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U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen Test Grenades at Blossom Point Research Facility

By **HOLLY DODDS** NSWC Indian Head EOD Technology Division

Every year U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen visit the Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division (NSWC IHEODTD) as part of a Weapons Analysis and Design course. This year the 16 mechanical engineering students were challenged to design a grenade to test at the Blossom Point Research Facility in Welcome, Md., March 20.

The 16-week elective course is offered every spring to seniors, and occasionally juniors in advanced studies, at the USNA in Annapolis, Md. The course focuses on explosives, warhead design, weapon system effectiveness, concepts and issues of employment of weapons and weapons testing. Ken Conley, NSWC IHEODTD senior technology officer and course professor, coordinated the field activity, which required the midshipmen to design a



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U.S. Naval Academy Modern Weapon Design course midshipmen and Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division (NSWC IHEODTD) Senior Intelligence Officer (SIO) and course instructor Ken Conley pose with the fragmented plywood after their grenade tests at Blossom Point Research Facility, March 20.

hand grenade that balanced the necessary utility and lethality.

The midshipmen were divided into five teams and crafted their grenades

using a mixture of materials such as BB pellets, nuts and other metal fragments, while maintaining a weight limit of less than two pounds.

NSWC IHEODTD personnel loaded C-4 according to team design instructions and a RP-83 was used to initiate from the top. The grenade was vertically mounted roughly two feet off the ground in front of a ¾ in. plywood panel, which stood to represent the area of a human

"My team and I designed what we thought would have been an extremely light and deadly grenade," said Midshipman 1st Class Zach

The goal was to produce the most lethal fragments in the plywood while upholding the required design limitations and requirements. Although Moore's team did not win the challenge, he stated the experience with NSWC IHEODTD was wonderful and his only wish was to try again.

"I'm always impressed with the creativity and innovation the midshipmen demonstrate in this exercise and the excellent support we get from Indian Head personnel," Conley said.

Dahlgren Students Triumph Again at SeaPerch Regionals, Head to International Competition in June

By **BARBARA WAGNER** South Potomac Pilot

Once again, a team of students from Dahlgren School qualified for the International SeaPerch Competition, to be held at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth on June 1-3. This marks the fifth time that students from the school have dominated at the regional competition and the fourth time that they will compete in the international competition.

SeaPerch is an innovative underwater robotics program funded by the Office of Naval Research (ONR). The science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)- based competition provides the teachers and students with the resources they need to build an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), while exposing students to important engineering and design skills, as well as exciting careers that are possible in naval architecture and naval, ocean and marine engineering.

The team competed in the SeaPerch Annual Regional Competition on March 1 at the University of Mary Washington against 57 other local teams. Following the competition, two of Dahlgren School's three teams moved forward to the international competition.

Six Dahlgren students – Mia, Ashley, and Kaili, Jude, Ryan and Josh – comprised the two teams "Baby Narwhals" and the "Lucky Charms."

Science teacher Ann Doyle used the SeaPerch curriculum teaching the students basic engineering and science concepts with a marine engineering theme. Throughout the course, the students learn engineering concepts, problem-solving, teamwork and technical applications.

Social studies teacher Maureen Holt who has also been a part of the SeaPerch program at Dahlgren sees great value in what the program has provided the students throughout the last five years.

"The program is fantastic and it reinforces STEM standards with hands-on experiences of building, operating, making changes, and competing," Holt said.

The students agreed that teamwork was a major lesson learned, in addition to the engineering skills they acquired.

"The coolest part of this experience for me was the teamwork. We learned through the process our strengths and weaknesses and used that information to create the best team possible." Kaili said.

Each student built their ROV from a kit that included PVC pipe and other low-cost, easily accessible



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Dahlgren School students gather around the practice pool with their two winning SeaPerch Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV). The students will participate in the International SeaPerch Competition on June 3 at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Good luck to the students as the compete against nearly 100 teams from around the globe!

TechFire Office Space Celebrates Inaugural Year, Touts Accomplishments

COURTESY NSWC IHEODTD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Just over a year ago, the Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division (NSWC IHE-ODTD) partnered with the community, local industry and academia to open the Energetics Technology Center's (ETC) Technology Transfer, Training and TechFire (T4) office space at the Black Box Theatre in Indian Head. Since it's opening, the space is able to tout a number of accomplishments and unexpected successes.

The T4 program was created under a Partnership Intermediary Agreement (PIA) between the command and the ETC to enhance the goals of dual-use technology development, technology commercialization, diversification of the local economy and accelerating the growth of the local industry cluster focused on energetic material, surface warfare, undersea warfare and EOD technologies. The ETC is leasing the T4 office space through a Navy contract.

"Our direction from [NSWC IHEODTD Technical Director Ashley Johnson] was to get outside the gate into a place where we can do business with partners who don't have a access to get on base. The fact that we aren't on base is a big deal," said Dr. Chris Wilhelm, NSWC IHEODTD Office of Research and Technology Applications Lead.

In its first year, the T4 space hosted both current and potential industry partners, local colleges and even command organizations looking for a bit more flexibility in their meeting locations. The facility has a training room that can hold more than 20 people, a conference room and internet access. The space is also proving to be a popular with small business start-ups looking to leverage the knowledge and technologies available at NSWC IHEODTD for use in the private sector.

"Partnering with IHEODTD is a primary focus for ETC, and we are pleased our T4 space is providing a necessary link between the command and the community," said Bob Kavetsky, ETC CEO. "As a partnership intermediary, ETC brings groups to the table that can propel tech transfer and commercialization."

The ETC is a 501 c3 organization focused on research and development based out of Indian Head that assists start-ups and entrepreneurs



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NSWC IHEODTD's Office of Research and Technology Applications Lead Dr. Chris Wilhelm speaks with the Energetics Technology Center's Director of Technology John A. Millemaci at the Technology Transfer, Training and TechFire office space at the Black Box Theatre in Indian Head, Md.

through mentoring and incubation, while also providing connections to experts in the field of technology. Their connections with entrepreneurs, academia, investors and local and state government agencies are blended with their TechFire* incubation and commercialization services, such as providing entrepreneurs-in-residence, lean startup training and incubation space.

"We've been working with a Maryland startup company interested in commercializing some of our EOD technologies for use by civilian public safety units," Wilhelm said. "Bomb squads don't have 200 scientists and engineers working for them, but we do. We patent a lot of those technologies to push into the commercial space, so it becomes available to the civilian population and first responder community."

By utilizing that technology outside of military applications and providing uses to customers such as first responders, for example, the government can maximize research dollars by filling two niches instead of just one.

Wilhelm explains the command's knowledge set of skilled system engineers – or product developers – can be shared with industry partners to facilitate economic development in Southern Maryland. In December 2017, the command signed its first license in six years and has already seen interest from current industry partners to explore other technologies for potential private use. ETC is also working to promote IHEODTD technologies for commercialization through its PIA, leveraging its subject matter experts and entrepreneurs-in-residence.

"One of the things that we're seeing is faster acquisition lead times using our industry and academic partners," Wilhelm said. "Our knowledge base here is not only a benefit to private industry, but also allows industry to bring back improved products to federal government to aid the warfighter."

The command's Technology Transfer office not only works with start-up businesses to commercialize the government technology, but facilitates engagements with these fledgling businesses in communicating with state funding agencies such as the Maryland Technology Development Corporation and local real estate holders to establish a business spaces in the town of Indian Head.

Wilhelm credits the ETC with enabling the success of the T4 space, as they have a network of successful local entrepreneurs looking to bring their technologies to market.

"ETC facilitates those relationships and we put them in touch with our inventors to understand the technology and look in the community for industrious people who want to start a business or expand their current business," Wilhelm said.

The T4 space is also attracting interest from academia. NSWC IHEODTD hosted a spring Technology Transfer Entrepreneurship course for College of Southern Maryland (CSM) students in the T4 space. The course allowed CSM students to take Navy-developed technologies and work with IHEODTD inventors to understand how those products can be adapted for use in private industry. The students also engaged with local entrepreneurs and professors who work with the teams to develop a business plan for that technology.

The T4 initiative has received the support of the Maryland state government and Town of Indian Head. Both groups are instrumental in the development of these types of initiatives in Southern Maryland.

"We have entrepreneurs interested in starting businesses, we have academic partners, we have our community partners," Wilhelm said. "With some care and nurturing along the way, it can be something that truly turns the corner in Southern Maryland for economic development, job growth and retention."

This blossoming partnership between the command, the community and local educational institutions serves as an indicator that Southern Maryland leaders recognize the need for strong partnerships to come support the local economy, cut down acquisition time and costs, and enable industry to utilize DoD technological applications to provide the warfighter a better product, faster.

"We have successfully caught the eye of our industry partners to come and talk with us about our technology," Wilhelm said. "We're also looking at a mid-range strategy of getting some businesses started outside the gates and getting more foot traffic that comes down this Maryland Route 210 corridor because at the end of the corridor is always NSWC IHEODTD."

Competition

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materials; designs had to adhere to very specific guidelines, including the number of thrusters, a 12-volt power supply and how much money they are allowed to spend on their vehicle. Over the course of two months, the students built, tested and refined their designs

Throughout practice runs at the Aquatics Center aboard Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren, the students realized that different strengths and weaknesses in their ROV designs as well as in their "driving" skills. In addition to completing an effective design, the students had to navigate an underwater obstacle course and perform tasks guided by a remote control; competitors were also judged on the speed of their vehicle. The team's ability to

have access to the Aquatics Center was an invaluable asset for them to hone those remove driving and maneuvering skills and judge the speed and performance of their ROVs.

"We ran speed trials at the pool and then we took the Perch with the fastest time and used that one," Ashley explained.

When the final SeaPerch were completed, the teams had narrowed their units down to the best performing one per team.

In addition to their newly-gained teamwork and engineering skills, the team had to refine their public speaking skills as well. A component of the competition requires them to present their design and an engineering notebook to the panel of judges. For the weeks leading up to the Regional Competition, the students had to journal and work through putting together the notebook, including illustrations, documenting their engineering design process and specific steps they took in the design and modification process. According to Doyle, this was the least favorite aspect of the competition for the students; the students themselves

readily agreed.

"For two weeks after school, they worked on their journals with graphics and the processes and labeled what they did every step of the way," Doyle said.

Doyle and the team would like to thank everyone who assisted in their journey, most especially Liz Kwasniak, the manager of the Dahlgren Aquatics Center.

"Liz has supported the STEM teams year in and year out, convenient or not, and we wouldn't be able to do this if Liz didn't allow us to come over and find a lifeguard for us in the middle of the day," Doyle said. "We are really grateful to her and her team for their support."

In June, the students will compete against nearly 100 other teams from around the globe at the International SeaPerch Challenge. The teams will be judged by a panel of engineers, educators and other professionals. Best of luck to the students in the upcoming competition!



Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Kicks Off Fundraising Drive Aboard Naval Support Activity South Potomac

Sailors and Marines stationed at Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) kicked off the 2018 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Active-Duty Fund Drive (ADFD) recently.

The ADFD is held annually and serves as an opportunity for Sailors and Marines to donate money that is distributed directly to other Sailors and Marines in need. The theme for this year's drive is "By Our Own, For Our Own." Aboard NSASP this year's NMCRS fundraising drive will be held from March 1 to April 30.



Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society provides financial assistance and education, as well as other programs and services, to mem-

bers of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps, their eligible family members, widows and survivors. The Society also receives and manages donated funds to administer these programs and services.

NMCRS's main goal is to help each person who requests support with their immediate needs. The long-term mission is to help Sailors and Marines become financially self-sufficient by learning how to better manage their personal finances and prepare for unplanned expenses.

The NMCRS sets a goal of 100 percent contact with all Sailors and Marines so everyone is aware of their opportunity to donate, as well as the services and programs available to them and their families.

NSASP base representative for 2018 is Culinary Specialist (CS1) Marci Primeau is excited to get the word out about the program and how it benefits Sailors and Marines. For more information about the program or to donate — visit www. nmcrs.org/adfd or contact CS1 Primeau at 540-653-4689 or email her at marci.primeau@navy.mil

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

LEGAL NOTICE The United States Navy Announces NOTICE OF COMPLETION Five-Year Review

Naval Support Facility Indian Head Sites 11, 12, 14, 17, 21, 28, 36, 38, 42, 47, 57 and UXO 32

Indian Head, Maryland

The United States Navy (Navy) in coordination with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 3 and the Maryland Department of the Environment has concluded the third Five-Year Review for Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head Sites 11, 12, 14, 17, 21, 28, 36, 38, 42, 47, 57, and UXO 32.

This Five-Year Review was performed as part of the Installation Restoration Program for the Department of the Navy, following U.S. EPA guidelines under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The Five-Year Review process is used to determine whether the remedies selected at each Site are protective of human health and the environment.

Sites 11, 12, 14, 17, 21, 28, 36, 38, 42, 47, 57, and UXO 32 were evaluated to determine whether the selected remedies are effective. All 12 remedies were found to be protective of human health and the environment. Seven were reported as overall protective, requiring no follow up actions, and five were report-

ed as protective in the short term, requiring short-term actions to achieve overall protectiveness.

Navy and CERCLA guidelines call for this review every five years to ensure protection of human and ecological communities in the area. This Five-Year Review Report was completed in February 2018. The document will be maintained in the Administrative Record for NSF Indian Head, which can be found at the following locations:

Indian Head Town Hall

4195 Indian Head Hwy.

Indian Head, MD 20640

Charles County Public Library

2 Garrett Ave.

La Plata, MD 20646-5959

NSF IH General Library

Building 620 (Community Rec Center)

Indian Head, MD 20640

Any person wishing to provide comments regarding this notice may respond in writing to:

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For information about the Five-Year Review or any environmental cleanup activities at NSF Indian Head, please contact Jeron Hayes, NSF Indian Head Public Affairs Officer, at 540-284-0129, jeron.hayes@navy.mil, or Alex Scott, RPM at alex.e.scott@navy.mil.

Summer Internship Program Provides Educational Opportunities for Local Students

Charles County Government is seeking high school juniors and seniors, college students, or college graduates, who wish to gain work experience and learn about local government, in the summer internship program. The internship program provides paid internships that will last up to 12 weeks in a variety of department areas.

Interns will gain unique and valuable work experience while learning about the workings of Charles County Government. Work hours are flexible to meet the needs of students and county departments.

Internships will be available in the following departments and partnership agencies:

- * Charles County Public Library
- * Charles County Sheriff's Office
- ${\rm *\,County\,Administrator's\,Office}$
- * Department of Community Services
- * Department of Emergency Services
- * Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services

- * Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tour-
- * Department of Planning and Growth Management
- ${}^*\, Department of Public \, Works$
- * Soil Conservation District

The internship program is available for Charles County residents only. Apply online and learn more about the specific internships available by visiting www.CharlesCountyMD. gov/hr/recruitment/recruitment and clicking "Volunteer/intern."

Charles County Government operates under a high performing organization model, which works to engage and involve employees with frontline knowledge in their decision-making process, with an emphasis on leadership. Learn more about Charles County Government's Leadership Philosophy by visiting https://youtu.be/UxMhmHO92uw. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD: 800-735-2258.

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BASE HAPPENINGS

ASIST Training at Dahlgren Chapel

Dahlgren Chapel will offer ASIST training to all with base access April 26-27. Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is a two-day interactive workshop in suicide first aid. ASIST teaches participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety. To register, contact RP2 Jonathan Benson, 540-653-8297, jonathan.benson@navy.mil.

Catholic Services at Dahlgren Chapel

Monday — Thursday: Rosary at 1200 in Back Chapel Friday: Liturgy of the Hours and Rosary at noon in Back Chapel Saturday: Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest, vigil, 1700 in Main Chapel

Shred Truck @ Dahlgren

The 7th Annual Shred Event at NSF Dahlgren will be held on April 25 from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. The Shred Truck will be parked in the parking lot in front of the Parade Field. Now is the time to clean out those file cabinets and desk drawers and shred all those documents that are cluttering your home. This event is free and open to all with base access. For more info, contact Fleet and Family Support Center, 540-653-1839. Let FFSC help you prevent identity theft and clean up at the same time.

FFSC closed on May 30

The Fleet and Family Support Center at NSF Dahlgren will be closed on May 30 for a staff training day. The center will open again for regular hours on May 31.

Child Development Center I Has Spaces Available!

The Dahlgren CDC I has space available for parents to enroll children. For more information on how to enroll contact the center at 540-653-4994 or stop by at 727 Sampson Road, building 437.

Dahlgren Sea Kings Chess Club

Want to learn how to play the world's oldest game like the masters? Weekly lessons are free, and all skill levels are welcome. Group will meet Wednesdays from $4-6:30~\mathrm{p.m.}$ Please call or email for more information, Lt. Brian T. Curran, V23, (540)653-1941, brian.curran1@navy.

Second Tour Thrift Store

The store offers a wide assortment of quality used items at incredibly low prices. The store is located at 722 Sampson Rd. and is open Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for all shoppers with base access. 'Like' on Facebook @DahlgrenSecondTour

Indian Head

FFSC Relocated aboard NSF Indian Head

The Fleet and Family Support Center has relocated at NSF Indian Head. FFSC is now located in the Mix House, Bldg D-324 on the top level, room 1. The School Liaison Office (SLO) has also relocated to the Mix House. SLO will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Market Fresh Bistro Soup of The Day

The Market Fresh Bistro at the Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head Community Recreation (ITT) and General Library is offering minestrone soup for the week of April 16. The facility is open Monday — Friday, 6 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

 $To \ publish \ information \ on \ your \ event \ or \ program \ under \ "Base \ Happenings" \ contact \ Andrew$ Revelos at 540-653-6012 or email Andrew.revelos1@navy.mil.

Community Notes

Spring 2018 National Security Lectures — Value from Data

The ability to collect large sets of data from diverse sources such as advanced satellite, airborne and terrestrial sensors, human observations, news reports, and social media has provided both opportunities and challenges to national security professionals. This presentation describes new methods available from recent work in data science to address these challenges and describes gaps that data science research needs to address. Value from Data will be presented on April 19, by Donald E. Brown, Ph.D. Dr. Brown is the W.S. Calcott Professor of Systems & Information Engineering, Founding Director of the Data Science Institute and Co-Director of the Translational Health Institute of Virginia. The Lecture will be held at the UMW University Hall (room 110). The lecture is open to the public, and there is no charge to attend. Refreshments starting at 8 a.m., and the lecture at 8:30 a.m. To register, visit us online at http://dahlgren.umw.edu/lec-

King George Rabies Clinic

Be sure to get Fido or Fluffy their rabies shot! Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. -11 a.m. at the King George Animal Control Parking Lot. Rain or shine, \$10 cash per animal. Dogs and cats only, four months and older. Animals must be leashed or in a carrier. Written proof of prior rabies vaccination must be provided to receive a three-year vaccination.

King George Animal Rescue League Seeking Volunteers

The King George Animal Rescue League is looking for volunteers to help socialize animals, walk dogs, and take pictures at King George Animal Control (the county animal shelter). Volunteering at the shelter is a very rewarding way to give back to the local community; it is beneficial to the volunteer's mental and physical health, and it has a direct impact on the lives of homeless animals in our area. To learn more, visit http://www.kgarl.org/info/display?Page-ID=15746, email shelterhelp@kgarl.org, or contact the shelter directly at 540-775-2120.

30th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup at Chapel Point State Park

Saturday, April 14, 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m., join the Port Tobacco River Conservancy as they partner with the Alice Ferguson Foundation for the Potomac River Watershed Cleanup at Chapel Point State Park, 8160 Pisces Rd., Port Tobacco MD 20677. Meet at the parking lot for the boat launch area, where they will provide bags, gloves, water and snacks. Come out to enjoy the park and help make the river more

Bethel Baptist Church to Hold Free Clothing Swap

Bethel Baptist Church will hold a free clothing swap 11 a.m.-5 p.m. April 20 and 9 a.m.-2 pm. April 21 at the church, 6705 Boots Lane, La Plata. For more information, call the church office, 301-743-2363, or Dana Weaver, 301-743-7225; or go to www.bbcmd.org.

Celebrate La Plata

The Town of La Plata will come together for a day of family fun at the annual Spring Festival, Celebrate La Plata on Saturday, April 28th from 12 — 4 p.m. Enjoy a day of activities for children of all ages at Celebrate La Plata; face painting, displays, entertainment, refreshments for sale from local favorites and the ever-entertaining Bed Races at 3 p.m.! Visit http://townoflaplata. org and check out events for more information.

Mallows Bay Trash Clean-up Day Scheduled for April 28

Charles County Government is partnering with the Alice Ferguson Foundation, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the annual trash clean-up day at Mallows Bay Park (1440 Wilson Landing Road, Nanjemoy) scheduled for Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date: Sunday, April 29). Volunteers can walk the shoreline of Mallows Bay Park or use a kayak or canoe. Volunteers may bring their own kayak or canoe or rent one through local outfitter www.atlantickayak.com who provides rental delivery and

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May 8: Indiana, North Carolina, Ohio, and West Virginia State Primary Elections

May 15: Idaho, Nebraska, Oregon, and Pennsylvania State Primary Elections

May 22: Arkansas, Georgia, and Kentucky State Primary Elections. Texas Primary Runoff Elections

June 5: Alabama, California, Iowa, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota State Primary Elections.

June 12: Maine, Nevada, North Dakota, South Carolina, Virginia State Primary Elections.

June 19: Arkansas State Primary Runoff Elections. District of Columbia Primary Elections.

June 26: Colorado, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Utah State Primary Elections. New York Federal Primary Elections. South Carolina State Primary Runoff Elections.

For more information the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) primary election calendar can be found here: https://www.fvap.gov/guide/appendix/state-elections

CBIRF responds to simulated earthquake during Exercise Scarlet Response 2018



U.S. MARINE CORPS PHOTO BY PFC. BLAKELY GRAHAM

HMC Alfredo Medina, a hospital corpsman with Headquarters and Service Company, Chemical Biological Incident Response Force, inspects the several simulated injuries of a notional casualty that was recovered from a simulated collapsed tunnel during Exercise Scarlet Response 2018 at Guardian Centers, Perry, Ga., on March 14. Exercise Scarlet Response is a scenario-based training evolution that allows Reaction Force Company and Headquarters and Service Company Marines and Sailors to cross-train in all of CBIRF's capabilities during two days of lane training, a 12-hour continuous operation exercise and a final 72-hour certification exercise simulating a response to an earthquake in Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Spring Has Sprung!

U.S. Navy photos by Pamela Berry and Rachel Miskell

Spring weather showed up just in time for Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren and NSF Indian Head's Easter Egg Hunts! At NSF Dahlgren, more than 200 Children enjoyed pony rides, made crafts, jumped in bounce houses, petted baby animals, and had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. At NSF Indian Head, there were more than 300 children in attendance who were able to design and decorate their own Easter bucket so they had a special place to gather all of their eggs and enjoy other arts and crafts before taking to the field to take part in the big Easter Egg Hunt!

After the children enjoyed crafting and the other fun-filled activities the MWR Offices had planned, they lined up for the egg hunt by age groups in search of a golden egg to win a prize along with the hundreds of eggs "hidden". Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) MWR offices on both sides of the Potomac wish to thank the generous members of the community who sponsored the event including King George Family Chiropractic, NSWC Federal Credit Union, and Lincoln Military Housing for all their added efforts to make this a wonderful event. For upcoming spring and summer events, visit the MWR offices online at www.NavyMWRDahlgren.com and NavyMWRIndianHead.com and follow the DahlgrenFFR Facebook page!









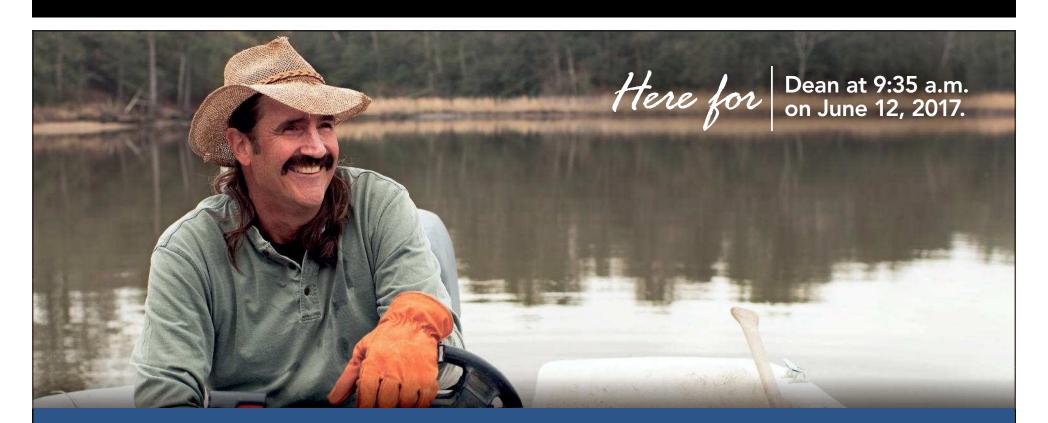








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Opted into BRS? Don't Forget This Important Step

By **BETH PERRY**, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board

A major benefit of the Blended Retirement System (BRS) is the free money you can now get from your service. Each time you contribute to your Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) retirement account, your service will match it, up to 5 percent of your pay. But your contributions are not automatic if you opted into BRS – they don't happen unless you choose to make them. And if you skip that important step, you risk missing out on hundreds of dollars in matching this year alone.

Contributing at least 5 percent of your basic pay is the only way to get the full match available to you. (For example, 5 percent for an E-2 is about \$90 per month.) Now that you've opted in, your service created a TSP account for you (if you didn't already have one) and automatically contributes an amount equal to 1 percent of your basic pay to it. But the other 4 percent depends on you taking action.

Got 5 minutes? If you haven't already, log into your payroll system to get the benefit you've earned: more free money just for contributing. You'll also need to decide whether to make Roth or traditional contributions and our short video "Is Roth Right for Me?" explains the difference.

Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines* (active duty and Ready Reserve): Use myPay to contribute to your TSP account.

Choose whatever amount you're comfortable with, but contributing at least 5 percent of your basic pay is the only way to get the full match you've earned from your service.

Log into myPay. From the Main menu, select "Traditional TSP and Roth TSP."

Next, you'll see two columns: "Contributions from Traditional TSP" and "Contributions from Roth TSP." You can choose either one or both.



Select the percentages you would like to save from your basic, special, incentive and bonus

Click the "Save" button at the bottom of the screen. If you need help, call myPay at 1-888-332-7411 and select option 5, then option 2.

*Important note for Marines: Even though you used Marine Online to opt into BRS, you must use myPay to change your TSP contributions.

Coast Guard and NOAA Corps (active duty and Ready Reserve): Use Direct Access to con-

tribute to your TSP account.

Choose whatever amount you're comfortable with, but contributing at least 5 percent of your basic pay is the only way to get the full match you've earned from your service.

Log into Direct Access. From the "Employee" page under "Tasks," click "More..." near the bottom of the column.

Select the "Thrift Savings Plan" option. This will show you how much you're currently saving. If you aren't contributing to your TSP ac-

count yet, you'll need to start with "Traditional TSP Base Pay."

Once the new screen pops up, select "Edit" and provide the percentages of your basic pay that you want to contribute. Use "Before Tax" to make traditional contributions and "After Tax" to make Roth contributions.

Click "Save" and then "Okay" when you see the pop-up confirmation. For more detailed instructions, visit the Coast Guard's Mission Support homepage guide.

Agencies Align on Education

Courtesy St. Mary's College of Maryland

The Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division (NSWC IHEODTD), St. Mary's College of Maryland, and The Patuxent Partnership formalized an educational partnership agreement that will advance scientific research and foster academic growth in science, mathematics, technology, and engineering. Representatives from those organizations gathered on the College campus Friday, March 23, to sign the agreement.

The signers included Tuajuanda C. Jordan, St. Mary's College president; NSWC IHEODTD Commanding Officer Capt. Scott Kraft and Technical Director Ashley Johnson, and Bonnie Green, executive director, The Patuxent Partnership, a non-profit member organization that works with government, industry, and academia to advance technology-related education and workforce development.

"Often, success is determined by the connections we make and the partnerships we establish," said Jordan. "This agreement will enable our students and faculty to collaborate with industry experts and gain practical, hands-on skills that will give them a competitive edge in the marketplace."

"This partnership is just another example of how we can lever-

age the knowledge around us in Southern Maryland to enhance energetic materials and systems to better support the Navy," said

"By providing opportunities at Indian Head for their research scientists and engineers to work with SMCM students and faculty, this agreement will strengthen and support the recruitment process and strengthen STEM workforce development," said Green. "There will be additional opportunities for SMCM students to conduct research, work as interns, and pursue potential career opportunities. The Patuxent Partnership will foster these connections, identifying opportunities for students and faculty, and providing visibility and support."

"We are excited about this partnership and look forward to sharing our knowledge and expertise while attracting top-notch potential employees," said Kraft. "We will also benefit from our partners' expertise allowing us to boost our capabilities, products and services to the warfighter."

The agreement will also provide educational and research experiences for St. Mary's College students and faculty using expertise, unique facilities, equipment and technology. Furthermore, the agreement will facilitate student internships, particularly in fields relating to the real-world technical applications required by the U.S. Navy.



(L-R) Bonnie Green, executive director, The Patuxent Partnership; Ashley Johnson, Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Dividsion (NSWC IHEODTD) technical director; Scott Kraft, NSWC IHEODTD commanding officer and Tuajuanda C. Jordan, St. Mary's College president formalize an educational partnership agreement with signatures on March 23.



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540-653-7327

Games: Military \$3.00, Civilian \$4.00. Hourly Bowling: Military \$20.00, Civilian \$25.00 Shoe Rental: Military \$1.50, Civilian \$2.50. Ask about our birthday party packages!

Spring Bowling Bingo

April 18, 5–7 p.m.

First one to BINGO in the game wins a prize! Cost: \$10 per person, includes shoes and two bingo cards

-DAILY BOWLING SPECIALS-Sunday Special

Sundays, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Join us every Sunday for \$2.00 games and \$1.00 shoe rentals!

Ten Dollar Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 2-9 p.m.
Every Tuesday, get a lane for one hour of bowling for only TEN dollars!

Buy a Game, Get a Game Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 2–9 p.m. Every Wednesday, buy one game; get the second game for Free!

All-U-Can Bowl Fridays

Fridays, 7 p.m.–10 p.m. Join us every Friday for a two hour, all you can bowl special! Cost: Military \$6.95/person; Civilian \$7.95/person. Both rates include shoe rental.

Cosmic Bowling

Saturdays, 7 p.m.–10 p.m. Enjoy music and lights while bowling!

Youth Learn to Bowl

First Saturday, 2–4 p.m. Children between the ages of 5-12 with base access will receive individual sessions on



Dahlgren Movie Theater

540-653-7336

Price of Shows — Civilian: \$5.00. Active Duty, Retired & Reserve Mil E7 & above & their family members with ID: \$4.00. E1-E6 & below & their family members with ID: \$3.00. Children (6-11): \$2.00 Children (5 and under): FREE. *Movies shown in 3D will cost an additional \$1 to the ticket price.

Friday, April 13 7 p.m
Saturday, April 14 4 p.m
Saturday, April 14 7 p.m
Sunday, April 15 1 p.m
Sunday, April 15 4 p.m Red Sparrow R
Friday, April 20 7 p.m
Saturday, April 21 4 p.m
Saturday, April 21 7 p.m
Sunday, April 22 1 p.m
Sunday, April 22 4 p.m

For movie listings online, visit www.NavyMWRDahlgren.com/recreation and select the Dahlgren Theater

basic bowling. Cost: \$7.50 per child, includes shoes

CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAMS

CDC I 540-653-4994 / CDC II 540-653-4342 YAC 540-653-8009 www.navymwrdahlgren.

com/child-youth

Military Child Care Open Enrollment

Request School Age Care (SAC) and Summer Camp all year long through Military-ChildCare.com. The online system allows you to search for and submit unlimited SAC and Summer Camp requests at any time of the year with-

out waiting for registration to begin! To register and learn more about MCC, visit MilitaryChildCare.com

Purple Up

April 13

NDW and CYP invites you to wear purple on Friday, April 13 as a gesture of support for military children.

Start Smart

April 16-May 15, 5–6 p.m. Location: Dahlgren Fitness Center

Motor skill development program focusing on baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer and tennis for ages 3-5.

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Register now through April 11. Parent orientation will be held April 12 at 5 p.m. at the Dahlgren Fitness Center. For more information, call the Youth Activity Center at 540-653-8009. Cost: Free

Purple Pancake Dinner

April 18, 6–7:30 p.m. Location: Gray's Landing

Buffet line is open from 6-6:30 p.m. Please arrive on time. Stay to play board games with the family. Free and open to all YAC eligible patrons with base access. Don't forget to wear purple! Pre-register at the YAC by Friday, April 13.

COMMUNITY RECREATION

540-653-8785

www.navymwrdahlgren. com/recreation

-TICKETS-Kings Dominion Tickets

One Day Pass (ages 3+) \$39.25, valid any one day through Oct. 28, . Parking not included.

Gold Season Pass \$85.00, valid for unlimited admission to Kings Dominion, Soak City, Dinosaurs Live, Halloween Haunt, new WinterFest, free parking and more.

Free Pre-K Season Pass (ages 3-5), redeem at the park or online

All New Busch Gardens Williamsburg Military Annual Pass

All military and family members and DoD civilians are eligible to purchase. Valid for unlimited admission to Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Water Country USA and Busch Gardens Williamsburg's Christmas Town on regularly scheduled operating days through December 31, . Pass includes general parking. Cost: \$98.50

Washington Nationals Tickets

Order your tickets no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesdays for your order to be placed that week. All orders are special ordered. Food and beverage vouchers are included with most tickets.

Left/Right Baseline: \$56.25 Left/Right Field Corner: \$39.00

Left/Right Mezzanine: \$32.50

Upper Infield Gallery: \$16.25

Six Flags America & Hurricane Harbor

Any One Day: \$40.00, valid one day includes admission to Hurricane Harbor Water Park.

Season Pass: \$73.75, valid for unlimited admission during season.

Gold Season Pass: \$82.00, valid for unlimited admission to all Six Flags theme parks and free parking.

Value Days: \$31.50, valid for one day admission for Month of the Military Child, Armed Forces Day, Red/White/Blue Days.

Parking: \$16.25, one day parking.

Visit https://www.sixflags.com/america/plan-your-visit/park-policies for more information.

-TRIPS-Orioles vs. Nationals Battle of the Beltways

May 28, Game starts at 1:05 p.m.

Join us for a trip to the Orioles vs. Nationals baseball game for a battle of the beltways. Price includes transportation, tickets to the game in the left field lower box, a free t-shirt from the Baltimore Orioles and a special pre-game picnic lunch. Purchase tickets from Tickets & Travel by May 21. Open to all with base access. Cost: \$70 per person

-CRAFTS & CLASSES-Spring Porch Sign

April 25, 6 p.m. Location: Gray's Landing Paint a spring themed porch sign! Register with Craftech by

April 18. Cost: \$25.00 Sunflower Sip & Paint May 16, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Gray's Landing

Bring your friends and co-workers out for a Sip & Paint event featuring a sunflower. Register by May 9 at Craftech. Cost: \$25

-PROGRAMS-Public Service Recognition Week

Break for lunch with these specials honoring the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees.

May 8 – Group Ex Class – 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a Free group exercise class during your lunch hour.

May 9 – Mongolian BBQ – 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Mongolian BBQ is back at Gray's Landing for a Mongolian lunch cooked to order. Cost: \$9

May 10 – Bowling Special at

Cannonball Lanes – 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Bowl two games for only \$5, includes shoe rental.

Donate. Swap. Save

May 15, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Location: Parade Field

How it works: Exchange your gently used items for an equal number of items. What to bring: Kitchen appliances, home goods, accessories, bags, toys, clothing (newborn to adult, no undergarments). Drop off: May 7-11 at the MWR Admin Bldg 205 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. All unclaimed items will be donated to the base Thrift Store or Goodwill. Please inspect your items diligently, no rips or stains. For more information, call the Community Rec Specialist at 540-653-3715.Cost: Free

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540-653-1730

Craftech offers a variety of services including framing and matting, engraving on plaques, metals, glassware, leather, stone and more, embroidery, flag and shadow boxes, Tiffany style stained glass, fusing, bottle slumping and firing.

For more details, visit www. NavyMWRDahlgren.com/recreation and select Craftech.

Dahlgren Centennial Collector Items

Order your exclusive Centennial collector items from Craftech all year long. Items include insulated travel and coffee mugs, playing cards, challenge coins, t-shirts, clocks, pens and holders, lanyards and much more!

FITNESS CENTER

540-653-8580

www.navymwrdahlgren. com/fitness-sports

SAPR 5K Fun Run

April 18, 11 a.m.

Join us for a 5K fun run to raise awareness of sexual assault and support prevention. All participants will receive a SAPR headband and are eligible to win a prize. Cost: Free

Sprint Triathlon

Saturday, April 21

Register at www.Dahlgren-SprintTri.eventbrite.com. Check in at 7 a.m.; start time is 8 a.m. and awards will be at 10:30 a.m. Awards will be given to male and female first place winners in each age division: 17 and under, 18-24, 25-39, and 40 plus. Cost: 17 & under, \$20. Active duty, \$20. All others, \$30

-SPORTS-Wallyball Tournament

May 17, 4:30 p.m.

Play like a champion! Register by May 3 for a double elimination, 4-on-4 wallyball tournament. Minimum of six teams must be registered. Prizes will be awarded to first-and second-place teams. Cost: Active duty, Free. All others, \$5

AQUATICS

540-653-8088

Family Float Night

April 13 from 5–7 p.m.

Bring your inflatable and float your way into the weekend! Cost: Regular admission

GENERAL LIBRARY

540-653-7474

May the 4th Be With You

May 4

Join us for a party in a galaxy not so far away with trivia, those famous "green ears" and more! After the party, head to the Theater for a free showing of Star Wars: The Last Jedi at 7 p.m. Library patrons will receive a reserved seat. Cost: Free, concessions available for purchase at Theater.

- LIBRARY SPECIALS-Learn Japanese

Active duty only – Mondays at 2:30 p.m. All others Monday at 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 5:15 p.m.

Learning a new language boosts brain power, improves memory, and expands career potential. Join us at the Library as we learn Japanese! Cost: Free

Paws for Reading

Every second Tuesday at 3:45–5 p.m.

Curl up with a furry friend and read them a story! The General Library will hold Paws for Reading the second Tuesday of every month and give young readers the opportunity to read to their four-legged companions. Reading to a pet can help build confidence in young readers. Register online at http://engagedpatrons.org/Events.cfm?SiteID=6188 and click on a selected time or call the General Library. Cost: Free

S.T.E.A.M. Pre-School Literacy Classes

Every Wednesday at 5 p.m. Our ST.E.A.M. classes are geared toward pre-school and kindergarten-aged children. They will develop their literacy skills as well as engage in the arts and learning experiments. Siblings are always welcome! Cost: Free

One-on-One Computer Help

Every first Tuesday by appointment

Need help and don't know where to start? Sign up for a one on one session to work on whatever you'd like! Cost: Free

Early Literacy at your Library

Every Friday at 10 a.m.

The Dahlgren General Library offers early literacy sessions for your baby and child, with songs, books, and activities that encourage early literacy development. Storytime and crafts will be geared toward babies and children under age 5. Siblings are always welcome to attend. Our Friday storytimes are a great way to meet other caregivers in the area. Cost: Free

Sensory Sensitive Saturdays

Every Saturday from 1–3

Be sure to join our caring staff for Sensory Sensitive Saturdays! Cost: Free

LIBERTY CENTER

540-653-7277

The Liberty Center and all activities are for Liberty Center Patrons Only: E1-E6 single/unaccompanied active duty military.

NASCAR Sundays

Racers, start your engines!

Join us to watch the NASCAR
races

Domino's Pizza & Movie Night

Every last Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. enjoy pizza and a movie

Wing Wednesday & Trivia

Every third Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. enjoy wings and a game or two of trivia.

Board Game Night

Play one of our many board games or featured game every Thursday!

Free Movie Friday

Every second Friday of the month at 10 p.m. watch a movie on us at the Theater.

Midnight Bowling

Every fourth Friday of the month at midnight enjoy a game of bowling!

Fire Pit

April 14, 6 p.m.

Bring your guitar and enjoy a night around the fire.

Who Wants to be a Millionaire

April 16, 6 p.m.

Join us for an enticing game of Who Wants to be a Millionaire!

Flower Pot Painting

April 17, 6 p.m.

Get ready for spring and paint a flower pot.

Spelling Bee

April 20, 6 p.m.

How many words can you snell?

Oyster Crawl

April 21,

Liberty is taking you down into the Northern Neck for some oyster tasting.

Guitar Hero Night

April 23, 6 p.m.

Play a game or two of Guitar

Guy's Night: Pool Tournament

April 25, 6 p.m.

Gentlemen, join us at Liberty for a game of pool.

MIR Xtreme Drag Bike Racing

April 28

We're heading to Maryland International Raceway to watch drag bike racing.



Indian Head Child & Youth

CDC 301-744-4458 CYP 301-743-5456

Mid Kids Earth Day Bird Feeder

April 18, 4-7 p.m. Teen Center

Open to "Mid Kids" ages 10-12 are who enrolled at the Youth Center. For more information, contact the YAC at 301-743-5456.

Teens Earth Day Bird Feeder

April 19, 4-7 p.m.

Teen Center

Open to all teens ages 13-18 and still in high school. Teens must be enrolled at the Youth Center. For more information, contact the YAC at 301-743-

Escape Room Challenge

April 20, 7-10:30 p.m.

Open to all teens ages 13-18 and still in high school. Teens must be enrolled at the Youth Center. For more information, contact the YAC at 301-743-

Teen Outdoor Recreation

Geocaching at Terrapin Adventures

April 21, 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

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This outing is open all teens ages 13-18 and still in high school. Teens must be enrolled at the Youth Center. Register no later than April 18 and complete all permission forms. For more information, contact the YAC at 301-743-

Indian Head Community Recreation

301-744-4850

Month of the Military Child Maker Fair

April 14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Mix House

Drop-in for exciting maker activities such as robotics, virtual reality, gaming stations and more! This event is free and open to everyone with base access.

Beautification Day

April 20, 5-7 p.m.

Come celebrate Earth Day by planting flowers around the Community Recreation Center. Free.

Washington Nationals Tickets

All tickets must be ordered 5 business days in advance.

Left/Right Baseline- \$56.25 Left/Right Corner- \$39.00 Left/Right Mezzanine-\$32.50

Upper Infield- \$16.25

Kings Dominion Tickets

One day (ages 3+) Valid any one day through Oct. 28, . Parking not included. \$39.25

Gold Season Pass (Valid for unlimited admission to KD, Soak City, Dinosaurs Alive, Halloween Haunt, Free parking and more) \$85.00

Pre-K Season Pass (ages 3-5) must redeem by May 28,

Indian Head Library 301-744-4850

Poetry Creation Station

April 20, All Day

April is National Poetry Month! Cut and paste your way to poetic genius using words from magazine or personalized illustrations. The creation station will be open all day while supplies and creativity lasts.

STEAM: DIY Bouncy Ball

April 25, 5:30 p.m.

Stop by the "Steam Lab" (MWR Library) and make your very own bouncy ball. We'll test your ball to see just how high it can bounce. Free and open to everyone with base access.

Market Fresh Bistro

Hours: Monday-Friday: 6:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m.

Soup is served daily from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

April Limited Time Offer: Torta Azores Sandwich \$5.50 New Menu Item: BLT Sandwich \$5.00

Indian Head Weight House Fitness Center

301-744-4661

Intramural Softball League

League starts May 1

Registration begins March 26, and ends April 23, at the Weight House Fitness Center. Active-duty and contractors with gym membership- Free

Military dependents, retirees, and reservists- \$15

DoD Civilians-\$30

Contractors, contractor dependents, and off-base civilians-\$40

Walk Across America

April 1-30

The South Potomac Pilot

Open registration at the fitness center

You've been challenged to walk from Alcatraz to The White House. We will loan you a pedometer or use a downloaded app from your phone to track and log your steps. Also you will receive passes and historical fun facts about attractions as you complete your journey across America. Open to everyone with base access.

SAPR 5K

April 17, 11a.m.

Support the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response mission by participating in our 5K run/walk. This event is free and open to everyone with base access. Register at the Weight House Fitness Center by calling 301-744-4661.

Indian Head Stars & Strikes Bowling Center

301-744-4761

Month of the Military Child Bowling Special

Fridays in April, 5-10 p.m.

We're showing appreciation for military children! Kids ages 18 and under and still in high school will bowl for \$1 and shoe rentals are free!

Onesie Bowling

April 14, 5-10 p.m.

Come have funsie in your onesie! If you come to bowl wearing a onesie, your second game is free!

Cosmic Bowling

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

5-10 p.m.

Open Bowling Rates:

All shoe rentals \$1 Military \$2/game Civilian \$3/game

Indian Head Liberty Center

301-744-4524

The Liberty Center and all activities are for Liberty Center Patrons Only: E1-E6 single/unaccompanied active duty military.

National Cherry Blossom Festival

April 14, Departs at 9 a.m. Join the Liberty Center for a FREE trip to Washington, DC for the National Cherry Blossom Festival

Poker Tournament

April 16, 6 p.m.

Put on your poker face and see if you know when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em!

3 on 3 Basketball

April 18, 6 p.m.

Take it to the hoop and take on other teams for 3 on 3 basketball

DIY Baseball Hat

April 19, 6 p.m.

Design and create your own baseball hat

Spray Paint Art

April 24, 6 p.m. Stress-free spray paint art!

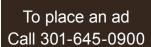


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pick up. The clean-up is timed to coincide with low tide and maximum shoreline exposure. For more information visit trashnetwork.fergusonfoundation.org/event/3793/show.

Ninth Annual Port Tobacco Market Day Set for May 5

Join the Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco at the ninth annual Port Tobacco Market Day event on Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m.to 2 p.m. at the historic Port Tobacco Courthouse (Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco). This event will showcase some of Southern Maryland's local artists and vendors. Choose from antiques, jewelry, crafts, fresh produce, and more. The Charles County Garden Club will hold their annual plant sale. Food, baked goods, and drinks will be available for purchase. Step into the 18th century and tour the Port Tobacco Courthouse, Stagg Hall, and Burch House. Admission is free. Rain date is Saturday. May 19. For more information, call Mary Fenton at 301-375-7892, or visit www.Explore-CharlesCounty.com.

Indian Head Gold Star/ **Blue Star Mother's** Luncheon

The American Legion Auxiliary Randolph Furey Unit 170 is coordinating a Gold Star/Blue Star Mother's Luncheon for Saturday, May 5, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.) in Indian Head, Md. The event will begin at 11 a.m. with an American Legion Legion Riders & community Memorial Ride through Southern Maryland followed by a program and luncheon. If you are a Gold Star/Blue Star mothers or wife or know one in the Indian Head, Md. area contact Mayvee Smith at alaunit170md@gmail.com or call 703-929-2334.

Shred Event Featuring Rain Barrel and Compost Workshops to be Held May 12

The Department of Public Works is hosting an environmental outreach event on Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Charles County Government Building parking lot (200 Baltimore Street, La

Plata). Backyard composting and rain barrel workshops, as well as free document shredding, are available. Advance registration for workshops is required. Charles County Government and the University of Maryland Extension staff are offering one-hour workshops for rain barrels and composting. The first rain barrel and compost bin workshops begin at 9:30 a.m.

Shred Event

- * Free, secure, on-site shredding services available from 9 a.m. to noon.
- * Bring up to five boxes (per vehicle) of personal documents for shredding and recycling.
- * Event is for Charles County residents only.
- * For more information, call the Department of Public Works' Environmental Resources Division, 301-932-3599 or 301-870-2778.

Rain Barrel Workshop

- * Take home a rain barrel and learn proper in-home installation techniques, practical uses for rain barrels, and how to reduce the impact of runoff on local waterways.
- Become eligible for a stormwater remediation fee credit.
- * Advance registration is required. Register at go.umd. edu/ccrainb, or for more information, call Erica Hahn at 301-396-5237 or Jackie Takacs at 240-393-6508.
- * Registration deadline is Monday, May 7.

Composting Workshop

- * In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the basics of home composting. Registrants can receive a free plastic GEOBIN° or get instructions on making a wire bin at
- * Registration is required. Register at compostworkshop. eventbrite.com
- * For more information, call Department of Public Works' Environmental Resources Division, at 301-932-3569 or Luke Gustafson at 301-934-5403.
- * Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 1.

For registration forms and additional information, visit www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/ Outreach. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD: 800-735-2258.

Tri-County Animal Shelter April Promotions and Reminders

National Pet Identification Week (Monday, April 15 to Saturday, April 21)

During this special week, the shelter will offer microchips for \$10 and pet identification tags for \$1. Pets with identification have a higher chance of returning home when they get lost than pets without identification. Keep your pet safe and make sure they have the identification they need.

Adopt a Shelter Pet Days (Friday, April 27; Saturday, April 28; and Monday, April 30)

During these special days, adopt your new furry best friend for a reduced fee of \$42.50 for cats and \$62.50 for dogs. When you adopt, it not only brightens your pet's life but yours as well!

Free Spay/Neuter Clinics

Are you income-disadvantaged and own pets? You may qualify for free altering of pets. Call Paw Prints Animal Hospital at 301-885-0263 or Humane Society of Charles County at 301-645-8181 for more details.

Paws to Read

Come give the shelter pups some extra love and enrichment by reading to them. Bring your favorite book or read one of ours. You can visit the animals Mondays through Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3

Tags and Licenses

Remember to keep identification tags on your dogs and cats. It could be your pet's ticket to getting back home. Be sure your pets wear a collar with an identification tag, a county license, and a rabies tag. Microchipping your pet with up-to-date information is a great practice as well. To learn more about licensing your pet, visit www.CharlesCountyMD. gov/ES/AnimalControl/Animal-Control.

Volunteers Needed at the Tri-County Animal Shelter

The shelter is in need of volunteers, ages 14 and older, to assist with caring for the many animals at our facility. Call the shelter at 301-932-1713 for additional information and volunteer paperwork.

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