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Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Sept. 5 is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

EA library closes for one week

The Edgewood Area branch of the Garrison Library system will be closed from Sept. 2 to 8 due to severe staff shortages. Library assistance will be available at the Aberdeen Area branch, 410-278-3417.

Re-Nu-It Centers close for Labor Day weekend

The Edgewood Area Re-Nu-It Center will close for Labor Day weekend at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 31. The Aberdeen Area center will close at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 1. Both centers will resume their regular schedules at 8 a.m. Sept. 4. For information call William Settles, 410-278-8814/8815.

KUSAHC training holiday Aug. 31

Kirk observes a training holiday Friday, Aug. 31. The Afterhours Clinic will be open by appointment from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call the Nurse Triage Line, 410-278-1751 for an appointment.

Commercial Activities Hotline up and running

The CA telephone hotline at 410-278-7414, and CA email hotline at CA.Hotline@usag.apg.army.mil, are available to provide updates and answers to your questions concerning the CA Study. In addition, CA is now showing up as a choice on the first page of the APG Web site, www.apg.army.mil.

Movies cancelled for Saturday

The post theater will be closed Saturday, Sept. 1 to support the Dreamchaser Tour at Shine Sports Field. Gates open at 4 p.m.

Pharmacy down for weekend

Due to changes in automation systems at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and the entire National

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Edgewood teen makes junior basketball nationals

School starts Tuesday

They're back — students, teachers return to classroom

By Sheila Little
APG News

If you sense excitement in the air, it may be because families are preparing for the last summer holiday of the year, and students are getting ready for another year of classes.

As parents run around securing school supplies and children run around enjoying those last few days of summer sun, Harford County Schools are preparing to receive the influx of students from the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the surrounding area.

School begins Tuesday, Sept. 5, the day after Labor Day. If you are new to the area, or even if you have been here for a few years, there are some changes, and some of those changes directly relate to students living on post in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

The county school population is projected to remain relatively stable, at just under 40,000 students. Last year's official count of 39,562, is projected to inch up by 200 students.

Military welcome

Don Morrison, spokesman for Harford County Public Schools, said the county enjoys working with the children of military members and makes an effort to ensure student transition goes smoothly for all involved. He added that military unit involvement, called the school "adoption" program, continues to be a positive influence. He singled out the efforts of the 389th Army Band, as they work with Aberdeen High School band members, saying that students, faculty and service members have expressed great satisfaction with the program. He added that other schools in the area are also benefiting from military support.

"The Edgewood Elementary School and the U.S. Army Environmental Center cooperative effort is one of the most active and beneficial in the county," he said.

AEC personnel tutor students in many subjects and assist with special programs, such as the Arbor Day salute each fall.

In addition, as the county looks into a magnet school program in Aberdeen, they are also looking to the military as a source of technical expertise and partnership.

There will be some changes for Aberdeen High School students. Freshmen will attend classes at Aberdeen Middle School, supplemented with portable classrooms. Sophomores, juniors

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Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Moving in to her third grade classroom at Roye-Williams Elementary School, Plumb Point resident Evelyn Atchison, who taught fifth grade at the school last year, sorts books and stocks shelves in preparation for the first day of school, Sept. 4.

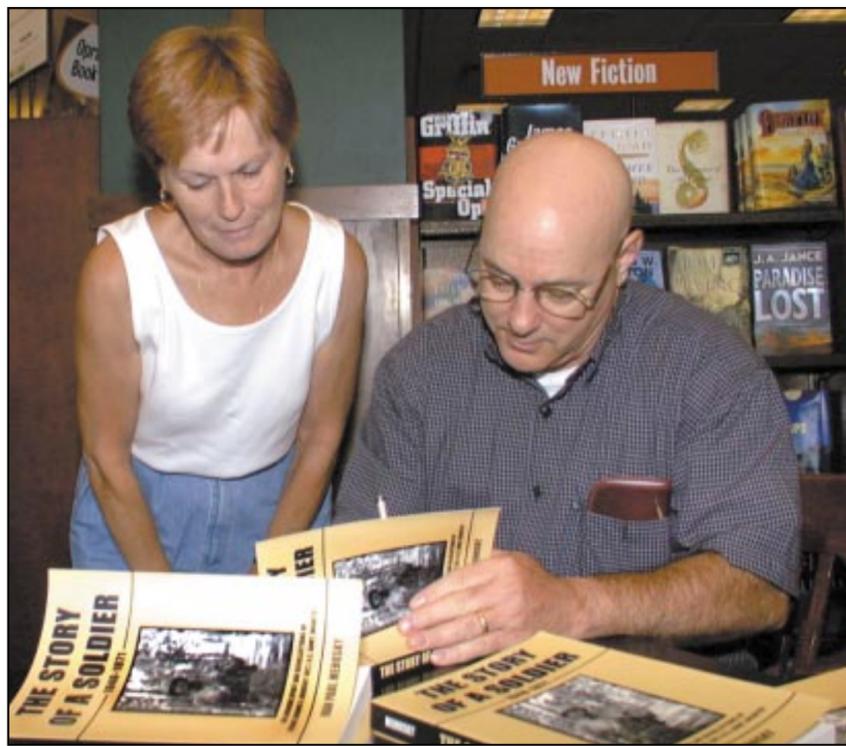


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Ivan P. Mehosky, right, signs a copy of his book, "The Story of a Soldier" for local fan Connie Turek in the Barnes and Nobles book store in Bel Air Aug. 18. The store sponsored the book signing for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison employee whose work is also available on line and in the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum gift shop. Access information on "The Story of a Soldier" through www.amazon.com or www.rutledgebooks.com.

APG author's book debuts at local bookstore

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's newest author got his first taste of fame Aug. 18 at a book signing held in the Barnes and Noble bookstore in Bel Air.

Ivan P. Mehosky, acting youth development specialist with APG Garrison's Army Community Service, wrote "The Story of a Soldier," which debuted in bookstores and online in August and is available at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum gift shop.

The book details the life of Mehosky's father, retired Col. Edward S. Mehosky, a decorated veteran of WWII, the Korean War and Vietnam. The book is the culmination of a 10-year information-gathering project that began as a hobby then blossomed into an obsession for Mehosky and his wife, Charlotte.

The book focuses on Edward Mehosky's military career that spanned from 1940 to 1971. It opens with his vivid

recollections of the jump on Normandy during WWII when he was a paratrooper with the 3rd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Coincidentally, the book's debut came just weeks before the release of the new Home Box Office mini-series, "Band of Brothers," a WWII epic that follows events in the lives of members of Edward Mehosky's regiment.

Ivan Mehosky said he interviewed many of the same veterans depicted in the film during his research for "The Story of a Soldier."

"The movie is about the men of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Regiment. My dad was in Company H, 3rd Battalion, at the time and he knew some of the officers in 2nd battalion," Mehosky said adding that people should watch the series to "get an idea of what it was like."

The regiment also participated in the jump on Holland as part of Operation 'Market

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Women's Equality Day celebrated at APG

By Sheila Little
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground honored some of its finest as the APG Federal Women's Program sponsored the annual Women's Equality Day Aug. 22.

The afternoon ceremony, held at Top of the Bay, was attended by nearly 100 men and women from throughout the installation and surrounding community, and featured music, refreshments provided by the Civilian Welfare Fund, a motivational program and presentation of awards.

All were treated to classical guitar background music, provided by Staff Sgt. Robert Dietz of the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), while viewing posters of women of the workforce performing a variety of services in both traditional and non-traditional occupations.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and APG, greeted nominees and guests with his message asserting the need for the program and supporting equal pay for equal work.

"We need to ensure that pay and opportunity are equal for all,"

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Dreamchaser Tour comes to APG

Teen songstress Jessica Simpson brings her Dreamchaser Tour to APG's Shine Sports Field Sept. 1.

Sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the concert features Simpson and special guests Youngstown, Eden's Crush, Plus One and Toya.

The show includes a portable venue dubbed the Extreme Mobile Venue, an arena on wheels consisting of a 300-foot stadium stage complete with a sound system and lights, concessions

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Photo courtesy of www.Jessicacentral.com

Teen star Jessica Simpson headlines her Dreamchaser Tour at APG this weekend.

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Capital Region, the pharmacies will experience system down time Aug. 30 through Sept. 3. The system will return to normal operations on Sept. 4.

During this period, the ability to process prescriptions and especially refills will be extremely limited. The refill telephone number is 1-800-248-6337, or visit the Web site, <http://consult.wramc.amedd.army.mil/refills>. For assistance, contact the pharmacy at 410-278-1945 or 410-278-1946.

ACS presents relocation workshop

Army Community Service Center presents the Easy Movin' Workshop on Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to noon. Call Tricia Jewitt, ACS, to register, 410-278-7474. Topics will include financial planning, relocation planning, pay and entitlements, exceptional family member concerns and more.

Meet with ACS focus group

The Army Community Service is conducting a focus group Sept. 4 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to get feedback on their current programs and services. All military family members are encouraged to attend and share their ideas on how ACS can better support the military families and operational readiness. Childcare will be provided. Meeting will be at ACS, building 2754. Call Reeshemah Bugg to register in advance, 410-278-7474.

Meet The Arc

The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region is holding open house to provide the public with information regarding The Arc's mission and vision, including a testimonial from an individual or family benefiting from their services. The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region assists people with developmental disabilities identify and pursue personally-valued lives. Attend an open house for one-hour on Sept. 11 at 5:45 p.m., Sept. 12 at 7:45 a.m., Sept. 12 at noon, Oct. 9 at 5:45 p.m., Oct. 10 at 7:45 a.m. or Oct. 10 at noon.

For more information, call Elaine Orbino, 410-879-6785, ext. 350, fax to 410-893-3909 or visit the Web site at <http://www.arcncr.org>.

Want to be a millionaire?

On Sept. 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. all Exceptional Family Members and their families are invited for an evening of fun, games, food and activities at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Bring a refreshment and RSVP to Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator at 410-278-7478 or 7474.

Learn to enrich your relationships

Army Community Service will offer Enrich Your Relationships classes to present the techniques of building relationships -- learning respect, communication, understanding and listening skills. Day and evening classes are forming.

For more information, call Marie Mastracco, ACS, 410-278-7474 or 7478.

MCSC kicks off new year

If you are looking for a great way to get involved in the Aberdeen Proving Ground community, look no further than the Military and Civilian Spouses Club. The club will sign up new members on two different dates and locations -- Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 10 Plumb Point Loop, and Monday, Sept. 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 2822-A Shandy Hall Road.

Membership in the MCSC is open to spouses (or surviving spouses) and members of the U. S. Armed Forces on active duty or retired, spouses or surviving spouses of Department of Defense civilians, and DoD civilians. The club provides a support system for its members, fosters community unity, broadens and enriches the lives of its members, and promotes community relations. Last year, MCSC raised more than \$7,000 for community programs and scholarships. For more information, call Julie Koob, 410-297-6630, or Amy Peterson, 410-273-5961.

Mentors needed one hour per week

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Maryland is beginning a program to work with the Aberdeen area public schools matching adult mentors with children in one-on-one friendships. Volunteers are asked to meet with their "Little" for one hour per week, usually during lunchtime or after school on a set day throughout the school year. This provides a young person with a supportive adult friendship that helps him or her succeed.

For more information or to volunteer call Wendy Bohdel, 410-688-4985.

Parents exchange information

On Sept. 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Parent Information Exchange, or PIE, presents "Back To School" for Exceptional

Family Members at Army Community Service in building 2754. Agenda includes special education, independent evaluation plans, and you and your child's rights. RSVP to Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, 410-278-7478 or 7474. If you need childcare, please contact her by Sept. 6.

17th Signal Battalion reunion planned

The 17th Signal Battalion Association is planning a reunion from Sept. 18 to 22, 2002, at the Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel, Williamsburg, Va. The reunion will emphasize a military theme and will include a golf tournament. According to Arlo D. Janssen, the association's vice president for public affairs, the 17th Signal Battalion Association is a designated WWII Commemorative Community. For more information, call Arlo D. Janssen, 703-281-3170, at 10209 Cedar Pond Drive, Vienna, Va., 22182, or email adjanssen@aol.com.



Education Center offers certification testing

The Army Education Center will administer the Automotive Service Excellence certification tests Nov. 8, 13, and 15, for military personnel (active duty, Guard and Reserve). There is a \$26 registration fee plus a \$21 charge for each test. Soldiers having a military occupational specialty, or MOS, of 52B, 52C, 52D, 61C, 62B, 63B through 63Y, those who previously held the MOS, or those currently enrolled in an associates degree program in automotive technology, will have their test fee paid by the Army.

Funding is limited to three specialty tests. The automotive tests to be administered are engine repair; suspension and steering; brakes; engine performance; automotive transaxle; manual drive train and axles; electric and electronic systems; and heating and air conditioning.

The truck tests include gasoline engines, diesel engines, drive train, brakes, suspension and steering. Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support (DANTES) does not fund the advanced engine performance or the truck electronic, diesel engine diagnostic specialist tests that cost \$41, or any recertification tests.

For more information and to apply for these tests, visit the Aberdeen Area Army Education Center, building 3145, or call 410-278-2380 or 3515, or visit the Edgewood Area Army Education Center, building E-4410, or call 410-436-2166.

Application deadline for these tests is Sept. 10.

TRICARE for Life briefings

Kirk US Army Health Clinic will hold briefings on "TRICARE for Life" for all those beneficiaries 65 and over at the Post Theater. The dates and times are:

- Sept. 5 - 10 a.m. to noon
- Sept. 12 - 6 to 8 p.m.
- Sept. 14 - 10 a.m. to noon
- Sept. 18 - 6 to 8 p.m.
- Sept. 19 - 10 a.m. to noon
- Sept. 25 - 6 to 8 p.m.

An additional briefing will be held at the Edgewood Conference Center Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to noon.

EAOWC holds hot dog sale Sept. 29

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives' Club will sponsor a Super Hot Dog Lunch Sale Sept. 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the APG Commissary. For just \$1, lunch includes a hot dog, chips and soda. Stop by before shopping, between soccer games or on your way to the PX.

Manager needed for EA Thrift Shop

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop is accepting applications for the position of manager. Duty hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Applicant must be a valid military ID card holder. The paid position requires one month of manager

training without pay. For more information, contact Marcey Perez, 410-676-4733, or stop by the Thrift Shop, building E-1633.

Managers needed at AA Thrift Shop

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop is accepting applications for the positions of manager and clearance room manager through Aug. 23. Duty hours are Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. These are paid positions

For more information, contact Diane Wilson, 410-297-8508, or stop by the AA Thrift Shop, building 2458.

CWF sponsors tea party

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a Tea Party at the Hays House, 324 S. Kenmore Avenue in Bel Air, Sept. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. Presentations will be given on the "History of Tea" and "Language of the Fan." Touring of the museum is welcomed and questions will be answered by costumed docents. Custom blended teas, iced tea punch, pastries, scones and finger sandwiches are included. The price is \$14 per person.

Please contact Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603 or 4771 for reservations.

Reward offered for missing property

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Resident Agency Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$4,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) responsible for the larceny of 30 Panasonic notebook computers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, which occurred sometime between July 3 and 5. Any information concerning this crime should be provided to the Criminal Investigation Command immediately. This reward expires on Oct. 9. Contact the APG Resident Agency at 410-278-5261 or 5262.

Kirk holds Diabetes Overview classes

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is offering Diabetes Education Overview classes beginning Sept. 4. All TRICARE enrolled individuals with Diabetes, or parent(s) or sponsor(s) of a diabetic, are encouraged to attend. Four two-hour sessions will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday, Sept. 4, 11, 18 and 25. The class will be taught by a certified Diabetic educator and registered dietician. Classes will be held at the Preventive Medicine conference room (room A-12) at the clinic. For more information, or to sign up for the first class, call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

Kirk holds classes on healthy eating

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic offers four one-hour sessions on "Healthy Eating" Weight Control from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the Preventive Medicine conference room (room A-12). All TRICARE beneficiaries with a desire to learn more about healthy eating, including parent(s) or sponsor(s) of children with eating concerns are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to sign up for the first class, call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

Kirk holds class on living with stress

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic offers a two-hour "Living With Stress" class on Thursday, Sept. 13 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Preventive Medicine conference room (room A-12). All TRICARE beneficiaries interested in learning about stress, its causes and strategies to help deal with it are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to sign up, call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

Kirk offers Take Care of Yourself classes

KUSAHC will hold "Take Care of Yourself" classes from 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. All patients enrolled in TRICARE Prime are eligible to attend. The purpose of the class is to teach patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and when to see a doctor. The classes will be conducted by a registered nurse using the Take Care of Yourself handbook given to each patient enrolling in TRICARE Prime. At the end of each class, medication cards will be given out which will allow patients to pick-up specific over-the-counter medications without a prescription. This education class and pharmacy privilege is limited to TRICARE Prime patients only. Call 410-278-1725 to sign up for the class. Class dates are Sept. 5 and 19.

Tobacco cessation class offered at Kirk

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is offering four one-hour tobacco cessation sessions every Thursday, from noon to 1 p.m. starting Sept. 6. In the Preventive Medicine conference room (room A-12). All military beneficiaries are encouraged to attend. Sign up now as class size is limited. For more information, or to sign up for the first class, call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

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PET OF THE WEEK



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

You can make Sarah smile

Sarah is a 4-month-old Rotweiller-Lab mix with a beautiful black coat. Very much a puppy, she is playful and friendly and longing for a home of her own. Sarah and several other cats, dogs and kittens are available for adoption at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. You do not have to be active duty military to adopt a pet. For more information, call the VTF at 410-278-4604.

LaSalle recognizes MRICD for encouraging research and guiding future scientists



Photo by CINDY KRONMAN

Dr. Gerald Ballough, left, assists summer researcher and LaSalle University senior Joe Jaworski, reading a slide at the microscope in the neurotoxicology laboratory at USAMRICD. Jaworski was one of seven La Salle students recruited by Ballough to work at MRICD this summer. This is Jaworski's third summer at the institute. MRICD also hires top students from other universities.

By Sheila Little
APG News

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense and Philadelphia-based La Salle University are working closely together with mutual benefits, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Gerald P. H. Ballough, an associate professor of biology at LaSalle and former National Research Council associate at MRICD.

During university recesses over the past seven years, Ballough has returned to the neurotoxicology laboratory at MRICD to continue his research.

Currently concentrating on ways to circumvent damage from nerve agent exposure, Ballough and his senior colleague, Dr. Margaret Filbert, plan and conduct research and offer guidance and assistance to student researchers, many of whom are among the top science majors at La Salle.

At university graduation exercises earlier this year, Ballough received the Lindback Award for teaching excellence. The award, which comes with a monetary benefit, was named for founders Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback, and is presented to top college and university professors in the Philadelphia and southern New Jersey areas.

Honorees are selected based on a demonstrated command of the subject they teach, familiarity with advances in the field, fairness and judgment in grading, and ability to relate the subject to other fields of study.

"I feel I must give something back directly, to feel the slightest bit worthy of the blessings I've received," Ballough said about the rewards of teaching. "It's all about helping each other, and I'm in the right place."

Recognizing the research education contributions of MRICD to the students of LaSalle, the university took the opportunity this summer to formally demonstrate its appreciation to the research institute, as well as to Filbert, by presenting each with an engraved plaque. In addition, Ballough presented Filbert, his research collaborator and former mentor, with a bouquet of flowers.

"Thank you to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense for providing excellent research and career opportunities to La Salle students over the last six years," said Dr. Margaret MacManus, Dean of La Salle University's School of Arts and Sciences. "We look forward to many more years of continued cooperation."

Accepting the award on behalf of MRICD,

Col. James A. Romano Jr. thanked the university for the recognition, and acknowledged the efforts of Ballough and other institute researchers and staff who participate in guiding future scientists. He said that the institute strives to provide a bridge for young scientists and encourages research for the benefit of the American soldier and U.S. allies. He acknowledged the efforts of Ballough and the entire team of scientists at ICD, many of whom recruit bright talent and offer encouragement and guidance to all summer hires and interns.

"I want to thank La Salle University for their spirit of cooperation, and for acknowledging that none of us can do it alone," Romano said. "This award demonstrates that the impact of MRICD extends well beyond the borders of APG, and ICD's scientific impact continues to be recognized and appreciated by the academic community."

Although many of the institute's summer research interns and contractors come from other universities, Ballough's enthusiasm and connections assure a healthy influx of La Salle's brightest students, year after year.

Joe Jaworski, a La Salle senior, has worked at MRICD under the direction of Ballough for the past three summers researching possible countermeasures to chemical warfare agents.

"His enthusiasm for science and life in general is contagious and my summers are full of wonderful memories," said Jaworski as he spoke of Ballough. "He is always there to help his students."

Jaworski added that Ballough's teaching does not end at the end of the day, and he insists on an informal teacher-student relationship, asking those around him to address him by his first name. Available outside the classroom and research lab, Ballough encourages students to try new experiences and offers help wherever he can.

"I had never sailed before this summer, and now Gerry refers to me as a reliable crew member," Jaworski said. "Working with him is a blast."

Jaworski added that working in a research laboratory with a reputation for excellence in chemical and biological agent research has been a wonderful experience for him.

"I would like to thank USAMRICD for giving me the opportunity to work with Gerry and all the other excellent people at APG. The environment at the institute is very welcoming, and the researchers and maintenance crew are friendly and helpful all the time," Jaworski said. "It has been a very positive experience."

Gallery Guide and Catalog signing at Ordnance Museum

Civil war weapons display owner signs autographs

By E.C. Starnes
OC&S

Steve Schmit, the designer and owner of the Swords and Sabers of the Union Army display at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum will be on hand Sunday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. to autograph copies of a gallery guide and catalog of the exhibit.

He will have copies of the guide and catalog for sale during this time.

A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the Ordnance Museum.

The 30 edged weapons went on display July 13 and will remain on exhibit until Sept. 30.

The display also features an interactive game to test visitor knowledge of the Civil War weapons.

For more information about the signing or the Ordnance Museum, call 410-278-3602.

The Communicator watches over APG

Employees urged to learn emergency procedures

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In times of atmospheric or environmental emergencies, the Aberdeen Proving Ground area is prepared to weather any storm thanks to an advanced early warning system dubbed 'The Communicator.'

The Communicator is a computer-based notification system that contacts designated personnel or area residents during emergencies or routine test notifications. It is primarily used during Army-mandated exercises conducted quarterly at APG to notify Emergency Action Officers of weather advisories, Chemical Accident Incident Response and Assistance and Nuclear Accident Incident Response and Assistance exercises.

Warnings come in the form of a telephone call from the Emergency Operations Center. When answering such a call, individuals should listen to the entire message and follow any instructions given before hanging up, said Rogelio Chevannes from the Emergency Operations Center.

When the caller says, "I have an important message for you. Press any key on the phone now. Please touch any number on the key pad, one to zero. If you have received this message on your answering machine or voice mail, call the system to receive the message at 410-278-5225."

"Many people hang up the phone too soon or fail to pass the information on to the Emergency Action Officer or other

personnel in the work place," Chevannes said. "It is essential they listen to the entire message or Communicator will redial the number and valuable time will be wasted.

"These exercises are designed to protect those living and working on the proving ground and government property in

for yes, 6 for no." If you do not press 6 for no, the Communicator will call you back.

Chevannes added that commanders should ensure a copy of the APG Disaster Control plan is maintained in the work place. In accordance with APG Regulations 500-2 and 1-3, anyone who feels they should be notified in the event of an emergency may submit a memorandum to the EOC, Plans and Operations Division, Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization, AMSSB-G-PF-P. The memorandum must include the person's name, office and home telephone numbers. If there is more than one name, they should be listed in the order in which they want to be notified. Whenever there is a personnel change, the EOC should be notified promptly.

Chevannes urged that employees familiarize themselves with established Disaster Control plans and follow the directions given when contacted by a Communicator text message.

"Remember, emergency procedures are in place to guard you and your family," Chevannes said. "Learning the system and understanding how to use it is your best protection."



Practice phone fraud prevention

To help consumers protect themselves against phone fraud and other types of scams, AT&T offers the following suggestions when people are calling from a public phone at the mall, on the street or while traveling:

Protect your calling card number by blocking the telephone keypad with your body as you dial the number.

Whenever one is available, use a card reader phone that automatically reads the billing information on your calling card, so you don't have to say the number aloud. If you must read your card number to an operator, speak softly or cup your hand around the mouthpiece.

AT&T Calling Card customers can restrict its use on international calls – the favorite use of calling-card thieves.

Report a stolen calling card or suspicion of fraud to your long-distance company immediately. The company will cancel the calling-card number and issue a new card to you. AT&T Calling Card customers should call 1-800-CALL-ATT (1-800-225-5288).

While the popular belief is that older people are the most frequent targets of scam artists, in actuality, people of all ages, income and education levels

and lifestyles can be taken in. All consumers should be wary of a call from someone who:

- Guarantees a credit card with a high credit limit just in time for holiday shopping but wants an up-front payment.
- Claims to represent a charity you're not familiar with.
- Says you need to buy something or pay a fee to win a prize.
- Asks for your credit card, calling card, bank account or social security number.
- Uses a company name that is intended to sound like a government agency or a well-known company.
- Pressures you to act on the offer the same day.
- Acts as if he or she has done business with you before.
- Is unwilling to send you written information on the offer or give you references.
- Claims you've won a prize and you haven't entered a contest.

TSP opens to military

The Thrift Savings Plan is coming to the Uniformed Services starting Oct. 9. TSP, a retirement savings and investment plan, has been available to civilian employees of the Federal Government since 1987. It offers savings and tax benefits to participants similar to many private corporations' "401(k)" plans.

For a unit briefing on the TSP, please contact Tricia Jewitt, financial readiness coordinator at the Army Community Service, 410-278-4372.

The TSP briefing contains information on enrollment, how to elect money into the various TSP accounts, how to designate a beneficiary, and benefits of the TSP.

"Story of a Soldier" available at museum

AUTHOR, from front page Garden,' the defense at Bastogne and the epic Battle of the Bulge.

Mehosky said he met and interviewed some of the men from Company E, capturing their thoughts and recollections on tape.

"It was quite an honor just to sit and listen to them," he said.

He added that anyone who would like another account of "things that never made it into the history books" should pick up "The Story of a Soldier."

"I tried to present a compelling and powerful story that is also a good read," he said.

Mehosky was joined at the book signing by his wife, Charlotte, daughter, Karen and long-time friend retired Col. Jack C. Randles whose critique appears on the back cover.

For more on "Band of Brothers" see page 12, "Lives of early paratroopers premiere on screen" from Army News.

Work begins to cap the Phillips Army Airfield Rubble Landfill

Trucks began transporting soil Aug. 16

Trucks working for Roy F. Weston, Aberdeen Proving Ground's contractor for Phase II of the Phillips Army Airfield Rubble Landfill capping project, began transporting soil from stockpiles within APG to the Phillips Army Airfield Rubble Landfill Aug. 16.

Delivery of approximately 80 to 100 truckloads is expected each day, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

After Sept. 7, soil will be brought in by truck from the Whitmarsh area if necessary. The trucks will haul soil from Whitmarsh north on Route 40 entering APG via Route 715 (short lane). Proceeding past Ruggles Golf Course, they will turn right at the first light onto Bush River Road, and enter the landfill to the left, just before the security entrance to the airfield. Work associated with

transporting soil for the 10-acre Northeast Area, Phase II, is expected to be complete by mid-December 2001, weather permitting.

Other materials needed for constructing the capping system include rolls of geosynthetic liner and drainage netting, which will be delivered by truck beginning late September.

All contractor personnel, including subcontractors, are aware of traffic safety requirements on APG, including the posted speed limits. Personnel will be reminded of those requirements during safety briefings conducted each morning prior to commencing work.

Call the garrison's Directorate for Safety, Health and Environment, 410-306-2278, for additional information about the landfill cap construction project.



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Eden's Crush to perform at APG



Photo courtesy of Londonsire Records

Quintet makes its mark with "Popstars"

By Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Less than a year ago, five talented vocalists from different parts of the United States were drawn together when they each decided to audition for a new reality series on the WB Network called "Popstars."

A few months later, the quintet, now a group, were dispatched into the recording studio to cut their debut album, also named "Popstars."

Ana Maria Lobo, Maile Misajon, Nicole Scherzinger, Ivette Sosa and Rosanna Tavarez named themselves Eden's Crush, after a search for "something that embodied the yin and yang of their musical personality."

"We wanted something feminine yet strong," said Tavarez, adding that when the name was decided on no one realized it was actually a type of flower.

"The funny part is we looked at names of exotic flowers but nothing sounded right," said Misajon.

Each an artist in her own right, the group exemplifies the all-for-one vibe, delivering soaring harmonies while swapping leads.

The group's current singles include the sassy "Get Over Yourself," "You Know I Can," with its frantic bounce of keyboards, "Let Me Know," a soulful R&B tune, "It Wasn't Me," with its spicy flamenco guitar, and "Mil Palabras," the Spanish-language version of "1,000 Words," is beautiful pop en Espanol.

Sosa, Lobo and Tavarez share the lower harmonies while Scherzinger and Misajon handle the middle to high vocal ranges.

"Musically, we create a great blend," Sosa said.

Though the songs on "Popstars" were written before Eden's Crush was created, they share a common theme of strength and empowerment that fits the group like a glove.

"We're all in our 20s, strong and independent," Tavarez said. "We're not bubblegum."

Eden's Crush in a nutshell

Ana Maria Lobo, 22, born in Medellin, Columbia now makes her home in Scottsdale, Ariz. Lobo has performed worldwide with her family most of her life, making her first stage appearance at age 3. Most recently her family toured as background vocalists with Julio Inglesias, Jr.

Maile Misajon, 24 is of Hawaiian and Irish descent. The Long Beach, Ca. native joined the International Children's Choir at age 5, touring the world and performing for the likes of President Ronald Reagan. She attended the Orange County High School for the Arts and received a bachelor's degree in theater arts from UCLA.

Nicole Scherzinger, 22, was born in Honolulu and raised in Louisville, Ky. She was taught to dance at a young age by her mother, a lead hula dancer. Scherzinger attended a theater arts high school in Louisville and majored in theater arts at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. She later toured and recorded as a background vocalist with the rock group Days of the New.

Ivette Sosa, 24, is an Edison, N.J. native of Puerto Rican descent. She began dancing at age 3. Sosa earned a BFA in dance at Marymount Manhattan College in New York City and had her sights set on Broadway. Her summers have been spent appearing in regional theater productions of shows such as "Fiddler on the Roof," "Godspell," and "Funny Girl."

Rosanna Tavarez, 24, the daughter of parents from the Dominican Republic, grew up in New York and Miami surrounded by music. She began dancing at age 3, mimicking the moves of the "Solid Gold" dancers and "Nutcracker Suite" ballerinas. She attended Miami's New World School of the Arts and studied dance at the University of Michigan. Tavarez is one project away from a graduate degree in dance studies at Ohio State

Plus One spreads message through Christian pop music

By Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Plus One realized early on that success is a collaborative effort.

From the beginning, they sought nothing but the best, including David Foster, co-producer of their debut album "The Promise," and winner of 14 Grammy awards for songs written for Whitney Houston, Celine Dion, Faith Hill and Toni Braxton.

Backed by an all-star production team at Atlantic Records, the group has taken off. Now with Jessica Simpson's Dreamchaser Tour, they say they intend to keep spreading their message of faith and perseverance across the country.

"These kids set good examples," Foster said. "The world needs more like them. Their music is something I wish my kids would listen to."

Gabe Combs, Nathan Walters, Nate Cole, Jeremy Mhire and Jason Perry make up the group of five talented young men who hail from Pittsburg, Ca., Lakeland, Fla., Sacramento, Ca., Springfield, Mo., and Madison, Ind., respectively. When they are not on the concert circuit, they call Nashville, Tenn. home.

Though some see them as destined to become teen heartthrobs like N'Sync, the spiritually grounded singers say they have other plans in mind.

"The only girls we're doing this for are the ones who can look to us and gain respect and

See PLUS ONE, page 7



Photo courtesy of www.amazon.com/music

MRICD named most supportive organization

Krolewski is Woman of the Year

EQUALITY, from front page
Doesburg said. "I support the goals of the Federal Women's Program."

Acknowledging that progress has been made but more needs to be done to assure that women are treated the same as their male counterparts, Doesburg said, "We can all be part of that change."

Kim Goad, a motivational speaker and author, spoke of the dilemma shared by women who want to successfully reach both professional and personal goals, but don't always know how to proceed.

For women who want to do it all and do it well, Goad has one piece of advice.

"We need to put ourselves first," she said.

Using the acrostic SPOT-LIGHT, Goad said women must see their goal.

"Have a vision and act on it," she said, encouraging those in attendance to prioritize and organize their goals.

In addition, she said, tell others, lift barriers, improve your skills, get excited about achieving your goal, have fun while working toward the goal, and take it one day at a time.

"Look at each day as an opportunity to make better choices in your life," Goad said. "Make small choices each day that make it possible to reach your goals."

Following Goad's message, Diane Siler, Equal Employment Opportunity advisor, introduced those in the running for Supervisor of the Year. The category recognizes those managers who support women in the workplace, recognize and encourage those doing superior work, and in many cases, act as mentors.

Robert J. York of the U.S.

Army Environmental Center was named 2001 Supervisor of the Year.

His nomination read in part, "He sets the standard for a family-friendly workplace and strives to recognize and promote women in his organization."

York, who said the honor was definitely unexpected, was most appreciative and thanked his co-workers for nominating him. York said he tries to single out those who, he feels, have great talent, whether they be male or female, and encourages and supports them as they build on their strengths.

"One of the things I enjoy as a manager and mentor is the chance to try to draw out the best of everyone, even when they can't see what it is," he said.

Other nominees for Supervisor of the Year included Patricia A. Kazlo, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, Lt. Col. Roxanne Baumgartner, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, and Maj. Donna E. Rutten, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Activity.

Siler then introduced the organizations nominated for Activity Most Supportive of Federal Women's Program goals. Criteria included compliance with the spirit and intent of the FWP, making a strong statement against sexual harassment, and providing training, guidance for career development, and assignments for qualified women in areas of high visibility and responsibility.

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense received the award, an honor first bestowed on the organization in 1998. The nomination included a long list of achievements for women employed at MRICD, including a strong policy statement against sexual harassment, opportunities for women to take part in long-term, career-enhancing training, and women serving in positions of authority and seniority.

Col. Gennady Platoff, deputy commander, accepted the award on behalf of the institute, acknowledging the institute's management and staff and thanking the women who dedicate themselves to the goals of the program.

"MRICD is proud to be able to participate and we hope to continue to excel in years to come," Platoff said. "We are continuing with the initiatives we've had in place since 1998



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Kim Goad, motivational speaker and author, addressed the audience of nearly 100 who attended APG's Women's Equality Day Aug. 22. She urged the women in the audience who want to do it all and do it well to visualize their goals, then make small choices each day to make it possible to reach those goals.

and before. The ball is rolling and we plan to continue building on those successes."

Also nominated were the U.S. Army Environmental Center, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, and the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

A third award was presented for Outstanding Woman of the Year. Ten were nominated for being active in organizations which support women, serving as a mentors to others, setting examples for others, and continuing their education.

Jane Krolewski of USAM-SAA, was named Woman of the Year. Krolewski, who was unable to attend the presentation, was recognized for re-establishing a math and science mentoring program for young women at a local middle school, in addition to being a successful mentor for both men and women, and offering advice and guidance to women on how to successfully achieve career goals.

The first runner-up for Woman of the Year was Rhonda A. Hillebrand, ATC. Tamika D. Atkins from the Program Manager Chemical Demilitarization was named second runner up. Other nominees included Lisa A. Weismiller, Sharon Vecchio, Linda L. Kimmel, Ardella Jackson and Linda A. Cooper,

all from APG Garrison's Directorate of Public Works, Diane J. Smith, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, and Louise V. Beyer, ATC.

Panel members who selected the 2001 recipients included Sheila Jones, FWP manager at the Perry Point Veterans Administration, Mary Leavens, Harford Community College, and Debby Stiles, Civilian Personnel Operations Center.

After the FWP presentations for 2001, Suzanne Schultz, president of the Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women, announced the recipient of this year's \$300 higher education scholarship.

Catherine Braue of MRICD, received the scholarship, re-named the Dottie Dorman Working Woman's Scholarship this year, in memory of a very active club member and staunch supporter of women's programs. Braue is pursuing a masters of science in environmental management.

Concluding the presentations, Sheryl Coleman, FWP chairperson, thanked members who helped organize the day's events, spoke of future plans for the FWP, including a massive training program in March, encouraged attendees to get involved within their organizations and support women's programs throughout the installation.

NECPOC employee completes resident leadership program

By Marcia L. Klein
Army Management Staff College

A supervisory personnel staffing and classification specialist at the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, graduated Aug. 10 from the Sustaining Base Leadership and Management program at the Army Management Staff College, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Jared Garman was board selected to attend the 12-week resident program. That selection, made after a careful screening of all applicants, was based on his potential to assume top-level leadership and managerial roles in today's Army.

AMSC educates the future leaders of the Army's sustaining base at the agencies and programs that support those soldiers on point for the nation.

AMSC's commandant compares the sustaining base to the handle for a bayonet: "We're training soldiers as the pointed



edge of the bayonet from basic training all the way through the War College. But the hilt, the part that supports the pointed edge, we have frequently [ignored]. How effective can the point be, even though it's very sharp, if the 'handle' doesn't sustain it?" said Col. Philip L. Wilkerson, Jr. "The sustaining base - those future civilian and military leaders we are educating - get the soldiers 'on point,' and make sure they have what they need to do their job and, oh by the way, also cover all the areas that support their fami-

lies ... to get those concerns out of the soldiers' minds."

Graduates of the program may receive college credits, based on a recommendation from the American Council on Education.

The students receive instruction in such areas as leadership, management, decision making, resource management, acquisition and logistics. The material is presented through a mixture of lectures, group discussions, hands-on practical exercises, case studies, briefings by senior Army leaders and field trips.

Classes stress critical thinking and active learning, intensive self-preparation and in-depth analysis of various problems and situations.

Applicants now apply online, streamlining and shortening the process.

For more information about AMSC and the SBLM program, visit the Web site at www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil.

Buying a home: tips and traps

Susan Grendahl
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

For most people, the purchase of a home is the largest financial investment they will ever make and few do the research necessary to make smart buying decisions. Although the home purchase process is complex, people can educate themselves before taking the big purchase plunge. Here are some tips to help and traps to avoid that will make the buying process more enjoyable.

Tips

Before a buyer decides to purchase a new home, he or she should ask the following questions: What is the visible condition of the property? Does the house require major repairs such as a new roof? How old are the mechanical systems — electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning? Has the house been well maintained? Where is the house located on the block — near traffic, noise etc? Is the house properly graded to provide good drainage or have there been flooding problems? What is the condition of houses on either side or across the street? What is the surrounding neighborhood like? How close is the house to shopping and schools? How long has the house been on the market? Why does the seller want to sell?

Before signing a contract, a buyer must understand it. The contract should address, at a minimum, the following questions: What is the full contact price? What are the other costs associated with the purchase of the house that are not included in the contract price such as closing costs, fees, points, etc.? What

amenities are being sold with the house — dishwasher, blinds, microwave, dryer? When is the closing date? Who will be responsible for inspections such as a termite, radon or general inspections? If the home fails inspection, who will pay



for the

seller paying more money toward closing? What happens if the buyer or seller breaches the contract?

Traps

Here are some common mistakes people make when buying a home.

- Buyers look for a house without getting pre-approved.
- People make verbal agreements thinking they are as good as a written contract.
- People choose a lender based on the lowest rate and then do not get a written good-faith estimate.
- People use a dual agent that represents both the buyer and the seller. (Tip — Request that an agent act only as a buyer's agent.)
- The buyer does not get an interest rate locked in writing from a mortgage company.
- People buy a house without a professional inspection.
- People sign documents without reading them or getting any legal advice.
- Buyers fail to shop for homeowners insurance until the last minute.
- People make moving plans dependent upon the closing date and when the closing date is postponed, they are forced to find temporary housing.
- People sign contracts and due to credit problems, they are denied a mortgage. (Tip — Buyers should request pre-approval and realize that they may lose their earnest money deposit if they do not qualify for the loan.)

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, APG Garrison, located in building 310, wing 2, is staffed with legal assistance attorneys to answer questions or concerns about buying a home.

Active duty personnel, retirees, and military family members should call 410-278-1583 or 1584.

Plus One performs with Dreamchaser Tour at APG's Shine Sports Field Saturday

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confidence in themselves and learn not to give in to pressure," Perry said.

"It's a matter of keeping the faith in the face of money, fame, girls, whatever comes our way," added Mhire.

After months of non-stop preparation, the connection and commitment between the guys is made clear in the song included on "The Promise."

Songs like "My Life" with its funky backbeat and "Written On My Heart" showcase the group's intricate harmonies and youthful take on life. There are songs about friendship and faithfulness, like "My Friend," and songs such as "Run To You" and the melodic title cut, "The Promise," that gets to the heart of the matter for the guys - their faith in God.

Outside the studio and off-stage, they reaffirm their religious commitment in their daily lives. Besides volunteering at soup kitchens in various cities, they maintain an on-going partnership with Habitat for Humanity and participated in a week-long, 20-house "racial reconciliation" blitz in Selma, Ala., where they worked alongside veterans of the city's civil rights movement.

"That experience put some things in perspective for us," Cole said. "Seeing the need right here in America and being able to help was an amazing feeling."

"Working with people who worked with Dr. King, people who sacrificed so much for freedom was overwhelming," added Combs.

They said working with Habitat is part of an intentional strategy to expand their experiences and their vision of ministry.

"That's really what Plus One is about," Cole said. "Our prayer is that anyone who pays attention to anything we do, be it our music or our lives, will know exactly who that is."

Fans can enjoy the music of Plus One during the Dreamchaser Tour at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Shine Sports Field Sept. 1.

Joining headliner Jessica Simpson and Plus One will be Toya, Eden's Crush and Youngstown. Tickets cost \$25 in advance, \$35 at the gate and may be purchased through at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office or through Ticketmaster at 1-800-551-SEAT. No alcoholic beverages, food, coolers, flash cameras or pets are permitted, and there will be no re-entry after being admitted. For more information, call 410-278-4011.

MWR-sponsored teen concert comes to APG

CONCERT, from front page

and interactive games.

Tickets cost \$25 in advance and \$35 at the gate for ages 3 and older. The event is open to the public. Alcohol is prohibited and there will be no re-entry once admitted to the field. No pets, coolers or beverages, containers, food, chairs, video recorders or flash photography is permitted. Gates open at 4 p.m. The show starts at 5 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased

at the Information, Ticketing and Registration office inside the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326; the Edgewood Area Recreation Center; Exton Golf Course clubhouse; the Outdoor Recreation office; the Aberdeen Area Bowling Center and at the AA and EA Youth Centers. For more information, call ITR at 410-278-4011 or Ticketmaster at 1-800-551-SEAT.

Community Notes

**THURSDAY
AUGUST 30
RAB MEETING**

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on Aug. 30, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Lauderick Creek Chemical Warfare Materiel Removal Action and the Westwood Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public. All APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 5
LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Weedon-Elliott Ladies' Auxiliary VFW 8126, 300 Lodge Lane, Havre de Grace, will hold its monthly membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 6
PRESENTATION ON COCHLEAR IMPLANT**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Committee for the Disabled is sponsoring a presentation on the "Cochlear Implant" at 3 p.m. at the Top of the Bay. Guest speakers from the Listening Center at John Hopkins are Dyan J. McKinley, director of Cochlear Implant rehabilitation, and Toni Renna, Cochlear Implant audiologist. The Cochlear Implant is an electronic device designed to provide useful hearing and improved communication to individuals who are profoundly hearing impaired and unable to achieve speech understanding with hearing aids. This presentation is open to the entire APG community. Point of contact is Judy Matthews, 410-278-1050.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 8
WACVA MONTHLY MEETING**

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter No. 70 will hold a meeting of the Maryland Free State Chapter 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center. All women who have served or are serving in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Army Corps, Regular Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Army Nurse Corps are welcome to attend. Also welcome, as associate members, are women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

For more information about the association, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040 or visit Web sites www.wacva.com or www.armywomen.org.

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 9
LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT VISIT**

Norma Miller, President, Department of Maryland Ladies' Auxiliary, VFW, will make an official visit and inspection to District Five Ladies' Auxiliary VFW. An audit will be held at 1:30 p.m. and a meeting at 2 p.m. will be held at Harford Memorial VFW #5337, 3705 Pulaski Highway, Abingdon.

Donations will be accepted for the Department Ladies' Auxiliary Cancer Aid and Research Program, Department Ladies' Auxiliary Hospital Program and the Save-A-Heart Foundation, Inc.. All members of District Five Ladies' Auxiliary are encouraged to attend.

**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 10
SAFE BOATING COURSES OFFERED AT AREA
HIGH SCHOOLS**

The Bush River Power Squadron will hold Safe Boating Courses at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 10, at C. Milton Wright High School and Sept. 11 at Joppatowne High School. Classes run for nine weeks. For more information, call 410-378-3902 or 410-679-3951.

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 12
WELCOME COFFEE FOR SPOUSES**

If you are eager to meet new people, serve the community, and have fun at the same time, the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club needs you. Each year the club offers social and learning opportunities to its members while raising funds to return to the community in the form of scholarships and contributions to units and organizations on and off the installation.

The EA-OWC is sponsoring a welcome coffee to acquaint attendees with all the opportunities available to potential members from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Edgewood Area Chapel, building E-4620. Planned activities for the year include several fundraisers, special evening events, luncheon programs, tours of the surrounding area, craft and special interest classes, and monthly restaurant visits, to name just a few. While participating, members raise funds to return to worthy organizations and causes within the community.

Membership is open to spouses of military officers, active and retired, a spouse or Department of the Army civilian with the rating of GS-7 and above, widows of any of the categories, and officials of the American Red Cross.

There is no charge to attend the official kick-off of the EA-OWC year, and reservations are not required. Call 410-676-9142 for more information.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 15
COMEDY JAM PT II**

Charlton-Miller VFW Post No. 6054 is presenting "Saturday Night Comedy Jam PT II" featuring, from the "Kiss My Bumper" commercial and BET Comic View, comedian HOWARD G and Friends. Donations are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at VFW Post No. 6054 or contact senior vice commander at 410-272-3444. There will also be an "after-party" Jam.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 22
ANNUAL VA PATIENTS CARNIVAL**

The Weedon-Elliott Ladies' Auxiliary VFW #8126, 300 Lodge Lane, Havre de Grace, will attend the annual Perry Point

Veterans Administration Medical Center's Patients Carnival.

For more information on set up and arrival time, call Bernice Shimizu, 410-272-4020.

FLEA MARKET, BAKE SALE

There will be a Flea Market and Bake Sale at the Aberdeen Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 10028 starting at 8 a.m. Rent for tables is \$10 and must be pre-paid by Sept. 19. Rain or shine — event will be held indoors. Hot dogs and sodas will also be available.

For more information call 410-272-1218 or 410-893-5192.

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 28
COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing each Friday at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing will be held 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The instructor will announce lessons. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$10 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels.

For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 29
TEA PARTY**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a Tea Party at the Hays House, 324 S. Kenmore Avenue in Bel Air, Sept. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. Presentations will be given on the "History of Tea" and "Language of the Fan." Touring of the museum is welcomed and questions will be answered by costumed docents. Custom blended teas, iced tea punch, pastries, scones and finger sandwiches are included. The price per person is \$14.00.

Please contact Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771 for reservations.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 20
POTOMAC MILLS SHOPPING**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to the Potomac Mills Mall in Virginia on Oct. 20. This mall features 220 stores, offering discounts up to 70 percent on favorite name brand merchandise. Potomac Mills also features a 15-theater movie cinema, 25 eateries and several restaurants. Get a head start on holiday shopping! The price is \$20 per person for charter bus transportation. Call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603 or 4771 for reservations.

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 9 to 16
ABERDEEN LIONS PLAN VALENTINE CRUISE**

The Aberdeen Lions Club is sponsoring a seven-night Valentine cruise to the Western Caribbean in 2002. The public is invited to join the Lions on the newest Norwegian Cruise ship. "Norwegian Sun," from Miami to Georgetown, Grand Caymen; Roatan, Bay Islands; Belize City, Belize; and Cozumel, Mexico. Snorkel on the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere, swim with dolphins or stingrays, or just relax on the ship.

The package includes complimentary round-trip transfers from Aberdeen to Baltimore-Washington International Airport, round-trip air from BWI to Miami, all meals and entertainment, all port charges and taxes, and a pre-cruise get-together. Call now and receive a \$50 shipboard credit per stateroom. Enjoy a romantic Valentine cruise while helping the Aberdeen Lions Club raise funds for their community service activities.

For information, call Lions club members Joyce or Ron Landbeck, 410-272-5649. For reservations, call Accent-on-Travel, 1-800-848-3273.

LEAVE DONATION

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

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| Ameneh M. Arasten (maternity) | failure) |
| Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement) | Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack) |
| Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia) | Stacy Miller (maternity) |
| Barbara Boyd (mother is ill) | Sandra W. Miller (back surgery) |
| Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant) | Shirley A. Murphy (terminal illness) |
| Daniel Brown (father has emphysema) | Cecil Pennington (surgery) |
| Tammy Budkey | Debi L. Petosky (back surgery) |
| Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery) | Mary E. Pettway |
| Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity) | Barbara Carol Remines (surgery) |
| Geraldine S. Cragg | Angela L. Reeves (maternity leave) |
| Dawn M. Crouse (surgery) | Michael Reynolds |
| Bonnie K. Day (surgery) | Boyd J. Richards (care of mother) |
| Tricia Lin Dietz | Denise Robinson (maternity) |
| Fred Dill | Ricky Ross (heart attack) |
| Joseph R. Dugan | Tami C. Rowland (maternity) |
| Messina Enderlein | Allan Scarborough (back surgery) |
| Wayne Erb (wife is ill) | Ralph A. Scutti (care of daughter) |
| Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery) | Sherry Schaffer |
| Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition) | Lena Shelton |
| Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant) | Motoko Stahl |
| Wayne A. Jaynes | Rachel Swearingen |
| Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery) | Ronald L. Taylor (chronic pulmonary disease) |
| Valerie A. Jones | Frances L. Thomas |
| Marlin Julian (heart surgery) | Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity) |
| Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg) | Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems) |
| Jennifer Keetley (maternity) | Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant) |
| Beverly King (caring for husband) | Amber M. Vanakin (care of husband) |
| William Klein | Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed) |
| Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery) | Wanda L. Waldon (surgery) |
| Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury) | Elaine R. Wetherell |
| Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery) | Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents) |
| William B. McLean (kidney | |

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Garrison Library has new travel books for your reading pleasure. Visit either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check out the selections.

What You Owe Me, by Bebe Moore Campbell



The Woman Next Door, Barbara Delinsky

A Moment in Time, by Judith Gould

A King's Ransom, by James Grippando



Good Counsel, by Tim Junkin

The Last Man, by Charles Kenney

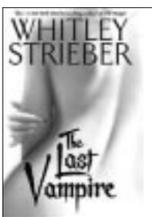


Shadows of God, by Gregory J. Keyes

Entering Normal, by Anne D. LeClaire



Turn the Stars Upside Down, by Terry C. Johnston



The Last Vampire, by Whitley Strieber

The operating hours of the Aberdeen Area library are Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, closed and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Edgewood Area library will be closed Sunday through Tuesday and Saturday; and open Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071. Hours are Monday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, noon to 7 p.m., and Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard

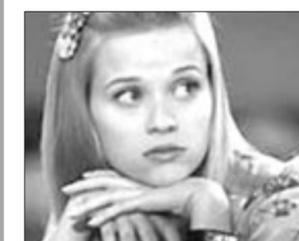
The Post Theater will be closed Saturday, Sept. 1

FINAL FANTASY: THE SPIRITS WITHIN

Friday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m.
Computer generated human characters



In the not too distant future, the earth is invaded by aliens. Great cities are deserted. Populations are decimated. Dr. Sid and the few humans that remain must find a way to survive the invasion and reclaim the planet. (Rated PG-13)



LEGALLY BLONDE (FREE ADMISSION)

Friday, Aug. 31, 9 p.m.

Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson

Elle has a cute boyfriend who dumps her saying she's "too blonde" and not "serious" enough for his future political career. She applies and is accepted at Harvard Law School and is soon one of the best in her class. Elle overcomes the "dumb blonde" stereotype to ultimately declare herself proudly Legally Blonde. (Rated PG-13)



Army News



Lives of early paratroopers premiere on screen

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

Audiences around the country are hearing firsthand about the hell that sparked an everlasting bond between World War II soldiers from a Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg production.

"Band of Brothers" is a 10-part HBO miniseries based on the experiences of E Company (known as Easy Company), 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. The series begins Sept. 9.

But a special presentation is already being shown on HBO featuring an oral history from Easy Company veterans and behind-the-scenes footage called "The Making of Band of Brothers."

Highlights of the series are also being shown to veterans and soldiers on stages from Seattle to Philadelphia. Nineteen regional screenings are bringing the Easy Company soldiers to the forefront for

recognition, said an Army official.

The next screening will be Saturday at Fort Campbell, Ky.

At a July 26 screening at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Capt. Victor Shane Olshansky, a logistics officer with today's 506th Infantry (Air Assault), Camp Greaves, Korea, presented memorabilia to six veterans from Easy Company.

Olshansky's father served in the unit in 1959 as a first lieutenant.

The 10-part miniseries has no fictitious characters, said Stephen Ambrose, the author of the book, "Band of Brothers." There are also no Hollywood romances, Ambrose said. He added that it was the intent of executive producers Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg to tell the story

accurately.

Easy Company was one of four companies within the 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment. It consisted of men who volunteered to



be trained as paratroopers for the honors and the extra \$50 for enlisted and \$100 for officers a month, according to historians.

Out of 500 officers and 5,300 enlisted soldiers who volunteered for the training, only 148 and 1,800 graduated respectively.

"This 'band of brothers' represents what is best in our Army and this nation," said Secretary of the Army

Thomas White, who plans to repeat those words in a promotional video for the series.

"They trained hard, they prepared well and they became true comrades in arms. These soldiers restored peace to our world."

The movie will outline the unit's battles in England, Normandy, Holland, Belgium and at Hitler's hideaway, the "Eagles Nest."

World War II began just after midnight June 6, 1944 for Easy Company.

On D-Day paratroopers of Easy Company dropped into the dark Normandy countryside as part of Operation Overload.

The company suffered 65 casualties during its five weeks in Normandy.

In the fall of 1944 Easy Company

parachuted into Holland to capture the city of Arnhem. However, they were unsuccessful and they spent the rest of the fall in battles along the road to Arnhem, nicknamed "Hell's Highway."

On Dec. 19, 1944, Easy Company was sent to Belgium to help defend the besieged city of Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge.

The men had limited access to food, proper boots and long underwear to defend against the bitter cold, and were frequently shivering and hungry, veterans said.

In early April 1945 the company moved into Germany and spent two days assisting with the liberation of a concentration camp. In May the men arrived in the Bavarian city of Berchtesgaden, the site of Adolf Hitler's mountain fortress, call the Aldershorst, or "Eagles Nest." When the war ended, May 8, the men of Easy Company toasted the victory with Hitler's champagne

Physical training helps All-Army chess champ

By David L. Barrette
Army News Service

For the second year in a row, Sgt. Rudy Tia captured the Army Chess Championship held Aug. 11-17 at Fort Myer, Va.

Going up against 11 other chess masters from across the Army, Tia, a network switching maintainer and operator from Fort Hood, Texas, won nine individual matches to take the first-place slot at the tournament. He and the tournament's five other top soldiers are competing in the Interservice Chess Competition at Fort Myer this week.

Physical fitness is important to stay sharp during the long hours of matches, Tia said. He runs and does aerobic exercises to promote good circulation. He said that helps the blood bring lots of oxygen to the brain.

"Being fit helps you concentrate for long periods and your body won't get tired while you're sitting for hours at a time," Tia said.

Ronald Braud, senior tournament director, said the Army tournament is played using a round-robin system. "Each participant plays 11 games, one against each of the other players," he said. "It's easier to determine a winner with this system. One point is given for each win and a half point for a draw. The person with the most points is the winner."

The Army Chess Championship has taken place every year since 1960, Braud said.

Last year Tia swept the tournament, beating

all his opponents. This year he lost one game and played another to a draw. He lost that game

to Spc. Joseph Kruml, who took second place this year and won the tournament in 1998. Tia said he prepared for this year's competition by playing in as many local tournaments as possible, studying the games of famous chess masters, and studying his own games.

"When you study your games you not only learn your own strategies, you build a psychological aspect into your game by learning the weaknesses of your opponents," said Tia. "Knowing their weaknesses helps when you play against them again in the future."

"I play chess because I enjoy the game," said Tia. "I like to plan out the strategies to beat an opponent. I enjoy organizing the pieces for an attack and putting them into place to win the game. It's sort of like moving troops around on

the battlefield."

The six top players from the Army tournament are competing against airmen, sailors and marines in the Interservice Chess Competition at Fort Myer, Aug. 18-24. Including Tia, the Army team members at tournament included Spc. Joseph Kruml, 98th Area Support Group (Wurzburg), Germany, Maj. David Hater, West Point, N.Y., Staff Sgt. Charles Costales, Fort Riley, Kan., Spc. Ken Davidson, Fort Detrick, Md., and Sgt. First Class Andres Hortillosa, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The top three Army players from the interservice tournament join the top players from the other services to form the United States Military Chess Team. The team travels to San Remo, Italy, in October to represent the United States at the International Chess Competition. Tia was the overall individual

winner at the International Chess Competition last year. Costales took second place.

In addition to the main tournament, the participants played a speed chess tournament. Speed chess is a five-minute, sudden-death chess game played under the regular chess rules. Tournament organizers said it's about the only time you ever see a lot of fast action during a chess game. Kruml won the speed chess tournament.

Greta Anderson, the Community Recreation Center program manager at the Community and Family Support Center headquarters in Alexandria, Va., said that in addition to being important for the soldier, the Army chess program is important to the community.

"It's one of those programs that can involve the whole family, from children who are involved in youth services, the teens, the young soldiers, retirees, and even DOD civilians," she said. "It's something that can bring the community together and it's a great partnership for other Morale, Welfare, and Recreation organizations."

(Editor's note: David L. Barrette is a member of the Army Community and Family Support Center public affairs team. See the ArmyLINK Photos section for accompanying photographs of the chess champs.)



Photo courtesy Armylink News
Sgt. Rudy Tia, a network switching operator from Fort Hood, Texas, is the 2001 Army chess champion.

Battle of bands can win posts cash

(Alexandria, Va. - Aug. 22, 2001) The ninth annual Department of the Army-level Battle of the Bands will rock Fort Jackson, S.C., Oct. 10-13.

The top four bands will take home a total of \$18,000 in cash award certificates for their installation's Morale, Welfare and Recreation funds. The money is earmarked to purchase musical instruments, audio, lighting or video equipment.

Entries must be submitted through major Army commands to be forwarded to the Army Entertainment Division by Sep. 10. The competition is open to all active-duty soldiers. Civilians who have performed consistently with an established band can apply for an exception.

Half the members of each competing band must be active-duty soldiers that do not play in an official Army band or Army chorus. Each band must have a minimum

of three members or a maximum of seven members, and each member must be a singer or a musician.

The music can range from salsa, pop and jazz to rhythm and blues and country.

During the competition, the Army Entertainment



Photo by KAMILAH J. BURBRIDGE
The rock band, Grieve, from Hanau, Germany, was one of eight finalists in the 2000 All-Army Battle of the Bands. From left, Jason Wolfe, drums, Sgt. Lori Cruise, vocals.

Division staff will scout active-duty Army personnel for the Army Soldier Show and USA Express programs.

A minimum of three judges — professionals in the music industry — will score the bands, awarding points for tonal quality, precision, choreography, costuming, staging, poise, appearance,

style and originality. Performers must also adhere to strict time limits.

All competing musicians will receive certificates of achievement. Trophies or medals will go to all band members in first through fourth place as well as the best drummer, percussionist, bass guitarist, keyboardist and vocalist.

The Army MWR competition is co-sponsored by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and the Army Entertainment Division, is designed to showcase the musical talents of soldiers in off-duty bands, says Mabelle Eitnair, Army Entertainment

Division competition producer at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, headquarters for Army MWR.

Details are available from local MWR officials, at www.armyentertainment.net, or by e-mailing Mabelle Eitnair at mabelle.eitnair@cfsc.army.mil.

Guard troops fighting western wildfires

by Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
Army News Service

More than 1,300 Army and Air National Guard troops battled wildfires last week in seven western states.

Cargo planes dropped fire-smothering chemicals, helicopters emptied "Bambi Buckets" filled with water, and National Guard troops hosed down and dug out smoldering stumps and other hot spots to fight the wildfires.

Many of the Guard troops were called in around Aug. 12 to assist civilian firefighters in Oregon, Nevada, Montana, California, South Dakota, Arizona and Washington.

The soldiers joined a force of 26,000 firefighters who are battling 30 major fires that have so far scorched 504,044 acres, according to the National Interagency Fire Center from Boise, Idaho. The number of soldiers increased significantly during the weekend because Washington state authorities called up 300 more citizen-soldiers to combat the seemingly annual summertime menace.

Oregon firefighters battled 12 major wildfires, which scorched 232,000 acres. Some 360 Army Guard troops worked on the fire lines, and another 214 Guard soldiers

flew helicopters, drove trucks and maintained equipment.

The "Fire Hawk," a Black Hawk which carries a 1,000-gallon tank under its belly, was used to combat Oregon wildfires for the second straight year, said Guard spokesperson Kay Fristad.

"Having the aircraft is really critical," said Dennis Turco,



Photo by KAY FRISTAD, OREGON NATIONAL GUARD
Oregon Army National Guard soldier fights wildfires in the eastern part of state.

an Oregon Department of Forestry spokesman. "Helicopters don't put out the fires so much as they slow the blazes down so that people on the ground can bring them under control."

Six crews of citizen-sol-

diers helped to control a 27,000-acre Monument Fire in the eastern part of Oregon, and 12 crews worked a 6,000-acre blaze near the California border, Oregon officials reported.

Eight major fires were being extinguished in Washington state, including an ironically named Icicle fire complex that consumed 6,500 acres around the Cascade Range tourist town of Leavenworth. Dry winds fanned the fire more than 2,500 additional acres during the weekend.

One team of 60 Guard soldiers were already busy flying four helicopters with water buckets and shuttling civilian firefighters from base camps to fire lines and back in 15 trucks, said a Washington National Guard spokesman. Another 500 were being mustered and trained to support fire-fighting efforts.

The fires around Leavenworth reportedly forced residents to evacuate 50 homes, and another 2,000 homes and business were at risk should the Icicle complex fires jump containment lines.

That was enough of a threat to get Army and Air National Guard troops on call and involved where they were needed, NIFC officials said.

Sports & Recreation

Edgewood teen plays in basketball's junior nationals



By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

When Michelle Harris tried out for the USA Junior Nationals all-state competition at Catonsville Community College in April, she was more nervous than she'd ever been in her 16 years.

Disappointed with her performance, the Edgewood High School junior thought she would never make the team. She was pleasantly surprised when one week later she was notified by mail that she had been selected to the USA Junior Nationals Championship Sports Festival in Atlanta.

Harris is the daughter of retired Army captain Eugene Harris, the resident golf pro at Exton Golf Course.

She and her mother, Debra Harris traveled to Atlanta for the July 23 to 29 competition that pitted teams from across the country against each other.

A shooting guard with the Edgewood High School girls' basketball team, Harris was one of 10 teens from Maryland accepted to the competition. She played on the Maryland/Virginia team, which lost to the team from Nebraska by one point during a double-elimination, double-overtime nail-biter.

"The worst part was, that team hadn't won a game all week," Harris said.

She added that the experience helped her as a player and as a person.

"I learned a lot of techniques I plan to share with my teammates here in Edgewood," Harris said adding that she made new friends that she plans to keep in touch with.

Debra Harris described her daughter as a "good student and a hard worker."

"She's pretty responsible, gets good grades and holds down a job at Burger King," she said. "We try to encourage her in all her endeavors."

Looking up to current WNBA stars, Cynthia Cooper and Chamique Holdsclaw, Harris said she tries to emulate their leadership.

"When I'm on the court, I try to motivate those around me to give 110 percent," she said. "I hate to lose."

Based in Madison, Wis., the USA Junior Nationals provides one of the top amateur competitions in the country. It offers programs to high school basketball players interested in developing their skills through statewide, national and international competition. Athletes who demonstrate advanced skills, team leadership, a competitive spirit and good sportsmanship at the state competitions are invited to the National Sports Festival in Atlanta each year.

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Michelle Harris shows off the green and white uniform she wore in the USA Junior Nationals Championship Sports Festival in Atlanta in July. Harris, the daughter of Exton Golf Course pro Eugene Harris, was one of 10 female basketball players from Maryland invited to participate in the prestigious weeklong invitational.

Youth golf a success thanks to volunteers



By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Season ending tournaments for the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Youth Golf Programs were held at Exton and Ruggles golf courses Aug. 16 and 17.

Nineteen individual awards for youths ages 7 to 17 were handed out following the two-day event that Bill Kegley, youth sports director, described as "exciting."

"Several playoffs made an already interesting day even better," Kegley said.

He thanked "the volunteers and parents who donated their time, notably Stu Hinch, Marc Williams, Larry Mitchell and Eugene Harris who provided golfing instructions throughout the program."

Kegley said volunteer coaches Dave Byers, Liz Smith, Brent Brown, Bob Taylor, Cliff Taylor and Charlie Deel, were "a big part of what makes events like this work."

Parents Tim and Grace McNamara, along with Richard Dixon kept watch

over one group of 12 to 13 year old girls consisting of Jessica Dixon, 13; Sara Dixon, 12, Brianna McNamara, 12 and Lacey Maak, 12.

"They're a couple of enthusiastic players," Dixon said of his daughters,

adding that he was glad to volunteer when the call went out for scorekeepers. "If they're this excited in their first year, the

least I could do is help," he said.

Also a first-year player, Brianna McNamara credited both her parents for getting her interested in the sport.

"My dad got me interested when he started playing last year," she said.

"This is something they can enjoy together," Grace McNamara said, adding her pleasure at the program and its participants.

"The instructors, volunteers and staff have been wonderful with the kids," she said. "They're patient and informative. We're all looking forward to next year."



Youth Golf Update

The following results were reported for the Youth Golf Tournament held Aug. 16 to 17 in the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas.

On Aug. 17, the 7 to 11-year olds played at Exton Golf Course.

On Aug. 16, the 12 to 17-year olds played nine holes at Ruggles Golf Course.

Age 7 to 9, 5 holes
Champion, Casey Taylor, 19
Runner up, Scott Budnick, 25

3rd Place, Christian Reeves, 26

Age 10 to 11, boys, 7 holes

Champion, Phillip Costable, 30

Runner-up, Tommy Murphy, 36

3rd Place, Matthew McDuffie, 36

*Murphy defeated McDuffie for Runner up in an exciting 3-hole playoff

Age 10 to 11, girls, 7 holes

Champion, Megan Beavers, 45

Runner up, Jessica Todd, 50

3rd Place, Vickie Branscome, 52

*Branscome defeated Megan Valz in a 1-hole playoff for 3rd Place

Age 12 to 13 Boys

Champion, Josh Ellison, 48

Runner up, David Tobin, 48

3rd Place, Jacob Eikenberg, 49

*Ellison defeated Tobin in a 1-hole playoff for the championship

Age 12 to 13 Girls

Champion, Lacey Mahle, 61

Runner up, Brianna McNamara, 63

3rd Place, Jessica Dixon, 66

Age 14 to 17 Boys

Champion, Kelvin Chew, 43

Runner up, Brian Chew, 48

3rd Place, Joe Condon, 48

*Brian Chew defeated Condon in a 1-hole playoff for Runner up.

Age 14 to 17 Girls

Champion, Sarah Cohen, 66

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring the following upcoming trips:

Oct. 20 - Shop 'til you drop at Potomac Mills. The cost is \$20 per person for charter bus transportation.

Nov. 16 - Spend the evening at the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater. The price is \$45 per person, including charter bus transportation, dinner and the Christmas Show.

Nov. 24 - Nothing gets you in the holiday spirit quite like Christmas in New York City. Enjoy the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show, featuring the famous Rockettes. The cost is \$99 per person, including charter bus transportation and the show.

March 13-20 - Spend a week in Ireland. CWF sponsored this trip in 2001 and found it so rewarding that we are going back to the land of beautiful green countrysides, charming hospitality and Irish pride. Places of particular interest will be Shannon, the Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Limerick, Killarney, the Dingle Peninsula, Blarney, Tipperary, Waterford, Cashel and Dublin. The price is \$1,185 per person and includes airfare, hotel stays, breakfasts, tours and most dinners.

Please call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever, at 410-278-4603/4771 for reservations and more information.

MWR TRAVEL WEBSITES

Reservations made easy using the Internet

For anyone thinking about that vacation or holiday travel, here are some Web sites to visit for leisure travel planning:

www.offdutytravel.com
www.satovacations.com
www.travelocity.com
www.expedia.com
www.priceline.com
www.air-fare.com
www.bestfares.com
www.cheapflights.com

www.alaskaair.com
www.americawest.com
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www.bahamasair.com
www.flycontinental.com
www.delta-air.com
www.hawaiianair.com
www.klm.nl
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www.tokyodisneyland.co.jp
www.usf.com
www.peterpan-bus.com
www.amtrak.com

For more information or assistance with any of these, call the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office at 410-278-4011 or 4621.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Aberdeen Proving Ground resident Allison Clark gets ready the first day of class at Roye-Williams Elementary School. Clark is teaching second grade at Roye-Williams this year, a Harford County public school whose population is composed of approximately 80 percent military dependents.

Students return to school

SCHOOL, from front page and seniors will be located in the north building of AHS, also supplemented with portables, while the main building of the high school is torn down and rebuilt.

A total renovation of Edgewood Elementary, which included the addition of air conditioning, began in March of 2000 and is expected to be completed by spring. Students will continue attending classes there, supplemented with portable classrooms.

Buses on the road

The number of school buses on the road, nearly 400, will deliver over 80 percent of school students to the 50 schools in the county. Blessed with a good safety record over the last several years, the county aims to keep it that way. Most county buses are equipped with strobe lights, amber lights, reflective stripes and a front swing arm that operates when students board the bus or disembark, making it easier for bus drivers to keep track of their passengers at all times. There is also a swing arm on the driver's side of the bus.

Morrison said all bus drivers receive special training to operate buses and are subject to random drug testing. Those drivers operating cars or other

vehicles on the road can help keep children safe by exercising caution and obeying all traffic laws when encountering school buses. Allow a few extra minutes to get to your location and be on the lookout for excited children, especially during the first few days of classes. Look for the bus schedule in this edition of the APG News.

Safety in the schools

The safety of children is a concern to both parents and school officials. Visitors are to report to the school office and sign in with the adults on duty, for appropriate access.

All school employees are fingerprinted and go through extensive background checks before they are hired. In addition, no weapons or student-owned cell phones are allowed in school. Check the student handbook, issued to all pupils during the first few days of school, for information regarding appropriate attire and equipment allowed.

Meal time

Lunch prices remain the same, although there are different methods of payment. The student price for lunch in the elementary school is \$1.50. Secondary students pay \$1.60 for a complete lunch. Milk is available a la carte for 30

cents, and a salad bar option and additional a la carte food items are available at most secondary schools. In addition, most schools offer a breakfast meal for \$1.05.

Meal tickets can be purchased ahead of time in multiples, or meal cards can be used. Meal cards, initiated two years ago, are encrypted with student information, non-transferable, and use the debit system. In addition, some students may qualify for reduced or free lunch. Look for your child to bring home a paper explaining meal plan options during the opening days of classes.

School calendar

Maryland law requires students to complete 180 days of classes each year. The school calendar for Harford County incorporates four additional days for inclement weather or other emergencies. If the days are not needed, they are dropped from the calendar. Any additional days required are added to the end of the school year calendar. As was the case last year, elementary teacher planning time is scheduled for one afternoon each month. On those days, elementary students will be dismissed at 1 p.m.

A condensed version of the calendar for 2001-2002 follows.

Sept. 4 Opening day for students in K-12
 Sept. 18 Rosh Hashanah, schools closed
 Sept. 26 Teacher planning, elementary students dismissed at 1 p.m.
 Sept. 27 Yom Kippur, schools closed
 Oct. 19 State teachers convention, schools closed
 Oct. 30 Teacher planning, elementary students dismissed at 1 p.m.
 Nov. 5 Inservice and conference day, no school for students
 Nov. 21 Pre-Thanksgiving early dismissal for students and teachers
 Nov. 22,23 Thanksgiving holiday, schools closed
 Nov. 28 Teacher planning, elementary students dismissed at 1 p.m.
 Dec. 13 Teacher planning, elementary students dismissed at 1 p.m.
 Dec. 24-31, Jan. 1 Winter holidays, schools closed
 Jan. 2 Schools reopen
 Jan. 18 Teacher planning, elementary students dismissed at 1 p.m.
 Jan. 21 Martin Luther King Day, schools closed
 Feb. 5 Teacher planning, elementary students dismissed at 1 p.m.
 Feb. 18 Presidents Day, schools closed
 Mar. 8 Teacher planning, elementary students dismissed at 1 p.m.
 Mar. 28,29, Apr. 1 Spring vacation, schools closed
 Apr. 2 Schools reopen
 Apr. 16 Teacher planning, elementary students dismissed at 1 p.m.
 May 16 Teacher planning, elementary students dismissed at 1 p.m.
 May 27 Memorial Day, schools closed
 June 5 Teacher planning, elementary students dismissed at 1 p.m.
 June 13 Last day of school for students
Commencement schedule
 May 28 Edgewood and Fallston
 May 29 Bel Air, Havre de Grace and North Harford
 May 30 Aberdeen, C. Milton Wright and Joppatowne
 May 31 John Archer School and Harford Technical

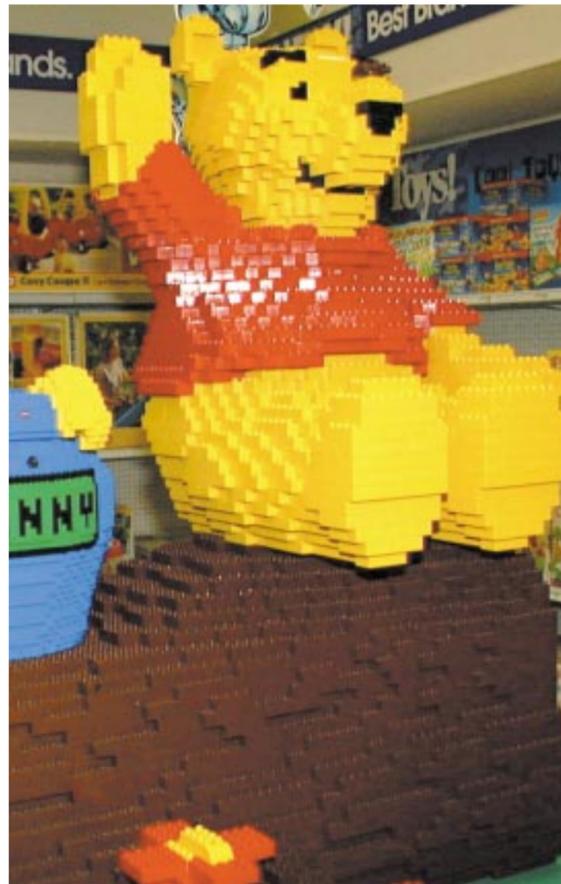


Photo by YVINNE JOHNSON

Winnie the Pooh and Lego too

By Yvonne Johnson

APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Main Exchange is hosting a promotional contest featuring a six-foot statue of Winnie the Pooh made with hundreds of Legos. Or is it thousands? Patrons will have to guess for themselves as they take part in the contest to guess how many Legos it took to erect the statue that includes flowers and a "Hunny" pot.

Manager Stephen D. Bielefeldt said the display would remain in the Post Exchange until Sept. 10. Patrons may submit their best guesses until Sept. 9. Forms and a drop box are next to the display.

The display will tour military installations across the country until late 2002," Bielefeldt said.

Prizes for the correct answer include \$50 in Lego merchandise for first place, \$25 in Lego items for second place and \$15 in items for third place.

In addition, Bielefeldt reminds the community that Toyland's grand opening is Sept. 15. The day will include surprise cartoon characters, refreshments and several one-day-only specials during regular store hours.

"We will have children's bicycles for as low as \$15 that day and other specials," Bielefeldt said adding that items may be put on lay away at the sale price.

"This is a one-day-only event, he said. "Parents won't want to miss it."