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Official Announcements

The Bazaar with Heart is open...



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...let the shopping begin!

The Annual B.S.C.C. Bazaar with Heart kicked off at 10 a.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony outside the Bamberg Warner Barracks Basics Building. This year the bazaar brings you handmade totes and handbags, soaps, wine, cheese, Polish Pottery and much, much more! Weekend shopping hours are:

Fri. Feb. 9—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 10—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sun. Feb. 11—11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The bazaar is open to all U.S. Military ID card holders. Cash, Checks, Military Star Card, Master Card and Visa accepted. No strollers, please! For more information, please email Bazaarwithheart2007@yahoo.com.

Buy Bazaar With Heart Raffle Tickets

Don't miss your chance to win **1 of 3 grand prizes** during the Bazaar With Heart Raffle. Win a 4GB iPOD Nano, A Sony PSP or Navigon 3002 GPS System -plus 40 additional prizes. Tickets cost \$1 each and quantities are limited (only 3,500 chances). Tickets can be purchased at the Bazaar. You do not need to be present to claim your prize. You must be a Military ID card holder and over 18 to participate.

Tue. Feb. 13—Attend Community Town Hall

The next Community Town Hall will be on Tue. Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. at Preston Hall. Community leaders from the Garrison Command Group, Directorate of Public Works, AAFES, Service Credit Union, Commissary, DMWR, DoDDs, Chaplains Office, Legal assistance and more will be on hand to answer your questions and address your concerns. All community members are encouraged to attend. If you have questions... we have answers!

Warner Weekly adds new section

NEW! **fränkischer Tag.de** Subscribers can now stay informed about local issues that affect their German neighbors by checking out the new section added to this edition of the Warner Weekly. The "As seen in the Fränkischer Tag..." section is an English summary of the latest news from our host-nation city. News summaries are randomly picked items of interest from the local Bamberg newspaper, and span one week worth of events. The German news summary will appear every week and is a service provided by the USAG Bamberg PAO. Check it out this week and let us know what you think at bambergpao@cmtymail.army.mil.

Thur. Feb 22 and 23 - Celebrate Black History

The 16th Sustainment Brigade is sponsoring a luncheon in observance of Black History Month on Thur. Feb. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The luncheon takes place at the Warner Club with guest speaker retired Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Day. This event is free to the Bamberg community. Black History Month celebrations continue on Fri. Feb. 23 at the Warner Club. Take part in an African American Extravaganza starting at 7 p.m.

Lenten Services

Two Catholic services will be offered at the Bamberg Community Chapel on Ash Wednesday. Parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass and receive ashes at noon or 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be held at the Chapel every Friday during Lent at 5:30 p.m. (Except Good Friday) Share in fellowship, soup and bread immediately after.

Community Closures / Changes

Bamberg Tax Office Now Open

It's that time of year again... The Bamberg Tax Center located on the 4th floor of Bldg. 7000 is now open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Walk-ins are being taken on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Please call to make an appointment and find out which documents you need to file your return at 469-8261 or 0951-300-8261. This service is free to all Military I.D. Card Holders. Don't delay, make your appointment today!

CLOSURE—Passport & ID Office

The Bamberg Passport and I.D. Office will be closed on Fri. Feb. 16 and Mon. Feb 19 in observance of President's Day.

CLOSURE— Medical Clinic

The Bamberg Medical Clinic will be closed all day on Thur. Feb. 22 for mandatory training. Emergency services will be available.

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Regional Contracting Office Now Open in Bamberg

The Regional Contracting Office (RCO) Franconia, formerly located on Faulenburg Kaserne, Würzburg, has moved to Bamberg Warner Barracks Bldg. 7108 (Old MP Building) and is now open for business. You can now contact our office by calling 469-9405. For more information stop by or go to our website at www.usacce.army.mil/wbg

Mon. Feb 12 – RCO Open House

All USAG Bamberg personnel are invited to attend the Regional Contracting Office (RCO) open house and ribbon cutting ceremony in Bldg. 7108 on Mon. Feb. 12 from noon to 2:30 p.m. The Ceremony will be conducted by COL Stephen Leisenring, Commander, U.S. Army Contracting Command, Europe.

Weekly Reminders

Thur. Feb. 22 - Attend Community Resource Forum

All community members are encouraged to attend the next Community Resource Forum on Thur. Feb. 22 at 9 a.m. in the Post Briefing Room. All handouts must be submitted by Fri. Feb. 16. If you would like to brief a topic, please contact Alfredo Bonilla at ACS at 469-8399 or 469-7777.

You Can Make a Difference!

Participate in the 2007 Bamberg AFAP Conference



The success of this year's AFAP Conference depends on you. Bamberg's Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) needs volunteer delegates to serve on panels that will evaluate quality-of-life issues and proposed solutions. Over the years, AFAP has made hundreds of improvements to the quality of life on Army installations around the world.

Feb. 26, 27, and 28 is your chance to be part of the solution to help make Bamberg Warner Barracks a better place to work and live.

Got issues? Get AFAP. Do you have concerns with the quality-of-life services or support provided by the U.S. Army? Issue forms and collection boxes are located at the Food Court, Commissary Lobby, ACS Bldg. 7029, and in the AAFES mini-mall hall way. To request a form via e-mail send a message to BambergAFBAFAP@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil For more information or to volunteer contact Mary Thompson at 469-7777.

Continuing Education

Classes Offered at Digital Training Facility

The Digital Training Facility located at Bldg. 7055 (by Ray's Diner) is offering a Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR TRAIN UP Feb. 12 through 16 and a Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course Phase I Class Feb. 20 through March 9. For more information, please contact the Digital Training Facility Manager, Lilian Benitez at 469-8118.



Take next FAST Class

Preparing to take the GED or just need to polish up on your math skills? Sign up to take the next FAST Class Feb. 26 to March 28. Class runs Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. FAST Classes focus on improving basic math and english skills. Family members may attend on a space available basis. Contact the Bamberg Education Center for more information at 469-7715.

Financial aid available

Applications for the AER Spouse Education Grant for Term IV are due **Feb 19**. Eligible applicants can receive up to 50% of tuition costs with a maximum of \$400 per term paid.

Applications for the Bamberg Spouses' and Civilians' Club Education Scholarship for Term IV are due Tue. **Feb 27**. Applications are available at the Thrift Shop or at the Bamberg Education Center.

Health and Safety



Get the Heart Truth

The National Heart Blood and Lung Institute (NHBLI) are expanding efforts to raise awareness about the dangers of heart

disease through a National Campaign called, The Heart Truth. The truth of the matter is that the leading cause of death among American Women is heart disease; and, while some women are genetically predisposed to the disease, others are at risk due to contributing factors such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Women who are between the ages of 40 and 60 are especially at risk; however, heart disease can affect women of all ages.

Please take the time to inform yourselves about heart disease and The Heart Truth Campaign. Go to: www.nhlbi.nih.gov and learn more of the facts!

Contact Health Clinic by E-Mail

Bamberg Health Clinic patients can now contact the Health Clinic by e-mail to cancel an appointment or submit a comment / complaint. Executive Officer LT Benko will personally read the e-mails every morning. When cancelling an appointment via e-mail please include you name, last four digits of the sponsor's social security number and date of appointment / incident and a return phone number.

The new e-mail address is:

BBGhealthcare@amedd.army.mil

Health Clinic Enforces "No Show" Policy

Patients must arrive 15 minutes before their appointment time. It is their obligation to cancel appointments as soon as possible. As long as notification occurs at least 24 hours in advance the appointment will not count as a *No-Show*. If patients are more than 5 minutes late for an appointment, they WILL be considered a *No-show*.

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If patients *No-Show* two appointments within 6 a month period they will not be allowed to pre-book appointments and the following applies for:

Active Duty Personnel:

Before receiving a third appointment, they must be given written counseling by their supervisor and show that counseling to the health clinic triage nurse. If they *No-Show* a third time within that 6 month period, before receiving another appointment, they must be accompanied by their supervisor to the appointment.

Family Members:

Before receiving a third appointment, they must be accompanied to the clinic by their sponsor to the appointment. If a third *No-Show* occurs within that 6 month period, they must be accompanied by their sponsor and their sponsor's supervisor to the appointment.

No one will ever be denied emergency medical treatment, an annual examination or treatment needed for deployment.

Children can not accompany patients

The Health Clinic cannot assume responsibility for watching children. Patients should not bring children (under the age of 14) to any health appointments, but their own. If patients bring their children to an appointment, it will be counted as a *No-Show*, and they will have to re-schedule their appointment.

Effective immediately: This policy will be enforced at the front desk of the Health Clinic! If there are any questions, you may come in and speak with the Executive Officer.



ADA

SMILE! February is Children's Dental Health Month

The Tough Tooth Team is keeping kids smiling during Children's Dental Health Month. Their next stop is the Child Development Center on Mon. Feb 19. The clinic staff will be giving a dental presentation and mouth guard class.

Feb. 20—23 - Tooth Fairy Visits

To help children develop good hygiene habits, the Bamberg Health Clinic Tooth Fairy will visit Bamberg Elementary students and children at School Age Services Feb. 20—23.



Don't forget! Children ages 5 and under, 6 to 8 and 9 to 12 can participate in the Children's Dental Health Month coloring contest. Winners will be announced on Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. Keep brushing, and keep smiling!

School News

Bamberg Elementary School Calendar

Mon. Feb. 19 **No School** - President's Day

Thur. Feb 15 — BES Sweetheart Family Dance

Students and families can dance the night away at the Bamberg Elementary School "Sweetheart Family Dance" on Thurs. Feb. 15 from 5 to 6 p.m. The dance will be held in the school gym. All BES students are invited to attend but must be accompanied by at least one parent. Admission to the dance is a plate / tray of finger food or package of juice boxes or Capri Sun. Look forward to having a rockin' good time with evening emcees Mr. Howell, Mr. Drury and Ms. Carl. Each family in attendance will be entered in a free raffle for a chance to win a "Family Fun Basket" donated by the BES staff. The raffle drawing will take place at 6 pm. Come out and join the fun!

Don't miss the BHS Basketball Home Games

Fri. / Sat. Feb. 9 / 10 vs. Hanau
Sat. Feb. 17 vs. Hohenfels

Kids & Teens

Donate dry goods for orphanage

The CYS Middle School Teen Program and the Keystone Club (*A Boys and Girls Club of America program for 9th through 12th graders*) have teamed up for a community service project. The clubs are currently collecting food donations to benefit an orphanage in Lwowek, Poland. Items needed are bagged rice, dry beans, pasta noodles and American cereals. Food donations can be dropped off at Bamberg's Youth Center, Bldg 7669. For more information contact Randy Lambert at 469-8641 or e-mail randy.lambert1@us.army.mil.

Sat. Feb 10 — 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney

Bamberg's Child & Youth Services, Middle School and Teen Program hosts a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Roller Realm, Bldg. 7116. Teams from other communities are welcome to participate. Prizes will be awarded to the top two teams. Individuals must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Participation is free. For more information contact Randy Lambert at 469-8641 or 0951-300-8641 or e-mail randy.lambert1@us.army.mil.

Tue. Feb. 20 - CYS Mardi Gras Party

It's Mardi Gras Time! CYS Registered youth are invited to celebrate Fat Tuesday on Tue. Feb 20 at Youth Services, Bldg. 7669 from 3 to 6 p.m. Enjoy Cajun cookin' straight from the French Quarter with fun, games and prizes.

Children's Dance Classes Offered

Bamberg SKIES Unlimited is offering the following dance classes for children (Pre-Registration is a must. All classes cost \$90 per class):

Ballet

For Ages 3-4	Thursdays	1 - 1:45 p.m.
For Ages 5-7	Tuesdays	3:10 - 4:10 p.m.
For Ages 8-9	Tuesdays	4:20 - 5:20 p.m.

Jazz & Tap

For ages 5-8	Thursdays	3:10 - 4:10 p.m.
For ages 9-18	Thursdays	4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Combination Dance

For ages 3-4	Wednesdays	5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
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Tap Dance

For ages 3-4	Tuesdays	1 - 1:45 p.m.
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Classes are held at Freedom Fitness Facility, Bldg. 7680. Register at CYS Central Registration, Bldg. 7340. Call 0951-300-8660 or 0951-300-1770 for details. Are you interested in adult music, voice or dance lessons? Please contact Bamberg Stable Theater at 0951-300 8647 or 469-8647.



Join Cub Scout Pack 48

The Bamberg Cub Scouts Pack 48 is looking for members. Cub Scouts is a year round program for boys who are in first through fifth grade (or 7 to 10 years old). Cub scouting is fun with a purpose. It is the first of the three scouting programs from the Boy Scouts of America. (Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing) Apart from the fun and excitement, the aim of Cub Scouting is to help boys grow into good citizens who are strong in character and personally fit. For more information or to join Pack 48 contact Mr. Erik Verhoef at 0170-668-7458.



Join Boy Scout Troop 40

Boys ages 11 through 17 are invited to join Bamberg Boy Scout Troop 40. The troop meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the scout hut located in Bldg. 7480. The Boys Scouts of America is an organization that prepares youth to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath Law. For information or to join Troop 40 contact Mr. Carlos Lopez at 015111185141 / 0951-297-2254

Join the Bamberg Venture Crew 2002



The Venture Crew Program, sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, provides positive experiences for youth that help them grow into responsible caring adults. If you have a sense of adventure, enjoy physical fitness and are interested in developing your leadership, citizenship, and social skills, then this program is for you. The

program matches the interests of young adults with adult expertise and resources of the chartered organization and other adults in the community. VENTURING is for young adults (Males and Females) ages 14 to 20 who have completed the 8th grade and along with adult leaders, are registered with the Boy Scouts of America. For more information contact your crew advisor Mr. Carlos Lopez at 015111185141 / 0951-297-2254



Adult Volunteers needed for Scouting Programs

Be part of a fun-filled, worthwhile program that teaches values. For more information on how to become a Boy Scouts of America volunteer leader contact Mr. Carlos Lopez at Mr. Carlos Lopez at 0151-111-85141 / 0951-297-2254.

Entertainment & Leisure

Flower Shop Taking Orders for Valentine's Day

The Bamberg Flower Shop (located next to Military Clothing Sales) is taking orders now through 6 p.m. on Feb. 13 for on-post deliveries. On-post deliveries are \$5 with no minimum purchase required. The flower shop is offering a variety of long stem red, white, pink and blue roses priced between \$5 to \$7 each. Say "I Love You" with a dozen long stem grand red roses priced between \$100 and \$125.

Bouquets will be beautifully arranged with floral accents, packaged and delivered to your sweetheart. Can't decide on what type of bouquet to send?

Stop by and hand pick your flowers and we'll arrange them for you! A large selection of cards, gift baskets and balloons are also available for purchase / delivery. The flower shop will be open **Tue. Feb. 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Wed. Feb. 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.** To place and order for pick-up or delivery call 0951-299-5830.

Buy Porcelain Roses for Valentine's Day

The Bamberg Red Cross is selling Capo-di-Monte Porcelain Roses from Italy for Valentine's Day. Style and prices range from \$5 to \$25 each. Stop in the Red Cross Office located in the ACS building. Call 469-1760 / 7785 for more information. All proceeds to go to support the Bamberg Red Cross Office and programs.

Wed. Feb 14—Valentine's Day Dinner for Two

Enjoy a candle light dinner for two on Valentines Day, Wed, Feb. 14, starting at 7 p.m. at the Warner Club. Offer includes a glass of red or white wine and choice of three different 3-course menus ranging in price from \$42 to \$50 per couple. Dinner will be accompanied by soft music and dance music afterwards. Reservation is a must. Please call the Bamberg Warner Club at 0951-300-7596 for details and reservation.

Fri. Feb 23 – Rock out with ‘Hello Dave’



Enjoy a night of genuine rock ‘n’ roll with the band ‘Hello Dave’ on Fri. Feb. 23 at the Moonlight Cabin. The band hails from Chicago, but their sound captures the soul of the south. After releasing five full-length albums they have been deemed the Eagles of the New Millennium’.

Say good bye to the humdrum and say ‘Hello Dave’. The show starts at 9 p.m. and admission is free.

AAFES Movie Schedule

AAFES Reeltime Theater is CLOSED Tues. and Wed.



Fri.	Feb. 9	Catch and Release (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 10	Unaccompanied Minors (PG)	4 p.m.
		Catch and Release (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 11	Unaccompanied Minors (PG)	4 p.m.
		Casino Royale (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Feb. 12	Catch and Release (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Feb. 15	Casino Royale (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Feb. 16	The Messengers (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 17	Eragon (PG)	4 p.m.
		The Messengers (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 18	Eragon (PG)	4 p.m.
		Rocky Balboa (PG)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Feb. 19	Blood Diamond (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Feb. 22	Rocky Balboa (PG)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Feb. 23	The Good Shepherd (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 24	Norbit (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		The Good Shepherd (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 25	Norbit (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Apocalypto (R)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Feb. 26	Norbit (PG-13)	7 p.m.

Trips & Travel Opportunities

Go Trippin’ with the CAC this Winter

Bamberg Community Activity Center offers the following trips for the month of February. For more information contact the

CAC Trip offered in February

President’s Day Weekend Ski Trip

Feb. 16, 17, 18, 19 - Ski and Snowboard in Austria
Trip departs 10 a.m. on Fri. Feb. 16 and returns at 10 p.m. on Mon. Feb 19. Cost: \$240 per person and includes 3 night stay in hotel + breakfast and dinner. Get 50% off ski and snowboard rental gear when you sign up for this trip. To sign up or find out more, stop by the Bamberg Community Activity Center, Bldg 7047 or call at 469-8659 or 0951-300-8659

Ski Trips with Wuerzburg International Ski Club

Join WISC, pay the price, bring your skis, and show up for departure. Go to the WISC Web site for more information: www.wskiclub.org or call contact Candace at 469-7044 or 0951-300-7044

Presidents Weekend Trip! Engelberg, Switzerland

Feb. 16—19 — Seats still available! (Cost: 235 Euros pp)
The group will be staying at the 4 star Lake Hotel Pilatus www.pilatushotel.ch. Bus departs at 5 p.m. on Feb. 16 and returns at 10 p.m. on Feb.19

Mar. 9 –11 — Jungfrau, Switzerland (Cost: 210 Euros pp)

Apr. 7 –14 — Easter Week

Val Thorens, France (Cost: 335 Euros pp)

April 27—29 — End of Ski Season Trip & Top of the Mountain Concert

Ischgl, Austria - Top of the Mountain Concert in the snow with BEYONCE. Trip cost is 225 Euro per person and includes transportation, 2 nights stay with breakfast and dinner. Lift tickets (which doubles as your concert ticket) must be purchased separately. For more information go to www.ischgl.ai. There is a link for English.

Outside the Gate!

Weekend Events in and Around Bamberg

Friday, Feb. 9

7 p.m. – Jazz & Swing at Scheiners Gaststuben. Free Entry (Am Katzenberg)

7:30 p.m. – Music Cabaret at Galerie Hoffmannsklaus (Bamberg Bug)

8 p.m. - Bollywood - The Show at Jako-Arena (next to Kaufland, Forchheimer Str. 15)

9 p.m. - Live-Concert: The Kafkas (Punk) at SubOptimal Stage Club (Böttgerstraße 4)

9 p.m. – Live Music with Band at Work at Club Kaulberg (Unterer Kaulberg 36)

9 p.m. – Live Concert with Arek Frog at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstr. 18)

9 p.m. – Party with Rettich & Wine (Funk & Soul) at Sound ‘n’ Art (Obere Sandstrasse 20)

9 p.m. – Party with DJ Sprout at Stilbruch (Obere Sandstrasse 18)

Weekend Events in and Around Bamberg**Friday, Feb. 9**

- 9 p.m. – Bamberg All-stars at Live Club
(*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)
- 10 p.m. – Party with Strictly 12 Inch (House, Nujazz)
at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)

Saturday, Feb. 10

- 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Volksmarch starts at Sportplatz Aschbach,
You can start anytime from 7 a.m. to noon
Register at 09555/665
- 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Beauty Fair (wellness, anti-aging, fashion
show, beauty, medicine, plastic surgery) at
Congress Hall, (*Mußstrasse*), free entry
- 7 p.m. – Fasching Party at Buegersaal Stegaurach
- 8 p.m. – Fasching Ball at Seehofhalle Memmelsdorf
- 8 p.m. – Bischberg Fosernacht (Fasching Party)
at Sporthalle Solidaritaet Bischberg
- 8 p.m. – Fasching Ball with “Standing Ovation” at
Jahnhalle Hirschaid
- 8 p.m. – Fasching Ball with Dance Shows at
Hauptsmoorhalle Strullendorf
- 8 p.m. – Yiddish Songs and Klezmer music at
La Comédie (*Judenstraße 6*)
- 8 p.m. – Live Concert with Gregory Gaynairs Pimiento
Express (Afro-cuban) (Jazz) at Jazz Club
(*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 8 p.m. – Hayd “The Creation” played at Concert Hall
(*Mußstrasse*)
- 8 p.m. – Tango Argentino at Haas-Saele (*Obere Sandstr. 7*)
- 9 p.m. – Gregory Gaynairs Pimieto Express at Jazz Keller
(*Obere Sandstr. 18*)
- 9 p.m. – 13. Open-Stage-Bamberg at
SubOptimal Stage Club (*Boettgerstr. 4*)
- 9 p.m. – Live Concert with Sean Slattery at
Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstr. 18*)
- 10 p.m. – Blockrocking Beats (Fusionhouse,
Techno, Electro) at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)
- 10 p.m. – 30 Plus-Party (non smokers) at Live Club
(*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)
- 10 p.m. – Disco Party (Femme Fatale/ Body Electric)
at Top Act (*Hauptstrasse 26, Zapfendorf*)

Sunday, Feb. 11

- 10:30 a.m. – The Bamberg Caspar plays at
Elementary Bamberg-Bug (*for kids*)
- 1 p.m. – Wedding Fair at
Schmolkes Main Center (*Lichtenfels*)

- 1:30 p.m. – Fasching Parade in downtown Baunach
- 2 p.m. – Kids Fasching party at Gymnasium
Solidaritaet 0,50 Euro entry (*Bischberg*)
- 5 p.m. – Brose Baskets Basketball Team will play the Artland
Dragons at Jako-Arena (*Forchheimer Str. 15*)
- 7 p.m. – Literature & Dinner “Hoermahl”
(4 course meal, literature reading and music)
at the Spaghetteria Orlando. For a table reservation
call 0951/2082634 (*Reading is in German*)
(*Austrasse 16*).
- 7 p.m. - Jewish Holidays: Purim and Pessach,
stories and poems at Studio 13. Stories and poems
in German (*Luitpoldstr. 40*)
- 8 p.m. – Bamberg Symphony Orchestra plays Brahms at the
Concert Hall (*Mußstrasse1*)
- 9 p.m. – Live Concert with Richie Necker at Blues Bar
(*Obere Sandstr. 18*)

Monday, Feb. 12

- 8 p.m. – Night of the Musical (Highlights from Dirty Dancing,
Lion King, Mamma Mia, Rocky Horror Show, Evita, Phantom
of the Opera, Cats, Hair, Dance of the Vampires, Grease,
Romeo & Juliet, etc.) at the Concert Hall (*Mußstrasse1*)

Tuesday, Feb. 13

- 9 p.m. – Live Concert with Wolfgang Barthel at Blues Bar
(*Obere Sandstr. 18*)

Wednesday, Feb. 14

- 7:30 p.m. – Basketball: Brose Baskets play BG Karlsruhe at
Jako-Arena (*next to Kaufland, Forchheimer Str. 15*)

Thursday, Feb. 15

- 9 p.m. – Clear Air Disco (non-smoking) at Live Club
(*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)

Events for Fasching

The weeks before the last days of Fasching are filled with parades, parties and balls all over town. If you go to a party or ball, remember it's more fun if you where a costume! You can purchase inexpensive costumes, hats, and accessories at any large department store.

Sunday, Feb. 18**Fasching Parade in Zapendorf**

A Fasching Parade with many floats will take place in Zapendorf (near Bamberg) starting at 2 p.m. They will be throwing sweets and Gummibears along the parade route!

Tue. Feb. 20—Bamberg Fasching Parade

Bamberg Fasching Parade 2007 starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Markusplatz and will run throughout the streets of downtown! Join the fun and wear a costume! Streets will be closed for several hours. There will be no parking downtown! TAKE THE CITY BUS from outside Gate 3 to the ZOB.

As seen in the Fränkischer Tag ...

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Fränkischer Tag.de

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News summaries from Feb. 2 though Feb. 8, 2007

Scientists alarmed about climate change

The experts of the United Nations presented a new study. According to this study, nearness and consequences of the greenhouse effect have been underestimated massively. While former studies implied that the temperature around the Earth would only rise by 0,7 degree Celsius, it has now been discovered that it will rise by 5,8 degree until the year 2100. Weather and climate around the world will change drastically and lead to unforeseeable consequences for the environment as well as the people. While the Green Party is still fighting for more environmental action, the ruling conservative party in Bavaria (CSU) rejected these ideas. The exhaust expulsion limit for carbon dioxide was set lower than initially planned because when setting a new standard the EU gave in to the demands of the car industry lobby.

Federal Government of Germany will send "Tornados"

Within a major NATO deployment, Germany will send six reconnaissance aircrafts "Tornado" to Afghanistan to support the war against the Taliban.

Planned reform of the public health system on its way

Despite the resistance of 51 members of the German parliament, the government was able to pass the bill through legislation. The reform has already called for much criticism from doctors, hospitals and insurance companies. The final step for the reform is to pass the Bundesrat (The federal council is the representation of the 16 Federal States of Germany at the federal level. It has its seat at the former Prussian Herrenhaus (House of Lords) in Berlin.) on Feb 16. Minister of Health, Ulla Schmidt, defended the bill as being in favor of patients.

Smokers banned to separate rooms?

The 16 federal states of Germany are on their way to finding a common solution to the banning of smoking. A commission of experts agreed on prohibiting smoking in public offices, schools, kindergartens, hospitals and pubs. However, Restaurants and pubs may offer a separated smoking room. A decision will be made by the prime ministers of the states on March 22.

No remote computer access for police

The Federal Court of Justice decided to deny the permission to search private computers online. The court reasoned that there was no judicial base for this kind of search. The government on the other side wants to create this base to support police activity.

Metal Industry Trade Union wants 6.5% higher wages

With pointing to the improved economic situation, the trade union demands the highest increase in wages in five years. Employers counter-offer one time extra payments instead. A tough collective bargaining round is expected.

Surveillance camera in public restroom

The Bavarian expert for private data protection (secrecy obligation) has criticized authorities for collecting too many data. In one case, there was even a surveillance camera installed in a public restroom. The expert presented his annual report listing 150 cases of inappropriate access to private data.

Seven killed in Lower Saxony

In a Chinese restaurant in Sittensen, Lower Saxony, seven people were shot to death. Police is still investigating who the three dead man and three dead women are. They had been found handcuffed and dead in several rooms. Sittensen being a small town has never seen a crime like this. Right now, the police have not release more information, neighbors suspect a protection money background for the crime with Chinese triads involved.

Future of Bamberg Airfield uncertain

New EU guidelines (effective 2011) for air safety will be a problem for business air traffic. This could lead to the closure of the airfield for business traffic. The airfield access is important for keeping big companies like Brose, Bosch or Telekom in Bamberg. The City Council is considering getting a shared air field for Bamberg and Coburg in Upper Franconia West. It will cost 60,000 – 100,000 Euro just to find a perfect location for this airfield. Consequently, the companies using the airfield will have to pay as well. Extending the runway for a third time is not possible due to surrounding property.

Lord Mayor Starke is number 9,274

As did his predecessor Lauer, Lord Mayor Andreas Starke will participate in Bamberg's World Heritage Run (Bamberger Weltkulturerbe Lauf 2007) on May 6, with start number 9274. Starke will get some exercise on March 9, when he plays tennis with Boris Becker and Henri Leconte at the Jako arena.

Cardinal Wetter resigns

79 year old cardinal Friedrich Wetter, archbishop of Munich and Freising, has resigned. Pope Benedikt XVI has accepted his resignation. Pope John Paul II did not allow Wetter to resign when Wetter wanted to do so in 2002 for the first time. Bamberg archbishop Ludwig Schick could become Wetter's successor.

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Three lower secondary schools to be closed

Some classes at three Bamberg Secondary Schools will be moved to other schools. Students in 5th and 6th grade at the Luitpold-Schule, Kunigundenschule and Wunderburgschule will be moved to schools much farther away. The closures come in the wake of major school changes decided by the Bavarian Parliament. The change is due to the closure of a smaller Hauptschulen in the country side, shortage of space in the remaining schools and dissatisfied parents and students. The Bavarian Government has admitted that there are problems, and suggested that some classes might be reopened in the meantime. These school changes should be postponed, suggested the Bamberg City Council but since they have no say in this, the closures will move forward as planned .

No access to River Path

The newly built and heavily criticized concrete ramps at the riverwalk of the Bamberg canal are still closed. Despite the fact that the ramps were finished two months ago, construction fences still prevent access. As a result, everybody has to use detours. When asked, the Bamberg press office explained. Residents and pedestrians are extremely annoyed that they have to use a wooden stairway to access the riverwalk, which is not an option for cyclists, prams or wheelchairs. After massive protests from the people about the ugliness of the ramps, the city council was trying to decide whether to cut down the ramps or not. For no obvious reason, the decision was postponed. Now, Bambergers fear that nothing happens until everybody gets used to them.

Buttenheim has new Center for Senior Citizens

After eleven months of construction, County Commissioner Dr. Denzler, together with Buttenheim mayor Johann Kalb , officially opened a new senior citizens home in Buttenheim. The center will be home to 60 senior residents.

Renovation of underground parking causes trouble

The renovation of the parking lot at Georgendamm started recently, leaving drivers and pedestrians in the dark. Missing signs for exits, stairways, elevators etc. have cause major problems. Once the Löwenbruecke is demolished, access to the parking lot from Löwenbruecken side will no longer be possible starting April 1. During the first phase of renovation there will be 140 parking spaces available till Feb 2, 2008 when the second phase starts.

Germany celebrated World Championship victory

After winning against Poland the Germany Indoor Handball team was received with jublations in Cologne and Wiehl. The victory was celebrated all over Germany.

Baunach fights Nazis

The city of Baunach is doing everything it can to stop a major neo-nationalist gathering this summer. The City Council denied the group permission to use a public area for the gathering of members of the NPD scheduled for June 16. *(This party espouses Germany-first nationalism, but some of the population considers the NPD a Neo-Nazi party and identifies it with the color brown. The German federal intelligence agency Verfassungsschutz classifies it as a "threat to the constitutional order" because of its platform and philosophy, source: wikipedia.org)* A spokesperson for the police explained that despite the city's denial, police will remain in alert. Since the NPD is not forbidden, events in general can not be stopped. With Baunach saying no, the question still remains where the radicals will meet. "Problem postponed, not solved", says the spokesman, since the Frankonian NPD scene is one of the most active in all of Germany. The city of Graefenberg in Northern Bavaria, fighting the same problem, has founded the "Graefenberg is Colorful" citizens' initiative against the marching of Neo-Nazis to the Michelsberg war memorial.

Adult Toys seek owner

When a 25 year old thief was apprehended at a public Fasching party in Hirschaid, the police discovered several stolen Adult Toys as well as a pair of wooden shoes and flip-flops in his bag. Now the police are looking for the owner so they can return the property.

Bamberg County will blossom during National Gardening Show

The National Gardening Show, coming to Bamberg in 2012 will have a positive effect on Bamberg County as well. All over the county, from Giechburg, Seehof Castle and other surrounding areas, new gardening highlights will be established to attract visitors.