

# Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



Graphic by Spc. Christopher Molina

## Soldier Show to visit Fort Stewart, Hunter

**Tim Hips**  
FMWRC Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – A Fort Stewart Soldier is a member of the cast and crew of the 2007 U.S. Army Soldier Show which will perform two free shows at Fort Stewart - 7 p.m. May 30 and 31 at the Newman Fitness Center - and one at Hunter Army Airfield - 7 p.m., June 6 at Hunter Fitness Center.

Staff Sgt. Patricia T. Isaac, a performer representing Stewart/Hunter and the U.S. Army, is a member of the 188th Infantry Brigade, a tenant unit at Fort Stewart. Isaac, who began her singing in her church Sunbeam Choir at the age of five years old, along with the cast and crew of the 2007 U.S. Army Soldier show, promises to lift the spirits of Families and Soldiers during the show's tour which opened Friday night at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Isaac is a native of Lynchburg, S.C. She attributes all of her accomplishments to her very supportive family. She feels she would not be singing with the Army Soldier Show if had not been for God, her family and her unit.

"Hopefully the edges of the seats in the theatres are comfortable," Soldier Show artistic director Victor Hurtado said. "Because that's where you're going to spend most of your time."

The Wallace Theater curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m. for the 90-minute theatrical concert production created "for the Soldier, by the Soldier," the working motto of Army Entertainment Division. Fort Belvoir will also host a Solider Show matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday, and a VIP performance is scheduled for Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Hurtado is particularly excited about this year's show because live musicians replace much of the pre-recorded sounds of past performances to make the song-and-dance extravaganza feel more like a concert.

"It's going to change the show drastically," he said. "We did what we call a 'stumble through' the other night and took a look at the material, and we were really pleased that almost two-thirds of the show has a very live feel.

"Aside from the show feeling more live, the material has a lot of energy," Hurtado continued. "And the energy is derived from the 'less is more' feel of the show. We challenged the Soldiers this year, and they're stepping up to the plate. It's remarkable."

Many of the Soldier-performers will double as musicians, and as much as they cherish gaining priceless entertainment training, they hope even more to give back to fellow Soldiers and their Families.

"We hope to put a smile on their face," said Staff Sgt. Anthony Sadler, a 23-year Army veteran stationed in Southfield, Mich. "To give them a chance to enjoy life for just a couple hours.

"We want to give them a chance to free their mind of all the hurts and all the loneliness that they feel with their Soldier being away. Just give them something to lift up and let them clap a little bit or dance a little bit and smile and laugh."

"It means a lot just to provide the morale and welfare for the Soldiers," added Spc. Cory Todd, 20, of Fort Hood, Texas, who won several talent shows while deployed in Iraq and was urged by his commander to audition for the Soldier Show. "While their loved ones are away, we provide some entertainment for them just to feel at peace. That hour or two can make the difference, and it means a lot to me and the rest of my comrades."

"It's not about us," said Staff Sgt. Laura Snyder, an active-duty Reservist from North Liberty, Iowa. "It's about the Families and the other Soldiers that we're performing for. To be able to give to them is just a blessing."

The Soldier Show stage set resembles a cross between a blues club and a garage, giving the show a 21st century grunge appearance, com-

plete with a piano and congas.

"The set actually has a very retro look," Hurtado said. "The performance is set in like an old theatre, so wherever we go it's going to be turned into a House of Blues-looking kind of place, which sets us up for a live deal. We want to rock. We want to have that energy, and I think this will do it."

With only 14 performers, the least amount Hurtado has taken on tour in his seven years of directing the show, he feels confident about the new format.

"I really have high hopes for this show," Hurtado said. "This is a very eclectic and talented group. It's interesting that some of their skills almost fit to a T exactly what we're trying to accomplish - a lot of them actually play rhythm guitar, piano or saxophone or banjo or drums or xylophone."

First Lt. Eric Young of Fort Sill, Okla., is a guitarist. Spc. Dave Boholst, a 2006 Military Idol contestant from Fort Polk, La., plays bass guitar. First Lt. Mary Daugherty of Fort Bragg, N.C., plays the piano, as does Staff Sgt. Jason Hanna of Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Spc. Phillip Harris, a hip-hop rap artist from Fort Gordon, Ga., will man the congas. Staff Sgt. Walter Washington of Korea plays the saxophone.

The Soldiers are eager to display their show.

"The past couple of weeks we've been practicing, drilling and everything, so it starts getting old," Todd said last Friday when the Soldier Show performed several songs on the National Mall for "America Sings!" an organization that inspires children to get involved in the arts.

"But once you come out here and do it for the crowd, then you realize it's all worth it. Every minute and every second spent in the theatre - sometimes 14 or 15 hours a day - it's all worth it. This is what it's all about - performing - doing what you love to do.



Gail Aldridge

Wayne Gunter and his cousin Kenneth Shuman visit Little Creek Cemetery April 14.

## Families gather at Little Creek Cemetery

**Gail Aldridge**  
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Down a dusty tank trail, off Highway 144, miles and miles deep in the woods of Fort Stewart's training area stands a large old oak tree positioned at the entrance to Little Creek Cemetery. Many former residents of Bryan County are buried in this cemetery. Families revisit this sacred site to recall happy times spent at reunions, homecomings, revivals, and dinners on the ground. With glistening eyes and smiles they remember the history and memories of a past era to explain to their children and grandchildren. They also remember sad times at funerals of their loved ones at the Little Creek Baptist Church which was located to the left of the tree.

On April 14, Wayne Gunter and his cousin Kenneth Shuman fulfilled their long awaited heart's desire to place permanent headstones at the gravesites of five of their family members. Granite headstones were placed at the top of four of the Shuman family.

Their grandparents were the first two stones placed in the row of four slabs for Hampton W. Shuman, Mary Ann Milton, Purnell Edward Shuman and Leon S. Shuman.

"We are so glad to see this historical project completed. I know our grandparents, uncle and Kenneth's dad would have been pleased" remarked Gunter.

A fifth stone was placed at the top of Gunter's little sister, Eva Joyce Gunter, who died as an infant in 1935.

"My parents always wanted to mark my little sister's grave and did not before their deaths so I'm thankful that I can do this now" Gunter commented.

A brief dedication and memorial service was held for the 20 attendees.

Earline Shuman Geiger, a resident of Pembroke, brought a hymn book entitled "Tidings of Great Joy" to share. The hymn book copyright was 1903 and it was donated to Little Creek Baptist Church by Mr. W. C. Downs on July 13, 1934. Kenneth Shuman, through tears and smiles

of remembrance, led the group to sing two of the old hymns in the book entitled "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" and "Amazing Grace," after which he offered a benediction prayer.

"What service would be complete without singing Amazing Grace" concluded Shuman.

Geiger recalled vivid childhood memories of life at their homeplace on Fort Stewart.

She was only six when the government purchased the acres of her father's farm in 1942 and they moved the home to a site in Pembroke. The families held reunions at the church for several years and the largest one held in 1955 drew a crowd of more than 1000.

She remembers her father and some of the strong men of the church carrying an old upright piano to Little Creek so they could sing the old songs of the faith.

The Shuman and Gunter families said they are grateful to the Fort Stewart staff.

"We appreciate the caretakers of all of the cemeteries located on the Fort Stewart installation," said Gunter.

## Soldiers represent Fort Stewart at Glennville Onion Festival, express gratitude to community

**Jennifer Scales**  
Public Affairs Specialist

Col. Derick Miller, commander 188th Infantry Brigade, and a color guard represented Soldiers from Fort Stewart at the 31st Annual Glennville Sweet Onion Festival Saturday, May 12. Miller addressed the attendees at the Farmers' Market during the festival. He thanked those present for the long history

Glennville has of opening their schools, homes, and community to the Soldiers and Family Members of Fort Stewart. Visitors and townsfolk alike were present to share in the festivities of the day, which began with the annual parade. One of the festival princesses was Kendall Rogers, Princess Miss Sweet Onion of Glennville, daughter to Glennville natives Ken and Mary Ann, who both work at Fort Stewart.



Jennifer Scales

## Pets of the Week



**A**mond Joy the cat and Jordashe 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.



# MWR Briefs

## Stewart/Hunter Bridal Fair slated

Everything you'll need for your special day will be available 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday at Club Stewart. Caterers, florists, photographers, honeymoon resorts and more will be present. Military ID card holders have a chance to shop for a FREE wedding dress in the MWR Bridal Shop. Call 767-5118 for more information.

## Nature hike at Holbrook Pond

Take the opportunity to enjoy bird watching and gather information about the Goshen Swamp and wetlands during a nature hike at Holbrook pond, 7 p.m. May 24, starting at the pond's screen pavilion. Call 435-8205 for more information.

## All-Army 10-Miler qualifier race slated

There will be a qualification race 7 a.m., Saturday at Donovan Field Track where participants will compete to qualify for the All-Army Race in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 7. The 10-mile qualifier is open to active duty Soldiers only. The six top runners in each group, men's and women's open, and men's master's categories earn the right to represent 3rd Infantry Division. For advance registration, call 767-8238.

## Dial-A-Story: "The Country Cat"

Why do cats chase mice? Find out on Dial-A-Story, May 21 at 767-2845.

## Take the Public Transit System Survey

A Public Transit System Survey was sent to Civilian Employees and Contract Employees *Stewart.Army.Mil* email account from the Survey Tracker system May 11 for input. The responses are confidential. Please do not delete this survey, your input is valuable. In addition, paper copies will be sent to all directorates for employees who may not have an email account. Please return them to Kathy Horton at the Plans, Analysis, and Integration Office.

## Golf Scramble at Taylor's Creek Golf Course

The Garrison Commander Golf Scramble will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start Friday. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non members. The first 25 teams will be selected. Call 767-2370 for more information.

## Walk to Iraq kicks off at Hunter

A three-mile walk at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Hunter Fitness Center will kick-off Hunter's Walk to Iraq and Back program. The continuous event is in support of our Soldiers deployed to Iraq. Call 315-5078 for more information.

## Join aerobic-thon at Fort Stewart

A four-hour session of intense aerobic training, including steps, jazz, pilates, hip-hop, salsa and more will be offered 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday at Newman Fitness Center. Blood pressure screening, nutritional consultations, body fat analysis, and flexibility testing will be available.

The first 200 participants will receive T-shirts. Call 767-3033 for more information.



## AAFES PRESENTS

MAY 17 THROUGH 24



## Reign over me

**Today — 6 p.m.**  
(Don Cheadle, Adam Sandler)

A man who lost his family in the Sept. 11 attacks and has never recovered from his grief, runs into his former college roommate who is determined to help his ex-roomie come to grips with his loss. *Rated R (language, sexual references) 112 min*

## Firehouse dog

**Friday, Saturday — 6 p.m.**  
(Josh Hutcherson, Bree Turner)

Rex, Hollywood's top-grossing canine, is known for his extreme athletic abilities and diva-like demeanor. His perks package, rivaling that of any A-list celebrity, includes Kobe beef, a poodle harem, and a diamond collar. Rex's luck--and Hollywood high life--runs out while shooting a commercial; an aerial stunt goes awry, leading Rex's handlers to presume he's dead. But Rex is merely lost--alone, filthy and unrecognizable in an unfamiliar city.

Chased by animal control, he takes refuge in grubby abandoned lofts, a far

cry from his former luxurious lifestyle. *Rated PG (action peril, crude humor, language) 109 min*

## Are we done yet?

**Friday, Saturday — 8:30 p.m.**  
(Ice Cube, Nia Long)

The Persons family decides to move from the big city to the suburbs of idyllic life. A house renovation leads to chaos, particularly when the contractor who clashes with Nick, bonds with his wife and the two kids. *Rated PG (some innuendos, brief language) 90 min*

## The reaping

**May 23, 24 — 7 p.m.**  
(Hilary Swank, AnnaSophia Robb)

Katherine Winter doesn't believe in miracles--she believes in facts. A former minister, Katherine turned her back on the cloth after losing her young daughter and husband while doing missionary work in the Sudan, and now seeks answers through scientific investigation rather than prayer. *Rated R (violence, disturbing images, sexuality) 103 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.

## HEALTH W•A•C•H

Winn Army Community Hospital

## May is Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month

An estimated 20 million Americans suffer from asthma. (1 in 15 Americans), and 50 percent of asthma cases are "allergic-asthma." The prevalence of asthma has been increasing since the early 1980s across all age, sex and racial groups.

Asthma is the most common chronic condition among children. Asthma is more common among adult women than adult men.

Nearly five-million asthma sufferers are under age 18. It is the most common chronic childhood disease, affecting more than one child in 20.

Ethnic differences in asthma prevalence, morbidity and mortality are highly correlated with poverty, urban air quality, indoor aller-

gens, and lack of patient education and inadequate medical care.

There are no cures for allergies. Allergies can be managed with proper prevention and treatment.

Allergies have a genetic component. If only one parent has allergies of any type, chances are 1 in 3 that each child will have an allergy. If both parents have allergies, it is much more likely (7 in 10) that their children will have allergies.

More Americans than ever before say they are suffering from allergies. It is among the country's most common, yet often overlooked, diseases.

For more information, visit [www.aafa.org](http://www.aafa.org).

## Winn Briefs

## Expectant sibling class available

This class for "expectant siblings," ages three-12 is to help them prepare for the arrival of a new sibling. The class is held at 5 p.m. the first Thursday of every month. For more information or to register, call 435-6633.

## Get baby basics training

This class offers first time fathers-to-be the chance to ask questions and practice taking care of their child through hands-on training.

Facilitated by a man for men, the class will cover topics that include how to change diapers, bathe and hold an infant to what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery.

This class will be held Wednesday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in the Social Work Services building. For more information or to register, call Army Community Service at 767-5058.

## Obstetrics registration class

If you have had a positive pregnancy test, the obstetrics registration classes will give you the opportunity to ask questions, take initial lab tests, create your OB medical records and schedule your first appointment with your health care team. The classes are held at Winn Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. At Tuttle classes are held Tuesdays at 8 a.m. For more information or to register, call 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

## Mass School Health Screenings

Children ages four and older entering Georgia's School system for the first time must have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening form and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization completed. Winn Army Community Hospital's mass school health screening will be by appointment only Saturday May 19, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include hearing tests, vision tests, dental exams and immunizations administration. Tuttle Army Health Clinic's mass school health screening will be by appointment only

Saturday May 19, from 8 a.m. to noon and will include hearing tests, vision tests, dental exams and immunizations administration. Sports physicals are available by appointment only at Tuttle. The screenings are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment at Winn or Tuttle call, 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

## New student in Georgia?

If you can't make it to the mass school health screening all services except eye and ear screenings are available on a walk-in basis. Dental screenings are available Monday to Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 3 p.m. at Dental Clinic 1. For more information, call 767-8513. Immunization screenings are available on a walk-in basis Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday from 1- 3 p.m. For more information, call the Allergy Immunization Clinic at 435-6633. Eye and ear services are available by appointment only. To schedule an eye or ear screening, call the appointment line at 435-6633.

## Sports physicals offered

School sports physicals are available by appointment during normal clinic hours Monday through Friday at Winn's Pediatric clinic. To schedule a sports physical, call the appointment line at 435-6633.

## Winn/Tuttle federal holiday

Friday, May 25 is a training holiday and Monday, May 28 is Memorial Day, a Federal holiday. On May 25, services at Winn Army Community Hospital will be limited to inpatient care, family practice clinic and emergencies. On May 28, services at Winn will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. Full operations will resume Tuesday, May 29. All services at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Lloyd C. Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed Friday, May 25 and Monday, May 28. Full operations will resume Tuesday, May 29.

BIRTH  
ANNOUNCEMENTSProvided by Winn Army  
Community Hospital

## April 29

- **Earl William Willis, IV**, a boy, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Cpl. Earl William Willis, III and Kelly Willis.

- **Logan Stephen High**, a boy, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to 2nd Lt. Justin and Jennifer High.

- **Sebastian Luque**, a boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. Ernesto Luque and Kenia Moreno.

- **Frank Louis Robinson**, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Timothy and Sandi Robinson.

## May 5

- **Zoey Louise Fuller**, a girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Michael and Danica Fuller.

- **Devin Thomas Symonette**, a boy, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Thomas and Staff Sgt. Yveline Symonette.

## May 6

- **Seth Alan Montney**, a boy, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Kenneth and Angela Montney.

## May 7

- **Tahanos Amari Garcia**, a girl, 5 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Mark Garcia and Spc. Crystal Garcia.

- **Zachary Owen Meyer**, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Cory Meyer and Spc. Sarah Meyer.

- **Hunter Sean Neely**, a boy, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Pfc. Sean and Amber Neely.

## May 8

- **Jace Amir Herron**, a boy, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Marcus and Spc. Casey Herron.

## April 30

- **Laila Elizabeth Addis**, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pvt. Jerry and Samantha Addis.

- **Christopher D. Brown**, a boy, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Christopher Brown and Spc. Clarissa Brown.

- **Keyonne Devante Jamar Wells**, a boy, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Samonda Wells.

## May 1

- **Marcel Jamal Fee, Jr.**, a boy, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Pvt. Marcel and Sharon Fee.

- **Trinity Grace Laing**, a girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Kyle and Brooke Laing.

## May 2

- **Giovanna Alexandra Davila**, a girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Roberto and Giuliana Davila.

- **Lucas William Smith**, a boy, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. William and Shelly Smith.

## May 3

- **Parker Blue Kendrick**, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to 2nd Lt. Michael and Robin Kendrick.

- **Miachel Lucas Smith**, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Miachel and Tabatha Smith.

- **Olivia Frances Foose**, a girl, 8 pounds 11 ounces, born to Spc. Franklin and Elizabeth Foose.

- **Thelogust Hodges, IV**, a boy, 5 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pfc. Thelogust Hodges, III and Stephanie Hodges.

- **McKenzie Jane Poole**, a girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Pfc. Matthew and Jessica Poole.

- **Stesha Nakia Robinson**, a girl, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Capt. Steven and Nicole Robinson.

- **Amileana Renee Taylor**, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. William and Stacey Taylor.

## May 9

- **Xavier Kahlil Cousin**, a boy, 5 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Thomas and Kristy Cousin.

# Seek God's blessings before you get married

**Chap. (Capt.) Pratima Dharm**  
3rd Brigade Support Battalion

Marriage is perhaps the oldest institution on earth. And yet, to this day, we continue to struggle against the very rules of commitment that make the promise of marriage binding on the two people who choose to enter it.

In ancient and medieval times, marriage was not only a promise between the bride and groom, but also between their respective families.

It was very important to seek the blessings of the elders from both sides of the family before entering the sacred bonds of marriage. And most of all it was important, through prayer, to seek the approval of God and his blessings upon the newly weds. This ensured that the couple would not treat lightly their promises to remain within the bounds of marriage even when tough times pounded its very foundations. No wonder marriages tended to last longer despite the many personal trials and tribulations faced by the couple in the course of their marriage.

Today, couples rush into marriage without consulting their respective families and most importantly the approval and blessings of God. This means that they tend to treat their marriage more as a legal contract gained in the office of a justice of peace than as a sacred promise made to each other in

the name of the holy living God. This ensures that in times of stress and conflict that most marriages tend to face, the marriage becomes susceptible to a breakup.

Instead of making a marriage stronger, trials become the triggers for blames, nasty name-calls and character assassinations. Couples are faced with the gruesome decision of divorce and often submit to this evil institution, rather than keeping the marriage together in the sacred institution of marriage under God.

I pray that all couples would seek God's blessings and the blessing of those the couples can trust to help them make the right decision, when it comes to choosing a life partner.

If couples seek proper blessings before marriage, they will be prepared when hard times come knocking on their doors. They would be guided by the grace of God in finding spiritual support to help heal the cracks in their marriage. Instead of finding themselves fighting the battles of their marriage alone, they would consult family and friends (and other resources such as social workers, psychologists, counselors etc.) that will restore their marriage to a healthful state. Scriptures encourages us to seek God in all things and matters in our lives so that every desire of our hearts shall be given to us. Just as **Psalms 37: 4** says, "*Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.*"

## Chapel Schedule

### Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass .....	Heritage .....	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass .....	Heritage .....	5 p.m.

Protestant	Location	Time
Contemporary Worship .....	Marne .....	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship .....	Victory .....	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship .....	Marne .....	9 a.m.
American Samoan .....	Vale .....	11 a.m.
Liturgical Worship .....	Heritage .....	11 a.m.
Kids' Church(K to 6th grade) .....	Across from Dia. Elem. ....	11 a.m.
PWOC (Tuesday) .....	Marne .....	9:30 a.m.

**Islamic**  
Friday Jum'ah .....

Marne .....	1:30 p.m.
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Contact Staff Sgt. Aiken at 877-4053.

**Jewish**  
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084.  
Friday .....

Marne .....	11:30 a.m.
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### Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass .....	Chapel .....	11 a.m.

Protestant	Location	Time
Sunday Service .....	Chapel .....	9 a.m.

### Religious Education Contacts

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789.  
Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825.  
Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.



**Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry Junior and Senior High School students - Join us for free games and pizza 6:30 - 8 p.m. Sunday, at Vale Chapel in Bryan Village. For more information, call 877-7207.**

## Kids Church

**Exciting Bible Lessons**  
with music, puppets, videos, crafts, games

**11 a.m. to Noon, Sunday**

at School Age Services (across from Diamond Elementary)

**For all kids Grade K-6**

**Scheduled 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. - Victory Chapel

**Questions?**  
Contact Chaplain Ric Thompson at 767-6831

# Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

## Savannah Cultural Events

Activities sponsored by the Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs include these ongoing events:

### Every first Friday of the month

Folk Music by Savannah Folk Music Society, 7:30 p.m., free at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church.

The Arts at City Market Center, Upstairs, Jefferson and West St. Julian Streets, free 6:30- 8:30 p.m. Call 232-7731.

### Every first Saturday of the month

Adult and youth basic ballroom dance classes, by Moon River Dancers: 1-3 p.m. at W. Broad Street YMCA, 1110 May Street. Admission is \$3 per person. Call 925-7416 or visit [www.savannahusabda.org](http://www.savannahusabda.org)

### Every third Wednesday of the month

Open Mic Poetry Night - signup at 7:45 p.m., Gallery Espresso, 6 East Liberty St. Call 233-5348 for more information.

### Saturdays and Sundays

Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home Foundation tours 1-5 p.m. every Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. Located at 207 E. Charlton St. on Lafayette Square.

Born in Savannah in 1925, writer, Mary Flannery O'Connor, lived in a Charlton Street house until 1938.

Today, it is maintained partly as a memorial to her and partly as a literary center for Savannah. Literary activities are held at various times now through May, free. Call 233-6014.

### Every Sunday

Oldie Goldies Sunday at the American Legion Post 500, 1716 Montgomery St., 4-8 p.m. Call 925-7116.

The Reel Savannah Film Group presentations, 7 p.m., Sunday evenings at the Lucas Theatre. Tickets, which are \$6, are available an hour before showtime.

## Visit Armstrong Arboretum

Armstrong Atlantic State University has an arboretum, which encompasses the 250 acre campus and displays more than 100 species of trees and 200 species of shrubs

and other woody plants.

The Fern Collection, featuring 23 varieties of native and non-native ferns, is on the west side of Jenkins Hall. The recently completed Ginger Collection focuses on seven groups of ginger plants and is at the south end of Hawes Hall. For more information or to schedule an educational tour, call AASU's plant operations at 921-5472.

## Free dance lessons offered

Free ballroom dancing lessons are being offered at Club Stewart from 7 to 9 p.m., the first Wednesday of every month by the Moon River Dancers Association in Savannah. It is for Soldiers and their Families. Couples and singles welcome.

No registration is required. For more information, call 767-8609.

Also, if you're into ballroom dancing and don't mind the drive, the Seaside Dance Association in St. Simons Island has dances at 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through the summer at Blanche's Courtyard starting.

The association also hosts a dance on the last Sunday of each month at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel, in the grand dining room. Instruction starts at 5:15 p.m., and seating for the dinner and dance starts at 6 p.m. For more information, call 634-9527 or e-mail to [SeasideDance@bellsouth.net](mailto:SeasideDance@bellsouth.net).

## Traveling Wall visits Savannah

The traveling version of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial will make its way to the Coastal Empire. Half the size of the original structure located in Washington, DC, "The Wall That Heals" is etched with the more than 58,000 names of those who died in the war.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled June 14 at Emmet Park in Savannah and events will wrap up the following Sunday, June 17. Leisure Services City of Savannah is sponsoring the event and it will be hosted by the Vietnam Veteran's of America Chapter 671. Call 927-3356 or visit [www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org) for

more information.

## Chess, anyone?

Adults and children alike are invited to play chess in the Statesboro Mall from 3-5 p.m. every Sunday. Chess in the mall is hosted by the Ogeechee River Scholastic Chess Association and school chess clubs throughout Bulloch County. For more information email [www.chess85.tripod.com](http://www.chess85.tripod.com) or [j-lutz@enia.net](mailto:j-lutz@enia.net) or call 764-9770. Also, Robert Lott is trying to stir interest in the game around Hinesville. If you're interested in playing, and possibly forming a club, call 876-4715.

## Visit Georgia's natural springs

Georgia's state parks and historic sites host three natural springs that have helped shape the state and our culture.

The best known is Warm Springs. The town of Warm Springs was host to Georgia's high society during the early 1900s, and it became the vacation home of Franklin D. Roosevelt after he sought relief from polio in the warm, therapeutic water. Today, his home and the pools are part of the Little White House State Historic Site. Just off I-75 in middle Georgia is Indian Springs State Park, thought to be the oldest state park in the nation.

The Civilian Conservation Corp built many of the park's facilities, including the spring house where people still gather today to fill jugs with the mineral water. In addition to the springs and rich history, visitors will enjoy the park's campground, cottages, museum, lakeside swimming beach and picnic areas.

In the east central town of Millen is Magnolia Springs State Park, known for crystal clear springs flowing seven million gallons per day.

This pretty park features a freshwater aquarium with native species of fish, reptiles and amphibians, as well as picnic areas, cottages, a campground, small boating lake, and trails for hiking and biking. For More Information contact the FDR's Little

White House Historic Site, Warm Springs at 706-655-5870, [www.FDR-LittleWhiteHouse.com](http://www.FDR-LittleWhiteHouse.com), Indian Springs State Park, Flovilla at 770-504-2277, [www.GaStateParks.org](http://www.GaStateParks.org), Magnolia Springs State Park, Millen at 478-982-1660 or [www.GaStateParks.org](http://www.GaStateParks.org)

## Sand Gnats Military Appreciation

Watch the Savannah Sand Gnats take on the Columbus Catfish 7 p.m., May 19 at Grayson Stadium in Savannah. The events will include a message from the Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, the 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general, to be broadcast over the jumbotron. An Army Color Guard will present the Colors, and an Airman from the Georgia National Guard will throw out the ceremonial first pitch. There will be a post game fireworks show and more. A limited number of free tickets for admission only are available at the leisure travel offices on both Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Also military ID cardholders can receive \$5 admission at gate which includes a free hot-dog, bag of chips, and a soft drink/beer.

## Memorial Day Fort McAllister

Bring a picnic lunch from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 26 and plan to spend the whole day enjoying the historical programs, walking the nature trails, fishing and boating. Civil War Soldiers will be demonstrating the loading and firing of Civil War muskets and cannon every hour as well as black-smithing and cooking. A small admission is charged and pets are welcomed on a six-foot lease. The park is located in Richmond Hill at the end of Georgia Spur 144. For more information, call 727-2339.

## Military Appreciation in Savannah

Ann Taylor Loft located in the Abercorn Walk Shopping Center, Savannah, is having a military appreciation night 6-8 p.m., Sunday.

Military shoppers receive a 15 percent discount. Call 355-0112.

# Arts, Entertainment: Dancing with spiders

Sasha McBrayer  
Fort Stewart Museum

Following its international release at the start of May, super-sequel "Spider-Man 3" smashed opening day records topling the record previously held by "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" by making over \$59 million at it's U.S. opening alone. Without revealing any spoilers, here is my take on the new film.

Spider-Man's cinematic exploits have been highly popular. With many comic-based, sci-fi, or fantasy films, even the ones lucky enough to garner cult status, audiences can be confined to those already familiar with key genres or characters. Spider-Man, however, seems to attract a huge, more diverse audience. You don't have to be a comic reader to appreciate Spider-Man or even Superman. These guys are heavily embedded into pop culture, creating a wide base familiarity. Both, to an extent, also have highly relatable stories. Parker is just

dealing with the loss of his father-figure, trying to keep the love of his life, and do the right thing with the power he has been given.

Like its main character, Spider-Man 3 as a whole, had a huge responsibility. As any franchise reaches its third installment, questions are raised as to whether this could also mark the final installment. In that case, you want to go out with a bang, not a whimper. After all, with each film, you want to get better, to top the last one. That's a tall order in this series. Each film has been highly anticipated. Lastly, with film trailers flaunting three villains at least minimally recognized by comic book fans (Hobgoblin, Venom, and Sandman), you have to make a movie that non-geeks will enjoy and one that won't be overly predictable to those with above average knowledge of the comic universe.

Now, critics are not praising Spider-Man 3 by any means. I've read much more negative thoughts than good. That having been said, May 5, Hinesville's

theatre was sold out for all viewings earlier than 5 : 3 0 . Savannah's Carmike Wynsong theatre was sold out until 8:30. And inside the theatre, there may not have been eruptions of audience applause, such as I experienced when seeing graphic novel based "300"; however there was an overall mood of joy.

For me, it was a good movie and it did surprise even this comic nerd. My praise goes out for tying the external battles of the protagonist with those within, and for doing master special effects work on Sandman. I have personally been waiting to see Batman antagonist Clayface on the big screen for years. The treacherous man of clay would make for some killer fight scenes, but until my dreams come true, seeing a man of sand was almost as



exciting. There's nothing the filmmakers don't do with Sandman. It's great fun to watch. Venom was also handled well. I won't spoil it by saying who or what Venom is, but know this: he is a very scary persona. Director Sam Raimi makes him scary enough, and possibly even waters him down, but it's a good portrayal nonetheless. I doubt he wanted the kiddies having nightmares, but Topher Grace, who was heavily versed in Venom mythology before landing his role, does a top notch job in this film.

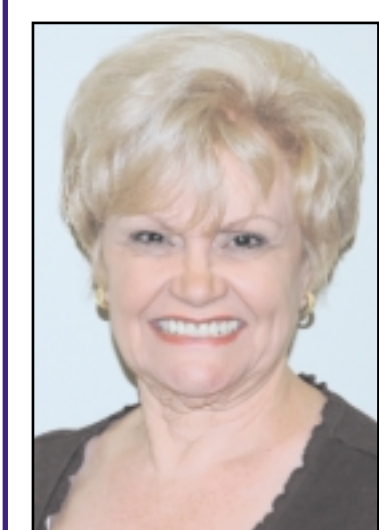
I am not without my complaints, however. Though not, too bothersome, many tidbits in the plot are highly coincidental. It's just one thing after another without substantial reason behind each event.

This can be construed as a shortcoming only because the comic history does provide adequate back story to most events in Spidey's life. Also, get ready, because there is one completely random, utterly bizarre scene in the film. I can't help but give this tiny detail away because it was such an anomaly. Out of

no where, there is a scene where Tobey Maguire bursts into a song and dance number. My jaw dropped. I asked my friends if we were still watching the same movie. It stuck out like a sore thumb, and male viewers, who have complained that the trilogy is too "mushy", probably hated seeing a superhero slide across a dance floor.

While I think Raimi went completely overboard with the dancing, I also completely understand why he did it. Raimi fans know his previous television work from Xena: Warrior Princess. I can't count the number of times he made musical themed episodes. It made no sense, but it was his cup of tea, obviously.

The dancing, I could have done without, but the sidesplitting Bruce Campbell cameo (there's one in every Spider-man) and the idea to give Stan Lee a line this time (him also) was totally applaud-worthy. Maguire may not sign on to do any more web slinger films, so go, see this one, and enjoy, dancing and "mushy"-ness aside.



## Volunteer Spotlight Robbie Smith

Robbie Smith of Lyons is a Red Cross volunteer working as a patient cart driver at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Smith volunteers because she enjoys sharing her time with the military. Her interests and hobbies include flowers, gardening and her grandchildren.

If you'd like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 435-6903.



## Meet

**Dr. (Maj.) Christopher Mathews, M.D.**  
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Pfc. Patricia Cooley, 92nd Chemical Company, makes cotton candy for ten-year-old Destiny Lackey, daughter of Staff Sgt. Brian Lackey, 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, at the American Red Cross Spring Fling May 12 at J. F. Gregory Park in Richmond Hill. Cooley and other Soldiers volunteered their time to help the American Red Cross

during the event. More than 300 Soldiers and Family members attended. The event brought everyone together for music, fun and food.

"It's an event that we put on for the military community at Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart," said Mark Stall, American Red Cross case manager and military liaison. "It's a way to provide moral support to the military community. We want to let the military community know that we care about them."