

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Aug. 24, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Public meeting tonight in Aberdeen

The Installation Restoration Program will hold a public meeting Aug. 18, at the Aberdeen Senior Center on Franklin Street. An informal poster session at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by a presentation at 7:15 on proposed cleanup plans for groundwater and sediment at sites within the Aberdeen Area.

For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

Pool closed day of concert

Olympic Pool, which had been scheduled to close the week of the concert, will only close on the day of the show, Aug. 20.

Routes 22 and 755 gates closed

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Harford Gate (Maryland Route 22) continues to be closed for renovations. It will remain closed for several weeks.

The Aberdeen Gate (APG Road/Aberdeen Boulevard) is open for inbound traffic only from 4 to 9 a.m. It opens for both inbound and outbound traffic from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. Access at this gate is restricted to government ID holders only.

Trucks and visitors must use the Maryland Gate (Maryland Route 715).

The Wise Road Gate (Route 755) is closed until construction is completed. To support traffic flow, the Magnolia Gate has been opened.

The Magnolia Gate hours and entry control is identical to the Wise Road protocol—government ID only, no trucks or deliveries. The Magnolia Gate hours

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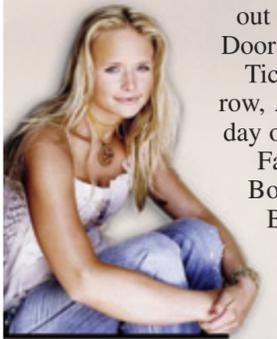
APG families host Ripken Series youths

Country divas to light up APG this Saturday

Yvonne Johnson
APG News



Terri Clark



Miranda Lambert



Chely Wright



Julie Roberts

The stage is set and fans are readying to welcome four of Country music's top female artists to Aberdeen Proving Ground this Saturday for the Miller Lite Army Concert Tour on Shine Sports Field.

Terri Clark, Chely Wright, Julie Roberts and Miranda Lambert round out the all-girl show that begins 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Tickets are still available today and tomorrow, Aug. 19, for \$20. Tickets cost \$25 the day of the show.

Fans may use the Route 715 (Maryland Boulevard) gate or the Aberdeen Boulevard gate and then follow signs to designated parking areas. Entry to the installation requires a photo ID for fans 16 and older and drivers must present a valid driver's license.

Fans may bring blankets and lawn chairs. Flash cameras, recording devices, coolers and pets are prohibited. Cars and possessions are subject to search by Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security police officers.

The Post Commissary will close at 2 p.m. to allow for extra parking. The Olympic Pool will be closed the entire day.

Terri Clark
www.terriclark.com

Mercury Records recording star Terri Clark is probably best known for her smash hits, "Girls Lie Too" and "I Wanna Do It All."

A native of Alberta, Canada, Clark received multiple Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association of America awards and claimed Top 20 spots on CMT and GAC music video TV stations and Billboard's Country charts.

Clark's impressive string of hits include, "A Little Gasoline," "If I Were You," "Easy On The Eyes," "Every Time I Cry," and "Emotional Girl." She's developed a reputation as a to-the-wall, hurl-it-against-the-sky live performer.

Clark is a four-time Canadian Country Music Association fan-voted Entertainer of the Year, and is nominated again this year for her fifth award. The program airs Sept. 12 in Calgary.

Her new single, "She Didn't Have Time," debuted at #44 on Billboard Country charts and is climbing.

"When I was a little girl up in Canada, just me and my guitar, dreaming about country music," Clarks said, "I had no idea what it would be like. I don't think I could've imagined the thrills, the scares, the way music really is life if you give yourself to it. And yet, ten years later, here it is - every bit of a decade that is my life."

Chely Wright
www.chely.com

Chely Wright will perform songs from her sixth CD, "The Metropolitan Hotel," as well as favorite hits like "Single White Female" and "Shut Up and Drive."

Inspired by the likes of Buck Owens, Loretta Lynn and Ricky Skaggs, Wright's career took off in 1996, when she signed with MCA. Her third album in 1997 featured the hit "Shut Up and Drive," and the title track to her fourth album, "Single White Female," hit No. 1 in 1999.

Wright says that her current album, "The Metropolitan Hotel," is the rebirth of her love for the craft of storytelling.

The CD includes thumping anthems like "Just the Way We

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Public meeting tonight in Aberdeen

USAGAPG

The U.S. Army at Aberdeen Proving Ground is seeking public comment on proposed environmental actions.

The proving ground is proposing to remediate groundwater at six sites and excavate sediment at five sites.

A public meeting will be held tonight at the Aberdeen Senior Center, 7 Franklin Street, Aberdeen. An informal poster/information session will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by a formal presentation at 7:15 p.m.

Citizens can request a fact sheet on the proposed action by calling APG's Environmental Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

Written comments must be postmarked by Sept. 14 on the groundwater sites and Sept. 19 on the sediment sites and should be sent to Ken Stachiw, Directorate of Safety, Health, and Environment, ATTN: IMNE-APG-SHE-R, Building E5771 Magnolia Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010; Andy Zarins, Maryland Department of the Environment, Federal Facilities Division, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230; or, Frank Vavra, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street (3HS11), Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Aberdeen Proving Ground was established as an ordnance proving ground, and has been the site of testing conventional weapons, ammunition, armored vehicles and other equipment.

"We have completed our investigation of

five sites where sediment has been impacted and six sites where groundwater has been impacted," said Naren Desai, APG's project manager. "We are now presenting our findings and recommendations for additional public input prior to finalizing a cleanup plan."

For the five sites where sediment has been impacted primarily by heavy metals, APG is proposing to excavate the sediment and dispose of it at an off-site permitted facility.

At the six groundwater sites, APG is proposing to use enhanced bioremediation and reductive dechlorination to significantly reduce the levels of chlorinated volatile organic compounds found in the groundwater.

APG would conduct reviews every five years to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedies.

According to Desai, the cost of the proposed work is \$11.1 million.

The Army may modify its preferred alternatives, or select new alternatives, based on public comments.

Community members can review copies of the Proposed Plans and the Feasibility Studies for the Other Aberdeen Areas at the Edgewood and Aberdeen branches of the Harford County Public Library and Miller Library at Washington College in Kent County. Community members can also review the Proposed Plan and submit comments through APG's Web Site, <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/directorates/restor/document.htm>.

Receiving urgent care

KUSAHC

Patients requiring urgent care should call the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Call Center at 410-278-5475 to request a same-day appointment. If the Call Center states that there are no same day appointments available for urgent problems, they will transfer the call to a triage nurse in either the Pediatric Clinic or the General Medicine Clinic.

The triage nurse will facilitate an urgent referral, if required, which will allow the patient to go to a civilian

urgent care provider.

The nurse will specify which civilian care provider to which the caller is authorized care.

If urgent care is needed after hours or on weekends or holidays, call the Staff Duty NCO at 410-278-1725. The Staff Duty NCO will notify patient's primary care manager. If traveling and urgent care is needed, call 1-877-874-2273 (TRICARE).

If patient obtains medical care without an urgent care referral, out-of-pocket expenses could be incurred.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic

Any emergency, call 911
(no emergency room at KUSAHC)
Appointment Call Center,
410-278-5475 (KIRK)

Call center toll free, 1-866-756-5475
Urgent care referral after hours, weekends,
holidays, 410-278-1725

Urgent care referral while traveling,
1-877-874-2273

Pharmacy refill line, 1-800-248-6337

Watchcard

Do: Observe and report:

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.
- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.
- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.
 - Unusual phone calls, messages or e-mails.
 - Unusual contacts, on or off post.
- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

Do not:

- Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning.
 - Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
- Discuss force protection measures, capabilities or posture.
- Disclose any information related to unit deployments.

Report any suspicious activity immediately to the APG Police:

Aberdeen, 410-306-2222, 4-2222
Edgewood, 410-436-2222, 5-2222

Off post in Maryland, 1-800-492-TIPS (8477) or call 911.

Your call may save lives.

Note - Do not take this card with you when on travel outside of the United States.



EOC focus of IMA visit

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
During an Aug. 10 visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground's Emergency Operations Center, Diane M. Devens, Northeast Region director, U.S. Army Installation Management Agency, center, receives a briefing on the installation's emergency preparedness from Bob Remus, right, EOC chief, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, as Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, left, and Joseph Craten, deputy to the commander, second from right, listen in.

Deployment News

Army medics train with patient simulators

Sandy Fowler
Army News Service

Army medics are training for upcoming deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan with high-tech patient simulation technology.

The patient simulators of the Combat Trauma Patient Simulation system realistically replicate a vast array of conditions to include trauma, weapons of mass destruction and diseases.

The system forces trainees to assess, stabilize, treat and evacuate patients.

Medics report these simulators provide realistic training because they breathe, blink their eyes, have pulses and even simulate death.

The CTPS system consists of networked patient simulators, along with a triage capability that allows military medics to train both individually and as a team in the case of mass casualties.

The CTPS system is fielded at the Department of Combat Medic Training, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and Schools in Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Another system resides at the Advanced Medical Test Support Center at Fort Gordon, Ga.

The Field Medical Service School at Camp Pendleton Marine Base, Calif., recently received a mini version of the CTPS system. The Army National Guard at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., has had CTPS assets since 1998.

The First Cavalry Division has two patient simulators in Iraq to provide just-in-time training to medics fighting the war on terror.

Future user sites include Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Rucker, Ala., Fort Riley, Kan., Fort Bragg, N.C. and the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell, Ky.

(Editor's Note: Sandy Fowler is the Principal Investigator at Medical Simulation Technologies.)



Combat medics train on a simulated battlefield using the Combat Trauma Patient Simulation system at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Photo courtesy of RDECOM

Local auxiliary continues serving deployed service members

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With the War on Terror more than two years old, with no sign of letting up, the women of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5337 Ladies Auxiliary in Abingdon aren't letting up either. As of Aug. 5, the group has shipped 438 boxes of goods to service members deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

With each box weighing 18 to 20 pounds and averaging \$7 per package to ship, the total comes to more than \$3,000 in postal expenses, most of which is paid through auxiliary fund raisers and donations from local businesses. Not a bad job for a group of women who started out simply looking for a way to show their support for America's service members.

Auxiliary secretary Ruth Hennigan and four volunteers gathered in her Edgewood home to prepare yet another shipment Aug. 5. Her neighbor Janet Renner, and friend Faye White, a member of Aglow International, and Whites' two granddaughters, Emily, 8, and Megan, 7, joined Hennigan.

Using a list of names provided by service members, relatives and friends of deployed service members, the group filled more than a

dozen boxes with items like toothpaste, deodorant, sunscreen, lotion, shampoo and other essentials.

Hennigan said the program began as a small adopt-a-unit project but it has since grown so large that they have combined forces with Aglow International.

"Every week we get letters and e-mails from Soldiers thanking us for their packages and asking us to send something to their buddies," Hennigan said.

"Some even request school supplies or toys for the Iraqi children," White added.

White also is the president of the Bel Air/Aberdeen Lighthouse, which has donated almost half of the supplies sent to the troops.

The auxiliary has received several American flags from units as a show of appreciation. One in particular, was received in late July from the Department of Defense Coalition Joint Task Force Phoenix in Camp Phoenix, Afghanistan. It included a flag that had flown over Camp Julien in Kabul, a Department of Defense certificate and a letter of recognition from the brigade's executive officer.

The letter reads in part:
"Like their fathers before them, your sons and daughters have bravely answered the call to

duty, putting themselves between their homes and loved ones, and the enemies of freedom. They fight with professional ferocity, courage, and compassion that is unmatched by any fanatic or terrorist. They have taken the fight to the heart of the enemy, while at the same time proving themselves friends to the Afghan people. You all should be incredibly proud of them. They are the best America has to offer, and they are fantastic. Signed, Maj. Denis T. Sullivan, Camp Phoenix, Kabul, Afghanistan."

"We don't do this for thanks but gestures like this go straight to the heart," Hennigan said.

The group maintains logbooks of service members' names and addresses. Most are sent by friends, relatives and fellow Soldiers.

"We always send a note first, letting them know who we are and to expect a box from us," Hennigan said.

"We also ask that they contact us through letter or e-mail and let us know if they or others have any special needs," White added. "They always respond and almost every one of them asks for our prayers."

Hennigan said local retailers like Wal-Mart, Boyle Buick, Dollar Tree Stores and Mars supermarkets have supported the projects through donations of funds or goods and local schools like John Carroll and Bel Air and Aberdeen Middle have added writing campaigns as well.

Volunteers from the VFW pick up the boxes from Hennigan's home and transport them to the Post Office. The Ladies Auxiliary pays all postage through fundraisers and donations.

She thanked VFW member Bob Gehr who handles most of the mailings.

"We're so grateful to him," Hennigan said. "He doesn't want any recognition but we really couldn't do it without him."

"We do this because we care about our

troops and people need to see that there are people out there who are involved in supporting them," Hennigan said, adding that "anyone is welcome to help, even if they only need us to add a name to the list."

"We've been doing this for two years and we'll continue until they come home," she said.

Anyone who would like to add a service member to the list or is interested in volunteering or donating, may contact Ruth Hennigan at 410-538-8269.

The VFW, with its Auxiliaries, includes 2.4 million members in approximately 9,000 posts worldwide.

VFW accomplishments include lobbying for a GI bill for the 20th century; donating more than \$1 million each to the Vietnam, Korean, Women in Military Service, and World War II memorials; fighting for compensation to veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome; improving VA medical centers services for women veterans, and supporting America's forces through Support the Troops programs like Operation Uplink.

Annually, VFW members and its Ladies Auxiliary contribute more than 13 million hours of volunteerism in the community, including participation in Make A Difference Day and National Volunteer Week.

From providing \$2.5 million in college scholarships to high school students every year, to encouraging elevation of the Veterans Administration to the president's cabinet, the VFW is there -honoring the dead by helping the living.

Aglow International is a trans-denominational organization of Christian women with more than 4,000 local groups in 163 countries. It is one of the largest international women's organizations with over 1,100 local groups in the U.S. alone.



Ruth Hennigan, secretary of the VFW Post 5337 Ladies Auxiliary, right, packs a box of goods for deployed service members in Iraq and Afghanistan with help from Faye White of Aglow International, left, and neighbor Janet Renner, center.

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ApologetiX rocks APG Post Theater



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Carolyn H. Dawson
APG News

The band ApologetiX may have an unusual name, but no apology was necessary after performing their Christian message through music at the Post Theater June 26.

ApologetiX lead singer J. Jackson says when the group picked the unusual name back in 1992, it was because Christian apologetics was really important to them.

ApologetiX gets their unusual name from the word "apologetics" which means "the defense of the Christian faith."

It's based on the Greek word for defense, apologia, which is in the original text of this Bible verse from the Apostle Peter: "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer (or defense or 'apologia') to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15)."

The band is made up of co-founder and vocalist Jackson, lead guitarist, vocalist and co-founder Karl Messner, bassist Keith "Stan" Haynie, and Messner's brother-in-law, drummer Bill Rieger.

The original apologists were the early Christians who were trying to defend their faith to outsiders (the Romans, for example) who thought they were a cult and were spreading unsubstantiated rumors about

them.

When a person is called an apologist these days, he could be defending a number of ideas.

"Although I went to 12 years of religious school and attended church faithfully, participated in choirs, etc., before I became a born again Christian, I didn't have a clue as to exactly why I believed what I believed.

"When atheists or agnostics or cultists wanted to debate with me, I'd run away," Jackson said.

"Then I started reading the Bible and really, really researching things, and I discovered that there is a whole lot of evidence to back it up. There's a whole lot more to the story, but the point is that I wanted to be able to help others know why they believe what they believe.

"So we chose the name ApologetiX, adding the "X" on the end to make it look more modern and to ensure we had a name that nobody else had ever used. We liked the name ApologetiX because it could be used with a "the" in front to make it sound like a '60's/'70's vocal group ("The ApologetiX," the Stylistics, the Dramatics, etc.) or a without a "the" to make it sound like a modern rock group ("ApologetiX," An-thrax, etc.)," Jackson said.

Parody is the artform ApologetiX proclaims.

What makes the band so unique is that they take a pop-

ular song, and parody both the lyrics and music. For example, rap artist Eminem's "Lost Yourself" transforms into the Christian parody, Look Yourself.

Some of ApologetiX's other parodies which they performed at the APG concert included Lazy Brain parody of "Crazy Train" by Ozzy Osbourne; Yes Today parody of "Yesterday" by the Beatles; Smooth Grandmama parody of "Smooth Criminal" by Alien Ant Farm; The Devil Went Down to Jordan parody of "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" by Charlie Daniels; Baa! We're Lambs parody of "Barbara Ann" by Beach Boys; Bethlehemian Rhapsody parody of "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen; The Real Sin Savior parody of "The Real Slim Shady" by Eminem; Cheap Birds Parody of "Free Bird" by Lynyrd Skynyrd; Meshach parody of "Love Shack" by The B-52's; Story of a Squirrel parody of "Absolutely (Story of a Girl)" by Nine Days; and Choirboy parody of "Cowboy" by Kid Rock.

For more about ApologetiX, their CDs and upcoming concerts, visit www.apologetix.com.

(Editor's note: Information taken from www.apologetix.com.)

Community Notes

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard

To verify listing, call 410-272-9008, or visit
www.aafes.com and click on "Movie Listing!"

FANTASTIC FOUR

Friday, Aug. 19, 7 p.m.

Starring:
 I o a n
 G r u f f u d d ,
 J e s s i c a
 A l b a ,
 C h r i s
 E v a n s ,
 M i c h a e l
 C h i k l i s



After an accident in space, a team of scientists find that their DNA has been forever altered. The result—superpowers. Lead geek Reed Richards (Gruffudd) transforms into Mr. Fantastic, a man who can stretch his body. Susan Storm (Alba) becomes the Invisible Woman, while her brother, Johnny Storm (Evans), finds that as the Human Torch, he can set himself ablaze. Finally, Ben Grimm (Chiklis) turns into the Thing, a creature made of rocks. Together, dubbed the Fantastic Four, they take on the evil Dr. Doom. (Rated PG-13)

THE ISLAND (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m.

Starring: Ewan McGregor, Scarlett Johansson

In the near future, wealthy Americans can have themselves cloned, with the option of using their clones for organ transplants later in life. Their doubles are duped into thinking that a lottery spin will send them to an island paradise, when in reality, they're on the way to get their body parts harvested. One of these clones (McGregor) starts to suspect the true nature of the facility in which he was raised and plots an escape with a friend (Johansson). (Rated PG-13)

HIGH TENSION

Saturday, Aug. 20, 9 p.m.

Starring: Cecile De France, Maiwenn Le Besco, Philippe Nahon

Two college girls travel to a country farmhouse for a relaxing weekend in preparation for their final exams, but upon their arrival they find themselves stalked by a murderous 'wacko.' (Rated R)

SATURDAY AUGUST 20 BARBECUE

The men's fellowship of Edgewood Assembly of God will hold a barbecue at 7 p.m. at 803 Edgewood Road. The guest speaker will be Minister Keith Henson. All men and their sons are invited.

For more information, call 410-676-4455, during office hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SATURDAY

MONDAY AUGUST 22 STORYTIME CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Storytime Cruise, 6:30 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$10 per person. Passengers can board the ship at Tydings Park, Havre de Grace for a 90-minute cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area while enjoying snacks and stories for youngsters.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

VA HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SEMINAR

The Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System, in cooperation with the Chesapeake Health Education Program, will host a VA Health Care Eligibility and Veterans Benefits Seminar, 8:30 a.m. on the 2nd floor balcony, Baltimore VA Medical Center.

The program is free of charge and will provide an overview of VA programs and services to community social workers, counselors and other health care providers for assistance in referring veterans to VA facilities.

For more information, call Sandra Pollard, 410-642-2411, extension 6096, or register online at www.chepinc.org/edu/course.asp?id=05-20.

TUESDAY AUGUST 23 LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Lighthouse cruise, noon to 3 p.m., aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis in Tydings Park, Havre de Grace. Tickets cost \$30 per person, and include water views of Concord Point, Turkey Point and Fishing Battery Island. Sandwiches and refreshments also will be provided.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

SATURDAY AUGUST 27 SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION (SAV) HUNT

Ever wonder why some grass grows underwater? Join The Estuary Center for canoeing and underwater grass exploration 1 to 5 p.m.

This free event is for ages 12 and older. Youths 12 to 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Learn how to identify different plants, why they are an important resource to the Bay and what plants grow in the area.

For information, directions, or to make a reservation (required), call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, x1688.

SKIPJACK MARTHA LEWIS 50TH CELEBRATION

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy will celebrate the Skipjack Martha Lewis' 50 years, 7 to 11 a.m., at Hutchins Park (at the foot of Congress Avenue). Tickets cost \$45 per person and include a crab feast, live music and a silent auction.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078, or stop by Amanda's Florist or the CHC office.

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are 4 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday and closed on Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays.

Visitors should continue to use the Route 24 Gate, which is operational 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Visitors will not be permitted to enter through the Magnolia Gate unless accompanied by a government ID holder.

Delays may be expected at various times.

Improving English skills

English for Speakers of Other Languages will be held for those needing a refresher course or for those with little English speaking and writing skills.

The course is open to military personnel, APG civilians, retirees, and adult family members age 18 and older. The class is also designed for foreign-born adults providing them an opportunity to improve their English comprehension, speaking, reading and writing skills.

Free classes will be held 6:30 to 8 p.m., Friday evenings, Aug. 19 through Sept. 30, at Army Community Service classroom, building 2754, Rodman Road.

For more information or to register, call Marilyn Howard, Relocation Program at 410-278-9669/7572.

Adult American Citizenship class

The Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program will offer a free class for military personnel or family members, preparing to take the Immigration and Naturalization test for American citizenship. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturdays, Aug. 20 through Sept 27 in the ACS Classroom #103, building 2754, Rodman Road.

The class covers citizenship procedures, how to fill out applications, basic American History, and the Constitution.

Attendees must attend all sessions to receive a Harford

Community College certificate for attending a citizenship class.

For more information or to register, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669/7572.

FWP holds Women's Equality Day ceremony

The APG Federal Women's Program will host the annual Women's Equality Day ceremony on 10 a.m., Aug. 24, at the Ball Auditorium, building 3074.

Awards will recognize those individuals and organizations exemplary in their support of FWP goals. Award categories are Outstanding Woman of the Year, Supervisor/Manager Of the Year and Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals.

For more information, call Sheryl Coleman, APG FWP chairperson, 410-278-5964, or Linda Patrick, U.S. Army Center for the Promotion of Preventive Medicine, 410-436-1023

See "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" on Broadway

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a trip to see "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" on Broadway in New York City, Sept. 17. The play may be inappropriate for children under 12; children 4 and under will not be permitted by the theater.

Tickets cost \$135 per person and includes show ticket and transportation.

The bus will depart the Aberdeen Area 6 a.m. and return 9:30 p.m. There will be time for lunch and leisure prior to the show.

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

Retirement briefings

The Army Benefits Center-Civilian will present retirement briefings Sept. 20 at the

Post Theater, building 3245. The first briefing, 8 a.m. to noon, is for employees covered under the Civil Service Retirement System, and the second briefing, 1 to 4 p.m., is for employees covered under the Federal Employees Retirement System.

The speaker will give a general overview on retirement to include topics such as military deposit, deposits and redeposits, survivor annuity, etc.

All civilian employees are eligible to attend the briefing.

For more information, call Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

PWOC offers Bible study groups, events

The Protestant Women of the Chapel offer three different Bible Study groups. Join other Christian women Monday evenings at 7 p.m. to study "Proverbs" by Dr. David Jeremiah; Thursday mornings at 9:15 for three different studies: "Calm My Anxious Heart" by Linda Dillow, "Wives of Warriors" by Rhonda Sturgill, and "Answers in Genesis" by Ken Hamm; and the third study meets the first Friday of the month at 7 p.m. and second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. to study "Restore my heart" by Denise Glenn.

The Monday night bible study will start at 7 p.m., Aug. 22, with a general information evening and a guest speaker.

The following Monday, there will be a potluck dinner and the study will start on Sept. 5.

The Thursday morning study will start 9:30 a.m., Sept. 1, with a fall-kick-off event to include games, skits, praise and worship and lunch. Regular bible study will start on Sept. 8.

Childcare is provided for all Bible study groups.

For more information, call Marcia Larson, 410-272-7425.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Activities

Operating hours

The MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the first and third Friday of every month.

If that is a training holiday, the office will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the Thursday prior.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

Registration

Register for any MWR event by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting MWR Registration, building 3326, or visiting online at www.apgmwr.com.

MWR to award prize to 1 millionth receipt holder

Purchase any item from MWR and you could be the one millionth receipt recipient and win a prize package. MWR employees and their relatives are not eligible. More details will appear in the next couple of weeks.

Friday Social at Top of the Bay

Free munchies, music and games are featured at the Friday Social, 4 to 8 p.m. in the Down Under located on the lower level of Top of the Bay.

Additional beverages and food are available for purchase.

Rock climbing, darts, cards and table tennis are now being

featured. Participants could win prizes and trips.

Jujitsu

These instructional classes in the "ancient art of hand-to-hand combat" are designed to enable the student to become proficient in the art of self-defense.

The course includes learning take-downs, grappling, gripping and ground floor fighting to subdue an opponent.

The instructor for this course will be World Champion, Grandmaster Irving Soto, a 10th degree black and red belt, who has experience as an actor, stuntman, musician and was honored in the International Hall of Fame.

APG Youth School of Dance

Call for an appointment to register for the APG Dance Program at Aberdeen CYS, 410-278-7571, building 2752, or the Edgewood Youth Center, 410-436-2098, building E-1902.

Aberdeen Youth Center classes

Creative Movement classes will be held 4:30 to 5 p.m., on Thursdays, for 3 year olds.

Ballet/Tap/Jazz classes will be held on Thursdays, 5 to 6 p.m., for children ages 4 to 5; 6 to 7 p.m. for children ages 6 to 8; and ballet and jazz classes will be taught 7 to 8 p.m. for children ages 9 to 12. Ballet and jazz classes for ages 13 and older will be held on Fridays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tap classes will be held on Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., for children ages 9 and older.

Modern Dance classes will

be held on Fridays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for children 9 years and older.

Ann Marie Dance Studio classes

Ballet/tap/jazz class will be held on Fridays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., for children ages 4 to 6.

Ballet and Tap class will be held on Fridays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., for children ages 7 to 10.

Hip Hop class will be held on Fridays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., for children ages 9 and older.

The Ann Marie Dance Studio is located on 1018 Edgewood Road, Edgewood, across from McDonald's on Route 40.

Children ages 3 to 18 of military or civilian employees at APG and sponsored personnel are eligible to register. Classes cost \$75 for children 3 years of age; cost is \$120 for children ages 4 and older.

Dress will be black leotards, pink tights and black ballet shoes/tap shoes.

Introductory sports playgroup

A new introductory sports playgroup program for Family Child Care youths will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Thursday at the Edgewood Youth Center, weather permitting. The program will not be held on holidays. This program will launch children's interest in sports in a non-competitive fashion.

For more information, call Chris Fielder, 410-436-2862.

Tickets available for Sesame Street Live

Call MWR for tickets to Sesame Street Live at 1st Mariner Arena in Baltimore. When Super Grover loses his 'superness,' Sesame Street

needs a hero. Never fear, your favorite Sesame Muppet friends are here. Get set to join The Fabulous Five, a new team of Sesame heroes, as they work to put the "super" back in Super Grover.

Show times include Friday, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 23; Saturday, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Sept. 24; and Sunday, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Sept. 25.

All tickets cost \$14.50 each and are located on the 100 level.

The last day to purchase tickets is Friday, Sept. 16.

Maryland Renaissance Festival tickets available

Tickets for the Maryland Renaissance Festival cost \$13.50 for adults ages 16 years and over and \$7.50 for children ages 7 to 15 years.

Prices at the gate cost \$17 for adults and \$8 for children.

The festival is open weekends, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Aug. 27 through Oct. 23.

The Maryland Renaissance Festival is located on Crownsville Road, in Anne Arundel County in Crownsville, just outside of Annapolis, Md. Handicapped parking is available next to the main gate.

When entering the parking lot, follow the signs to the designated handicapped parking area.

SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

Preparing for school

Harford County Public Schools 'On The Web' is the easy, fastest way to get important information about local schools, including how to enroll, graduation requirements, school information, school calendar, hours of operation, student guidelines, safety and security, bus routes and stops, health services, pupil services, inclement weather policy, support resources, and contact numbers. Visit www.hcps.org and take advantage of this excellent and helpful resource today.

School information packets are also available at the School Liaison Office and CYS Central Registration in building 2752, or call 410-278-2857.

School openings

Aug. 29 - opening of schools for students grades K-12.

Aug. 31 - opening of school for prekindergarten students.

Hours of operation:

School	Starting time	Dismissal
High Schools	7:45 a.m.	2:15 p.m.
Middle schools	8:15 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Elem. schools	9 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
a.m. kindergarten	9 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
p.m. kindergarten	1 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
All Day Kindergarten	9 a.m.	3:30 p.m.

For 'Boundary Exceptions' information, call the Director of Pupil Services, 410-588-5334, or stop by the School Liaison Office and pick up a brochure.

Contact Information: Send question or comments concerning Harford County Public Schools to Donald R. Morrison, director of Public Information, don.morrison@hcps.org, call 410-588-5203, or call the HCPS Customer Relations Action Line, 410-638-0022. Send questions or comments about the HCPS Web site to webmaster@hcps.org.

School meetings

Roye-Williams Elementary School

Open House/Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m., Aug. 25.

PTA President, Suzanne Afuhamago, 410-272-2094/410-273-5536

Edgewood Elementary School

New Parents Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Aug. 23

Open House, 4 to 6 p.m., Aug. 25

Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m., Sept. 13

PTA President, Tracy Walsh, 410-612-1540

Aberdeen Middle School

Back to School Night, 6 p.m., Sept. 1

PTA President: Kim Jones, 410-273-5510

Aberdeen High School

Open House, 2 to 5 p.m., Aug. 25

Back to School Night, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Sept. 7

PTA president to be announced, 410-273-5500

Halls Cross Roads Elementary School

Open House, 4 to 6 p.m., Aug. 26

Back to School, 6:15 to 8 p.m., Sept. 8

PTA President, Ken Witt, 410-297-8553

Havre de Grace Elementary School

Open House, 4 to 6 p.m., Aug. 26

Back to School Night, 6 to 8 p.m., Sept. 14

PTA President, Ruth Arias, 410-939-6616

Havre de Grace Middle School

Open House, 3 to 5 p.m., Aug. 25

Back to School Night, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Sept. 6

PTA President, Debbie Thompson, 410-939-6608

Havre de Grace High School

Open House, 1 to 3 p.m., Aug. 25

Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m., Sept. 15

PTA President, Meg Wloczewski, 410-939-6600

Edgewood Middle School

PTA President, Deb Merlock, 410-612-1518

Edgewood High School

Open House, 3 to 5 p.m., Aug. 25

Back to School Night, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m., Sept. 1

PTA President, Cathy Robinson, 410-612-1500

APG offers Geography Challenge 'TOP 50'

How well do children know their geography? According to the latest research,

American students are ranked last among students of all ages from around the world.

Here is a way to help students improve their geography knowledge and improve in school. Children can take the APG Geography Challenge 'TOP 50, a series of challenging geography questions that require students to use their skills in finding answers

using maps, world globe and other visual aids within a one hour time limit. All answers must be placed on the practice map and answer sheet as supplied. Participants who answer 44 to 50 correct will receive a first place trophy. A second place medallion will be awarded for 36 to 43 correct answers, a third place medallion for 26 to 35 correct answers, and a participation award will be given for 18 to 25 correct answers. Any student who scores 100 percent will receive a chess set. If interested, call Ivan Mehosky, 410-278-2857, to set up a time and date to take the APG Geography Challenge.

Read Aloud, APG

The most important 20 minutes of a parent's day can be reading aloud to their child. Albert Einstein once said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge."

Reading aloud feeds the imagination and fosters creativity.

Reading aloud tips

Choose a book that is at least 2 to 3 grade levels above the child's reading level. Children can listen to language at a higher level than they can read. Let the child's interests and maturity be the guide to selecting an appropriate book.

Create a special time and place for reading aloud in the home.

Choose a book that is fun and interesting for parent and child. If either is bored, find another book, there's a book for everyone.

Be a ham. Read with expression and feeling-try different voices and sounds. Read slower or faster as the story changes.

Preview the read-aloud book to be sure it has action and emotional impact, and the parent is comfortable with the content.

Sit close together and enjoy each other's company.

Visit the library often and let children help select books for reading aloud. Ask the youth librarian for suggestions.

Encourage children to be involved by talking about the book and sharing feelings.

Make a commitment-it may take time to feel comfortable with reading aloud.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Library, building 3320, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday. For more information, call 410-278-3417.

The APG MWR Library has a few new audio books on CD:

The Big Over Easy, written by Jasper Fforde, read by Simon Prebble

Marker, written by Robin Cook, read by George Guidall

Haunted, written by Chuck Palahniuk, read by a multiple cast

Velocity, written by Dean Koontz, read by Michael Hayden

Crusader's Cross, written by James

Lee Burke, read by Will Patton

The Closers, written by Michael Connelly, read by Lee Cariou

The library's Web site, www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html, provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

APG lunch options

Recreation Center Snack Bar

Building 3326
Serves lunch Monday thru Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-2621.

Top of the Bay

Building 30
Lunch is served Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-3062.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar

Building 2342
Choice of either hot or mild wings, French fries, cole slaw, soda, \$7.35

OR
Chicken salad sandwich, chips, soda, \$4.50

Ruggles Golf Course

Sutherland Golf Clubhouse
Building 5600

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday thru Sunday, 7 a.m. to dusk.

For more information, call 410-278-7263.

The snack bar has a variety of items to choose from including hot meals, burgers, subs, sandwiches, baskets and pizza.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041.

Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



Concert

From front page

Do It," and "I Got Him Ready for You," and "The River," is currently #10 on GAC's Top 20 Countdown. Her single, "The Bumper of my S.U.V." is already a Top 40 hit.

Wright said her songs draw power from the fact that every word of them is true.

"My main objective was to have a collection of gems," Wright said. "I'm most proud of the fact that it's 12 good songs, 12 well-recorded songs, 12 songs I love to sing."

Julie Roberts

www.julieroberts.com

Julie Roberts is best known for her 2004 single "Break Down Here," which netted her Best New Artist and Breakthrough Video of the Year nominations during this year's Country Music Association awards.

According to the Associated Press, Roberts' debut album, Julie Roberts, is in the top 10 country albums for the year. Music critics have described it as a collection of bluesy country with shades of Bonnie Raitt and Dolly Parton.

"I just look for lyrics that are real," Roberts said. "That's the basis for all my songs. The lyrics have to mean

something to me. When I listen for a song, I have got to know someone who has lived it or I have to have lived it myself, because I become that character for three minutes. I want every song to hit someone in some way, because they hit me."

Miranda Lambert

www.mirandalambert.com

Lambert's debut album on Epic Records, Kerosene, is an astoundingly strong and well-balanced collection according to CMT reviews.

And judging by the album's initial sales, Lambert is on the way to becoming one of the year's country music success stories. Lambert wrote

six and co-wrote another five of the album's 12 songs. Although Lambert had already been performing for years, the Lindale, Texas, native first achieved national prominence in 2003 as a contestant on the Nashville Star talent contest. She ultimately placed third in it.

"I definitely think image is important," she says, "but I don't necessarily think you need to use your body. I'm a fan of staying trim and looking good. That's part of being in the public eye. But I really don't want to be known as a sex symbol or anything like that. I want to be accepted for my music and my talent."

Commander's Cup point standings

The Commander's Cup is awarded each December to the unit that scores the most points in intramural sports during the year. Units accumulate points by participating in Basketball, the Bench Press Competition, the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Racquetball, Volleyball, Softball, Golf, the Deadlift Competition, Soccer and Football. Points are awarded for unit participation and division and post championship wins.



Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, holding trophy, poses with coach Craig Bouchard and the rest of the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment softball team after the team won the Intramural Softball Post Championship, 14-7, 20-4, on Shine Sports Field Aug. 11. From left, front row, Jim Dunster, James Warrington, Michael Perri, Nilabanh Sosa, and Abraham Sanchez. From left, back row, Kenny Miller, Dan Sullivan, Valente Cantu, Bouchard, Wright, Steve Greulich and Mike Ryan.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Commander's Cup point totals as of Aug. 12.

USMC	USMC	129	USMC
	Company B 16th	97	
	Company A 16th	55	
	HHC 143rd	44	
	Company E 16th	39	
	Company B 143rd	36	
	ATC	32	
	Company C 16th	31	
	Company C 143rd	31	
	CHPPM	25	
	MRICD	22	
	HHC 16th	21	
	USAF	19	
	HHC 61st	15	
	National Guard	13	
	Company A 143rd	10	
	AML	6	
203rd MI	5		
HST	0		
WOA	0		
NCOA	-4		
22nd Chem Bn	-8		
KUSAHC	-10		

USMC wallops Company E 16th, 14-7, 20-4 to win intramural softball championship

Story and photos by Yvonne Johnson APG News

The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment burst out of the losers bracket to sweep two games from a stunned Company E 16th and win the intramural softball post championship, 14-7 and 20-4 on Shine Sports Field Aug. 11.

Because they were playing in the losers bracket, USMC needed to win both games.

Company E 16th finished with the best record in the league and cruised undefeated through the playoffs. The day before, they defeated USMC 20-7, but were unable to tame the beast when it counted.

Before the games, Sergio Nandin, Company E 16th coach and pitcher, said his players made coaching easy.

"I just pitch the games," Nandin said. "It's been a long season but this team plays awesome."

USMC coach Craig Bouchard said that despite "a stumble in the off season" his team felt good about their chances.

"Whenever we needed bats, or whenever we needed gloves they came up," Bouchard said. "We lost yesterday so we know we've got to get going and win this thing twice."

Game one started off much in the Marine's favor. They posted a 5-0 lead in the first inning then increased it to 11-0 in the top of the third, off the big bats of Valente Cantu, Michael Ryan, Steve Greulich, Dan Sullivan and Bouchard who all hit or walked after a lead off walk by Nilabanh Sosa.

Company E responded defensively, tagging out runners at first and home on the same play when they badly needed two outs, but still ended the inning down 11-0.

The officers closed the gap in a big way, however, scoring two runs in the third and five in the fourth thanks to key hits and hustle by Reginald White and Robert Settles, and a 2-run homer by assistant coach Gavin Sanding to end the inning down only four at 11-7.

Up 13-7 in the top of the fifth, USMC added one more then held Company E scoreless in the bottom of the inning to end the game with the 14-7 win.

"We had a plan, but Settles got injured," Nandin said after the game, referring to his valuable third-baseman who was hurt on a slide into second base. "We'll have to switch some positions but we'll come back this game."

Bouchard said that no adjustments were necessary.

"We're not 'gonna change a thing," he said. "We'll continue to hit and field and do what we do normally."

At first the short break between games seemed to work in both team's favor.

Company E jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first. USMC responded with an 8-run second inning, and pitcher Kenny Miller, who pitched both games, settled in and kept the Company E bats quiet until it was too late to make a difference. The Marines batted around in the third inning adding 11 more runs, including three home runs, two by Sosa.

Company E added two more runs in the fourth but it wasn't enough as USMC cruised to a 20-4 win to claim the post championship.

"This was the result of a lot of hard work," said Maj. Matthew Sutton, USMC Detachment commander. "What a great comeback from yesterday. I'm very proud of them."

"We just kept playing hard like we've played all year," Bouchard said. "They pretty much crushed us yesterday but that just made us want it more."

Miller, the winning pitcher, who never pitched until the post season, said that he was "just hoping to pitch well enough to help the team win."

"At the end of the first game I was just glad it was over," Miller said. "That's when I knew we had a chance to win."

Bouchard named shortstop



USMC's Michael Perri blasts the first of four consecutive RBI doubles to center field during the 2nd inning of game two. The Marines scored eight runs in the inning to take an 8-2 lead over Company E 16th.



Company E 16th's Robert Settles beats the tag with a face-first slide into third base in the bottom of the third inning of game one versus the USMC Detachment.

Steve Greulich the team's Most Valuable Player.

Greulich had two walks, one that loaded the bases in game one, and two RBI singles and a solo homer to drive in the team's final score in game two.

"It was a team effort," Greulich said. "We knew what it would take to come out and play two good games. Yesterday's loss was tough but it gave us motivation and we just came out strong. We filled the holes and played solid ball."

Company E 16th players included Sergio Nandin, Gavin Sanding, Jeremiah Johnson, Mike Ford, Kim Bishop, John Shultz, Rob Settles, Reggie White, Tim Dowden, Adam Thompson, Joey Lee, Chris Fontaine and Julie Pickett.

Softball

The following results are for the intramural softball postseason tournament held Aug. 3 to 11.

<p>Aug. 3 HHC 16, 20; USMC #2, 0 CHPPM, 15; USAF, 14 Company C 143rd forfeited to USMC</p>	<p>Aug. 9 Company E 16th, 17; HHC 16th, 9 CHPPM, 14; USMC #2, 3</p>
<p>Aug. 4 Company C 143rd, 12; USAF, 11 HHC 61st forfeited to Company E 16th HHC 61st forfeited to USMC #2</p>	<p>Aug. 10 Company E 16th, 20; USMC, 7 CHPPM, 8; HHC 16th, 7 USMC, 12; CHPPM, 2 Company C 143rd forfeited to HHC 16th</p>
<p>Aug. 8 USMC, 20; CHPPM, 17</p>	<p>Aug. 11 USMC, 14; Company E 16th, 7 USMC, 20; Company E 16th, 4</p>

Golf lessons end with junior tournament

Story and photos by Rebecca J. Chisholm APG News

A rainy start did not hinder the Aberdeen Proving Ground Junior Golf players as they competed in a tournament to end their summer golf lessons Aug. 9 at Ruggles Golf Course.

One hundred twenty five youths took golf lessons over the past seven weeks from coaches Bill Kegley, Scott Cottrell, Chris Fielder, Dave Byers, volunteer, and Dave Correll, golf pro, at either Aberdeen's Ruggles Golf Course or Edgewood's Exton golf courses.

Started 16 years ago, Junior Golf is open to those with Youth Center memberships, with registration beginning in May.

"The number of students varies," said Kegley, Youth Sports director. "We used to have 35 to 40 kids, until Tiger Woods started playing."

Cameron Shiflett, 14, started playing golf at age 7.

"I saw Tiger Woods and wanted to try," Shiflett said.

The Bel Air High School sophomore said that his grandparents and other relatives also influenced his golf dreams, as they all play.

Also influencing young players was the LPGA Tournament held at Bulle Rock Golf Course in Havre de Grace this past May. "A lot of the kids wanted to go to the tournament," Kegley said.

A third year golfer, Audrey Song, 8, started playing golf with her family, especially her mom, Tae Yeon Song.

"This is a very good program," said Tae Yeon. "The instructors are very nice."

Audrey and her sister, Katie, both take lessons, and the family enjoys golf outings yearly.

The Junior Golf tournament ended with a potluck lunch put on by the parents of the golfers, as well as an awards ceremony.

The winners for the Boys 7-9 Years Division (five holes): 1st Place, Shawn Kluchinsky (25), 2nd Place, Tanner Course (29), 3rd Place Joshua Fuentes (34).

Girls 7-9 Years Division: 1st Place, Sarah North (29), 2nd Place, Indiana Jones (34), 3rd Place, Lindsay Sheridan (35).

Winners for the Boys 10-11 Years Division (seven holes): 1st Place, Ty Heasley (42), 2nd Place, Matthew Sheridan (45), 3rd Place, Hunter Murrury (45).

Girls 10-11 Division: 1st Place, Nicole Leonard (48), 2nd Place, Katie Song (58), 3rd Place, Jessica Lang (59)

Winners for the Boys 12-13 Years Division (9 Holes): 1st Place, Michael Smith (48), 2nd Place, George Albrecht (54), 3rd Place, Paul Winnie (55).

Girls 12-13 Division: 1st Place, Symantha Hennelein (48), 2nd Place, Chelsey Childress (54), 3rd Place, Michelle Smith (55).

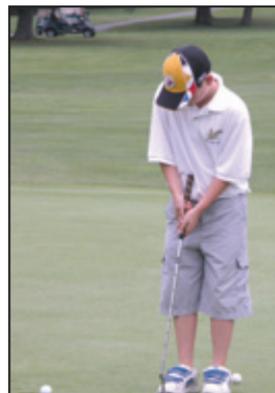
Winners for the Boys 14-16 Division (nine holes): 1st Place,

Jordan Heaps (48), 2nd Place Cameron Shiflett (49), 3rd Place Michael Mengel (52).

Girls 14-16 Years Division: 1st Place, Vickey Branscome (64), 2nd Place, Jessica Todd (66), 3rd Place, Whitney Anderson (78).



Connor Jones tees off during the Junior Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course Aug. 9.



Ty Heasley, first place golfer in the 10-11 division, sinks a putt.



Saul Martinez, left, a toxic materials control operator with the 22nd Chemical Battalion, chats with, from left, Juan Leal, Pedro Berber and Jesus Garcia, the three guests he is hosting from Team Mexico, during a meet and greet at the Aberdeen Swim Club Aug. 12 for teams participating in the Cal Ripken World Series Aug. 19 to 21.

Local families support Ripken World Series

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

For the third year in a row, local families have opened their homes to little league baseball players from around the world who have come to Aberdeen for the 2005 Cal Ripken World Series, to be held Aug. 19 to 21 in Cal Sr.'s Yard at Ripken Stadium.

Four Aberdeen Proving Ground families are hosting players for the second or third time. They include Sgt. 1st Class John Jones and his wife Jennifer; Sgt. 1st Class Craig Dyer and his wife Kay; George Martin, a detective with the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security and his wife Connie; and Saul Martinez, a toxic materials control operator with the 22nd Chemical Battalion and his wife Cynthia, a secretary with the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. Also, Maryland Air National Guard Col. Guy M. Walsh, commander of the 175th Wing, returned from a 4-month commitment in Iraq the day before he and his wife Ann picked up the two youths they are hosting from Team Hawaii.

"We keep doing this for the excitement," Martin said. "These kids come here to do their best and they deserve our support."

"This is our third year and we enjoy it more every time," Connie Martin added. "They made themselves at home and got right into the routine," she said of their two guests Cory Quiamzon and Chris Sekiguchi.

The Martinezes are also in their third year of hosting youths from team Mexico, the winner of all three world series.

This year their guests include Juan Leal, Jesus Garcia and Pedro Berber.

"It's just nice to have kids around because ours are all grown and out of the house," Saul Martinez said. "Plus, the county needs our help. Hopefully, these guys will have another great season here in Aberdeen."

Jennifer Jones said they returned as hosts because of the fun they had in 2004.

"We enjoyed the experience last year," she said, noting that their four girls "enjoyed having brothers around."

"These are good kids who just want to play ball," she said. "By the time they leave you really feel like they're a part of your family."

The Jones are keeping two youths from Team Southwest teammates from Meridian, Miss., Dustin James and Wes Stokes.

Their neighbors, the Dyers, who also returned after their first year of hosting in 2004, are hosting Luke Stanley and Casey Hinton.

Ann Walsh said she and her husband agreed to keep their

four guests from Hawaii before his deployment to Iraq.

"We hosted the first year but skipped last year," she said. "We decided to do it again because it's just fun. You get to know the kids and other families and you get caught up in the camaraderie."

Marine Corps coin available for purchase

Congress has approved a special commemorative coin to be minted, the 2005 Marine Corps 230th Anniversary silver dollar.

The surcharges from sales will benefit the creation of the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico, Va., which is being developed as partnership of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the United States. The image of the flag raising at Iwo Jima, represented at the Marine Corps War Memorial, is ingrained in the public mind as perhaps the enduring image of World War II as well as the coin.

Produced by the United States Mint in limited quantity, the coin is only available for a limited time. Coins in both proof and uncirculated condition are also available. The coins went on sale July 20.

For more information or to purchase a coin, visit http://www.usmint.gov/mint_programs/commemoratives/index.cfm?action=Marine, call the Customer Care Center at 1-800-872-6468, 8 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week, or contact in writing the U.S. Mint Customer Care Center, 801 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20220.