

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

Back to School

New school year brings new programs, improvements

Schools' student hours change, new pick-up, drop-off rules enforced

Sgt. Tanya Polk
Editor

It's time to hang up your beach towels and enjoy these last days of sleeping in. The 2007-2008 school year is just around the corner.

As Aug. 6 jumpstarts Fort Stewart schools' first day back, there are several changes parents and students need to be aware of for the upcoming school year.

"It is our hope here at the school that each student has a great 2007-2008 school year," said Joseph Guiendon, South Carolina - Fort Stewart superintendent. "There are many new programs, improvements and announcements. We at the schools continue to improve our practices to meet the needs of the military community on Fort Stewart."

One way to help meet the Stewart Families' needs is the newly built elementary school, Patrick L. Kessler Elementary. Kessler, which opens in Liberty Woods, is named for a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, just like its sister schools, Brittin and Diamond.

"Kessler is needed because of the new RCI housing, which increased the number of students living on post," said Guiendon.

Carol Lee Kipp Caldwell will be the principal at Kessler. A formal opening is scheduled for September 12.

Diamond Elementary welcomes new principal, Linda Kidd. Kidd is the former principal of Osan Elementary in Korea.

Diana Patton was appointed the new Director of Special Education. Patton has been working at Headquarters, Department of Defense Education Activity, and has several years of experience in school-level special education.

School hours have changed. All schools (Brittin, Diamond and Kessler) will have new student hours of 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

"The new school hours are to get all three schools on the same schedule, which was not the case last year," Guiendon said.

Along with new school hours comes new and improved student drop-off and pick-up procedures.

"Each school has worked closely with the safety office, the military police, and DPW (Department of Public Works) to improve student drop off and pick-up," Guiendon said. "The new improvements will help traffic flow, improve security, and (provide) better lines in the parking lots."

See the maps to the right which detail the new drop-off, pick-up procedures.

The cost of a school lunch has been reduced by ten cents. The cost is now \$1.60.

"Lunch price for students was reduced

based on revenues," Guiendon said. "We have had several good years with increased revenues and so that price was reduced."

Another improvement is the foreign language department. Diamond and Brittin will offer Spanish at the kindergarten and 1st grade level. Kessler will offer Spanish for kindergarteners.

According to Guiendon, the program will expand to other grade levels over the next several years.

"One of the best ways to do this is to get off to a great start," said Guiendon.

The schools have planned a 'meet the teacher' session from 3 - 5 p.m., August 10.

"This is an excellent way to show that the school and home have a partnership in the education of the children," he said.

Last year, achievement test scores improved.

"For the second year in a row, there were dramatic improvements on the Terra Nova Achievement Test," Guiendon said. "Each school will be working hard to continue to improve in 2007 - 2008."

To ensure a success, there will be accreditation visits. All installation schools will receive visits from the North Central Association accreditation team.

The Pre School Children with Disabilities program is expanding to Brittin. PSCD is also located at Diamond and is designed for 3 and 4-year-olds.

There are also several school board openings that will be advertised at the start of a new school year. Residents of military Family housing are eligible to run for a seat on the Fort Stewart School Board. Those interested in running for a seat on the board can contact any school principal.

"Every student can begin the first day to develop good reading and study habits," Guiendon said. "Teachers and parents that work together can ensure that expectation is reinforced on a daily basis. Parents play a major part of helping their child succeed by communicating with the teacher and promoting a healthy lifestyle at home through regular attendance at school, on-time arrival, early bed time routines, adequate sleep, established study times, more reading and less TV, physical exercise, good eating habits, and by reading to and with your child every day."

"You can count on our teachers to do their part too," Guiendon continued, "by working very hard to make each child successful and feel good about their school experience."

For more information on new school programs and changes contact David Smith, Stewart school liaison, at 767-6533.

Diamond Elementary School

LEGEND

- Parent Parking
- Staff Only Parking
- Bus Route
- Parent Drop-Off/Pick-Up
- Bike Riders' Route
- Walkers' Route
- Crosswalk
- Planter
- Bike Racks

Your child may be dropped off as early as 7:45 a.m. unless they are eating breakfast which begins at 7:35 a.m.

Drop-Off Procedures:
Parent pulls in to the drop off line and waits their turn to approach the drop off point. Upon arrival at the drop off point a school representative will approach the car and open the passenger side door allowing the student to exit the vehicle. The parent will then re-enter the flow of traffic and exit the school parking lot.

Pick-up Procedure:
Children will be awaiting pick-up at 2:30 p.m.
Parents pull into the pick-up line and wait their turn to approach the pick up point. Their student will identify the parent to the school representative and be escorted to the vehicle by the representative. Once the child is seated the representative will close the passenger side door, the child places their seatbelt on, and the parent returns to the flow of traffic exiting school ground.

Brittin Elementary School

LEGEND

- Parent Parking
- Staff Only Parking
- Parent Drop-Off/Pick-Up
- Bike Riders' Route
- Walkers' Route
- Crosswalk
- Planter
- Bike Racks

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Kessler Elementary School

LEGEND

- Parent Parking
- Staff Only Parking
- Sidewalks
- Covered Walkways
- Parent Drop-Off/Pick-Up
- Bike Riders' Route
- Walkers' Route
- Crosswalk
- Planter
- Bike Racks

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Hunter appoints 6 new housing mayors

Nancy Gould
Hunter Public Affairs

Six new housing mayors from Hunter Army Airfield stood before commanders at the Hunter Club after the completion of the Community Leaders Information Forum. They listened as Col. Todd Buchs, Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, appointed them to their one-year stint as Hunter Housing Mayors, and praised them for the value they add to his command in the important role they play in their respective communities.

"You do it because you care," he said, commending them for their willingness to volunteer and to interact with residents in their communities. "You know the heartbeat of your community, and that makes you effective."

The Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, Lt. Col. Daniel Whitney, agreed with Buchs' assessment.

"You're the glue holding our housing areas together with informa-

tion and coordination," Whitney said.

The mayors serve as the eyes and ears of the garrison commander, according to Master Sgt. Theodore Burnside, the community liaison noncommissioned officer for Stewart-Hunter. They pass information from the command to spouses and Family members that help with the hardship of deployment. They pass information back up the chain of command to Buchs to inform him of issues, so that he can take appropriate actions to keep their communities safe, secure and enjoyable places to live.

Following the ceremony, the new mayors met with Burnside and Army Community Services staffers to learn their housing objectives. Burnside warned them not to "play" police officer, but to mediate situations and encourage residents to work issues out in a "neighborly way." He asked them not to "sit on issues" but instead, to get the facts and report them to himself and ACS staff members, along with the relevant agency — including social work service, GMH housing, the military police, or others.

"I'm not going to be nosy and get into people's business," said Grisella Conway, the housing mayor for New Gannam, who added that her neighbors urged her to take the mayor position because of her involvement in the community. "I figure that I'll handle things that need to be handled — if it's yards that need to be mowed; debris that need to be moved or whatever else the position involves."

Besides their around-the-clock responsibilities, Burnside said housing mayors help with the divisions' Magazine Book Drive, the Bicycle Safety Rodeo and are involved in numerous Neighborhood Dispute Resolution meetings.

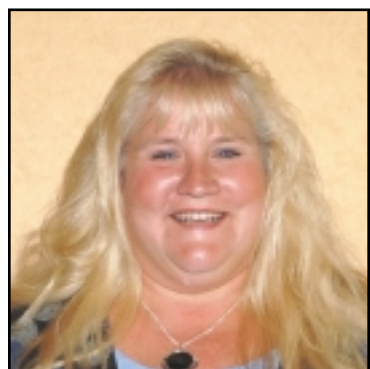
Housing mayors have taken on new responsibilities, in addition to their regular ones — including children and/or jobs — that keep them busy. But all express anticipation for their newest venture and a willingness to serve.

"My hope is that our neighborhood can be all it should be," said Conway.

"I look forward to doing my part to make that happen."



Nicole Carter
New Savannah Mayor



Gisella Conway
New Gannam Mayor



Michelle Shane
Wilson Acres Mayor



Jo Kramer
New Gannam Mayor



Marcia Steele
New Gannam Mayor

Photos by Nancy Gould

Helping to keep housing communities safe, secure, and enjoyable, six new Hunter housing mayors were appointed at the Hunter Club. Not pictured is Denise Craig, New Calloway Mayor.

Pets of the Week



Joe the kitten and Max the puppy 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

Pet fostering available

Caring for your pet while your loved one is deployed can be a difficult task and this valuable program can assure that your furry loved one receives the proper care he deserves, in a secure and loving environment.

"Dogs of Deployed Soldiers" will help you find a foster family for your dog during your Soldiers' deployment. In order to be considered, your dog must be up to date on all of their vaccinations and must be spayed or neutered. Current vet information must also be provided and only Family friendly breeds will be considered for the program.

The program has been successful thus far placing at least 10 dogs into foster care.

Those who are interested in having their dog fostered or who are interested in becoming a foster Family should contact Nancy Hanson at 598-4134.

Benefits for 15:12 Initiative Families

The following MWR facilities are offering discounts to Families of deployed Soldiers who fall under the 15:12

Initiative:

Taylor's Creek and Hunter Golf: Receive \$10 off on the greens fee all day Monday - Thursday, receive \$10 off on the greens fee after 1 p.m. Friday - Sunday, and \$10 off lessons. Call Stewart, 767-2370 or Hunter, 315-9115.

Stewart Lanes: \$1 game and shoe rental 50 cents on Monday nights.

Participants must sign-in with their last name, last four digits of their social security, and provide deployed Soldiers unit name. Call 767-4273, for more information.

Hunter Lanes: \$1 game and shoe rental 50 cents, Saturdays. For more information call 315-5695/6279.

Latin Night at Rocky's

Dance to the greatest and latest Latin Hits 10 p.m. - 3 a.m., Aug. 3 at Rocky's. Free admission for all military and dependents. Ladies get free admission from 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.



AAFES PRESENTS

AUG. 2 THROUGH 8



Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer

Today — 7 p.m.
(Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba)

The enigmatic, intergalactic herald, the Silver Surfer, comes to Earth to prepare it for destruction.

As he races around the globe wreaking havoc, Reed, Sue, Johnny and Ben must unravel the mystery of the Silver Surfer and confront the surprising return of their mortal enemy, Dr. Doom, before all hope is lost.

Rated PG (action violence, language, innuendo) 119 min

Ratatouille

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.
Aug 8. — 7 p.m.
(Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm)

A rat named Remy dreams of becoming a great French chef despite, his family's wishes and the obvious problem of being a rat in a decidedly rodent-phobic profession. When fate places Remy in the sewers of Paris, he finds himself ideally situated beneath a restaurant made famous by his culinary hero, Auguste Gusteau. Despite the

apparent dangers of being an unlikely - and certainly unwanted - visitor in the kitchen of a fine French restaurant, Remy's passion for cooking soon sets into motion a hilarious and exciting rat race that turns the culinary world of Paris upside down.

Rated G 92 min

Evan Almighty

Sunday — 7 p.m.
(Steve Carell, Morgan Freeman)

Newly elected to Congress, the polished, preening newscaster, Evan Baxter, is the next one anointed by God to accomplish a holy mission--walking in the footsteps of Bruce Almighty. Evan leaves Buffalo behind and shepherds his family to suburban northern Virginia. Once there, his life gets turned upside-down when God appears and mysteriously commands him to build an ark. But his befuddled family just can't decide whether Evan is having an extraordinary mid-life crisis or is truly onto something of Biblical proportions.

Rated PG (rude humor, peril) 90 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.

Marne Television Schedule

Channel 16 at Fort Stewart
Channel 7 at Hunter Army Airfield

Time	Monday through Friday
6 a.m.	National Anthem/ DogFace Soldier
7 a.m.	CG Briefings/Audience
8 a.m.	Marne Report
8:30 a.m.	Daily Devotional/Audience

9 a.m.	Pentagon Channel/CG Briefings/CG Message
10 a.m.	Marne Chat with Dina McKain/Audience
8:30 a.m.	Audience
9 a.m.	Pentagon Channel Iraq briefings/Audience
10 a.m.	Audience
10:30 a.m.	Daily Devotionals/Audience
11 a.m.	Marne Education Matters with Kaytrina Sharp
11:30 a.m.	Safety Concerns
Noon	Marne Report
12:30 p.m.	Teen Buzz/Audience
1 p.m.	Daily Devotional/ Marne Chat
1:30 p.m.	Marne Education Matters with Kaytrina Sharp
2 p.m.	Pentagon Briefing/CG messages/ CG Briefing
3 p.m.	Marne Report
3:30 p.m.	Safety Concerns

4 p.m.	Daily Devotional/Marne Chat
4:30 p.m.	Teen Buzz/Audience
5 p.m.	Marne Education Matters with Kaytrina Sharp
5:30 p.m.	Safety Concerns
6 p.m.	CG Briefings/Audience
7 p.m.	Marne Report
7:30 p.m.	Daily Devotional/ Audience
8 p.m.	Marne Chat with Dina McKain/Audience
8:30 p.m.	Marne Education Matters with Kaytrina Sharp
9 p.m.	Marne Report
9:30 p.m.	CG Stand Up or Audience
10 p.m.	Marne Report
10:30 p.m.	Marne Education Matters with Kaytrina Sharp
11 p.m.	Safety Concerns
11:30 p.m.	Marne Report

BE AWARE
Gangsters or Wannabees

STEWART-HUNTER = ZERO TOLERANCE

Learn more and why to stay gang free

National Nightout Against Crime
4-8 p.m. Aug. 2
Bradwell Park in Hinesville

HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

Warning: Potentially contaminated chili products

Col. Gary Vroegindewey
U. S. Army Medical Command

Castleberry is working with various agencies to investigate possible contamination of products with *Clostridium botulinum*, a bacterium which can cause botulism, a life-threatening illness. Consumers should check their shelves for any of the products listed below and return the product to the location where the product was purchased for a full refund.

Castleberry's Barbecue Pork in Barbecue Sauce, Barbecue Beef, Beef Stew, Brunswick Beef Stew, Chicken and Beef, Chili with Beans, Chili no Beans, Corned Beef Hash, Creamed Chip Beef Gravy, Georgia Hash, Hot Chili with Beans, Hot Dog Chili Sauce, Onion Hot Dog Chili Sauce and Sausage Gravy. Some of the recalled products were also sold as Bunker Hill's Chili no Beans, Spicier Chili no Beans and Hot Dog Chili

Sauce. Consumers with any questions or concerns about this recall should go to Castleberry's Web site (<http://www.castleberry.com>) or call Castleberry's consumer hotline at 1-888-203-8446.

The Food and Drug Administration notified Castleberry about four potential cases of botulism involving individuals who ate these products. Common symptoms of botulism include: general weakness, dizziness, double-vision and trouble with speaking or swallowing. Additional symptoms include: difficulty in breathing, muscular weakness abdominal distension and constipation. People who have these problems should seek immediate medical attention.

Steve Mavity, SVP Technical Services/Quality Assurance for Castleberry said, "We are taking this precautionary measure to ensure the safety of our consumers. We will continue to work closely with the FDA, USDA and CDC."

Winn Briefs

TRICARE Service Center relocation

The TRICARE Service Center has moved from Hinesville to Fort Stewart. The new TRICARE Service Center location is Building 202 Harmon Ave.; Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314. The hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number is 1-800-444-5445.

Patient- and Family-Centered Care

Interested in becoming a patient advisor? Come and join the Patient and Family Centered Care Advisory Council meeting at Winn or Tuttle. Winn's meeting is scheduled 11:30 am. Sept. 11 in the Marne Room at Club Stewart. RSVP by Wednesday to Linda King at 435-6225 or at linda.king2@se.amedd.army.mil. Tuttle's meeting is scheduled for Sept. 27 at noon at the Hunter Club. RSVP by Sept. 22 to Brandon Yarber at 315-5731 or contact him at brandon.yarber@se.amedd.army.mil.

Expectant sibling class

This class for "expectant siblings," ages 3-12 is to help them prepare for the arrival of a new sibling. The class is held the first Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. For more information or to register, call 435-6633.

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 each Thursday 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.

Canceling your appointment

If you need to cancel your scheduled

appointment, please contact your provider within the appropriate timeframe. Usually, provider's offices require notice 24 to 48 hours prior. Please call at least one day in advance to cancel your appointment to allow someone else to receive medical treatment. Call 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221 to cancel.

Tuttle Army Health Clinic hours

Tuttle Army Health Clinic is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as well as the pharmacy, laboratory, radiology and medical records. The clinic is closed the fourth Thursday of every month from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for training. For more information, call 315-6500/6811.

Warriors in Transition

Brandon Yarber, Ombudsman, is here at Fort Stewart to assist Warriors in Transition and their Families with issues and concerns regarding medical care. Please contact Yarber at 435-6143/6225 or visit his office in the Patient Service Center at Winn Army Community Hospital, Suite CH32.

TRICARE For Life

Upon receipt of your Medicare Part B enrollment or three to six months prior to your 65th birthday, go to the TRICARE Service Center at 852 Harmon Ave., Bldg. 202, Fort Stewart to select a civilian Primary Care Manager and receive more information about your health benefits and options available to you or call 1-800-444-5445.

Get your prescriptions through the mail

The TRICARE mail-order pharmacy offers beneficiaries up to a 90-day supply of medication through the mail, for a co-pay of \$3 for generic and \$9 for name brand drugs on the formulary; non formulary drugs are \$22. You may order online at www.express-scripts.com, by phone at 1-866-363-8667 or by fax at 1-877-895-1900.



Meet Dr. David K. Cassidy Family Practitioner

Specialty: Family Practice
Medical Degree: University of Wisconsin
Board Certification: *Family Practice*



Winn Army Community Hospital
1061 Harmon Ave. Fort Stewart, GA
(912) 435-6965
www.winn.amedd.army.mil

Volunteer Spotlight

Chief Warrant Officer Abida Shoyeb of San Diego, Calif., is an American Red Cross volunteer working on special activities at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Shoyeb is volunteering because she likes to be able to help the community. Her interests and hobbies include jogging, music, watching TV and outdoor activities.

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



WINN updates automated appointment line

Winn Army Community Hospital automated appointment line has been updated. To access the appointment line call 435-6633 or 800 652-9221.

First say the name of the facility or service, either Winn, Tuttle, Hawks or Lab test results. Next say the clinic or service you are looking for. Under Winn the options are physical therapy, occupational therapy, radiology, surgery, psychiatry, Family practice, pediatrics,

OBGYN, referral, specialty clinics, prescription refill, internal medicine, podiatry, optometry, or lab test results. Under Tuttle the options are medical, dental, prescription, or lab test results. Under the Hawks category the options are lab test results, appointment or general information.

If asked for the sponsor's social, you must give the full nine digit number, saying each one at a time.

Sacred Values: Discovering your spirituality

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chap. (Lt. Col.) Don McDaniel
HHC 4th Bde Rear Detachment

What is spirituality? If someone who knew you and trusted you, came up to you and asked, "What is spirituality?" How would you respond?

For many of us, we have heard down through the years the word 'sacred'. When my favorite cousin Barbara called me in October 2005 to assist in her mother's funeral, I accepted. We had the opportunity to sit down and talk. Barbara said to me, "Don, sometimes I don't get to go to church every Sunday, but I am still spiritual." So, what does it mean to be spiritual?

What I gathered from her profound statement was there was more to the word spirituality than checking off her "to do" list of going to church as well as all of the other things and errands she felt like she had to

do in order to feel that Sunday was not wasted.

A part of Barbara's spirituality was spending time with her family. For my twin grand daughters, Kathryn and Karolyn, a part of their early spirituality during their childhood age of reasoning and understanding was for both of them to discover one morning the beautiful moon and hundreds of stars aligning the heavens of God's creation as their mother was driving them to the bus stop at 6 a.m.

For older children ages 10 - 12, their spirituality could very well be the realization and appreciation of loving, responsible and caring parents. For teen-agers, finding their spirituality could be discovering who they are and what their purpose in life is, in terms of their vocation.

Once we discover what spirituality is and we inclusively understand and accept other's spirituality as different than ours, then we will have a greater appreciation of and respect for our Soldiers as well as other servicemembers.

After our minds are screwed on correctly concerning spirituality for ourselves and respect for others' spirituality, I want to remind myself first, and then others that our spirituality is more circular than linear. The way I see spirituality is that it does not necessarily begin at birth and end at death. To me our spirituality begins at birth and is circular in nature. We rediscover our spirituality possibly every day. Thus, as we view spirituality as circular, we have the opportunity to revisit our previous concepts and reflect on how we have progressively changed and moved forward.

I believe that spirituality means to seek to know God and yourself at the deepest level. Do you want to know God? If you do then you will begin the journey of spirituality between yourself and the God you want to know, and the God who wants to know you!

Discover God in the Bible, through other religious books, in the world of nature, through other people, through paintings, through crosses and other images that are made by mankind to remind us of God.

Fort Stewart Youth Ministry Conference

The Fort Stewart Youth Ministry Conference is 12:30 - 8:30 p.m., today at Vale Chapel. Sermon will be provided by Pastor Tom Davis. Praise and worship will be by Belinda Jane and Aubrey Mixon, and team impact Cesar Arocha.

Liberty County Mass Choir

Rehearsals are 7 p.m. every Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church, Hinesville. Contact Cathy Goolsby to get your book and rehearsal CD at machllube@coastal.net or 369-4818 and Ronald Calhoun at rcalhoun@schoolofchurchmusic.org or 247-3424

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	.Heritage	.9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	.Heritage	.5 p.m.
Protestant		
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 (Wednesday)	.Marne	.9:30 a.m.

Islamic
Friday Jum'ahMarne1:30 p.m.
Contact Staff Sgt. Aiken at 877-4053.

Jewish
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084.
FridayMarne11:30 a.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	.Chapel	.11 a.m.
Protestant		
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 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 the West Broad Street YMCA, 1110 May Street. Admission is \$3 per person. Call 925-7416 or visit www.savannahsabda.org

Every third Wednesday of the month

Open Mic Poetry Night - sign up 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. 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 cost \$6 and are available an hour before show-time.

Basketball Camp by AASU coach

Armstrong Atlantic State University head coach Jeff Burkhamer conducts clinics that emphasize basic basketball fundamentals that will help make players successful at the high school level and beyond. The camp is

held at AASU, Aug. 6 - 9 for boys and girls ages 6 - 14. For more information, call 927-5336.

Visit AASU 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. For more information or to schedule an educational tour, call AASU's plant operations at 921-5472.

Join ballroom dancing

Here are your opportunities to join together with Seaside Dance Association on Jekyll Island. The association has weekly dance classes Thursdays: 7 p.m., welcome and registration; 7:15 p.m., basic syllabus I dance class and advanced syllabus II dance practice; 8:15 p.m., advanced syllabus II dance class and basic syllabus I dance practice. Cost is \$4 per class for members and \$7 for non-members. Membership costs \$25 annually. Call 634-9527 for update.

Telfair open six days a week

The Telfair Museum of Art is on Telfair Square at 121 Barnard St. in Savannah. Admission is \$10. The museum is open 1-5 p.m. Sunday, noon - 5 p.m. Monday, and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. For more information, call 232-1177.

GIAHA presents Jazz in the Park

Sunday: Grogus - The hot Afro-Cuban Caribbean fusion sounds of this Athens-based ensemble create music that typically brings audiences to their feet. The diverse influences range from Tito Puente to Duke Ellington.

Aug. 26: Kelly-Scott Jazz Quintet - Another hugely popular act from last year with a team of expert musicians under the direction of hot trumpeter J.B. Scott playing traditional jazz from swing to mellow, and featur-

ing the beautiful voice of Lisa Kelly.

Sept. 23: Martha Bassett - Here's a refreshing new addition to Jazz in the Park, an acclaimed North Carolina musician and her band offering a flavorful menu of sultry Southern swing. Acoustic and dance sets nestle together for poignant storytelling originals and slinky standards.

Admission to Jazz in the Park is \$10 per person; ages 6-12 are \$5 and kids under 6 get in free. Season passes are also available now. Passes can be purchased at the Ritz Theatre, Downtown Brunswick by phone (with credit card) at 262-6934 or on line through GIAHA's Web site (www.goldenisesarts.org) through the secure PayPal service (click on **Jazz in the Park** on left navigation frame, then follow the links to the GIAHA shopping page).

For more information about Jazz in the Park, email GIAHA at info@goldenisesarts.org or call 262-6934.

Watch Sand Gnats baseball

Lets head out to the ballpark. Sit back, relax, and leave the driving to us. Bus departs Fort Stewart's Leisure Activities Center. Building 443, at 5:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. game. Sign up by Aug. 13. Cost is \$10 per person for ticket and transportation. For more information, call 767-2841.

Savannah Nightout Against Crime

Presented by the Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department. Begins at 5 p.m. in Daffin Park. Savannah's popular annual crime prevention event, featuring demonstrations, displays, refreshments, games, prizes and more. For more information call 651-6666. Directions: Take I-95 North toward Savannah. Take exit 165 for Georgia Highway 204 toward 37th Street and Abercorn St. Continue on East 37th St. Turn right at Price St., then left at East Victory Drive.

National Night Out in Hinesville

This is a kick-off event for the actual night.

presented by the city of Hinesville and various support agencies from Fort Stewart. The event runs from 4-8 p.m. at Bradwell Park. Bradwell park is located behind the Hinesville Court House off Main Street, and adjacent to city hall.

Enjoy Haynes' Creek Wildlife Fest

Located in Conyers, Ga., the wildlife festival, Aug. 25-26, features demonstrations, Okefenokee Joe, birds of prey, shopping and much more. For more information, call 770-860-4190. To get there, head west on Interstate 16 west, take the I-75N exit toward Atlanta, then take exit 216 toward McDonough. Turn left at Georgia highway 155.

Jekyll holds classic car fest

Jekyll Island will host a car fest Aug. 17-18 and display vintage cars in a family oriented festival setting. The event will have competitions and awards. For more information, call 404-870-8888. To get to the event take I-95 south toward Brunswick. Take exit 29, then turn left at U.S. highway 17 north. Take a sharp right at Georgia Highway 520 East.

Enjoy the Beach Boogie and BBQ

Enjoy Myrtle Beach, S.C., Aug. 31. There will be fun, sun, and BBQ all day. For more information, call 843 626-7444. To get there take I-95 north, Merge onto U.S. 17 to Charleston/Beaufort. Take U.S. 17 north to exit 220B toward Mount Pleasant. Take U.S. 501 south to Myrtle Beach.

Learn more about bird rescue

A new wildlife organization has opened near Statesboro, which specializes in rescue and rehabilitation for hawks, owls, and falcons rescue. If you would like to help this small, non-profit charity, contact Debbie Baca at 912-618-8888. You're invited to check out their website - www.rorsinc.com for cool photos of the birds they have helped.

Wiregrass fest shows military appreciation Sept 29

David Avery

Greater Tattnall Chamber of Commerce

The fourth annual Wiregrass Festival co-sponsored by the Reidsville Lions Club, the Greater Tattnall Chamber of Commerce and the Wiregrass Festival Committee is shaping up to be a fun-filled day loaded with activities the entire Family, especially the children, can enjoy. The festival is to be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 29 at the Gordonia-Alatamaha State Park in Reidsville.

The 2nd Annual Diaper Derby will be held at 2 p.m. in the stage area. The Diaper Derby proved to be a hit at last year's show. The race is open to all crawling babies no older than 15 months on the day of the race. The babies will line up in a straight line and their parents or guardians can stand on either end and encourage the babies to crawl faster, faster, faster with such enticements as toys, foods or bottles. After the race begins, adults may not cross over or onto the racetrack and may not touch the baby until the race has finished or the baby is disqualified. Any baby that stands and takes one step is, also, disqualified. The time limit of each race will be five minutes. In the event no baby reaches the finish line in the time limit, the closest baby to the end wins. The number of heat groups will be determined by the number of entries in the contest. First, second and third place winners in each heat will receive ribbons and all first place winners will advance to the final heat. The final heat winners will compete for the title, "Lil' Wiregrass Diaper Derby Baby" and a Grand Prize Package for the baby and parents, valued at more than \$150.

The registration fee for the Diaper Derby is only \$2. You can call Sue or Dean Miller at 557-6822 or the Chamber of Commerce office at 557-6323 or Jennifer Johnson with Tattnall Healthcare at 557-4345 for a registration form. The forms will be available until 1:30 p.m. on the day of the festival at the registration table.

Starting at noon, at the lake, there will be Paddle Boat Races hosted by the Gordonia-Alatamaha State Park.

There will be four-member teams and a fight to the finish. There is no charge for the boat races. You can register at the park office the day of the festival. Should you have question regarding the races, call the park office at 557-7744.

Little People Petting Zoo and Train Ride, owned and operated by Montine Hall of Jennings, Fla. will be on-hand and include guinea pigs, baby sheep, rabbits, hamsters, baby goats, baby chickens and guineas, and a train ride. There will be a wide array of arts and crafts booths as well

as food vendors with a variety of dishes from fried corn to burgers and fries and funnel cake.

We want festival goers to understand and appreciate the high Family values in Tattnall County. The cost for entry into the park is \$5 per car but if you show an active military ID there is no charge.

For more information on any of these activities, please call Jeanette DeLoach at the Tattnall Bank at 557-4381 or the Greater Tattnall Chamber of Commerce office at 557-6323 or David Avery at 288-1132.



Children enjoy pony rides at the 2006 Wiregrass Festival. The feature returns for the Sept. 29 event at Gordonia-Alatamaha State park in Reidsville.

Courtesy Photo



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It is hard to believe that last month's release "Live Free or Die Hard" was the 4th chapter in John McLane's "shoot 'em up", "wrong place at the wrong time" life story. Besides pleasant anomalies like Harry Potter and Star Wars, most sequels aren't worth watching after installments number 2 or 3. Then again, it has been over a decade since 1995's Die Hard with a Vengeance. Audiences were probably feeling nostalgic this time around. Whatever drew them to the theatres, what matters was they seemed happy once they got there.

In the first Die Hard (1988) Detective McLane must thwart German terrorist hostage takers in a Los Angeles skyscraper. In its

sequel, Die Harder (1990), off-duty McLane annoys a drug lord at a Washington, D.C. airport. With Vengeance another German baddie portrayed by Jeremy Irons seeks revenge for the death of his brother, which occurred during the Die Hard 1.0.

In Live Free its 2007 now. McLane is older, but probably at his most attractive. His personal life is just as crumbly as ever, but plot and new co-stars are definitely modern, hip, and worthy of the Die Hard franchise, which, after all, was once considered to include the greatest action movie of all time. This time a series of seemingly unrelated cata-



strophes brings our government to a stand still as an almost dashing young psychopath and his people perform what is known as a "Fire Sale" with at first unclear motivations.

I just love co-star Justin Long in his "mac versus pc" commercials and he brought a great and charming techno-geek vibe to the film. It was enough to make Neo proud. Asian-American beauty Maggie Q (Mission Impossible: III) brings to life one of McLane's most lethal adversaries to date, though not since Mr. &

Mrs. Smith has a man versus woman battle sequence been enough to make the politically correct squirm.

But enough about cute hacker nerds and the morality behind males destroying female warriors on screen - Die Hard 4.0 delivers. The stunts are so outstanding that I was laughing in amazement the entire time. Kevin Smith's cameo is also dazzling, but then I'm of the opinion that Smith is most brilliant in small, precise doses, just like this one. Willis seems at the top of his game and most definitely in his element. Believe it or not there is already talk of making two or three more Die Hard films!

Remember this film on your boyfriend's birthday. I'm sure the box set will be out in a matter of time. If you liked this, for your DVD renting pleasure, check out 300, Pathfinder, Mission Impossible: III, and 16 Blocks.