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APG News and PAO moving

The APG Public Affairs Office, including the APG News staff, building 2201, are relocating to building 305, second floor, on or about Sept. 1.

For more information, call 410-278-1147/1153.

Well-Being name changes to Community Action Council

The monthly Well-Being Action Council name has changed to the APG Community Action Council, effective immediately. Meeting locations alternate between the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas' chapels. Upcoming APG Community Action Council meetings will be held 9:30 a.m. Sept. 15 in the Aberdeen Area Chapel fellowship hall and Oct. 20 in the Edgewood Area chapel.

In keeping with the Army Family and Community covenants, the purpose of the APG Community Action Council is to familiarize members of the community with the core organizations that operate the installation; disseminate information; address questions, issues or complaints; and ensure community members are receiving needed services. The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison urges all active duty service members, government civilians, contractors, retirees and family members to either attend or send representatives to these informative meetings.

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Aberdeen Proving Ground League of Dreams player Antonio Stanfield races to first base after putting a ball in play and Bill Kegley, Child, Youth and School Services youth sports director, left, points him toward second during the League of Dreams All Star game at Ripken Stadium Aug. 20. The game wrapped up the inaugural League of Dreams season at Aberdeen Proving Ground. See next week's APG News for more on this event.

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON, APG NEWS



JoAnn Wright, an Army liaison with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, right, talks with Sgt. 1st Class Patricia Mucha, of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense about the Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation, or SMART, program for college students during the Community Connections Expo at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Aug. 11.

Expo connects APG Families to special needs organizations

Story and photo by YVONNE JOHNSON APG News

Special needs schools, service organizations and subject matter experts spent an afternoon sharing information with Aberdeen Proving Ground Families during the Community Connections Expo at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Aug. 11.

Hosted by the Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program and the Child, Youth and School Services School Liaison Office, the expo offered information about education, therapy, treatment and recreational options available in the local area and around the state for special needs children and adults.

Eileen Campbell, APG school liaison officer, said the expo was organized to provide a showcase of educational resources and special needs services, options and laws available for the installation's Soldiers, civilians, contractors and retirees.

Garrison calls for feedback about services

PAIO

Aberdeen Proving Ground's annual Customer Service Assessment, sponsored by Headquarters, U.S. Army Installation Management Command, begins Aug. 30.

Available online at www.mymilitaryvoice.org through Sept. 26, the survey will collect feedback from leaders, Soldiers, Family members, civilians, retirees and veterans on Garrison service delivery. This includes services from Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities, housing, military personnel services, transportation, religious services and more. All customers of these services will have an opportunity to let the Garrison know what is important to them and how the garrison service providers have performed over the past year.

As well as rating service delivery, survey participants will have an opportunity to provide comments about what has been done and where there may be opportunities for improvement.

"The annual Customer Service Assess-

"The expo was an effort to assist parents with concerns when preparing for school," Campbell said. "We had a great turnout of professionals from as far south as Baltimore City and as far north as Elkton. They all came to APG in an effort to assist our growing community."

Thirty-nine organizations set up displays offering services in education, counseling and therapy. Organization representatives said they appreciated the opportunity to network with the community as well as with like organizations, according to Nancy Goucher, Exceptional Family Member Program.

"Attendees were appreciative of the information obtained and the opportunity to speak with subject matter experts," Goucher said, "and presenters said they have never attended a function where they were able to meet and network with other services."

"Many of them exchanged information

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ment is just one method for the garrison to get the "Voice of the Customer", said Tom Johnson, Plans, Analysis and Integration Office. "It's essential that we capture feedback from senior leaders and junior enlisted Soldiers within the companies and units and get feedback from Family members, veterans, retirees, civilian employees, and contractors as well."

Survey results will be reported separately by the different constituent groups.

"The best way the garrison commander and directors can get an accurate picture of customer satisfaction and expectations is from maximum participation," Johnson said. "For this year's survey, we will be making a big push to get more feedback from all constituent groups. Their input will enable the garrison leadership to determine where improvements can be made."

For more information on the 2010 Customer Service Assessment, call Johnson, 410-278-6456 or email thomas.g.johnson1@us.army.mil.



Notice of road closures

On or about Friday, Aug. 27, the intersection of Boothby Hill Avenue and Frankford Street will be closed for approximately three days. The inbound traffic normally using Boothby Hill Avenue will be detoured via Maryland Boulevard, Susquehanna Avenue and Bel Air Street. Outbound Boothby Hill Avenue will be detoured via Bel Air Street and Susquehanna Avenue to Maryland Boulevard. Boothby Avenue should be reopened for morning inbound traffic on Monday, Aug. 30. This closure is to allow installation of BRAC water line connections.

Please use caution in this area and thank you for your patience as we continue to grow with BRAC.

For more information, contact Jerry Norris, Directorate of Public Works, 410-306-1159.



BOSS Soldiers active on post, in community



Pfc. Kyle Wooten of Company B 143rd Ordnance Battalion fires at a clay pigeon on the Aberdeen Proving Ground Skeet Range during an outing for Soldiers in the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program Aug. 4.

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The members of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program stayed busy with community service projects in August.

During one week, the Soldiers relaxed at the Aberdeen Proving Ground skeet range on Wednesday before tackling a renovation project with the Harford Habitat for Humanity on Saturday.

On Aug. 4, led by BOSS president, Spc. Carlos Rios, and Sgt. Rebekah Lloyd, vice-president, the Soldiers honed their sharpshooting skills while enjoying barbecue and refreshments on the volunteer operated skeet range.

Larry Alejo, a retired APG civilian, leads the 16 volunteers, many of whom have been volunteering more than 20 years, who operate the range year round. He said it was the Soldiers' third trip to the range as a group and that they are the main reason the range stays in operation.

"We just want to keep this going for us and for the Soldiers," he said.

The range is not funded by APG and operates under guidance of the National Skeet Shooting Association.

"These are the same standards they require," Alejo said, adding that the volunteers are certified range safety officers and shotgun instructors who train scout groups and professional development classes.

Range hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 5 to 8:30 p.m. It opens Saturday, 1 p.m. and stays open as long as customers are present, Alejo said. Although it has posted hours, Alejo said the range is "open as we are available."

"Call ahead first. If we open and nobody comes for two hours, we'll probably close," he said.

For more information about the APG Skeet Range, call 410-838-4065.

Habitat house

BOSS activities resumed Aug. 7 when Rios and Lloyd led the team of Soldier volunteers in helping the Harford Habitat for Humanity restore a city of Aberdeen home. The Soldiers painted the kitchen and laundry room, caulked doorways and bathroom fixtures, and buffed floors under the direction of Dave Roush, construction supervisor and HHH volunteer Roger Dorr. Roush said the "rehab project" included gutting the kitchen and bathroom, replacing plumbing, cabinets, flooring and fixtures, and rebuilding the storage shed.

"I've worked with them before when we delivered a home back in May," Roush said of the BOSS Soldiers. "As soon as they're given lessons on what to do, they're actually a lot quicker than most volunteers."

He said the house is due to be delivered to its new owner Aug. 28.

The volunteers included BOSS Soldier Sgt. Sean McBride, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. McBride said he worked in home remodeling before and he looks forward to BOSS events.

"Specialist Rios does a good job of keeping us informed," he said. "If I wasn't doing this I probably would have been doing something else but not enjoying it as much."

To volunteer for upcoming projects or to learn more about Harford Habitat for Humanity, visit its Web site at www.harfordhabitat.org.



Spc. Carlos Rios applies caulk to a wall in an Aberdeen home during a BOSS community service project with the Harford Habitat for Humanity Aug. 7.

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Back to school guide

Aberdeen Middle School and U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity Mentoring Program

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AMSAA

For over 10 years the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity has been partnering with Aberdeen Middle School to mentor the young minds of tomorrow. The mission of the mentoring program is to encourage students to pursue college preparatory math and science classes in high school and to provide them with better opportunities to plan for careers in math, science, and engineering.

By making visits hands-on, collaborative, and fun, students are given the opportunity to explore topics outside the standard curriculum. The program consists of monthly sessions with approximately 40 sixth- to eighth-grade students, combining mentor-planned in-school activities and field trips that are meant to encourage the students' curiosity and skills in different areas of math and science.

Guidance counselor Beth Oleszczuk serves as Aberdeen Middle School coordinator. The AMSAA mentors included Maggie Shepler, Rashmi Ankam, Kait Hatton, Matt Rhoads, Nate Herbert, Shawn Brady, Brian Hairfield, Jeff Geroso, and David Morse. Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center mentor Azra Malik also assisted during the 2009-2010 school year.

The recent school year was most unique in its collaborative efforts with Army agencies, as well as the tried and true activities of years past. The year



From right, mentors Jeffrey Geroso and David Morse participate with students in the "Claws" enrichment activity at the Maryland Science Center. Photo by BETH OLESZCZUK

started off with an introductory session in September, where the mentors and students got to know to each other, students provided suggestions and areas of interest for activities and field trips, and mentors designed a bingo game in which the students had to match science terms

with their definitions.

In October, mentors and students went on a field trip to the Maryland Science Center where students experienced the core exhibits as well as the "Claws" enrichment activity. Students learned about the life cycle of the crab and were

able to handle a live crab. Male students faced off against female students in November during a friendly game of science jeopardy.

In December the students were able to travel to Johns Hopkins to hear a lecture

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SEC supports local school partnerships

Story by
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It's hard to believe that the summer is already winding down and kids are headed back to school. In preparation for their return, the U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Command Software Engineering Center (SEC) at Aberdeen Proving Ground is supporting local school partnerships with the Aberdeen High School Science and Math Academy (SMA) and Edgewood Middle School.

Zach Burkam from SEC's Enterprise Solutions Directorate has volunteered to be a mentor for the Aberdeen High School SMA. He has been paired with a student to assist with a high-visibility Senior Capstone project spanning the entire 2010-2011 school year. With a culminating presentation in May of next year, their project emphasizes computer science and programming.

The SMA program provides students with the opportunity to experience challenging coursework in science, mathematics and technology with an

emphasis on research and real-world application. Since seniors complete a Capstone project of original research under the mentorship of professionals in their chosen area of investigation, regular contact with practicing scientists and mathematicians is a cornerstone of the program.

"During college, I provided tutoring to my information technology and computer science peers," Burkam said. Being a "techie" at heart, that past experience was personally gratifying and I thoroughly enjoyed my time interacting with like-minded students"

"When this mentoring opportunity arose to represent SEC within the Aberdeen Proving Ground and surrounding area academic community, as well as to provide technology and software advisement, I knew it would be a chance that would allow me to positively impact at least one student's current high school and future college academic career. Not to mention, the student I'm mentoring hopes to become a video game developer and I have a love for video games."

In addition to SEC's involvement

with SMA, several SEC employees have volunteered to mentor incoming 6th-grade students at Edgewood Middle School. Although this program is still in the planning stages, its focus is giving young students a support network outside of the home while encouraging them to take courses in high school that are geared towards science, technology, engineering and math related careers. The Edgewood Middle School initiative pairs mentors with students as they enter middle school with the idea that

the relationship will be maintained for three years through the completion of the 8th grade.

As a way of showing commitment to its new home at APG, SEC plans to further develop its program for involvement with the schools within the community, and hopes to establish relationships that will benefit local students and APG for years to come.

For more information about mentorship opportunities within SEC, contact Kim Hoyle at kim.hoyle@us.army.mil.

Registration for the 2010-2011 eCYBERMISSION now open

Story by
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As the end of summer draws near, it's time for students to stock up on school supplies, catch up with their classmates and begin to form their teams for the U.S. Army's eCYBERMISSION competition. Registration is now open and eCYBERMISSION invites all educators and students to register for the 2010-2011 competition at www.ecybermission.com.

Managed by the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, eCYBERMISSION is a free, Web-based, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) competition designed for students in grades six through nine. Since the program's inception in 2002, more than 71,000 students from across the nation and in U.S. territories and Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools worldwide have participated in the competition and the U.S. Army has awarded over \$8.6 million in U.S. EE Savings Bonds in support of the STEM leaders of tomorrow.

The eCYBERMISSION competition was conceived by Gen. Eric Shinseki, former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. The program fulfills his vision of a free "science fair for the nation" by encouraging students of all backgrounds, interests and proficiency levels to identify a problem in their community, focused on STEM, and utilize their knowledge of the scientific method to propose a solution to that problem.

eCYBERMISSION encourages and rewards all students for their innovation, creativity and interest in STEM education. By participating in eCYBERMISSION,



students are learning the real-life application of STEM and that, through teamwork and creativity; they can have a positive impact on their school and communities.

eCYBERMISSION teams are comprised of three or four students from the same grade and region and are lead by an adult Team Advisor. Each team must identify a problem in their community in which they want to help solve, as it fits into one of the four predetermined Mission Challenge categories, formulate a hypothesis and, through research and experiments, work towards a proposed solution.

Each team will complete a Mission Folder, the official write-up for the competition, that details the steps the team took to identify and propose a solution to the identified problem, and submit it for review on the eCYBERMISSION Web site.

Teams work together to complete projects, and are encouraged to utilize online tools, such as Instant Messaging, Discussion Forums and Chat Rooms, all of which are monitored for safety and appropriate conduct by the eCYBERMISSION staff. In addition, eCYBERMISSION offers several resources for students and Team Advisors throughout the competition, including Mission Folder tips, interactive webinars, CyberGuide chats and an active social media network. eCYBERMISSION maintains a friendly staff

at Mission Control, the eCYBERMISSION Help Desk, which participants may utilize for assistance in all aspects of the program and competition, from technical support to educational resources.

Each Mission Folder is scored objectively up to five times by qualified Virtual Judges and the teams with the highest overall scores in each grade and region are named the regional first-place and second-place winners. The teams in each grade and region with the highest score in each of the four judging criteria categories are named the regional criteria winners.

Virtual Judges are volunteers who have varying backgrounds and are interested in STEM and education fields. Virtual Judges review and score each Mission Folder submission based on detailed judging criteria.

In addition to the Virtual Judges, the eCYBERMISSION program utilizes volunteers in other roles including CyberGuides and Ambassadors. CyberGuides are individuals with an active Department of Defense (DoD) security clearance who provide online assistance to eCYBERMISSION students through Discussion Forums, Chat Rooms and interactive webinars.

Ambassadors are individuals with either an active DoD security clearance, or who are willing to go through a federal background check, who represent the "face of eCYBERMISSION" and promote

the competition throughout the country and in DoDEA schools. The majority of eCYBERMISSION volunteers are made up of Army personnel and STEM subject matter experts.

Students on winning teams can receive up to \$8,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds. The 16 regional first-place winning teams also receive an expenses-paid trip to the National Judging and Educational Event (NJ&EE), where they present their projects to a panel of national judges and compete for the national title in each grade.

The 2010 NJ&EE winners, who competed in Baltimore, Md., in June, completed innovative and creative projects, demonstrating their commitment to their communities and the competition. The following are the national first-place winning teams in each grade.

- The sixth grade National First Place team, "The Hardheads," from The Mirman School, located in Los Angeles, Calif., researched various materials needed to produce a helmet to protect athletes' heads more effectively than current helmets on the market. Following their experiment, the students contacted multiple helmet manufacturers and explained their findings, detailing that they had identified various materials that would protect their customers more than their current materials.

- The seventh grade National First Place team, "Wave-masters," from Veneta, Ore.,

recognized the need for alternative energy sources and sought to create a device that could generate electricity through utilizing wave power. The team was able to utilize the science of converting potential energy into kinetic energy to test an energy generating component of a copper coil and magnet.

- The eighth grade National First Place team, "Landroids," from the Livingston Robotics Club, located in Livingston, N.J., sought to create a device that could detect deer or other large animals by recognizing the specific acoustic absorption signature of the animal's fur. The team felt that developing such a device could provide a possible solution to keeping deer off the roads in both their region and the U.S. at large, thus saving countless lives.

- The ninth grade National First Place team, "chocolate addiction," from Loxahatchee, Fla., sought to determine the damage makeup can cause to the skin when exposed to different variables. Through experimentation, the team was able to determine that more expensive makeup is better for the skin than inexpensive makeup due to minimal bacteria growth during testing.

For more information and to register for the 2010-2011 eCYBERMISSION competition, visit www.ecybermission.com and accept the challenge to participate in a competition that rewards creativity, intelligence and innovation.

Mentors

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given by world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon Ben Carson. Students showed off their engineering abilities in January when they were tasked to build a free-standing structure of index cards to hold as much weight as possible. Groups were surprised to find that a well-built structure could hold over 100 pounds.

February brought Dr. Ken Collins from ECBC, who gave a science lecture and entertained the students with experiments during the first of two Aberdeen Proving Ground focused sessions. Students had an incredible experience at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center in March where program participants were given a tour of the Munson Test Area, the Roadway Simulator, and witnessed the live firing of an Abrams tank. In April, the students applied physics concepts by participating in an egg drop; most groups were able to formulate a design to catch their eggs from heights above three feet.

AMSAA attended the Aberdeen Middle School Career Fair in May, which was open to all students, and informed kids on the job opportunities available if they were interested in getting a college degree in math or engineering. June rounded out the school year; students traveled around the world to solve math problems, earning points for their team.

The mentors have received positive feedback from the students as well as the AMS coordinator. The excitement that spreads from the monthly sessions often prompts other students to inquire about joining the program. The mentors gained a sense of responsibility as they witnessed the influence that they have on the lives of the students involved. The mentors demonstrate that pursuing a career in math, science, or engineering, will allow the students to change the world and make a better future for themselves and others.

Planning has already begun for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. Some of the exciting new activities on deck include field trips to local state universities, a visit to the Science and Math Academy located at Aberdeen High School, a visit from the Maryland ZOOMobile, a forensics demonstration, and continued in-school sessions to conduct science experiments and engineering activities.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

Tutoring options are available

Story by
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APG School Liaison

Only Family members of active military can access free, online tutoring and homework help from **Tutor.com**. Tutors are available 24/7, ready to help K-12 students, college students and even adults with math, science, English and social studies questions. Tutors can help students with homework assignments, exam preparation and writing assignments all in real-time. Once the session is over, students can print it out or even e-mail it to themselves for later review. The tutoring is always private and anonymous. The program is easy to use. Simply go online to **www.myarmyonesource.com/cyss_tutor**. First time users complete a short registration form and are e-mailed a password. Once you've received your password, return to the sight any time and use the password login. Students select their subject, complete a few pre-session questions and then connect to a certified tutor in an online classroom. The service is available to Families of all enlisted Army members, active duty National Guard members and Army Reservists.

SOAR is an innovative program that makes it easy for parents to play an active role in their children's education. Student Online Achievement Resources is a program for all Families within the Aberdeen Proving Ground area (through the Military Impacted Schools Association - MISA.) It aims to address the unique challenges facing military children in the nation's public schools, while benefiting a broader overall student population. Students take an assessment aligned to state standards, and SOAR directs them to individualized tutorials to improve skills where needed. Parents can monitor their children's progress from anywhere, and are provided with resource materials. To learn more, view SOAR's Welcome Video at **www.soarathome.org/**.

Another option is to contact Harford County Public Schools for teachers who also work part-time as tutors. All arrangements must be made independent of the schools, but HCPS will provide names and addresses. Hourly charges vary. Please call the general information number, 410-838-7300, and ask for a list of tutors providing grade and subject area for each child.

Ways to stay informed during the school year

Story by
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APG School Liaison

School home pages display school-wide information and links to classes, clubs, sports, and other activities in the school. These classes, clubs, and sports have their own home pages displaying information specific to them.

Parents can get feedback on their child's progress by using Edline, a Web-based community portal where grades are posted as well as class assignments, curriculum information and other instructional information critical to a student's success. Parents can also check for e-mail alerts, verify attendance and read lunch menus and classroom news.

Parents can see their child's reports, but children cannot see their personal reports. The school posts these reports to

Edline so parents can see them any time.

Each secondary school is providing dates and time for parents to personally receive their secure Edline access code. These dates and times are published in school newsletters, bulletins, or on the school's Web page.

For security reasons, it is important that parents take the time to visit the school to receive their private Edline access code. It takes only a few minutes to set up a private account that gives direct access to important instructional information.

Whenever logging to Edline, click on your child's name in the yellow Shortcuts box. Click on the Help button to read/print the 'Student/Parent Quick Start Guide.'

Start now...go to **www.edline.net**. For more information call Eileen Campbell, 410 278-2857.

For more information on any APG school related topic, contact Eileen Campbell, 410-278-2857 or e-mail eileen.campbell@apg.army.mil.

Registering child in HCPS

www.hcps.org

Children moving into the Harford County Public Schools community during the school year should register as soon as possible. Parents or guardians should call the school for registration appointments. It is recommended that registration occurs as early as possible during the summer.

Registration for prekindergarten and kindergarten students continues through the summer. Elementary and secondary students can be registered at any time that is convenient to the school and the parents or guardians.

Parents must reside in the school attendance area or district of the school in which they plan to enroll their child. Students must be registered by the custodial parent (biological, adoptive, legal guardian). Parents or guardians who are unable to register at the scheduled time should call the school for an appointment.

At the time of registration, parents/guardians are required to present a photo I.D. (driver's license, military ID or passport), the child/children's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residency. All students must meet state immunization requirements before they can be admitted to school.

A record of a Physical Examination is required for students who are entering a Maryland public school for the first time - either nine months prior to entering or six months after entering.

Students entering pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade must provide documentation certifying that the child had undergone lead testing.

How to Register

Verify Age Requirements

Children must be at least 5-years-old on or before Sept. 1 to be eligible for kindergarten. Pre-K students must be at least 4-years-old on or before Sept. 1.

Harford County Public Schools currently has Full-Day Kindergarten in each elementary school.

Collect Documentation Required for Enrollment

Bring the following documents to the registration appointment. All documents marked by an asterisk* should be originals. Birth Certificate*, Social Security Card, Proof of Residence* (Monthly utility bills, settlement papers or current lease agreement, dated within 90 days of registration), Immunization records, Meal Benefit Form, Proof of income (for Pre-K applications only).

Additionally, if applicable, bring the following

Prior school name, address and phone number, Report Card, Individual Education Plan, transcripts, Maryland Transfer Form, student schedule, custody papers (Students can only be registered by the custodial parent), Lead Testing Form

Harford County Public Schools are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday throughout the year, including the summer months.

Parents/guardians should contact the school prior to visiting to verify that someone will be available to assist with registration.

To view more How-to-Enroll information, visit the HCPS Web site at www.hcps.org.

Enrolling into CCPS

www.ccps.org

Determine eligibility

Children age 5 by Sept. 1 and not yet 21-years-old on the first day of school are eligible for enrollment.

If the child is not a U.S. citizen, contact the office of Student Services at 410-996-5490. If the child is a U.S. citizen who has been attending a non-U.S. school overseas, contact the school guidance office for assistance once the assigned school has been determined.

If the child does not live with a parent, legal guardian, or certified relative, contact the Student Services office at 410-996-5490.

Identify and contact the school

Children must be registered at their local school. To determine the local school for a specific address, access the School Locator on the Cecil County Public Schools Web site at www.ccps.org or contact the Office of Transportation at 410-996-5414.

Verify age, identity, residency, and immunization compliance

Parents registering their children for the first time in a Cecil County public school must provide proof of age, identity, county residency and immunizations. If not up to date, required immunizations must be completed within 20 days of registration.

Students who have previously attended school should bring their latest report card, if available. Students receiving special education services should bring a copy of the current Individualized Education Program or IEP.

Students of homeless families are to be enrolled regardless of enrollment documentation. The school and parent/guardian must obtain the information in a timely manner.

For more information, visit the Cecil County Public Schools Web site at www.ccps.org.

HCPS High School Open House/ Orientation, Back to School Nights

Aberdeen

Aug. 27, Open House/Orientation, 2 to 4 p.m.
Sept. 1, Back-to-School Night, 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Bel Air

Aug. 27, Open House/Orientation, 9 to 11 a.m.
Sept. 2, Back-to-School Night, 6:30 p.m.

C. Milton Wright

Aug. 27, Freshman Fest, 1 to 3 p.m.
Sept. 15, Back-to-School Night, 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Edgewood

Aug. 26, 9th Grade Orientation, 4 to 6 p.m.
Sept. 1, Back-to-School Night, 5 to 7 p.m.

Fallston

Aug. 27, Open House/Orientation, 2:15 to 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 2, Back-to-School Night, 6:30 p.m.

Harford Technical

Aug. 26, Open House/Orientation for 9th graders and new students, 1 to 4 p.m.
Sept. 8, Back-to-School Night, 6 to 8 p.m.

Havre de Grace

Sept. 2, Back-to-School Night, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Joppatowne

Aug. 27, Freshman Fest, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 8, Back-to-School Night, 6 to 8 p.m.

North Harford

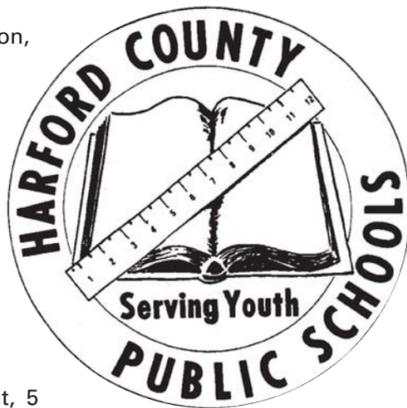
Sept. 8, Back-to-School Night, 6 p.m.

Patterson Mill High

Aug. 27, Husky Fest, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 13, Back-to-School Night, grades 11 and 12, 7 to 9 p.m.
Sept. 15, Back-to-School Night, grades 9 and 10, 7 to 9 p.m.

Center for Educational Opportunity

Aug. 26, Back-to-School Night, 5 to 7 p.m.



HCPS Middle School Open House/ Orientation, Back to School Nights

Aberdeen

Aug. 26, Open House/Orientation, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Sept. 2, Back-to-School Night, 6 to 8 p.m.

Bel Air

Aug. 26, Open House/Orientation, 1 to 4 p.m.
Sept. 15, Back-to-School Night, grades 7 and 8, 7 to 9 p.m.
Sept. 16, Back-to-School Night, grade 6, 7 to 9 p.m.

Edgewood

Aug. 26, Open House/Orientation, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 8, Back-to-School Night, 6 p.m.

Fallston

Aug. 27, Open House/Orientation, grade 6 and new students, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Aug. 31, Back-to-School Night, grade 6, 5:45 p.m.
Sept. 7, Back-to-School Night, grade 7, 5:45 p.m.
Sept. 8, grade 8, 5:45 p.m.

Havre de Grace

Sept. 15, Back-to-School Night, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Magnolia

Aug. 26, Open House/Orientation, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 21, Back-to-School Night, 6th grade, 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 22, Back-to-School Night, grades 7 and 8, 5:30 p.m.

North Harford

Aug. 27, Open House/Orientation, 1 to 3 p.m.
Aug. 31, Back-to-School Night, grade 6, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sept. 13, Back-to-School Night, grades 7 and 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Patterson Mill

Aug. 27, Husky Fest, 9 to 11:30 p.m.
Sept. 2, Back-to-School Night, grades 7 and 8, 7 to 9 p.m.
Sept. 7, Back-to-School Night, grade 6, 7 to 9 p.m.

Southampton

Aug. 26, Open House for grade 6 students new to the building, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m.
Aug. 27, Prospect Mill Elementary School visit, grade 5, 4 to 5 p.m.
Sept. 1, Back-to-School Night, grade 8, 7 to 9 p.m.
Sept. 2, Back-to-School Night, grade 7, 7 to 9 p.m.
Sept. 7, Back-to-School Night, grade 6, 7 to 9 p.m.

Community Notes

FRIDAY

AUGUST 27 SUMMER PADDLE UNDER THE STARS

Come to the park for a peaceful paddle under the stars. Discover the summer night sky from the quiet of Otter Point Creek. Listen for the evening chorus and enjoy the balmy night breeze. This program will be held 7 to 9:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. Cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 28 CRITTER DINNER TIME

Come watch the turtles, fish and snakes eat while learning more about these fascinating creatures. This free program will be held at 10:30 a.m. for all ages. No registration is required.

For more information or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

CHICKEN BBQ AT HOLY CROSS AT THE ROCKS

Holy Cross Episcopal Church, located on 4603 Rocks Road, Street, Md., will sell chicken BBQ dinners, 11 a.m. until sold out. The BBQ dinners are carry out only. Dinners cost \$7 each and include one-half chicken, Holy Cross baked beans, applesauce and a dinner roll.

For more information, to purchase tickets or for pre-orders, call Dennis, 717-818-0835.

POUND THE PETALST-SHIRT

Harness the natural pigments of flowers and leaves to print a unique t-shirt. Bring a white t-shirt, a hammer and earplugs. This program will be held 1 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult; ages 8 to 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$4 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

BENEFIT DANCE

The American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will sponsor a Benefit Dance, 8 p.m.

to midnight. Live music with Endless Entertainment. Tickets cost \$15 per person and includes light fare and a cash bar.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-642-2771 or visit American Legion Post 135.

MARGARITAVILLE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Margaritaville Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older). Set sail with island tunes, soda, beer, chips pretzels, nuts and margaritas.

For more information or for reservations, call 410-939-4078.

SUNDAY

AUGUST 29 MEET A CRITTER

Check out one of the Center's live critters up close while discovering what makes that animal special. This free program will be held at 2 p.m. for all ages. No registration is required.

For more information or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

HEALING HERBS FOR HOME AND HEALTH

Discover the properties of native and horticultural herbs for healing and health. Create useful herbal products that are also great for gifts. Learn how to prepare and use herbs and other natural healing ingredients through this series. This program will be held 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 14 to adult. The cost is \$8 per class or \$20 per series. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 2 DAY ON THE BAY

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Day on the Bay, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Enjoy the day sailing to Charlestown, bird watching, sightseeing, two area lighthouses, then lunch at the Wellwood Club and return. Tickets cost \$55 for adults, \$28 for children ages 10 and under. Credit cards will be accepted. Reservations are required.

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

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 11 NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS

The Harford Ballet Company is holding auditions for The Nutcracker from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Dance Conservatory of Maryland campus at 701 Whitaker Mill Road, Joppa, Md. Auditions are open to dancers from any dance school ages 6 to 12 who are enrolled in at least one ballet class per week. Dancers and parents should arrive at 4 p.m. for registration. There is no audition fee.

Dancers will have weekly rehearsals with knowledgeable instructors, and will have the opportunity to share the stage with guest professional dancers from the New York City Ballet. For more information call 410-877-0777.

SATURDAYS

BEGINNING SEPT. 11 JOY OF MOTION DANCE CLASS

The Dance Conservatory of Maryland announces a new 'Joy of Motion' class, designed specifically for children with special needs between ages 5 and 10. The Saturday morning class provides therapeutic dance instruction with both physical and mental benefits.

For information or registration materials, please contact the DCM, 410-877-3281, or danceconservatoryofmd@comcast.net.

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 17 DESERT STORM VETERANS ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

The VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans Association will hold a Golf Tournament for men and women, 9 a.m., at the Meadows Farm Golf Course located on 4300 Flat Run Road, Locust Grove, Va. Tournament format is Captain's Choice (best ball), shotgun start.

Cost is \$80 per person and includes green fees, all you can eat barbecue, drinks and hole in one award. Hole sponsorships are available; a contribution of \$500 toward sponsorship of

a hole provides revenue for the association's scholarship fund and two free greens fees. All proceeds go to the VII Corps DSVA Scholarship Fund. Make checks payable to VII Corps DSVA.

For more information or to sign up, call Harold F. Shewsberry, 703-287-8873 or 202-418-1202, or visit www.desertstormvets.org.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 18 INTRODUCTION TO KAYAK

The Piedmont Learning Center at Eden Mill Nature Center, located on 1617 Eden Mill Road, Pylesville, Md. will offer Introduction to Kayak, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is a one day workshop for adults. The course fee costs \$70 person. Join Eden Mill's ACA certified instructor and learn on-water basic strokes, wet exits, rescues and even a game or two. Participants are strongly advised to bring their own kayak with paddle and a life jacket; Eden Mill has a limited number of kayaks. No experience is needed. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, call 410-836-3050, e-mail edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com or visit www.edenmill.org.

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 21 CBRNE COMMANDER TO SPEAK AT AUSA MEETING

The commanding general, 20th Support Command (CBRNE), Brig. Gen. Leslie C. Smith, will be the guest speaker at the Aberdeen Chapter of the Association of the United States Army meeting to be held 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Top of the Bay.

The cost is \$20 via AUSA's PayPal site on the chapter web page, www.ausa-aberdeen.org (preferred) or cash or check at the door. Seating is limited, RSVP promptly. Sponsorships are available – call Bill Suchting, 410-306-8360 or Kathy Kage, 410-278-8330. Payments made via the web site are non-refundable. RSVP with rank is required.

For more information or to RSVP, email c2402@ausa.org.

(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.)

Post Shorts

Lunch with MCSC today

Learn what the Aberdeen Proving Ground Military and Civilian Spouses Club is all about during an informal lunch 11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay Aug. 26. Military spouses of all branches – active, retired, reserve, POW-MIA or deceased – and active duty personnel, all Aberdeen Proving Ground civilians and contract employees, tenant activities, active or retired, and/or their spouses and anyone who volunteers in an Aberdeen Proving Ground philanthropic organization is eligible to become a member of the MCSC. Lunch is pay-as-you-go. For more information, e-mail Annie Brock at ann.s.brock@us.army.mil or call 443-686-1484.

Veterans Job Fair and Expo

Veterans Opportunities will host a Veterans Job Fair and Expo, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Baltimore Convention Center, One West Pratt Street in Baltimore.

Top veteran employers in attendance will include the Defense Contract Audit Agency; United Services Automobile Association, Exceptional Software Strategies, R4 Inc., Rite Aid, Mar Inc., and more.

Representatives from Veteran Service Organizations will answer questions about medical, educational and other benefits and top schools like Johns Hopkins University and All State Careers truck driving school and others will be on hand. Inquire about loans, savings on travel and other specials for veterans.

For more information, visit www.vetopps.com, call 301-363-8533, or visit www.gijobs.com.

CIF relocates to Edgewood Area

The Central Issue Facility, operated by the Directorate of Logistics, has relocated to building E5707 on Magnolia Road in the Edgewood Area. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday. Customers must call in advance for an appointment, 410-436-2146 or e-mail: apgr-usag-cif-CentrallIssueFacility@conus.army.mil.

Blood drives scheduled Sept. 2 and 30

The U.S. Army Public Health Com-

mand (Provisional), Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense and Edgewood Chemical Biological Center will sponsor an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive with a siesta theme 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Edgewood Area's Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, building E4516 Sept. 2.

Listen to great Spanish music, enjoy snacks and earn fiesta-themed thank-you gifts while donating the gift of life.

Visit the Web site for a variety of appointment times.

To sign up, go to <https://www.militarylifeforce.com/>.

The APG Garrison will sponsor an ASBP blood drive noon to 4 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. For more information, contact HHC USAG at IMNEAPGHH@Conus.army.mil or call 410-278-3000.

Thrift Store summer clearance

During September, the APG Thrift Store will hold a summer clearance sale on clothing. All clearance items will cost only \$.25 each.

The Thrift Shop is open Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Wednesday, hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and consignments are accepted 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. On Thursdays, the Thrift Shop is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and consignments are accepted 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 410-272-8572 during store hours.

Mandatory driving course began Aug. 16

The Intermediate Drivers Course is designed to familiarize drivers new to the installation with local driving hazards. The course is mandatory for all Soldiers and Family members who drive, civilians, and contractors within 90 days after their arrival at APG or anyone who is on Temporary Duty (TDY) at APG for 30 days or more. The course also is mandatory for Soldiers younger than 26-years-old.

The IDC classes are held 1 to 3:30 p.m. in building 4305, room 243B. Attendees must register online at AIRS through the APG Web site or from any computer at <https://airs.lmi.org>. Course dates are Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and Nov. 15.

For more information, contact H. Mike Allen at the Installation Safety Office at 410-306-1081.

CPR, AED classes available

Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services is offering CPR and automated external defibrillator classes on APG.

Two classes will be held 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month.

In the Aberdeen Area, classes will be held at the Post Chapel, classroom 3, Sept. 15 and Nov. 17.

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15. Class size will be limited to 30 participants.

For more information or to register, call Mike Davis, 410-306-0572, or e-mail michael.ray.davis@us.army.mil.

Physicals at KUSAHC

Appointments are now available for school physicals. Be sure to bring required immunization records and any other forms to the appointment. For more information call 410-278-KIRK or 410-278-1928.

It is back-to-school time

Student Online Achievement Resources (SOAR) wants to say 'Welcome Back' by offering 20 \$20 gift cards to either iTunes, Wal-Mart or Blockbuster for students who login to SOAR and take an assessment or use a tutorial during August. These gifts will be awarded via a random drawing held Sept. 3. Parents of the winning students will be notified via e-mail.

This is a great time to review last year's skills as the new school year approaches. If you are not sure how to change your child's grade level, see the July 2010 newsletter http://email.capitolhillnewsonline.com/m/631GdRSD_qbXNMBFZ-sdoBgn-QrQnLxng1tkrNVXhDj0xafXHvg in E-Newsletters on the SOAR homepage.

For more information about SOAR visit www.soarathome.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=67&Itemid=230.

APG cable channel switches to Channel 97

Aberdeen Proving Ground residents who receive cable through Comcast can now view both the APG and Harford County Public Service Channels on a cable ready TV set or through a Comcast Digital cable box. The Harford County Cable channel will broadcast on Channel 21. APG's Cable channel can be viewed on Channel 97.

KUSAHC after-hours medical needs

For urgent medical services needed after hours, weekends or federal holidays, please contact Staff Duty at 410-278-1725 or call 443-807-0725. The Staff Duty NCO will coordinate your referral. To avoid Point of Service copayment charges, you will need a referral to go to any Urgent Care Center/Clinic. Care from a hospital emergency room does not require a referral. If unable to reach Staff Duty and you cannot wait, seek the nearest participating facility. Please call the clinic the following business day. The Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Referral Management telephone number is 410-278-1736. The Patient Advocate telephone number is 410-278-1724.

CBRNIAC offers technical inquiry service

The Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense Information Analysis Center, or CBRNIAC, provides a technical inquiry service.

The service offers up to four hours of technical analysis service at no cost to authorized users from Department of Defense agencies, other federal government agencies, DoD and federal contractors, state and local governments and emergency response organizations. The service covers the full range of CBRN defense and related homeland security topics.

To take advantage of CBRNIAC's Inquiry Service, complete the "Submit an Inquiry" form on its Web site, <https://www.cbrniac.apgea.army.mil/Products/Inquiry/Pages/default.aspx>.

UMBC Training Centers are granted GI Bill Eligibility

University of Maryland Baltimore County Training Centers have been approved for GI Bill eligibility, enabling veteran students to receive tuition reimbursement via the Montgomery GI Bill. For a full listing of eligible programs, visit: www.umbc.edu/trainctr/admissions/financial.html.

For more information, call Nick Driver at 443-543-5413.

(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.)



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Be a star in 'Tribute to the Troops'

Cast and crew needed for APG variety show

Story by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

A variety show in the tradition of Irving Berlin is in the works for Aberdeen Proving Ground. "Tribute to the Troops" will feature singing, dancing and comedy as it showcases the hidden talents of community members. Aspiring actors, singers, dancers and comedians, ages 18 and older, are urged to audition for speaking and non-speaking roles. Volunteers are needed as extras and stage and crew assistants as well as painters, carpenters, and sound and lighting technician.

Auditions are each Thursday, 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-2621. Show time is 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 24 at the AA Recre-

ation Center. Admission is \$5 for active duty military, \$7 for all others.

Earlene Allen, program manager with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said that now is the time for talented performers to shine because the show is the first of two events that will be submitted to the Army Festival of the Arts.

"We're not kidding when we say 'Be a Star,'" Allen said. "These events go online to Army Entertainment and are viewed worldwide by entertainment professionals. It's a chance for great exposure not just on APG but nationwide and in Europe."

All authorized MWR users, age 18 and older, are eligible to participate, Allen added.

The "Tribute to the Troops" variety show is an original production writ-

ten by Tricia Devine, a graphics media specialist with the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School. Members of her drama group, the Chesapeake Community Players, will critique auditions and assist with directing, coaching and acting.

"Tribute to the Troops is a patriotic work that shows both sides of the story of troops wondering about home, and folks back home wondering about those on the front lines," Devine said. "It's like a series of running skits with music, singing, and other entertainment throughout."

"You'll laugh, you'll cry and you'll even high-five."

Who's got talent?

The second submission to the Festival of the Arts will be two talent shows:

"APG's Kids Got Talent Showcase" and "APG's Got Talent Adult Showcase" on Sept. 25, the day after the tribute show. The kids show is 4 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center followed by the adult show at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for active duty military and \$7 for all others for each show.

Auditions for both shows are 4 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 26 through Sept. 9 at the AA Recreation Center and 5 to 8 p.m. Sept. 2 and 9, at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center. The final audition for both shows is Sept. 9.

Tickets for all three shows go on sale Sept. 7. Purchase tickets at the MWR Leisure Ticket office in the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4100/4907; or in the EA Recreation Center, building E4140, 410-436-4011/4907.

Activities/Events

New hours

The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, the Leisure Travel Office and the Library located in building 3326 have new hours of operation.

The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center will open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. The Leisure Travel Office will open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The Library will open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sesame Street Live

"Sesame Street Live: Elmo's Healthy Heroes" will be held 2 p.m., Sept. 11, at 1st Mariner Arena, 201 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore. Tickets cost \$33 each for all ages. Tickets must be pre-ordered

by Sept. 7. Order tickets now; quantities are limited. All seats are located in Section 6 on the floor level.

For more information on Sesame Street Live, visit <http://sesamestreetlive.com/>.

To purchase tickets, visit the MWR Leisure Travel Services at the Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Hearts Apart to host Pre-Labor Day Gathering

As part of the ongoing commitment to support the Army Family Covenant, Army Community Service will host a Pre-Labor Day gathering, 6 to 7 p.m., Sept. 1, at ACS, building 2503 High Point Road. This event is designed for Hearts Apart

Families to network with each other.

There will be light refreshments for all who participate. Hearts Apart seeks to empower Families (military and DoD civilians) with information to help prepare the Families for the separation during deployments and TDYs.

ACS offers a comprehensive array of programs and services dedicated to maintaining the readiness of the Total Army Family by fostering self-reliance, stability and resilience.

For more information, call Wilhelmina Cromartie, 410-278-2464.

Maryland Renaissance Festival tickets available at MWR

Discount tickets for the Maryland Renaissance Festival cost \$14.50 for adults ages 16 and older and \$7.75 for

children ages 7 to 15. Prices at the gate cost \$18 at the gate for adults ages 16 to 61; \$15 for seniors 62 and older; and \$8 for children ages 7 to 15.

The festival is open weekends, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., through Oct. 24. The Maryland Renaissance Festival is located on 1801 Crownsville Road in Annapolis. Handicapped parking is available next to the main gate. When entering the parking lot, follow the signs to the designated handicapped parking area.

For more information on the Maryland Renaissance Festival, visit www.rennfest.com.

To purchase tickets, call the MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil.

SKIES Unlimited

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central

Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID card holders. For an appointment, e-mail stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil.

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at <http://acpol.army.mil/employment/naf.htm> or check out AAFES Jobs link <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/> for additional job opportunities.

Driver's Ed classes start up again

Driver's Education classes are scheduled for Sept. 13 through 27; Oct. 4 through 19; Oct. 25 through Nov. 8; and Nov. 29 through Dec. 13. There is no class on federal holidays. Classes will be held Monday thru Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. by The Ultimate Driving School,

LLC, located at 13 North Parke Street, Aberdeen.

Classes include 30 hours classroom instruction and six hours behind the wheel instruction. The last day to register for the first class is one week prior to the first class. Students must be between the ages of 15.9-18 yrs old. Open to all DoD ID card holders. Driver's Ed costs \$335 per student. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Tae Kwon Do

Join the Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Tae Kwon Do promotes discipline, as well as muscle toning and conditioning.

Classes will be held for ages 6 to 14, Mondays and Wednesdays, from Sept. 13 through Oct. 6 at the Child, Youth and School Services building 2522. Classes will be held 6 to 6:45 p.m. for White Belts through Yellow Belts and 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. for Yellow with Green Stripe belts and above.

Cost is \$65 per student for a four week session. Students must wear a white t-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited so register early.

Martial Arts at APG present Tiny Tigers

Children ages 4 to 6 can join the Tiny Tigers Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Parent partici-

pation is required. Instructor Sabunim Sean A. Williams will teach this program. Classes will be held 5:30 to 6 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, beginning Sept. 13 and will be held monthly. The Tiny Tiger program is an age appropriate version of Taekwondo that will help direct energy into confidence and character building skills. Students will learn traditional Taekwondo techniques such as blocking, punching and kicking including "Stranger Danger" and "Fire Safety" skills. Unity TKD's Tiny Tiger's program places great emphasis on confidence and character building in all our students. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited to 12 parent and child pairings, so register early.

Private Guitar Lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 7 through 18 will be held from Oct. 4 through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m. or 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the AA Youth Center, building 2503.

No experience is necessary. Cost of the lessons is \$102 per student and includes one 30-minute session per week for six weeks.

Students also are required to purchase books for the course as recommended by the instructor. Books are a onetime purchase. Students must also provide their own guitar.

the edge

The EDGE

The EDGE Program is designed to highlight opportunities for children and youths in grades 1 through 12, to Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel in FMWR partner facilities.

Sign-up for all programs at the CYSS Parent Central Registration Office, building 2503, or call 410-278-7571/7479.

For more information, call 410-278-1399 or at chuck.rose1@us.army.mil

Hip-Hop Dance

Boys and girls, ages 11 to 18 can join friends for some dancing the hip-hop way. Participants can learn the many moves and styles, or just create their own. Classes will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Sept. 13 through 27 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. This program is free for eligible participants. Parents provide transportation or if transportation is needed, Aberdeen Area Youth Services will provide it. The bus leaves building 2522 at 3:45 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Study and Research Skills

School is right around the corner and now is the time for students to improve their study and research skills for all new and difficult classes. Boys and girls ages 11 to 18 will learn the proper way to set up their study schedule, how to do all their research and get the grade they need. This program is free for eligible participants and will be held 4 to 6 p.m., on Tuesdays, Sept. 7 through 28 at a location to be determined. Parents provide transportation or if transportation is needed, Aberdeen Area Youth Services will provide it. The bus leaves building 2522 at 3:45 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Rollin' down the Alley Bowling

Bowling is a lifetime sport and activity and is fun to do with Family, friends, or even in competitive settings. There's more to bowling than making the ball curve each way to get a strike or pick up a difficult spare. Bowling will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 1 through 29 at the Bowling Center. Cost is \$40 per child for ages 6 to 10, except for regular users of CYSS programs; ages 11 to 18 bowl for free. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Ceramics Painting

Boys and girls ages 11 to 18 can choose a mold they like and paint it the way they want. Ceramics painting will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Fridays, Sept. 3 through 24 at the Edgewood Area Arts and Crafts Shop, building E4440. Participants can design a gift for parents, or make something to display in their room, to friends and everywhere. Once the ceramics is painted, the finished product will be fired up and glazed just the way they want it. This program is free to eligible participants. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Bus transportation will be provided to those who need it. The bus will leave from Aberdeen Youth Services, building 2522, at 3:45 p.m.

Teen Fitness Challenge

Are you ready for a challenge? EDGE! has one for youths and teens. Fitness is not all sweat and drudgery. Boys and girls ages 11 to 18 can participate in this free program. The Teen Fitness Challenge will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 2 through 30 at a location to be determined. Let's make it fun and learn how to do some exercise without realizing it. All types of exercise will be covered. Are you up for a challenge? Snacks and beverages will be provided. Bus transportation will be provided to those who need it. The bus will leave from Aberdeen Youth Services, building 2522, at 3:45 p.m.

August and September bowling specials

- Early Bird special: Bowl from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.50.
- Dollar Night: Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza and one pitcher of soda for \$32.

Fall and winter leagues forming

Sign up today for fall and winter leagues. There also will be a youth league on Saturday mornings for ages 18 months through 21.

Call for availability of lanes on discounted days and hours.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 6 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday.

Week of Aug. 23

Special #1: Kielbasa with sauerkraut sub with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.50.

Special #2: Tuna salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

Week of Aug. 30

Special #1: Turkey club with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$7.25.

Special #2: Pepperoni pizza sub with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



Kickoff a stress-free school year

Sylvan Learning

For many children, the first day of school doesn't only mean new teachers and new friends – it can also be a source of anxiety with homework assignments and tests just around the corner. Starting the school year off on the right foot can help minimize a child's stress level throughout the year.

Dr. Richard E. Bavaria, senior president for education outreach for Sylvan Learning, suggests parents help their children prepare for the transition to the next grade level and the return to school by encouraging a structured routine from day-one and staying actively involved in their child's education.

Back-to-School Tips (for each new school year):

- Get back in the routine. Ease transition from lazy summer days to the structure of the school year by re-establishing

bedtime, mealtime, reading and homework routines. Talk with your child about the importance of these routines and how they help ensure that he is not overtired or overly anxious about schoolwork or the next day of school.

- Set education goals. Help your child set goals at the very beginning of the year. Whether it is striving for an A in reading, handing in all homework on time or preparing for tests well in advance, setting goals can help set the routine for the new year.

- Develop a relationship with your child's teacher. Take the time to meet your child's teachers at the beginning of the school year. Teachers can be the best source for information about your child's scholastic performance and they can recommend ways to help your child or resolve any difficulties he or she is having in the classroom.

- Select homework routine and loca-

tion. Designate a specific time and place for homework time and help your child discover a regular, quiet place to study. Make sure that the area is free from potential distractions and that study tools are at your child's fingertips to keep him focused on homework and studying.

- Stay on schedule. Your child should keep a schedule of all classes, assignments and key dates, such as project deadlines and test dates. As part of that schedule, she should include specific times for studying, projects and extracurricular activities. The more thorough the schedule, the more efficient your child will be. Organization minimizes late nights completing homework assignments, cramming for tests at the last minute and can ultimately reduce student anxiety about school.

- Emphasize organization. For some students, having color-coded binders for each subject helps them stay on track

throughout the school year. Keeping notes organized helps test preparation later in the year, so work with your child to determine the best method.

- Encourage learning at home. Promoting learning outside of the classroom helps children perform better in school. To nurture reading skills spend at least one hour per week – 10 to 15 minutes a day – reading with your child. To enhance math proficiency, try allowing children to help plan the next Family trip and encourage them to compute miles, cost of gas, expenses for food, hotel and entertainment.

Sylvan Learning in Bel Air can help with establishing and maintaining a successful school year through individualized programs in reading, math, writing, study skills, algebra, geometry, higher level math, SAT/ACT prep, and homework support.

For more information call Nancy Rini, 410-420-7340.

The Highlands School makes the difference in students' lives Next open house Sept. 29

Highlands School

Have you ever wondered why your child doesn't understand what he's read even though he can read the words on a page? Or, have you ever wondered why your child – who has a great imagination – can't get the words out or put thoughts on paper?

If your child struggles to learn despite everything you've already tried, don't give up. Call The Highlands School to schedule a visit and see first-hand how students in Kindergarten through 8th grade who struggle with memory, language processing, Dyslexia, ADHD and other learning differences discover their true potential.

We believe that a failure to learn is often because a unique learning style has not yet been discovered. We teach students the skills and strategies needed to become the successful, independent, confident learners they were meant to be. Students build upon their inner strengths to compensate for weaker areas and realize that a learning difference does not have to be a disability. They learn how to advocate for themselves and become better equipped to return to a traditional school setting – usually within two to three years.

Parents, educators and other professionals know that a child who learns differently can be

taught differently at The Highlands School. School year, tutoring and summer programs are available. Mid-year enrollment is possible and scholarships may be available. For more information, call the Admissions Department, 410-836-1415, e-mail info@highlandsschool.net or visit www.highlandsschool.net.

Open House dates and times:

Wed., Sept. 29, 7 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 24, 2 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 14, 2 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 9, 2011, 2 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 6, 2011, 2 p.m.
Thurs., March 3, 2011, 7 p.m.



Photo courtesy of THE HIGHLANDS SCHOOL. Students at The Highlands School designed, built and tested their own aqueduct systems after studying similar systems used in Ancient Rome. Hands-on, multisensory learning - core to The Highlands School's instructional approach - is just one of the reasons that a child who learns differently can be taught differently at The Highlands School.

Expo

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to collaborate efforts for APG Families with special needs."

Behavioral services HCPS Pupil Services

Eyvonne Alberter, a pupil personnel worker with Harford County Public Schools Pupil Services, said the office offers the services of psychologists, nurses and personnel workers.

"My role is to confront barriers children might have attending or enrolling in school," Alberter said. "We oversee and ensure children are being taught to standards."

She said one barrier children face is when someone other than the parent becomes responsible for the child's education due to deployments or permanent change of station.

"What we need is for parents to come in with a copy of orders and a notarized affidavit [or power of attorney] naming that person as the one who assumes responsibility for the child's education."

Pupil Personnel Workers are problem solvers and troubleshooters, Alberter said. "Their primary function is advocating for the Family by investigating factors that interfere with the student's success in school and facilitating remedial action."

Pupil Personnel Workers are assigned to every school in the HCPS system, she added. For more information, or to locate a worker, call the central office at 410-588-5282.

Kennedy Krieger Institute

The Kennedy Krieger Institute offered a full range of Family, school and home wellness and outreach programs. The display featured information about the institutes' Center for Autism and Related Disorders and its Resource Finder.

"Families don't have to come to us for information," said Jackie Stone, director of business development. "The can use the Resource Finder Web tool to get answers about disability-supported programs."

The Resource Finder provides a valuable tool for Families and professionals to obtain information and access resources on developmental disabilities, Stone said. "It provides information for parents, caregivers, and other professionals on a wide range of developmental disabilities, professional resources and continuing education and events."

For more information, visit www.resourcefinder.kennedykrieger.org or call 800-390-3372. The Kennedy Krieger Institute is located in Baltimore.

MFLC

Phillip Fowler led the outreach specialists at the Military & Family Life Consultant display. He said the MFLC is a Department of Defense program designed to provide anonymous, confidential support to Soldiers and their Families, especially those returning from deployments.

"The MFLC is open to all branches, active, reserve, and National Guard, and Department of Defense civilians," Phil-

lips said, adding that MFLC trained consultants are licensed clinicians whose goal is to prevent Family distress by providing education and information on Family dynamics, parent education, available support services, and the effects of stress and positive coping mechanisms.

The MFLC works with trained staff members at Army child development and youth centers and can be requested through the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program.

"We can work directly in the classroom with children having behavioral issues or other problems," he said. Some issues include school adjustment, deployment and separation concerns, reunion adjustment, sibling/parent communications, behavioral concerns, fear, grief or loss issues and daily life issues.

For more information, contact ACS or Child, Youth and School Services.

Educational services SMART

JoAnn Wright briefed visitors to the SMART (Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation) display. A SMART Army Liaison for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Wright said that SMART scholarships are available to citizens of the U.S., age 18 and older, who are pursuing undergraduate degrees in one of the SMART disciplines.

"The Department of Defense realizes the need to support the education of America's future scientists and engineers," she said.

Benefits include cash awards and internships. SMART is part of the National Defense Education Program sponsored by the American Society for Engineering Education. For more information, or to apply, visit www.asee.org/smart.

Raytheon MathMovesU

A program supported by the Raytheon Company addresses the "math education crisis" in America, according to John Clemons, Raytheon director of corporate community relations.

The program is called MathMovesU and it has been around for five successful years, Clemons said.

"MathMovesU is a mentorship program for middle school students. It is a virtual space that connects math to students on their terms, using fun contests, live events and interactive Web content."

"The goal is to inspire students to pursue educational goals and careers in science and engineering."

"Kids love the site because they can be who they want to be," Clemons said.

He said that Raytheon pledges \$1 million in grants and scholarships annually. For more information, or to apply, visit www.MathMovesU.com.

Raytheon is a defense technology company that will open its doors in the near future inside the G.A.T.E office complex at APG.

eCYBERMISSION

Katie Smith, an eCYBERMISSION team member who oversees enrollment

in the RDECOM-sponsored program, said that the enrollment period is open and organizers are looking for children interested in the program.

eCYBERMISSION is a free, Web-based science, math and technology competition for students in grades six through nine.

"Children apply real-life applications of science, math and technology to real-world issues," she said, adding that teams from all over the country compete regionally and nationally for prizes that include up to \$8,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds.

"Most importantly, eCYBERMISSION provides students with the opportunity to explore the possibilities of science, math and technology," she said.

To learn more, or to register, visit www.ecybermission.com.

APG programs

Installation displays included ACS and the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorates' Child, Youth and School Services' EDGE and Hired! programs. The ACS display, hosted by Aida Rivera and Kimberly Williams of the Family Advocacy office, contained well being information on the Maryland Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program as well as Family Advocacy.

"We answered general questions and many seemed focused on stress management," said Rivera, noting the office primarily handles sexual assault and domestic violence issues. ACS Family Advocacy is located in building 2503. For more information, contact Rivera, Family advocacy program manager at 410-278-7478.

At the EDGE display, Chuck Rose, program coordinator, distributed flyers on upcoming events for APG youths. EDGE stands for Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel. The program, open to ages 11 to 18, highlights, recreational, fitness and educational opportunities for APG youths in FMWR programs.

"Our main interest today has been to show what's available for kids to do after school," Rose said.

Upcoming EDGE events include a Hip-Hop Dance class, 4 to 8 p.m. each Monday, Sept. 13 through 27 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center; a Teen Fitness Challenge, 4 to 6 p.m. each Thursday, Sept. 2 through 30 at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center; Youth bowling, every Wednesday, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Bowling Center; Study and Research Skills sessions, 4 to 6 p.m. every Tuesday, Sept. 7 through 28 at CYSS in building 2503, and Ceramic Painting every Friday, Sept. 3 through 24, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Arts and Crafts Shop. Sign up for EDGE sessions at CYSS Central Registration, building 2503, or call 410-278-7571/7478. For more information, call Rose at 410-278-1399 or e-mail chuck.rose1@us.army.mil.

Fifteen-year-old tenth grader Aysha O'Neal assisted at the HIRED! display with Jay McKinney, HIRED! program coordinator.

HIRED! is an apprentice program in which teens can gain work experience in

FMWR facilities. It also gives guidance on preparing resumes, teaches interview techniques and pays a stipend at the end of the term.

"I think it's really fun," said O'Neal who worked at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center. "It was my first job and I plan to reenroll in the fall," she said.

HIRED! apprentice positions are available for ages 15 through 18. The program offers workforce preparation, training and college exploration workshops as well as educational incentive awards for 17 to 18-year-olds.

For more information, contact McKinney at 410-278-3250 or e-mail jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil.

Breakout sessions

The expo included breakout sessions with subject matter experts:

Lt. Col. Scott Campbell, Kirk, U.S. Army Health Clinic talked about "Getting the Most out of TRICARE"; Beth Oleszczuk, a counselor with Aberdeen Middle School explained Ed-Line, the new program that gives parents online access to grades; and Attorney Nicole Joseph hosted question-and-answer sessions for the Maryland Disability Law Center.

Joseph said the MDLC has a variety of services to aid special needs individuals.

"The problems can be for transportation, medical, housing or disability-related issues," she said. "It's like any other law. We get involved when individuals aren't getting the services or support they're entitled to."

"We have various levels of assistance, from offering advice to representing certain types of cases. The MDLC is a non-profit legal service and the protection and advocacy agency for the state of Maryland. Our goal is to advance the legal rights of people with disabilities. Families or individuals with issues should contact us for information or referrals."

For more information, visit the MDLC Web site at www.mdclaw.org; or call 410-727-6452, extension 2490; Toll Free at 800-233-7201; or TTY 410-727-6387.

Community Connections Expo organizations:

Abilities Network; ARC North Chesapeake; Autism Society of Harford County with Pathfinders for Autism; Harford/Cecil County Non-public School Council; Confident Student; Harford County Action Council; Harford County Commission on Disabilities; Harford County Action Agency, Parks and Recreation and Infants & Toddlers; Highland School; Kennedy Krieger Institute; the Maryland coalition on Mental Health; Maryland Disabilities Law Center; Maryland Family Network-LOCATE CARE; Maryland State Department of Education; Maryland Technology Assistance Program; Picerne Military Housing; Raytheon: Math-Moves-You; RDECOM: eCYBERMISSION and SMART programs; Special Olympics of Maryland; Sylvan Bel Air; Upper Bay Counseling and Support Services; Upper Chesapeake Health; Villa Maria;



From left: Kalin Fowlkes, 11, Kollin Wisniewski, 9, Joseph Fernandez, 9, and Matthew Baptiste, 9, participate in a drill called King of the Ring to practice their kicking skills during the Challenger British Soccer Camp.

CYSS summer sports program wrap up



Julianna Richard, 10, gets ready to serve during the 2010 APG Youth Doubles Tournament, Aug. 2 held at the Aberdeen Area tennis court.

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APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground youths, wanting to learn and improve their athletic skills, participated in several sporting events this summer. These events were hosted by Child, Youth and School Services Sports.

Bill Kegley, CYSS Sports director said that the CYSS sports program encourages children to stay active and busy during the summer months. He added that the children enjoy meeting new friends and having fun while learning new skills.

“Participating in sports also teaches children good sportsmanship,” Kegley said. “The CYSS sports program is for all skill levels.”

The events started with the Challenger British Soccer Camp July 26 through 30, held at the Aberdeen Area youth soccer field. The coaches that taught the camp were from England, and also taught the children about the British culture.

According to the Challenger British Soccer Web Site, www.challengersports.com,

“the goal of the British Soccer Program is to deliver quality soccer coaching with a unique British cultural twist.”

The children, ranged from ages 7 to 16, were divided into teams which were referred to as “countries.”

Campers competed to earn “World Cup” points on the soccer field by playing soccer games and participating in different activities and challenges.

“It is an awesome program,” said Susan Byers, a mother who had three children participating in the camp. “They do a perfect mix of teaching skills and playing games. My children really enjoy it. We also love that they offer an option of attending the camp for half days, as it can get hot this time of year.”

“The camp serves as a good warm up for the fall soccer season,” added Joanne Castaldi, a mother with a son who participated in the camp.

Taylor Knoebel, 10, said that she wanted to attend the soccer camp to improve her skills.

“I wanted to get better at soccer and get some exercise,” she

said. “I also enjoy the games.”

The following week, a tennis tournament was held at the Aberdeen Area tennis courts on Aug. 2, where 22 APG youths, ages 7 to 16 participated. The tournament gave the youths a chance to display the tennis skills that they learned over the summer while their Families and friends watched on the sidelines.

The following day a golf tournament was held at Ruggles Golf Course for youths that took golf lessons at Ruggles and Exton golf courses over the summer. Approximately 100 APG youths, ages 5 to 15 participated.

“This summer was my daughter’s first time on a golf course,” said Stella Lee, mother of Hannah Lee, 8. “I was impressed with the CYSS and Ruggles staff members and am thankful that my daughter had the opportunity to try out this sport.”

“I would like to thank the excellent staff at Ruggles and Exton golf courses and the parents and volunteers for making this event a success,” Kegley said.

The event concluded with trophies for all participants and lunch.

For more information on upcoming events visit www.apgmwr.com/family/youth, or call Kegley, 410-306-2297.

NFL Youth Punt, Pass & Kick

The NFL Youth Punt, Pass & Kick Competition will be held Friday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Youth flag football/soccer field located next to the Aberdeen Youth Center building, 2522 Bayside Drive. This free activity is open to all youths ages 8 to 13.

Proof of age and Release of Liability must be completed. To register, see Kegley at building 2503, on the second floor.



Matthew Kirk, left, Challenger British Soccer Camp coach, talks to Lauren Johnson, right, 4, about a soccer drill.



Tommy Sukiennik, 7, focuses on his putting while Nick Dibelka, 9, watches during the 2010 APG Jr. Golf tournament held at Ruggles Golf Course, Aug 3.



Hunter Keithley, left, Nolan Keithley, center, and Robert Keithley, watch as Nick Dibelka prepares to swing.



Commissary News

Commissaries not affected by massive egg recall linked to salmonella outbreak

www.commissaries.com

As of Aug. 19, military commissaries are not affected by the massive Wright County Egg voluntary recall, according to Defense Commissary Agency food safety officials.

Although the commissaries may carry some of the brands such as Hillandale and Sunshine that were mentioned in the Aug. 13 recall action, the cartons of eggs sold in military stores are not part of those linked to salmonella contamination, DeCA food safety officials said.

Commissary customers can check the status of their eggs at home by looking for the Julian date and plant code stamped on the end of each egg carton. The plant number begins with the letter P followed by its number. The Julian date follows the plant number. Example: P-1946 223.

The initial Wright County Egg recall announcement involved more than 228 million shell eggs. On Aug. 18, the recall expanded to more than 380 million eggs. The companies and Julian dates and plant codes listed in the recall are as follows:

Aug. 13 recall

Lucerne, Albertson, Mountain Dairy, Ralph's, Boomsma's, Sunshine, Hillandale, Trafficanda, Farm Fresh, Shoreland, Lund, Dutch Farms and Kemps, varying sizes of cartons (6-egg cartons, dozen egg cartons, 18-egg cartons).

Julian dates of the recalled eggs range from 136 to 225.

Plant numbers of the recalled eggs are 1026, 1413 and 1946.

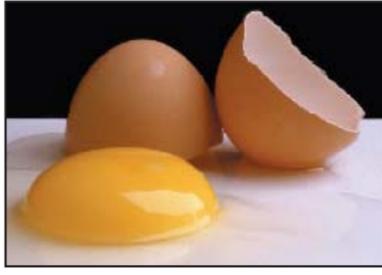
Aug. 18 recall

Albertson's, Mountain Dairy, Glenview, Ralph's, Boomsma's, Sunshine, Pacific Coast, Farm Fresh, Lund and Kemps, varying sizes of cartons (6-egg cartons, dozen egg cartons, 18-egg cartons).

Julian dates of the recalled eggs range from 136 to 229.

Plant numbers of the recalled eggs are 1720 and 1942.

To date, the recalled product is known to have been distributed to stores nationwide, according to the Food and Drug Administration recall alert sent Aug. 13. There have been confirmed illnesses relating to the shell eggs and trace-back



investigations are ongoing, the FDA statement said.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections, endocarditis or arthritis.

The FDA wants consumers to know that thorough cooking is perhaps the most important step in making sure eggs are safe.

Cook eggs until both the yolk and the white are firm. Scrambled eggs should not be runny.

Casseroles and other dishes containing eggs should be cooked to 160 degrees Fahrenheit (72 Centigrade). Use a food thermometer to be sure.

For recipes that call for eggs that are raw or undercooked when the dish is served — Caesar salad dressing and homemade ice cream are two examples — use either shelled eggs that have been treated to destroy salmonella, by pasteurization or another approved method, or pasteurized egg products. Treated shelled eggs are available from a growing number of retailers and are clearly labeled, while pasteurized egg products are widely available.

Consumers with questions should visit www.eggsafety.org or call Wright County's toll-free information number of 1-866-272-5582.

For more information, visit www.commissaries.com; the official online resource of the Defense Commissary Agency.