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Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Nov. 3, is paper. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



Lunch to honor Native-Americans

There will be a Native-American Luncheon at the Top of the Bay on Nov. 3, 11:30 a.m., with guest speaker Mitchell Bush, president of the American Indian Society. Tickets cost \$9; they can be purchased from Sandra Watcher, 410-306-1079; Lydia Elliott, 410-278-1131; David Blick, 410-278-6756; and Sfc. Shelton Torbert, 410-278-1534.

Marine celebration planned for Nov. 5

Join the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment in celebrating the 224th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps, on Nov. 5 at the Hyatt Regency in Baltimore. The ball will include a parade of period uniforms, cake cutting, dinner and dancing. Tickets cost \$40, and are going fast. They can be purchased from Gy. Sgt. Michael Looker, 410-278-9184, or Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tim Cooley, 410-278-2397.

Veterans Open House set for Nov. 9

In celebration of Veterans Month, the Maryland Job Service will sponsor an Open House for Harford County veterans on Nov. 9, 4:30-7 p.m. All veterans are invited to stop by to get information concerning Veterans Administration medical benefits and filing VA claims. The Job Service Veterans Representative also will be available to discuss job opportunities and other benefits for veterans in Harford County. The event will be held at the Maryland Job Service Office, 2 South Bond St., Bel Air.

Re-Nu-It Centers plan winter hours

The Re-Nu-It Centers in both areas of the post will begin winter hours Nov. 22. The Aberdeen Area center, building 5413, will be open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and the Edgewood Area center, building E-5703, will be open Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call Ellery Blake, 410-306-1108.

Speaker can help parents of teens

Parents, are you concerned about your teens' future? Is peer pressure a constant part of your teens' decision making? What about school pressures? Would you like to

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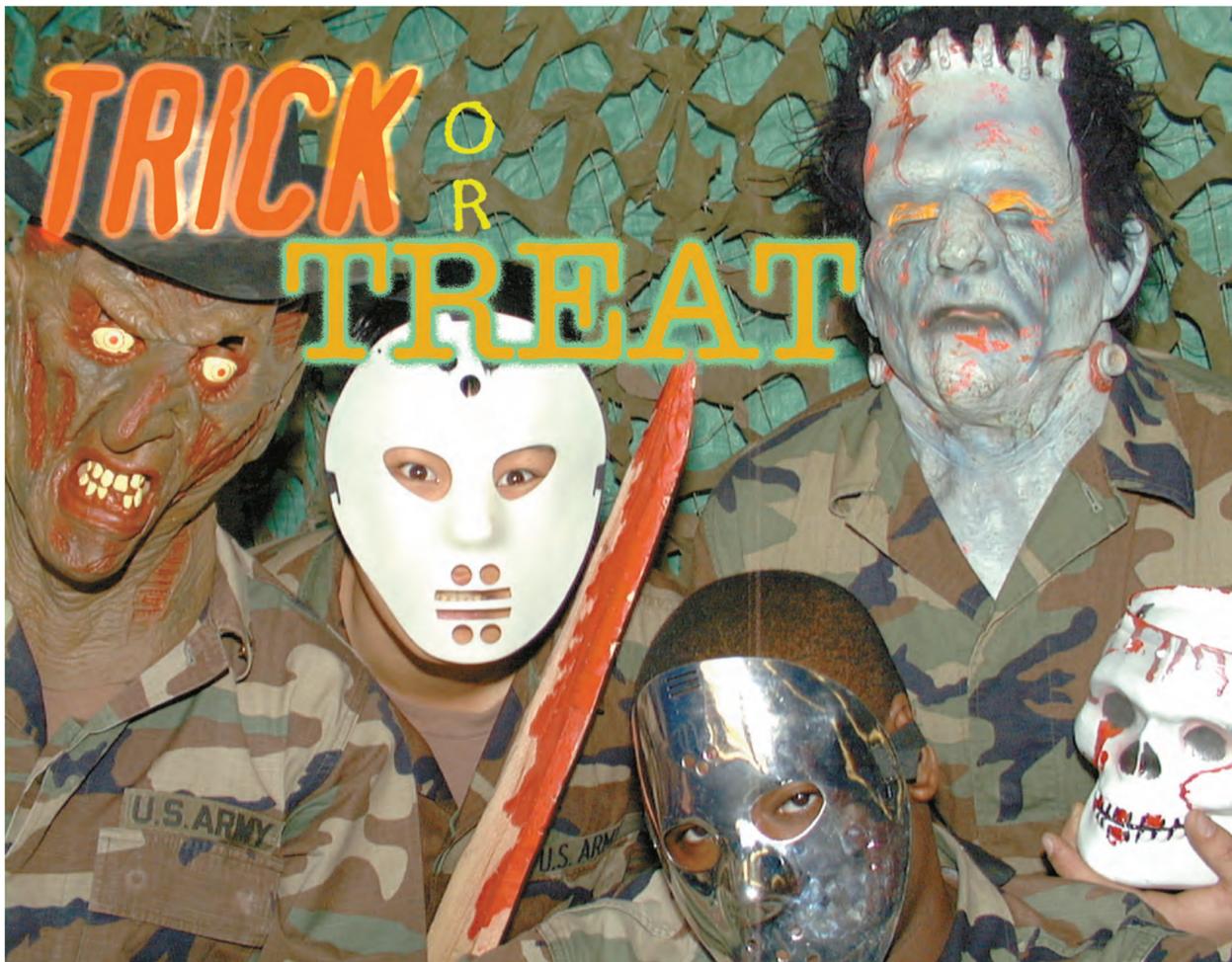


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Ghouls stand ready for unsuspecting visitors to 16th Ordnance Battalion's "Haunted House II: Last Rites of 1999." These HHC 16th soldiers took a break to pose in their monster garb before continuing work on building 3511, one of two haunted houses that open Oct. 28. From left are Pvts. Miguel Hernandez, Tony Lim, Bryan Anderson and Michael Hyers. Other participants include Pvts. Jared Fagonde and Khalim Jones and Sfc. Jeff Slifer, noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

Events include haunted house, fun festival

With Halloween coming up this weekend, organizations around post are planning events to celebrate the season.

Trick-or-treat

Trick-or-treating will be held on post on Sunday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. Post officials caution drivers to be especially alert for children that night, particularly when driving in post neighborhoods.

In the City of Aberdeen, trick-or-treating will be held Saturday, Oct. 30, 5-8 p.m.

Haunted houses and friendly ghosts

Halloween also marks the return of the 16th Ordnance Battalion haunted house. In its second year of scaring the public, "Haunted

House II: Last Rites of 1999" is described as a "Horror Coaster." Last year, the battalion created a "haunted dining facility." This year, house will be held at building 3511. For the young and the faint of heart, a friendly ghost will be added this year. Food and beverages will be available at Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park. The event will be held Oct. 28, 5-10 p.m.; Oct. 29 and 30, 6-11:30 p.m.; and Oct. 31, 5-10 p.m. For information, call 410-306-1538, or 410-278-8595.

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program is planning an event for adults, and another for families. The "Monster Mash Bash" will be held on Friday, Oct. 29, at the Aberdeen Area

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APG celebrates Disability Awareness Month

By Pat McClung
APG Public Affairs Office

Aberdeen Proving Ground celebrated Disability Awareness Month during an Oct. 21 luncheon that highlighted a shift in perception about people with disabilities.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, began the luncheon with recognition of this year's "Think Ability" theme, established by the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

"I consider today's luncheon a celebration and a challenge," Doesburg said to the 210 people at Top of the Bay. "A celebration of the accomplishments made so far, most specifically, to prohibit discrimination based on disability.

"The challenge is to overcome the attitudinal barriers left in our society that keep people with disabilities from becoming part of the working world," he added. "Attitude is key to raising the level of employment of people with disabilities."

Doesburg emphasized that APG's goal this year is to confront and change attitudinal barriers that still exist - "those that we see and those that we do not see."

The 800 workers with disabilities employed at APG are a critical part of the work force, he said, but many more are still waiting for an opportunity to prove themselves.

Entertainment was provided by the 389th Army Band Jazz Combo under the leadership of Sfc. Bruce Malone, and IMAGE from Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, Pa., a college-sponsored group of students who perform skits to songs, combining music from the hearing world with sign language from the deaf world to raise awareness to the hearing community.

During performances of the "Star-Spangled Banner," "What If," "Ain't Nobody's Business" and "Larger than Life," the skits used songs from

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SBCCOM program honored by Army

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

A post organization has been honored for its disability program, named the Army's best for "setting a standard excellence."

The U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, headquartered in the Edgewood Area, received the Best Disability Program Award at an Oct. 13 ceremony at the Pentagon, presented by Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of SBCCOM and Aberdeen Proving Ground, accepted the award on behalf of the command at the ceremony, which also was attended by SBCCOM personnel.

"This award by the Secretary of the Army is a true recognition of great folks who care - of great folks who know actions speak louder than words," Doesburg said. "The SBCCOM team is the epitome of the Army value, 'selfless service.' As I accepted this award on their behalf, I'm sure the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army and other dignitaries in attendance felt my pride in their accomplishments."

According to the Army's Office of Programs for Individuals with Disabilities, the award is based on "exemplary Disability Program accomplishments to include hiring, training and accommodating employees with disabilities and a dynamic and energetic community outreach effort."

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'Office Eagle' spreads wings at proving ground

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

A partnership between Aberdeen Proving Ground's Logistics Management Division and Blind Industry and Services of Maryland has resulted in two new Office Eagle Self Service Supply Centers on post.

The Office Eagle centers stock, sell and procure supplies and equipment for installation units, activities and organizations. BISM, which offers employment and rehabilitation assistance to those who are blind, renovated the Aberdeen area building, provided trained staff, many of whom are blind, stocked both locations and have begun operations in accor-

dance with the Javits/Wagner/O-Day (JWOD) Act.

Military, business and civic leaders from the community celebrated the opening of the stores with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the AA location on Oct. 19. Joseph Bond, director of the APG Garrison Directorate of Logistics, welcomed Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and APG, and Col. Robert J. Spidel, commander of APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, to the ceremony, held outside the store's entrance.

Guests included Aberdeen

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Brunch planned for Nov. 21

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

Top of the Bay once again will have Sunday Brunch, on Nov. 21, to see if the community is interested in the event.

"By scheduling these brunches, we are trying to provide a service to APG residents and employees," said Col. Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander and APG Garrison commander. "Many folks have said they want to have items like Sunday brunches."

This is the third brunch the post has had since it discontinued the once-popular weekly event several years ago. The Mother's Day Brunch in May did very well, he noted, but another held during the summer was less successful, possibly because of the number of people on vacation.

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Post plans to open gates for commute

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

The long-closed Magnolia Gate in the Edgewood Area and Aberdeen Gate in the Aberdeen Area will be open during rush hour traffic, starting Nov. 1.

"The intent is to reduce risks during the dark winter months," said Col. Robert J. Spidel, commander of APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

The gates will be open from 6-8 a.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m. weekdays, said Maj. Darrel Andrews, APG provost marshal.

"This will give the post work force a limited time to use the

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CFC doubles total from last week

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground doubled its Combined Federal Campaign total from last week, with donations adding up to \$108,099 by close of business Monday.

"If anyone doesn't know who their keyperson is, they can call us and we'll put them in touch with the right person," said Wayne Doyel, CFC co-chairperson, noting that keypersons are doing a good job of turning in forms.

Those who contribute \$1,000

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Fall Back

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night for Daylight-Saving Time.

Remember, this is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detector.

USAEC renews partnership with Edgewood Elementary

USAEC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Environmental Center renewed its award-winning partnership with Edgewood Elementary School for a third year during an Oct. 15 ceremony at the school.

In pledging support to the school's students and staff, Col. Edward W. Newing, commander of USAEC, challenged the students and USAEC volunteers to make the partnership "the best partnership in Harford County."

Newing told students his goal throughout his Army career was to be the best.

"Whatever you do, if you try to make it the best, you'll do well," he said.

First- through fifth-grade students demonstrated their talent with a choir performance and piano solo. Afterward, more than 20 USAEC volunteers read to classes throughout the school.

Daniele Johnson, a staffing officer in the USAEC Operations Center, brought books from her South African folk tale collection

and had students act out scenes.

"I had them do sound effects with me," said Johnson, who has participated in the opening ceremony for two years. "I like to read, and I like the kids."

The close partnership between USAEC and Edgewood Elementary School began in 1997 with USAEC volunteers helping with the reading support program, designed to bolster students' reading skills and vocabulary. These activities promote awareness of the environment and pique children's interest in professional careers in science and the military. Principal Allyn Watson said the partnership shows the students and the community that the Army includes scientists and other professionals working beside its soldiers.

USAEC volunteers are "modeling their strength of character, their beliefs, their commitment to work and certain ethics that make them good workers," Watson added.

"They're giving the gift of

time," she said, "and we can't thank them enough. Hopefully, we're giving back some wonderful moments of interacting with students at an early age, and the fulfillment of doing something for someone else."

Newing said the partnership benefits the students, the Army and the future of environmental stewardship.

The partnership earned USAEC the Harford County Partnership of the Year award for "direct service" to the school during the 1997-1998 school year. The award cited the joint efforts of USAEC and the school in strengthening the educational experience for students.

This year's program assists the literacy program by participation of USAEC environmental professionals reading to classes. Science night, a mock trial, Earth Day and other programs further the goals of the DoD school mentoring and federal school adoption programs announced by President Clinton in 1997.



Photo by NEAL SNYDER

Lt. Col. Thomas Frendak, USAEC chief of staff, reads a story to Edgewood Elementary School students.

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communicate more effectively with your teen?

Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program has invited Dr. Joshua Okundaye to speak to parents about today's teens, their challenges and how to encourage responsible choices, on Nov. 4, 6-8:30 p.m., at the Army Community Service Building, building 2754.

Okundaye is a professor of social work at Catholic University and the University of Maryland Baltimore. He also is on the faculty of Johns Hopkins University and operates a private practice in southern Maryland. His research interests are on youth and high risk behaviors, the child welfare system and adolescent drug use/drug trafficking. Okundaye's recent publications are included in major journals such as Social Work, School of Social Work and Journal of Children and Poverty. He has presented at national and international conferences, colleges and communities.

For additional information and reservations contact Peggy Horne at ACS, 410-278-3784/4372.

Sign up for gift wrapping

Sign up for the 1999 Christmas Gift Wrap Program, sponsored by Army and Air Force Exchange Service. All APG family support groups, non-profit organizations and volunteer activities affiliated with APG are eligible to participate. Those interested must contact Alice Surette, installation volunteer coordinator, 410-278-5469, by Oct. 26. Each organization must send a representative to a meeting on Nov. 3, 10 a.m., in the Quality of Life Office. AAFES provides wrapping paper, boxes and an area to wrap at the Main Post Exchange. Organizations and activities provide labor, tape, scissors and ribbon and receive all money the group earns. Wrapping starts the day after Thanksgiving and runs through Christmas Eve.

Clinic holidays coming up

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will observe the following holidays during November:

Nov. 11, Veterans Day; AMIC open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 1-888-999-5195 for appointments.

Nov. 12, training holiday; AMIC open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 1-888-999-5195 for appointments.

Nov. 25, Thanksgiving; AMIC open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 1-888-999-5195 for appointments.

Nov. 26, training holiday; AMIC open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 1-888-999-5195 for appointments.

New donor center opens Nov. 15

The new American Red Cross O&B Donor Center will open Nov. 15. Hours will be Mondays, 2-8 p.m., and Thursdays, 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. For scheduling information call 1-800-787-0091, extension 5412. "Double red cell" donation is available at the center, during which a donor gives twice the number of red blood cells as a typical whole blood donation, in about the same amount of time. Plasma and platelets are returned to donors, along with a saline solution. To donate, men must weigh at least 130 pounds and be at least 5 feet, 1 inch tall to donate double red cells. Women must weigh at least 150 pounds and be a minimum of 5 feet, 5 inches tall. Those who do not meet the criteria can donate using the traditional whole blood method at the facility, and no donors will be turned away, regardless of blood type.

The center does not replace the whole blood drives held on post each month, or the unit blood drives scheduled throughout the year. The next blood drive will be held at the Edgewood Area Chapel on Nov. 9, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Red Cross officials said the blood supply is at a dangerously low level. Call 1-800-GIVE-BLOOD for an appointment.

CA UPDATE

If you have questions about the Commercial Activities Study, send an e-mail message to the new address: castudy@apg-emh1.apg.army.mil. This replaces the old email address (castudy@tec1.apg.army.mil). The e-mail address is available for anyone who has a question, suggestion, or would like to voice a concern regarding the APG Garrison or Aberdeen Test Center CA studies.

The hotline phone number still is 410-278-9461, and the website address still is www.apg.army.mil/ca.html.

ID Card Office closed Nov. 8

The ID Card Office, Military Personnel Division, located in building 310, wing 3b, will close at noon on Nov. 8, for installation of computer upgrades. For more information, call 410-278-3108.

Nov. 12 is AMC military leave day

The U.S. Army Materiel Command has declared Nov. 12 a military training holiday. Post officials encourage civilian employees to take leave that day, which is the Friday after the Nov. 11 Veterans Day holiday, to let the post shut down facilities and save energy.

Final call for the fall semester

Harford Community College (HCC) is offering fall Term 2 classes at APG. Term 2 begin Oct. 28 and end Dec. 21. Students attend class twice a week for seven-and-a-half weeks. To sign up, stop by building 3146, room 11, or call HCC representatives Ken Morgan and Ernestine DuBois at 410-272-2338. Courses offered on post for Term 2 are Introduction to Corrections (Monday/Wednesday), Microeconomics (M/W), General Psychology (Tuesday/Thursday), Purchasing (T/TH), English Composition (T/TH), and Earth Science (M/TH). Classes run 6-8:50 p.m.

Local author to sign books

Local author Charlotte (Charlie) Hudson will be at the APG Main Post Exchange on Saturday, Oct. 30, to sign her latest book, *Orchids in the Snow*. Hudson not only is a military wife, but also a veteran. Her book provides a glimpse into the lives of post-Vietnam era families. The cover price of the book is \$11.95; the PX price is \$9.

Travel office open

The APG Travel Office now is open at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. The office includes the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, Carlson-Wagonlit Travel's official and leisure travel offices, and the Transportation and Passenger Section. The office is closed on federal holidays. For information, call:

ITR Office, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 410-278-4011;

CWT Official, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 410-273-1100;

CWT Leisure, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 410-273-1184;

Transportation and Passenger Section, Monday-Friday (closed every other Friday, APG Garrison compressed work schedule), 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed noon-12:30 p.m. for lunch), 410-278-3858.

Feast planned for Thanksgiving

Dining Facilities 4219, 4503 and E-4225 will serve the Thanksgiving Day Meal from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Nov. 25. Family members, retirees and guests are invited from 11:30-2:30 p.m. The standard rate is \$5 for officers, enlisted and family members of sergeant or above, DoD civilians, retirees and their guests. The dis-

count rate of \$4 applies to spouses and family members of enlisted personnel of private through specialist/corporal and non-profit youth groups authorized to eat at post dining facilities. The menu includes shrimp cocktail, roast turkey, baked ham, steamship round of beef, corn bread dressing, savory bread dressing, mashed potatoes with giblet gravy, candied yams, corn, green peas with mushrooms, and assorted salads and desserts.

Last party of the century

Celebrate the end of the century in style with the Caribbean Connection Association and the NCO Support Group starting on Dec. 31, 8 p.m., and continuing until the year 2000, at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Recreation Center. Tickets are available through the Aberdeen Proving Ground Recreation Center and association members. For more information contact Linda St. Louis, 410-272-3016, or Wendy Felix, 410-273-6553.

AA Thrift Shop donating funds

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop will donate funds this fall. If your group or organization would like to receive a donation, submit your request, in writing, by Nov. 1 to: Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop, Building 2458, ATTN: L. Conway, APG, MD 21005. State the purpose for the funds and provide a name and phone number of a contact person.

EA Thrift Shop to donate funds

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop will donate funds to services and charities beginning in November. If your organization would like to receive a donation for a special project, submit a request in writing to: Marcey Perez, EA Thrift Shop, P.O. Box 116, APG-EA, MD 21010. Requests must be postmarked by Oct. 31. State the amount and purpose for the funds and provide name and phone number of a contact person. Late requests will not be honored. For more information, call the EA Thrift Shop on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 410-676-4733.

Truckload sales coming soon

Two truckload sales will be held the weekend of Oct. 29-Nov. 1 at the APG Main Post Exchange. Simmons will return with the mattress truckload sale, and Whirlpool will hold a truckload appliance sale.

EA wives to raise funds

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club is holding its fall fundraiser, a Longaberger Basket opportunity. The basket sets offered this year include the Traditions Generosity Basket, Beachcomber and Seashell Baskets, and Homestead Basket and Homestead Crock. Tickets cost \$1 each, six for \$5. The winners will be drawn on Oct. 30. Profits will benefit community organizations. Tickets are on sale throughout post through EA-OWC members, or by calling Karen Chambers, 410-676-9142, or Debbie Della Silva, 410-272-6685.

CWF planning bus trips

The Civilian Welfare Fund has two upcoming holiday bus trips. On Nov. 20, CWF will sponsor a trip to see the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show in New York City. The price is \$85 per person, which includes charter bus transportation and the ticket for the show. There will be time before the show for lunch and shopping.

On Dec. 3, CWF will sponsor a trip to the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater to see the annual Holiday Show. The price is \$35 per person, which includes charter bus transportation, meal and the show.

For reservations, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever, 410-278-4603/4771.

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 28 SPOOKY FUN

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 29 BOSS HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program will throw a Halloween party at the AA Recreation Center. Tickets go on sale soon. Cost is \$3 in advance; \$5 at the door with costume; and \$7 at the door without costume. For more information, call Spc. Darnell Greene, 410-278-1995 or Pfc. Bethea, 410-278-8019.

COUNTRY DANCING

Enjoy the Halloween Dance and Costume Party at American Legion Post 128, sponsored by the Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, 7:30-11:30 p.m. No classes will be given. Cost is \$10 for non-members, \$8 for members.

USO-METRO JOB FAIR

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services (JETS), will co-host a Job Fair from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at SOSA Recreation Center, Fort Belvoir, Va. All members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and DoD and Coast Guard civilian personnel are eligible to attend this free job fair. Representatives from more than 70 companies with full or part-time positions have been invited. For information, call Dale Jovero or Ruth Dawn, 703-696-2552.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 30 INDOOR CARNIVAL

A family-oriented Halloween Indoor Carnival for adults and children will be held from noon-4 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center, sponsored by the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program. For information, call Spc. Jeneen Nash, 410-278-7022, or Senior Airman Gabe Fortman, 410-278-9882.

EA BINGO

The EA Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140, has bingo every Saturday with early-birds at 6:30 p.m., and seven \$500 games, two \$250 games and a progressive jackpot at 56# and \$2,600. The snack bar will be open before, during, and after bingo. For more information, call 410-436-2713.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

The American Cancer Society Harford County Chapter and other Baltimore area chapters, will hold the Second Annual Baltimore Day of Caring for Breast Cancer Awareness from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select, Timonium. Seminars, a luncheon, a fashion show and workshops will focus on all aspects of breast cancer - the risks, lifesaving value of early detec-

tion, treatment options, and the challenges and joys of survivorship. For information, call 410-836-2061 or 410-433-4486.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 31 FALL FESTIVAL

The APG Chapel will hold a Fall Festival from 5-9 p.m. Festivities begin with a chili cook-off at 5 p.m., and include bobbing for apples and other children's games, a piñata and costume judging. The chapel invites members of the APG community looking for an alternative to haunted houses and trick-or-treating to celebrate with them. Call the chapel, 410-278-4333, for details.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5 LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Lioness Club will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo at 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo costs \$10 per ticket (three cards); additional sets of three cards costs \$5 per set. For tickets, call Sandy Pierce, 410-273-7184 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

DECOY MUSEUM ANNIVERSARY

The Havre de Grace Decoy Museum's 13th Annual Anniversary Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. at the Bayou Restaurant, 927 Pulaski Highway, Havre de Grace, 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person, with checks payable to the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, 215 Giles St., Havre de Grace, MD 21078. For reservations or information, call 410-939-3739.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6 HOLIDAY PET PHOTOS

Have photos of your pet and family taken with Santa, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Humane Society of Harford County, 2208 Connolly Rd. There will also be a holiday boutique. For more information, call 410-877-1862.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7 HONOR VETERANS

Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter 70 will hold a Veterans Day buffet luncheon at 3 p.m. at Colonel's Choice Restaurant in Aberdeen. Cost is \$20 per person. Guest speakers will be Brig. Gen. Bettye Simmons, commander, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, and APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Dean M. Kolker. For reservations, call Wanda Story, 410-272-5040.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9 EA HEALTH BENEFITS FAIR

Learn about health benefits at the Federal Employees Health Benefits Health Fair, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., EA Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140. Health benefit plan carriers will answer questions and provide materials. Health benefits open season is Nov. 8-Dec. 13. For details, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, or see the web site, www.opm.gov/insure/index.html.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10 AA HEALTH BENEFITS FAIR

Learn about health benefits at the Federal Employees Health Benefits Health Fair from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326.

EA-OWC LUNCHEON

The EA Officers' Wives Club will hold its luncheon at Giovanni's Restaurant, Edgewood. APG Historian Jeff Smart will speak on the Battle of Gettysburg. Social time is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., with lunch at noon. Menu choices, which include salad, bread, dessert and beverage, are lasagna, \$11.25; chicken Sinatra, \$12.50; and veal parmigiana, \$13.25. Call Norma Blatterman, 410-671-9966, with menu selection by noon Nov. 5.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11 HCCTransfer FAIR

Harford Community College's Office of Academic Advising will host transfer representatives from area colleges and universities from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., who will meet with prospective transfer students in HCC's Learning Resources Center. For evening students, representatives will be on campus 5:30-7:30 p.m. Representatives will provide information on transfer of credits, financial aid, scholarship, housing, athletics and campus life. For more information, call the Office of Academic Advising at 410-836-4301 or 410-879-8920, ext. 301.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13 HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Roye-Williams Elementary School will hold a Holiday Craft Fair from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Crafters are needed. For information or registration, call 410-273-5536.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13 WOMEN'S WORKSHOP

The APG Chapel's Moment of Truth Gospel Service hosts the 7th Annual Women's Only Workshop from 9 a.m.-noon at the Post Chapel. The guest speaker, Elder Sharon Wilkins from the Sufficient Grace Tabernacle, Norcross, Ga., will speak on the theme "Women of Grace Fulfilling the Call of Destiny." This nondenominational event is free and open for all women. Free child care will be provided and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Elder Dawn Paul, 410-297-8157, or Sister Lisa Lyons, 410-273-6466.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18 BOSS DINNER

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program will sponsor a free dinner for all Aberdeen and Edgewood area service members at the AA Recreation Center, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required. See your unit BOSS representative to sign up, or call Spc. Canth, 410-436-5048.

MWR UPDATE

Framing, engraving available

The Aberdeen Area Arts and Crafts Center offers custom framing in time for the holidays. The professional staff will help you select the proper mat colors and frames to fit any decor. Conservation and museum quality framing is offered to preserve valuables. Fine art print catalogs are the newest addition.

The center also offers custom engraving, a way to express your gratitude for a retirement, commendation, or to let someone know that they are appreciated. Check out the selection of plaques and ornaments.

Basic framing classes are offered at the center. Bring your 8x10-inch image and leave with the finished product. Cost is \$15 plus supplies. Registration is required. For times and dates call 410-278-4207 or stop by building 2407 for information.

Join APG Riding Activity

The APG Riding Activity, a self-care boarding facility, has vacancies for box stalls. Monthly stall fees are \$40 per horse, and owners are responsible for the daily care and feeding of their animal. For more information call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

Weapons qualification

Shotgun qualification hours of operation at the AA and EA Deer Checking Stations will be curtailed effective Oct. 18. Qualifying with a shotgun is necessary prior to hunting at APG. The AA Station will hold qualifications on Mondays,

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon. The EA Station will conduct qualifications Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m.-dusk. For details, call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

Hunter-In-Charge class

Outdoor Recreation will sponsor a Hunter In Charge (HIC) class on Oct. 27, 6-8 p.m., at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. For information and registration call 278-4124/5789.

EA Arts and Crafts Center

Woodshop orientation: A basic woodshop orientation will be held Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in building E-4440. Cost is \$3 user fee. This class is required to work in the woodshop.

Ceramic class: A beginning ceramic class will be held Nov. 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$7 plus supplies. This class covers basic pouring and glazing techniques.

Porcelain dolls: Porcelain doll class will be held on Fridays, Nov. 5, 12 and 19, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Cost of the class is \$30 plus supplies. Students will be making a Sugar Britches Doll, sold in stores for \$150.

Framing class: Beginning matting and framing classes will be held Oct. 28 and Nov. 18, 5:30-9 p.m. Students must bring an 8x10-inch picture to frame. Cost \$15 plus supplies. Students must register in advance as space is limited.

Custom framing: The center does quality custom framing.

Hours: The center is open Thursdays, 1-9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Stop by building E-4440 or call 410-436-2153 for information.

Fitness center offers help

Take that first step to a lifestyle change for better health. Call the Aberdeen Area Health and Fitness Center and set up an appointment for a one-on-one consultation with a staff member. The center is a full-service facility with personal training, aerobics classes, kickbox aerobics and toning. The center is open Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon. For details call 410-278-9725/9759.

EA Health and Fitness Center

The Edgewood Area Health and Fitness Center has a new aerobics schedule for fall, with two new classes added. Aerobics classes are held Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. On Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m., Funky Step classes will be held. From 6:05-7:05 p.m., step classes will be held, followed by an abdominal workout. Aerobics classes with toning are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6 p.m. A new "Aero-Box" class will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Step aerobics will be held Saturday mornings. For details, call 410-436-7134.

Lunch-time bowling offered

Lunchtime bowling is offered at the APG Bowling Center. Gather your friends and co-workers and hit the center for lunch. The Snack Bar offers weekly lunch specials. Fall hours at the center are: Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-midnight; Saturday, noon-1 a.m., and Sunday, noon-7 p.m. Call for specials available for parties and events, 410-278-4041/2084.

MOVIES

CHILL FACTOR

Friday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 30, 9 p.m.

Starring: Cuba Gooding Jr., Skeet Ulrich

On a hot summer day in Montana, two young men, Time and Arlo, are in the wrong place at the wrong time. Time is charged with keeping a deadly chemical on ice and transporting it to Fort Magruder, 90 miles away. He finds out the best way to transport it is in Arlo's ice cream truck. For both of them, keeping cool becomes a matter of life and death. (Rated R)

STIR OF ECHOES

Saturday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m.

Starring: Kevin Bacon, Kathryn Erbe

Based on Richard Matheson's novel of the same title, Tom Witzky finds his blue-collar Chicago existence altered after he is hypnotized at a neighborhood party. What started as a diversion turns disturbing as a post-hypnotic suggestion releases a subconscious power Tom didn't know he had. (Rated R)

INTOO DEEP

Friday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 p.m.

Starring: Omar Epps, L.L. Cool J

How far can an undercover cop go into the ruthless underworld of an urban drug cartel, filled with violence, power and money, before he no longer can find his way out? Detective Jeffrey Cole is on a mission so dangerous, it could cost him his life and possibly his soul. (Rated R)

THE MUSE

Saturday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.

Starring: Albert Brooks, Sharon Stone

She has the lineage of a goddess, a touch of diva, good story sense, the basic instincts of a freeloader and the look of love. She breaks the writer's block of a Hollywood screenwriter, but also wreaks havoc on his life. (Rated PG-13)

WAPG-TV

The following programs are scheduled for WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, from Oct. 28-Nov. 3:

THURSDAY, Oct. 28

10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., Domestic Violence (10 minutes)

Noon, 8 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

FRIDAY, Oct. 29

10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., Domestic Violence (10 minutes)

8 p.m., U.S. Army Soldier Show - 1997 (83 minutes)

SATURDAY, Oct. 30

10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., Domestic Violence (10 minutes)

Noon, 8 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

SUNDAY, Oct. 31

10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., Domestic Violence (10 minutes)

8 p.m., U.S. Army Soldier Show - 1997 (83 minutes)

MONDAY, Nov. 1

10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., Domestic Violence (10 minutes)

Noon, 8 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

TUESDAY, Nov. 2

10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., Domestic Violence (10 minutes)

8 p.m., U.S. Army Soldier Show - 1997 (83 minutes)

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 3

10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., Domestic Violence (10 minutes)

Noon, 8 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

For more information on programming, contact Lynn Witkowski, 410-278-1151.

LEAVE DONATION

For information about donating annual leave, call Cheryl Gatling; 410-278-8978; or fax 410-278-8839. Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Michael Alexander (wife has cancer);
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement);
Barbara Breithaupt (multiple sclerosis);
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant);
Alberta Brown (mother ill);
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema);
Tammy Budkey
Melda Callendar;
Sheila Cassidy (mother has cancer);
Dawn Crouse (surgery);
William Edwards (back surgery);
Willa Freisheim
Stephen Howard (Bone Marrow Transplant);
Judy Hunt (arthropathy);
Lilly "Kitty" Johnson (surgery);
Marlin Julian (heart surgery);
Sharen Kaylor (eye surgery);
Jennifer Keetley (maternity);
Tracey Kerney (surgery);
Beverly King (caring for husband);
Lucy King;
Connie LaFlamme;
Sherrie Laury (heart problems);
Dolores "Dee" McGrogan (back problems);
Susan Naccarato (carpal tunnel syndrome);
Mary Pettway;
David H. Reed (wife ill);
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery);
Michael Reynolds;
Churon Ringgold (maternity);
Denise Robinson (maternity)
Ricky Ross (heart attack);
Mary Lee Samples (lymphoma cancer);
Teresa Oyler-Sayles
Allan Scarborough (Back Surgery)
Sherry Schaffer;
Richard Squillacioti (Terson Syndrome);
Walter Taylor (auto accident);
Lavonne Telsee (caring for daughter);
Gayle L. Thompson;
Joseph Walker (wife has cancer)
Cecelia Walton (respiration problems);
Kenneth Weathers (medical);
Willie Williams.

Chapel festival better than ever

By Sheila Little
APG News

With a decided nip in the air and a burst of color in the foliage, it must be autumn and time to celebrate the season.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Chapel's celebration, Fall Festival '99, takes place Sunday, Oct. 31, 5-9 p.m.

An event for the entire family, the evening begins with a video and discussion about the true meaning of Halloween, a costume contest, a chili cook-off, a cake walk, apple bobbing, pumpkin decorating and carving, skits, piñata breaking, and lots of candy, prizes and fun for all ages.

Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes and participate in the fun, said Marsha Perkins, coordinator for the event.

She added that the festival, scheduled during the post's trick-or-treat hours, is a perfect, non-threatening alternative to door-to-door candy soliciting, and is designed so that even the youngest participant feels safe.

"This is a chapel event, so we are asking that no one appear in scary costumes," she said.

Perkins said this year's festival promises to be one of the best ever held at the chapel, and she expects a large crowd.

Contests will be held throughout the evening, but

start with a costume judging. Prizes will be awarded for Most Original, Prettiest, Best Biblical, Best Famous Person and Best Story Book Character.

Additional game activities include a pumpkin-decorating contest for the younger participants using markers, paper and fabric; apple bobbing on a string; a timed team pumpkin-cleaning contest; carving a funny face in a pumpkin; and, once they are harvested, freshly roasted pumpkin seeds for all.

The games are planned for everyone, and everyone will win a prize. In addition, all attendees are encouraged to participate in the chili judging, so clear your palate and bring your discriminating taste buds, Perkins said. Chili awards will include mildest and hottest. Other foods of the season will be served throughout the evening, including candy and treats. Scheduled entertainment includes impromptu skits, and piñatas toward the end of the evening.

Perkins said that she has been with the chapel for 14 years, and as successful ideas are integrated into the annual event, less popular ideas are dropped year to year.

"We've held a festival for the last 10 to 12 years. It doesn't get bigger, but it does get better each year," she said. "This event is for the whole family."

For more information on this event or other chapel activities, call 410-278-4333.

Post Halloween events include haunted house

HALLOWEEN, from front page

Recreation Center. Tickets will go on sale soon. Cost is \$3 in advance; \$5 at the door with costume; and \$7 at the door without costume. For more information, call Spc. Darnell Greene, 410-278-1995 or Pfc. Bethea, 410-278-8019.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, BOSS will hold a family-oriented

Halloween Indoor Carnival for adults and children from noon-4 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center. Volunteers are need to run booths. For more information, call Spc. Jeneen Nash, 410-278-7022, or Sr. Airman Gabe Fortman, 410-278-9882.

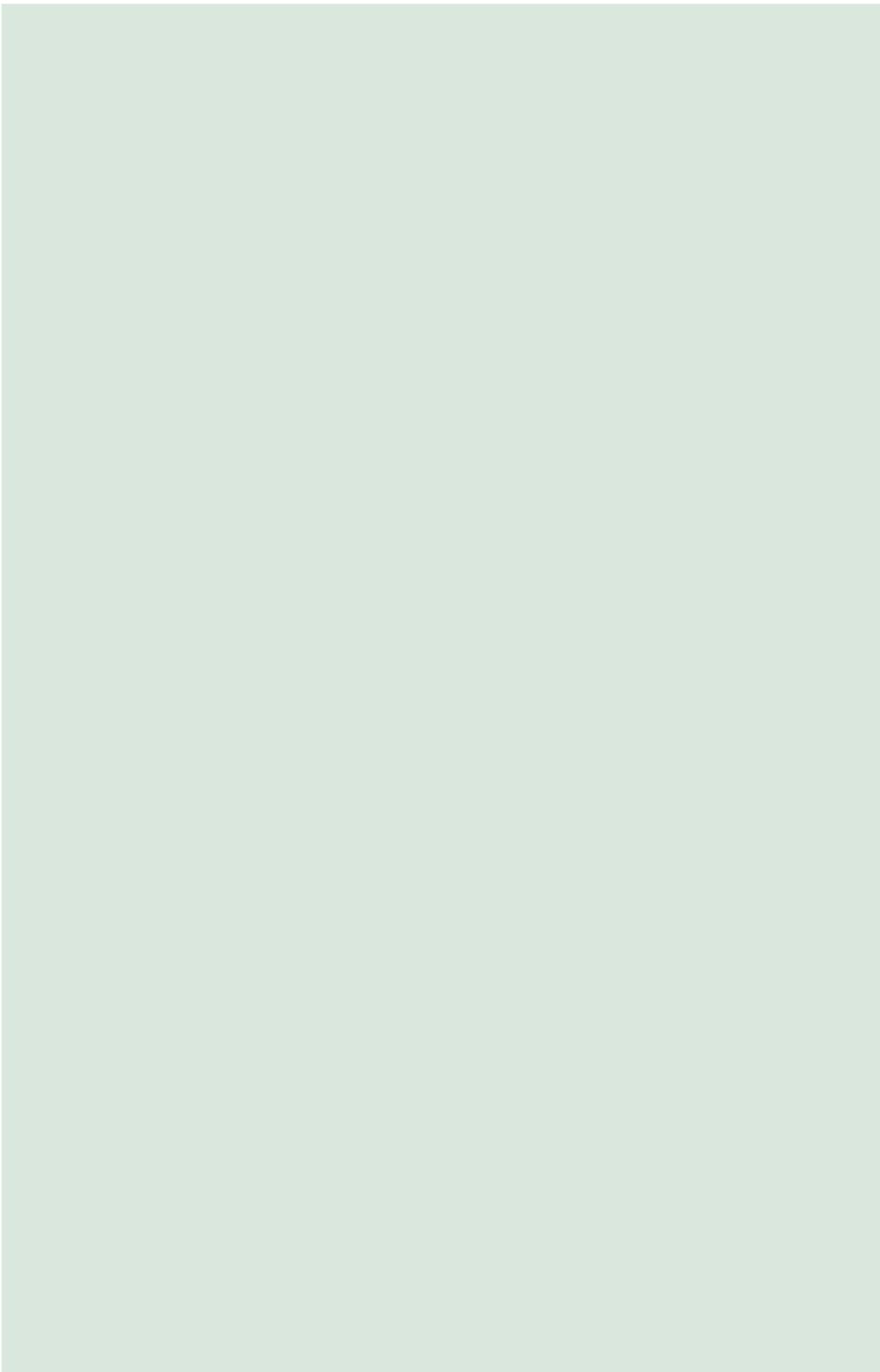
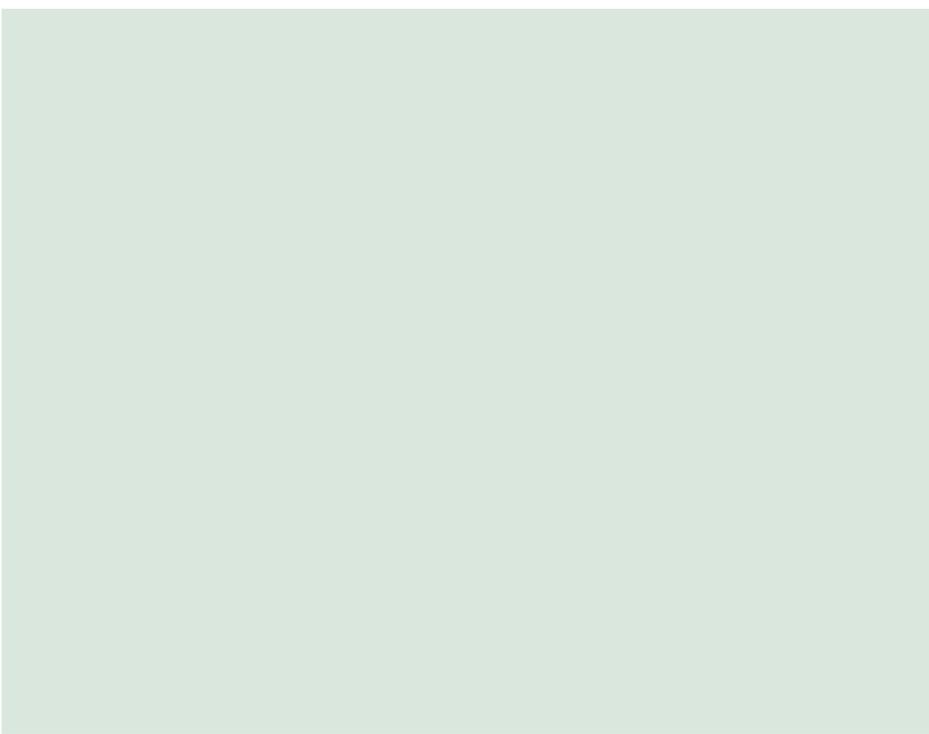
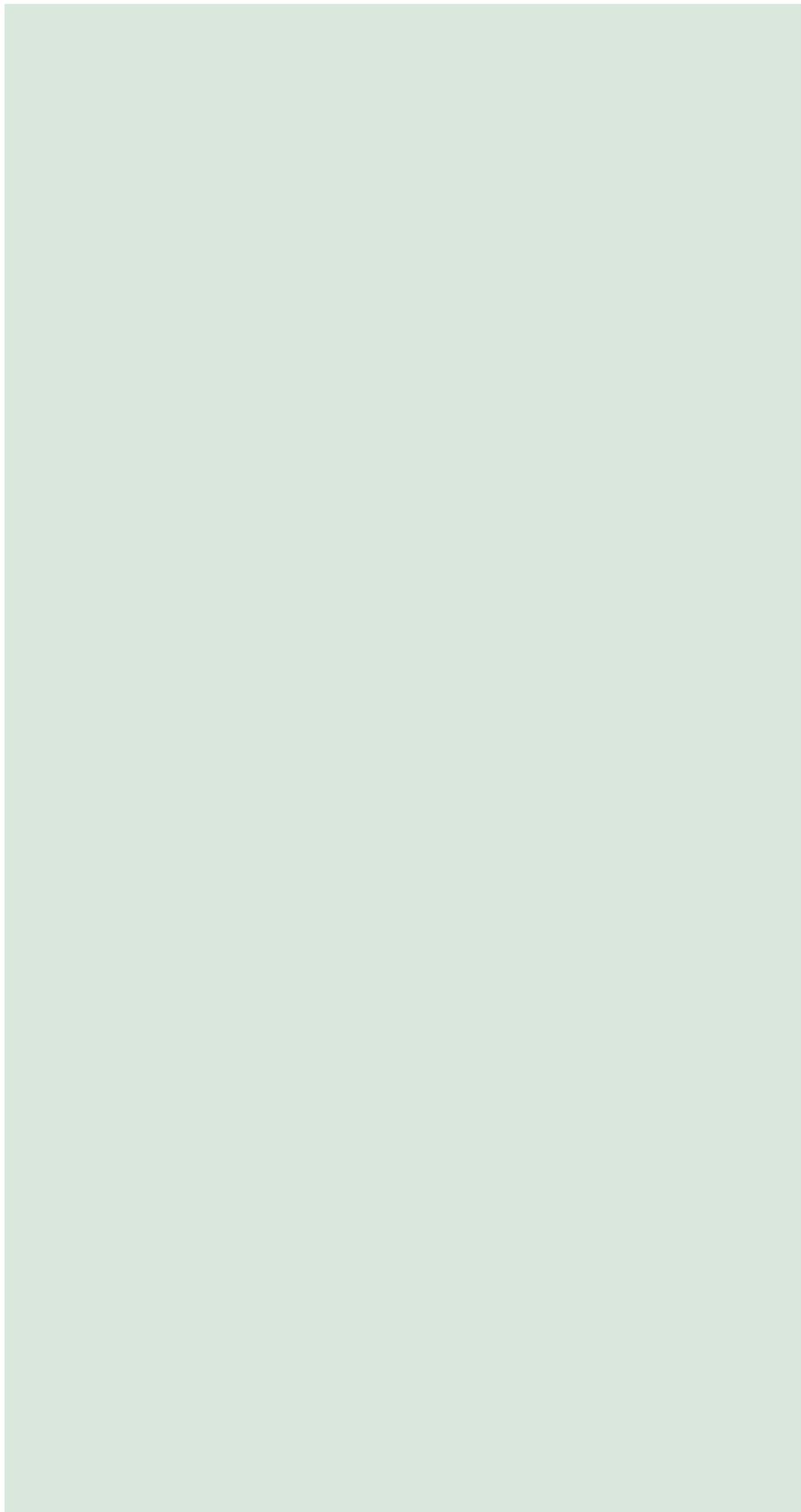
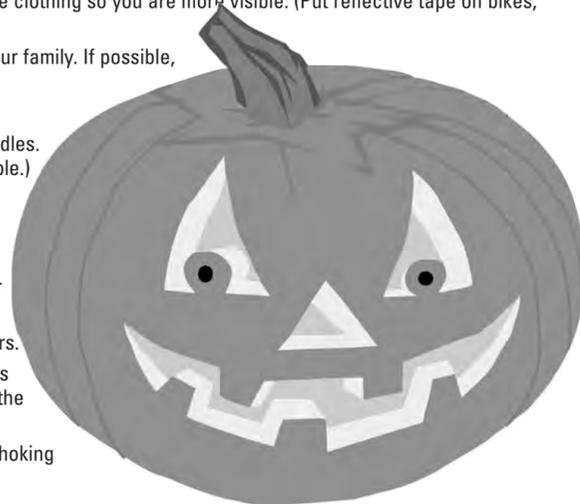
For those who want a celebration without the traditional Halloween trappings, consider the

Fall Festival at the APG Chapel on Oct. 31, 5-9 p.m. Chaplain (Maj.) Michael Wallman described the event as an evening of games, food, fun and prizes for military and chapel community participants, "a perfect alternative for Halloween." For details about the chapel festival, see the story, above.

Red Cross Halloween safety tips

With witches, goblins, and super-heroes descending on neighborhoods across America, the American Red Cross offers parents safety tips to prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable holiday.

- Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.
- Cross the street only at corners.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (Put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)
- Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.
- Carry a flashlight to light your way.
- Keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Visit homes with the porch light on.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.
- Be cautious of animals and strangers.
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating, and don't eat candy if the package is already opened.
- Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.



Magnolia, Aberdeen gates to open during rush hour

GATES, from front page
gates during rush hours," Andrews said.

He added that since the number of APG military and civilian police officers are limited, drivers should be aware that the potential exist for gates openings to be delayed on occasion due to police emergencies.

"We're asking the community to be patient and aware of security measures that the instal-

lation has taken to ensure the safety and security of everyone on the installation," he said.

The gates were closed in August 1998 as a force protection measure that required restricting the number of access points for vehicles and personnel to minimum levels when THREATCON measures increased. Andrews said that since that time and due to world events, the installation has been at THREAT-

CON level alpha plus, and has implemented some measures that fall under THREATCON Bravo.

"The installation has six gates, analysis was conducted and the least utilized gates were closed," Andrews said.

He added that the decision on the limited opening of the gates is subject to change depending on THREATCON measures.

CFC nearing halfway point of '99 campaign

CFC, from front page
or more will receive a framed print, "Freedom's Wings," an original work by local artist and Aberdeen Test Center employee Chris White. To receive a print through payroll deduction, Doyel said civilians can give \$38.50 per

pay period and active-duty military, \$83.33 per month.

Other gifts include a CD case for those who donate \$500-\$999, an insulated lunch bag for donations from \$250-\$499, and a campaign pin with an adjustable lanyard for \$100-\$249 contributions.

CFC accepts cash, checks and one-time donations, although payroll deduction is the "easiest and most preferred way," Doyel said.

Donations are tax deductible and payroll deductions begin in January 2000. The cutoff date for this year's campaign is Nov. 19.

Doyel said the goal is \$270,000.

The CFC Office is located in building 2001. More information on the CFC can be found at www.opm.gov/cfc or www.cfcmd.org, or by calling the APG CFC Office at 410-278-7402/3/4.

YOUTH UPDATE

Aberdeen Area events

November events

The following events are scheduled for November at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center:

Nov. 4, Disney on Ice: Bus leaves the AA Youth Center at 5:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 10 p.m. Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for adults and guests.

Nov. 4, Youth Sleepover, ages 7-12, 8 p.m.-8 a.m. The \$7 cost includes pizza, drinks, chips, activities and trophies. Space is limited to 30 youths. Youths must be signed up and paid before the day of the event.

Nov. 5, Teen Dance for high school youths ages 13-18. Youths older than 18 years but in high school must show proof of enrollment. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for guest. The dance runs from 8-11 p.m. There will be no other activities while the dance is in progress.

Nov. 6, Teen Roller-skating Trip, Putty Hill Skating Rink, 6-11 p.m., \$6 per person. Pay by Nov. 19.

For more information please call 410-278-4995.

Sports Shorts

In the soccer tournament Nov. 5 and 6, the APG "Lazers" will compete in the first APG Cup against Aberdeen 1 and 2 and Darlington, 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. at Shine Field.

A basketball clinic will be held Nov. 20 and Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 2-3:30 p.m., for ages 5 and 6. Cost is \$10.

Registration for youth basketball and cheerleading is being held through Nov. 15. The fee is \$30 for the season. Practice schedules will be available after the coaches' meeting Nov. 17. Parent participation is needed; for information, call Bill Kegley, 410-278-4995. If you are interested in being a referee, call Dan Pierce, 410-273-7184. A free cheerleading clinic will be held Nov. 15, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

See YOUTH, page 8

PET OF THE WEEK



Photo by DAVE MAYOR

Adopt 'Smokey'

This young, male black Labrador-mix, about 7 months old, is gentle and fun to be around. He needs a fenced yard and is available for adoption at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. Other cats and dogs are available for adoption; you do not have to be active-duty military to adopt animals. For details, call 410-278-3911.

STORK STOPS

Joshua Thomas Di Cuirci was born Sept. 4 and weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces. He is the son of APG residents Ellen Marie and Air Force SSgt. Thomas William Di Cuirci of the APG Air Force Detachment. Joshua's grandparents are Bruce and Becky Privett of Aberdeen, and Armand and Grace Di Cuirci of Ossining, N.Y.

Krista Joan DeHaven, right, was born July 29 and weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces. She is the daughter of Chrissy Laurel and Christopher James DeHaven of Aberdeen, Md. Her grandparents are Gene and Joan Gall, both of whom work for the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine; Jim and Val DeHaven of Aberdeen, and Greg and Brenda Bevard of Edgewood. Krista has a brother, Joshua Gall, and two sisters, Samantha and Ashleigh DeHaven.



Army honors SBCCOM for disability program

AWARD, from front page

The award noted that SBCCOM has a "well-rounded approach" to its program, including a work force that consistently has included 11 percent disabled employees and 4 percent targeted disabled employees, exceeding the Army and DoD goals of 7 percent and 2 percent, respectively.

The SBCCOM Corporate Information Office assisted the disAbility Awareness Team in developing a web site, on which official letters, policies and announcements are posted. The command also was recognized for "Project Employ," a program that offers employment assistance to those with cognitive disabilities.

The Command Ergonomic Center is an effort to fit the workspace to the person rather than the person to the work place. A release from the office noted that

"SBCCOM has taken an innovative approach to ergonomics," by giving personnel a chance to sit in, try out and use state-of-the-art computers, keyboards, chairs, screen enlargers for monitors, and other equipment.

The command also funds services by Access Travel, Inc., so employees can receive assistance during government-related travel.

SBCCOM supports Volunteers for Medical Engineering, a Maryland-based charitable organization that focuses on "one-of-a-kind" devices designed and built for individuals with disabilities and the elderly, which are not available through commercial sources. The SBCCOM VME Team started in February, and now is working on six projects.

SBCCOM also was recognized for developing a safety policy during hazardous weather to pre-

vent harm to people with physical disabilities, offering alternatives such as escorts, temporary alternate work site and pre-arranged work-at-home plans.

For our years, SBCCOM personnel have held free American Sign Language lunchtime classes for military, civilian and contract personnel and military family members. Recently, SBCCOM conducted ASL classes for personnel at the command's Natick Soldiers Systems Center in Natick, Mass., and provided interpreter services to civilian personnel at APG and Natick.

For four years, SBCCOM also has conducted outreach educational programs for disAbility Awareness to local schools.

SBCCOM has participated in the Maryland Unpaid Work Program for nine years, working with the Maryland Division of

Rehabilitation Services to provide an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to gain on-the-job experience and training. The Compensated Work Therapy Program assists disabled veterans in obtaining and maintaining competitive, supported employment by providing a structured, paid work experience; 38 veterans currently work at the command under the program.

The command has saved money through unpaid work opportunities and DoD Computer Electronic Accommodations Program. Positions filled through have included engineers, computer programmers, accountants, microbiologist, clerical and blue-collar workers, saving more than \$750,000. Since 1998, the command has saved more than \$14,000 in CAP equipment and services.

Post recognizes contributions of disabled

DISABILITY, from front page

different generations to deliver their message.

Following the performance, Doesburg introduced the guest speaker, Tim Harrington, a motivational speaker widely recognized as one of the nation's leading corporate consultants specializing in issues affecting individuals with disabilities.

"Almost 40 years ago, a man retired from the military after 20 years of service, a master sergeant in counterintelligence," he began. "Then he started another family by having a fourth child with a significant disability. This began the battle of this man's life - to set up his kid to have a life like his other three kids. That man was my Dad."

Harrington, born with cerebral palsy, described the barriers his father had to overcome to keep the school system in Toledo, Ohio, from segregating his son.

"They had a separate system for educating kids like me," he said. "They had a list of excuses

about why I couldn't go to school with everyone else."

Harrington said by the time he reached the eighth grade, he and his father had an answer for every excuse, and he started his neighborhood high school with a "bag of tricks," small accommodations which included a bus pass, tape recorder and special key for the handicapped elevator.

After one week, those accommodations were no longer necessary, Harrington told the audience. The kids in his neighborhood who drove to school stopped to give him a ride, fellow students gave him carbon copies of their notes, and he decided he preferred the stairs "because that's where the girls were."

"High school was the best experience of my life," he said.

Harrington referred to society's ignorance about people with disabilities as "a tragedy," explaining the way to overcome ignorance is to know other people - by playing with them, working with them, going to church with them.

That is why, he added, what is going on at APG is so important.

"Nine years after President George Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act we are not yet to the time when people with disabilities enjoy freedom and independence," Harrington said. "Your work must continue. We all must take responsibility for ensuring that they have the tools they need to be productive - that the programs and facilities are available to everyone here. We must take responsibility for communicating a philosophy of equality and cooperation. Today we need to stop and remind ourselves of our role in making this a better place."

Judy Matthews, APG Committee for the disABLED chairperson, thanked the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, Aberdeen Test Center, the U.S. Army Environmental Center, the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, and the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine for monetary contributions supporting the luncheon.

Guests included: David J.

Shaffer, director of AMSAA; Elmer F. (Smiley) Williams, director of the Civilian Personnel Operations Center Management Agency; Brig. Gen. Russell A. Eggers, deputy commanding general for mobilization at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School; Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander of DTC and his wife, Linda; Michael A. Parker, deputy to the SBCCOM commander; Col. Robert Spidel, commander of the APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; and Angela Check, APG Disability Program coordinator.

On Oct. 28, APG organizations and people will be honored by the Harford County Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

Awards will be presented to APG Garrison, 1999 Harford County Public Employer of the Year; Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center's Bradley Lowe, 1999 Harford County Public Employee of the Year; and Linda Casey, a mail courier at DTC in partnership with The Arc of Harford County, who will receive a Certificate of Merit.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

APG event outstanding

To the Editor,

Last week I attended the Disability Awareness Awards Ceremony, and the program was superb. I have been to many ceremonies for special employees throughout my military and civilian careers, and I can honestly say this one was the most outstanding I have ever had the pleasure of attending.

IMAGE Choir was fantastic. It was evident that people with hearing and speech disabilities can appreciate music, and have talents and aspirations like anyone else. Tim Harrington, guest speaker, was outstanding. His inspiring message full of wit, humor and enthusiasm was a real treat for everyone.

I especially thank Angela Check, Disability Program coordinator, and Judy Matthews, chairperson for the APG Committee for the DisABLED, and their staffs for putting on a marvelous program. I congratulate the entire disABILITY community for bringing skill and creativity to our work force. Their extraordinary accomplishments show the importance of broadening the circle of inclusion at the work place. Thanks to all for inviting me.

E. F. "Smiley" Williams

Director, Civilian Personnel Operations Center Management Agency

Sports and Fitness

Intramural Football League preparing for tournament

The following information was reported for the Intramural Flag Football League, for the week ending Oct. 22. Regular season for the three divisions ends Nov. 3.

National Division

USMC, 27; USAF, 0
A Co. 16th, 26; B Co. 16th, 14
USMC, 28; A Co. 16th, 6

Standings

C Co 16th11-1
USMC8-4
A Co 16th8-5
USAF5-9

Schedule

Nov. 3
8:30 p.m., C Co. 16th vs. USMC

Hoyle Division

Results

B Co. 143rd, 18; A Co. 143rd, 12

Standings

SBCCOM8-1
B Co. 143rd8-2
A Co. 143rd6-4
520th6-4
MRICD3-7

Schedule

Nov. 1

6:30 p.m., MRICD vs. A Co. 143rd
7:30 p.m., B Co. 143rd vs. CHPPM

Nov. 2

6:30 p.m., B Co 143rd vs. SBCCOM

Nov. 3

6:30 p.m., MRICD vs. 520th TAML
7:30 p.m. A Co. 143rd vs. SBCCOM

American Division

Results

No games played due to weather cancellations.

Standings

HHC 143rd8-1
NCOA6-3
HHC 16th6-3
HHC 61st3-4

Schedule

Nov. 1

6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. HHC 61st

Nov. 3

HHC 16th vs. HHC 61st

USMC tops soccer stats

The following results were reported at the end of round-robin play in the Intramural Soccer League.

Results

Oct. 23
B Co. 16th, 2; CHHPM, 0
C Co. 16th, 4; A Co. 143rd, 1
CHHPM, 1; A Co. 16th, 0
C Co. 16th, 4; B Co. 143rd, 1
USMC, 1; A Co. 16th, 0
A Co. 143rd, 3; CHPPM, 1
USMC, 5; B Co. 143rd, 2

Final League Standings

USMC10-2-0
A Co. 143rd8-4-0
C Co. 16th7-5-0
B Co. 143rd7-5-0
CHPPM6-5-1

The Post-Season Tournament will be played this weekend, Oct. 30 and 31, on Shine Field in the Aberdeen Area. The championship game will be played Tuesday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m., on Shine Field, followed by the award ceremony.

The Post-Season Tournament will be played the weekend of Nov. 6 and 7 on Shine Field in the Aberdeen Area. The top four teams from each

division advance to the tournament. The championship game will be scheduled once the final two teams in the tournament are determined.

SPORTS SHORTS

Turkey Trot coming up

Mark your calendars for the Sixth Annual Turkey Trot 5K Road Race on Nov. 20, 10 a.m. The entry fee is \$12 if registered before Nov. 19; a special rate is available for enlisted personnel up to specialist. Cash prizes will go to the top runners in each of 12 divisions, sponsored by USPA & IRA. Contact your local MWR gymnasium for entry form or more information.

Hunting Program offers variety

If you interested in hunting at APG, the Outdoor Recreation Hunting Program encompasses bow, shotgun and muzzleloader deer hunting; upland game (squirrel, rabbit, etc.) and trapping (furbearer and snapping turtles); and waterfowl hunting.

Eligible personnel include active-duty and retired military personnel and immediate family members, current and retired APG civilian employees, military retirees and immediate family members. Maryland National Guard personnel assigned to APG full-time and employees of multi-year contractors at APG also are eligible. Authorized guests, when accompanied by sponsor, may participate.

All hunters must possess a hunter safety education card or certificate (from any state), and a current Maryland state hunting license with appropriate stamps prior to purchasing an APG Hunting Permit.

Weapons qualification is required for deer hunting. Shotgun qualifications are held at the AA Deer Checking Station on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon; and at the EA Deer Checking Station on Tuesday and Thursday, 4 p.m.-dusk.

Bow qualifications are conducted by members of the APG Bowmen's Club.

Hunting areas are assigned by daily blind drawings (no Sunday hunting). Applications are filled out by hunters and submitted to the appropriate deer station by 1 p.m. the day prior to the hunting date. Draws for Monday hunting are conducted on Fridays.

Additional information on procedures and hunting seasons is available at Outdoor Recreation in building 2407, or by calling 410-278-4124.

Have a story for the APG News? E-mail it to kdrewen@apgnews.com, or drop it off on disk at building 324, second floor.

Supervisor of youth program will miss kids

By Sheila Little
APG News

If children who participate in the before- and after-school programs at the APG Youth Center seem a little down this week, it's for good reason. Aberdeen Proving Ground's School-Age Program site supervisor is relocating.

Gail Weinstein, an Aberdeen native, will become site supervisor of a similar program at the Air National Guard Base in Selfridge, Mich., in November, after 10 years at APG.

With a degree in early childhood education from Towson University, Weinstein began working with children at the child care center in 1989, then moved to the School-Age Program when it was established in 1995.

The program cares for students before school starts in the morning, and after school until 6 p.m., and operates full-time on public school holidays and during the summer. As program director, Weinstein oversees a staff of seven and supervises approximately 90 children.

At work by 6 a.m., Weinstein is at the center to receive the children and their parents, greeting both with a smile and cheerful word. She checks in the children as they arrive, supervises play and breakfast until 8 a.m., then oversees the center while the students wait in small groups for their buses.

After the children leave for



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Participants in the School-Age Program gather around a youth center pool table while Gail Weinstein shows them how to set up a difficult shot.

school, she conducts planning meetings with the program's seven group leaders, evaluating the morning and making arrangements for upcoming activities. In addition to planning in-house projects such as baking or crafts, she and her staff plan seasonal field trips for days when students are out of school. Students also are encouraged to participate in community service projects, such as holding food and clothing drives, visiting local nursing homes, and beautifying the neighborhood. One project this year involved pulling weeds and planting flowers at the Main Post Exchange.

In the afternoon, she is at the center to greet returning students and send participants to youth activities or home with parents.

Bheverli Freeman, a small group leader at the center, said Weinstein "is more than my supervisor, she's my mentor and friend."

Freeman added that when she came to the program as a new employee with no child care experience, Weinstein led by example, encouraged her, and gave her confidence.

Co-worker and Middle School-Age coordinator Jackie Dallago said Weinstein is loved and admired by the children, parents and staff.

"She's organized, yet spontaneous, and sweet, kind, and loving, yet firm," Dallago added, "That combination is hard to find. Everyone will miss her."

Several Roye-Williams

Elementary students shared what "Miss Gail" meant to them and why they would miss her. Brayanna Shepard, 9, said, "She's helpful and kind to everyone in the building, and really cares about us."

Fifth-grader De'Braylen Thomas, 10, agreed.

"If somebody is sick or hurt, she'll fix it," he said.

Andrea Rumbaugh, 9, said she appreciates the fact that Weinstein is attentive to everyone.

"If we have new ideas, she'll consider them," she said.

Nine-year-old Adam Flores appreciated the activities Weinstein planned.

"She plans lots of fun trips," he said, as he eagerly anticipated a visit to the pumpkin patch, complete with hay ride. Following the field trip, the class will bake pumpkin pies.

Weinstein said she is looking forward to her new job and locale, but has bonded with everyone involved in the program, and will miss the parents, staff, and especially the children.

She thanked the staff for making her job easier, and the children and parents for making her job fun, and promised to keep in touch with center personnel and participants.

"My parents are here in the area, so I'll be coming back all the time to visit them and the children," she said. "I know I'm going to miss all of them, but am looking forward to the future."

YOUTH UPDATE

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Edgewood Area events

Sign up for Driver's Education, featuring 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of driving. Cost is \$225 (\$215 for Youth Services members). The course is open to youths ages 15 years and 4 months and older. For details, call 410-436-2862 or stop by the EA Youth Center in building E-1902

Sports Shorts

For more information on classes, call Norma Warwick at 410-436-7131/2862.

Register for dance classes, which will be held Mondays. Beginning Ballet will be 5-6 p.m. for youth ages 3 and up. If there is enough interest, the group will be divided into two age groups, 3-5 years and 6-12 years. A Jazz/Modern Dance Program is offered for teens on Mondays, 6-7 p.m., from contemporary ballet to the latest funk. Classes are \$20 per month, \$25 for associate members. At least seven students must register.

Gymnastics classes will be held on Wednesdays for Tiny Tumblers (ages 3-5), 5-6 p.m.; Beginning Gymnastics (ages 6 and over), 6-7 p.m.; and Intermediate Gymnastics (ages 6 and over), 7-8 p.m. Cost is \$20 per month, \$25 for associate members. At least eight students must be registered to start classes.

Register for basketball and cheerleading. Boys and girls interested in playing basketball, ages 7 and older, may register through Nov. 20. Cheerleading is open to youths ages 6 and older. Practices will be at the Edgewood Youth Center; games will be in Edgewood, Churchville and Aberdeen starting in January 2000. Cost is \$30 per person. Ask us about family discounts.

November events

Mark your calendar for the Nov. 4 Open House, 4-8 p.m. Meet the staff, register your children for membership and other activities and enjoy face painting and games. Refreshments will be provided.

Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., Talent Show and Dance; see your friends and neighbors strut their stuff. Open for ages 8 and older.

Nov. 18, 6 p.m., Teen Council meeting; elect new officers. Teens ages 13 and older may attend and cast a vote.

APG says farewell to Walkers

Audience includes 'his kids' from community

On a crisp fall afternoon, as more than 40 of "his kids" looked on, Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Walker passed the colors of the Developmental Test Command to Command Sgt. Maj. Walt Litzenberger in a change of responsibility ceremony Oct. 19.

This was the final act of Walker's 22-month tour at DTC headquarters, a tour that saw him touch the lives of all with whom he came in contact, from soldiers at DTC's subordinate test centers, to children in local community schools.

"He is a great role model — always on the go, always working a project, always trying to make things better," said Brig. Gen. Dean Ertwine, commander of DTC.

Ertwine then went on to talk about Walker's "kids."

Walker's "kids" are students at Edgewood's William Paca Elementary School whom Walker "adopted" as part of the Hot Spot Program. From his first encounter with them, when he sat on the floor with them and colored, Walker tried to teach them that

having values, working hard and getting a good education are worth striving for, that they are the tickets to a bright future.

An example of his impact on their lives was their attendance at Walker's change of responsibility ceremony. At a time when children their age were busy playing in the neighborhood, these students chose to say goodbye to their mentor and friend.

Walker and his wife, Vickie, leave APG for Alexandria, Va., where he will become command sergeant major for DTC's higher headquarters, the new Army Test and Evaluation Command.

Ertwine presented Vickie with the Department of the Army Medal for Outstanding Civilian Service for "her significant and distinguished volunteer service to (APG), the local communities and family members."

"Together, the Walkers have really made a difference," Ertwine said. "They set a solid example for all our leaders to follow. Their positive impact on volunteer organizations and Army families has been both far-reaching and much

appreciated. The greater ATEC community is fortunate to gain this professional Army team."

In accepting the colors of DTC, Litzenberger pledged his commitment to the soldiers he will lead and to the DTC community.

"I will do my best to lead DTC's soldiers and non-commissioned officers, not only to continue their high standards of mission accomplishment, but also to develop their individual skills and abilities to the fullest . . . I appreciate the opportunity and trust to serve them as their command sergeant major," Litzenberger said.

Litzenberger has spent the past 22 months as command sergeant major for the 7th Corps Support Group in Bamberg, Germany.

"(Litzenberger) was selected to be DTC's command sergeant major because of his knowledge, extensive experience, and demonstrated leadership in a long series of diverse and challenging assignments, but most importantly, because of his impeccable record of caring for soldiers and their families," Ertwine said.



Photo by LAMONT HARBISON

Brig. Gen. Dean Ertwine, commander of the Developmental Test Command, pins the Legion of Merit on Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Walker as his wife, Vickie, looks on, during the change of responsibility ceremony Oct. 19.

Brunch slated for Nov. 21

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The brunch, which organizers described as "a great deal," offers a buffet with an omelet station, carved beef, smoked ham, seafood Creole, smoked salmon and chicken cordon bleu, plus traditional breakfast items such as French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon and home fries. Assorted salads and side dishes will round out the meal, and beverages include champagne and bloody Mary's.

"If the community is interested in having these events, I encourage them to support this brunch," Spidel said. "We have to find a way to make these events a success, or discontinue them."

The first seating will be held from 10 a.m.-noon, the second from 1-3 p.m. Reservations are required by Nov. 16; call 410-278-3062/2552. Advance payment can be made with a major credit card. Cost is \$13.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children ages 6-11, free for children ages 5 and under.

'Office Eagle' spreads wings on APG

EAGLE, from front page

Mayor Douglas S. Wilson, BISM President Frederick J. Puente and BISM Chairman of the Board Don Morris.

Doesburg said APG was pleased to join 69 other installations who have welcomed affiliates of National Industries for the Blind. BISM is a 91-year-old industry with more than 240 employees, half of whom are blind.

"We appreciate them spending more than \$200,000 in renovating these buildings," Doesburg said. "There is no comparison between this and the old SSSC."

Morris, who is legally blind, said BISM's main objective is to serve the installation while providing employment and assistance to people who are blind.

"A lot of blind people appreciate this chance to live the American dream," Morris said. "If we haven't got what you want, let us know and we'll get it."

He encouraged all purchasers to "bring your IMPAC cards and come see the quality, value, price and service" of the Office Eagle stores.

Purchases from the store can be made by any Federal



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

APG Commander Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg leads the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the Office Eagle Self Service Supply Center, operated by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland. From left are Aberdeen Mayor Douglas S. Wilson, Logistics Management Division chief Anita Howell, director of store operations Ken Barnett, BISM Chairman of the Board Don Morris, BISM President Frederick J. Puente, Deputy Installation Commander Col. Robert J. Spidel.

IMPAC/Smart Pay card holder. Both stores stock large items and customers may use catalogs in the

store or from their offices, to make orders.

"There is a next-day availability on most items," Morris said.

Puente credited Anita Howell, chief of the Logistics Management Directorate of Logistics, and Ken Barnett, director of store operations, with making it all happen.

"Anita Howell really has a big 'S' on her chest, and without Ken Barnett I wouldn't know what to do," Puente said.

"The opportunity you give the blind all over the country cannot be purchased and the commitment they've made to the military is unmatched," he told the audience.

Howell explained that the recent Commercial Activities study "looked to eliminate SSSC and let IMPAC cards prevail."

"Then we found that BISM set up stores in Maryland and we contacted them," Howell said. "And here we are today."

Howell noted that the hardest part of the changeover was keeping the store open through the renovation.

"We were open until September 17, then we reopened on October 1," Howell said.

The two stores, building 320 in the Aberdeen area and building E-3007, on Bush River Road in the Edgewood Area, have been open since Oct. 1 and are staffed and controlled by BISM.

Store director and U.S. Air Force retiree, Ken Barnett, said the two years he has worked for BISM has been a rewarding experience.

"We don't just find jobs for blind people, we try to create jobs," Barnett said. "We also try to re-give them the tools they need to do their jobs."

An example, he explained, is ZOOM TEXT, the magnification program built into the cash registers that allow cashiers to enlarge letters on the monitors. In addition, a CCTV scanner allows them to manage the characteristics of the letters on the screen.

"Some people only need larger fonts and different colors to see well," Barnett said. "Re-give them their tools and you will find them to be some of the hardest workers around."

Store manager Rick Rapson said two employees are legally blind, but whether sighted or blind, all are required to be "multifunctional."

"We all train at the headquarters at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware," Rapson said. "Everyone is skilled in receiving, warehousing, stocking and working the cash register. Sighted or unsighted, we can find products in the catalogs for you or research products that aren't in the catalogs."

Rapson said in most cases, catalog orders placed by 5 p.m. will be received the next day.

Store hours are unchanged for the Aberdeen Area store - Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on alternate Fridays.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Vivian Merritte, a supply technician at Aberdeen Test Center, selects self-stick notepads from a shelf in the new Office Eagle Self Service Supply Center. Brown noted greater variety and a wider range of selections in the new store. "They have things that you used to have to go to Wal-Mart to get," she said.

Army Family Week

The following specials are scheduled for Army Family Week, Nov. 21-27:

Bowling Center

Family bowling - each family member bowls for only \$1.25 per game with 75 cents shoe rental during open bowling throughout the week. During Cosmic Bowling, each family member will bowl for \$1.75 per game. Make it a family outing!

Golf Course

10 percent discount at any APG golf course during Army Family Week.

Outdoor Recreation

Ski rental half-price coupons for active duty military and their eligible family members. Coupons good for one time during the 99/00 season. Coupons can not be used for season packages or in conjunction with any other discounts.

Health & Fitness Center

20 percent off fitness center user fees for all first time center participants during Army Family Week.

AA & EA Libraries

Family-related book displays and reading lists.

EA Arts & Crafts

Free ceramic pouring class Saturday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m.

Automotive Crafts Center

\$1 off bay fees during Army Family Week.

EA & AA Recreation Center

Family Bingo, Nov. 27 in the Edgewood Area, Nov. 28 in the Aberdeen Area. Special \$500 games with regular bingo games.

Top of the Bay

25 percent off all lunch menu items Nov. 24-26.

Army Community Service

Year-round classes and programs for military families. Stop by building 2754 during Army Family Week to see what we can do for you.

Youth Centers

Parent and child basketball games. Fun, and games Nov. 22, 23 and 24, 6-8 p.m., AA Youth Center. On Nov. 23, 6-8 p.m., at the EA Youth Center, enjoy crafts, turkey shoot, woodwork, face painting, basketball and more.

AA Child Development Center

Afternoon social for parents and children, Nov. 24, 2-4:15 p.m.

EA Child Development Center

Family Pot Luck dinner, Nov. 23, 4 p.m.

Family Child Care

Playgroup fun at EA Youth Services Nov. 24, 9:30 a.m.

AA School-Age Services

Nov. 23, Family Bingo, arts and crafts, starting at 4 p.m.

EA School-Age Services

Nov. 22, art with your child, Nov. 23, family bingo, both starting at 4 p.m.

Quality of Life Office

Pick up your free "Army Families Are Special" stickers at either Child Development Center, Youth Center or library during Army Family Week.