that raises funds for the Georgia Historical Society's library and archives. Proceeds from the book sales are used to purchase new library materials and to care for the oldest collection of material related to Georgia history.

GHS erects a new historical marker

The Georgia Historical Society, along with the Coastal Georgia Historical Society, Friends of Coastal Georgia

History, and Sea Island Company, will unveil a new historical marker about Hamilton Plantation. The dedication will be held at the corner of Hamilton Road and Arthur J. Moore Dr. on St. Simons Island at 10 a.m., Tuesday.

Golden Treasures exhibit closes soon

The "Golden Treasures of Liberty County," a multimedia collection by Christina Mansfield, will be on exhibit through Saturday. The exhibit is on display at the Historic Old Liberty County Jail Museum located at 302 S. Main Street, Hinesville, during normal business hours: Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and 1-4 p.m. These hours are subject to change without notice. For more information please contact Jessica Sanchez at (912)877-4332 or e-mail discoverdowntown@coastalnow.net.

Free lecture on Lincoln offered

The Georgia Historical Society and Savannah-Chatham County School System's Teaching American History grant program invite you to attend a free lecture by journalist and author Andrew Ferguson as he discusses his book, "Land of Lincoln: Adventures in Abe's America." The lecture will be held at 7 p.m., May 7, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1 West Macon Street, on Madison Square in downtown Savannah. Copies of Ferguson's book will be available for sale and a book-signing.

Mother's Day play show comes to Hinesville

Come see a Mother's Day production of "You Don't Know Me Until You Need Me" at Full Gospel Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, 809 Frank Cochran Dr. in Hinesville, May 10. The event includes dinner from 1:30-3:30 p.m. with the play beginning at 4 p.m. Dinner with play admission is \$20 with play-only admission costing \$10. There is also VIP seating for play only, \$20, and VIP seating for dinner with play, \$30.

For more information, call Andrew Williams at 977-3293.

Glennville to hold Onion Festival

Celebrate the world famous sweet Vidalia onion at Glennville's 33rd Sweet Onion Festival, starting with a parade at 10 a.m., May 9. Festival attractions at the State Farmers' Market include arts and crafts, live entertainment, children's rides, games and numerous food vendors, most featuring the delectable Vidalia onion. Gate tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children with free admission to military ID card holders. Top off the evening with a contemporary Christian concert, beginning at 7 p.m. Concert tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 that evening. Call 654-2461 for more information.

Concert in the Park starts tomorrow

The community is invited to a Lunchtime Concert in the Park, featuring Biscuit Miller and the Mix, at Bradwell Park in downtown Hinesville from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday. Bring your lawn chair and picnic lunch or purchase lunch from local eateries and food vendors. For more information, call 877-4332.

Christian concert coming soon

Join The Whitefield School and hundreds of young music fans for a live, fun-filled Family concert with the nationally-acclaimed Christian music group, Go Fish, to be hosted at St. Simons Community Church, May 9. Student tickets are available for \$5 and adult tickets for \$10. Children under 5 are free. Tickets purchased on the night of the event are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults.

Patriotic Concert coming to Hinesville

Patriotic Concert rehearsals will be held 7 p.m., Tuesdays at Brewton-Parker Auditorium, off of Highway 84 in Hinesville. The Community Chorus will be presenting a Patriotic Concert on July 7. There will also be local area talent performing in the concert. If you would like to perform as a soloist or group, sign up now by e-mailing lcca.mass.choir@bellsouth.net or call 912-977-3432. The concert will be free for the community. Military and Family Members are invited to participate.

Hinesville is getting cleaned up

Help clean up our community, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday in downtown Hinesville. To volunteer, call 368-4888. The event is sponsored by Keep Liberty County Beautiful and the City of Hinesville. Meet at the Old Hospital site in downtown Hinesville.

Hinesville celebrates Safe Kids Day

Come to Bradwell Park in downtown Hinesville, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, and learn the importance of safety in the home, at school and in the community. Food, games and fun activities will be open throughout the event. The event is sponsored by the Hinesville Police Department.

Huey rides available at Vidalia Air Show

Of the many sights and sounds of the Vietnam War the Huey helicopter with its distinctive "whop, whop, whop" of the rotor blades has come to hold an iconic place in the hearts and minds of the American public. This weekend at the Vidalia Onion Festival Air Show, people will be able to fly aboard the aircraft that came to represent an era.

The Army Aviation Heritage Foundation, based in Hampton, Ga., will provide flights into history aboard their UH-1H Huey helicopters for a small tax deductible donation.

The Sky Soldiers' Hueys have been lovingly restored to their original appearance, and our current maintenance plan keeps each Huey in top condition. Those familiar with "We Were Soldiers," starring Mel Gibson, will be thrilled to know one of our aircraft played a vital part in the assault onto LZ X-Ray that November in 1965.

The Huey ride program will be operating at the Vidalia Onion Festival Airshow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting.

The donation schedule for a 10-15 minute flight is \$45 for the general public, \$40 for veterans with a valid military ID and \$35 for active-duty military with valid ID. Come join the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation as we continue our mission to connect the American Soldier with the American public.



Randy Murray

Laura Marie Mercado, 7, listens as Marty Coolidge, 1st Lt. George P. Hays Library director and a master gardener, answers question about gardening as part of a special Earth Day observance at the library, April 17.



Stewart library celebrates Earth Day with gardening class

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Earth Day was celebrated early at 1st Lt. George P. Hays Library, April 17. Marie Sanchez, a master gardener who often works with Savannah's Bamboo Farms and Coastal Gardens, spoke with children and their moms about the joys of gardening.

Sanchez and library director, Marty Coolidge, who's also a master gardener, explained the basic parts of a plant then talked about soil and fertilizer and how to take care of indoor and outdoor plants. Sanchez even taught them how to produce more plants from "cuttings."

"We'll still be observing Earth Day on Wednesday," explained children's programmer, Bobbie Leggins, who conducts the library's weekly story time program, Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. "We just wanted to do something while the school-age kids were on spring break."

Laura Marie Mercado, 7, was one of the students attending the special program with her mom. She was particularly interested in understanding the parts of a plant and asked Sanchez several questions as she pointed to the plant parts listed on a colorful diagram given to each of the students. Students were also given two flowering plants, a begonia and a Duranta repens, sometimes called the sky flower.

Leggins said Coolidge asked her friend Sanchez to speak so children could have a hands-on learning experience with plants. She said her story time event would focus on recycling, which is also important but not as colorful as flowers.

She said another library event scheduled for the coming weeks includes a celebration of Asian-Pacific heritage, May 13. The summer reading program will kick-off June 11 at 3:30 with Tommy John's Wild West Show, and a special reptiles and amphibians program is scheduled for June 24. For information about children's events at the Fort Stewart library, call 767-2828.

Vidalia celebrates its famous namesake onion



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It's America's favorite sweet onion and Georgia's official state vegetable, and it's being celebrated Saturday and Sunday by the community for which it was named. Bring the Family and come on over to Vidalia, Ga. for the 32nd annual Vidalia Onion Festival, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The festival includes arts and crafts, a cook-

ing school, fireworks, a street dance, lots of food and an air show. There will be a gospel choir singing on Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Soldiers from Fort Stewart will be there both days with static displays of military vehicles and equipment.

Admission cost for the arts and crafts part of the festival is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children; children under six are free. Adult admission for the air show is \$8 for advance tickets but \$10 at the gate. Admission is

free for children 12 and under who are accompanied by an adult.

The air show performers include Sky Soldiers (helicopter) Demo Team, East Coast A-10 Demo Team, Julie Clark, Skip Stewart and Tim Weber. Kent Pietsch's comedy act will also be performing, and there will be a motorcycle demo team. Advanced tickets for the air show can be purchased online at www.ticketweb.com.

The Vidalia onion is a unique variety of sweet

onion that's only produced in the sandy, low sulfur soil found in 20 Georgia counties. The now famous onion got its name from the small town where it was first discovered in 1931.

To get to the town of Vidalia, take GA 196 to Glennville then take U.S. 280 through Reidsville and beyond Lyons. The festival is located on Airport Rd. off U.S. 280 between Lyons and Vidalia. For more information, call 912-538-8687.

MWR Briefs

Self-defense class offered to females

Self-defense classes will be offered during April as part of Army Community Service's observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The schedule follows:

Fort Stewart:

6 p.m., Monday: Self-Defense for Teen Girls, Corkan Teen Recreation Center.

6 p.m., Monday: Self-Defense for Women, Newman Fitness Center.

Hunter Army Airfield (separate classes)

6 p.m., Wednesday: Self-Defense for Teen Girls, Tominac Fitness Center.

6 p.m., Wednesday: Self-Defense for Women, Tominac Fitness Center.

Softball registration ends tomorrow

The registration deadline is tomorrow for Intramural Softball League Play (company level, seniors, coed and women's) scheduled to begin May 11. Games will be played at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday at Bennett Sports Complex at Stewart and Squires Sports Complex at Hunter. Open to all DoD ID cardholders including Family Members, ages 18 and older. Persons interested should contact the Fort Stewart Sports Office and sign up for league play. For details, call 767-8238 at Stewart, or 315-4160 at Hunter.

Cycle-Rama to bring cyclists together

Get your bicycle checked and enjoy a group ride in the Cycle-Rama event, scheduled to begin at 11 a.m., Saturday, at Tominac Fitness Center, building 919. Free bicycle safety checks will be provided until noon by Savannah Bicycle Link, with equipment and gear on

display. At noon, group bicycle ride will leave the fitness center and transit to N. Perimeter Road.

Bikers may ride as much or as little as they desire around Hunter via Perimeter Road or around an obstacle course set up for children. All DoD ID cardholders and guests invited to participate. There is no charge. For details and to register for safety check, call 315-2019.

Mother Goose Day to be held at Corkan

May 1 is "Mother Goose Day" at Cypress Creek Mini Golf, building 448. Give Mom a break and play mini golf from 11:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. at a reduced rate of \$1 per game/person. For more information, call 767-9884.

CYSS Youth offers free monthly trips

Monthly trips are made as part of a welcome program for military connected youth grades 4-12 looking to meet new friends and eager to learn about many resources available on Stewart and Hunter.

May 2 is "Strawberry Pickin'" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bamboo Farm on Hwy 204, Savannah. Depart Stewart and Hunter School Age Services Center.

Trip is free for CYSS registered youth. Sign up no later than the Thursday prior to trip. For details, contact YESS/School Liaison office; 767-6533/4491 for Stewart, or 315-6586/6075 for Hunter.

BOSS to walk for funds

The BOSS Walk for Pride, a fundraiser to help support the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program, will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, May 2, at Donovan Field at Fort Stewart and the Softball Complex at Hunter Army Airfield.

HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

March 15

- *William Edward McBride*, a boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Sgt. John David McBride and Spc. Amanda McBride.

March 26

- *Avery Bryan Kimmel*, a boy, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Joshua Bran Kimmel and Pvt. Amanda Marie Sauter.

March 28

- *Roemeillo Noreaga Ellerbee*, a boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. James Lee Ellerbee and Latisha Ellerbee.

March 31

- *Peyton Lyn Lewis*, a girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Pvt. Matthew David Lewis and Bailey Lyn Lewis.

April 7

- *Ian Joshua Fowler*, a boy, 5 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Joshua Earl Fowler and Sheri Lorene Fowler.

- *Rylan Elizabeth Lott*, a girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Roger D. Lott and Karen A. Lott.