



# WARNER WEEKLY

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## Community Announcements

### CMR to open in May

The new consolidated mail room (CMR) located in Bldg. 7116 (next to AAFES food court) will be open on Mon. May 7. Customers from each unit can begin picking up their mail at the CMR according to the transfer schedule below. All mail rooms will be closed for one business day to make the switch.

UNIT	Mail Room Closed	Begin using CMR
USAG Bamberg	Fri. May 4	Mon. May 7
71st CSB	Wed. May 9	Thurs. May 10
16th SB	Fri. May 11	Mon. May 14
4-319th	Mon. May 14	Tue. May 15
54th En Bn	Wed May 16	Thur. May 17
173rd STB	Fri. May 18	Mon. May 21
173rd BSB	Mon. May 21	Tue. May 22
793rd	Wed. May 23	Thur. May 24

Customers can access their mailboxes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The CMR customer service window / package pick-up hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.

The new consolidated mail room facility will be officially opened during a ribbon cutting ceremony on Mon. May 14 at 11 a.m. If you haven't seen the new facility yet, stop by and check it out.

### Start using your new CMR address now

You must use a proper 4-line military address to receive items at your CMR or mail items at your APO. (regardless of where your unit or community mail room is currently located.)

As of March 1 new box numbers were issued. If you have been assigned a new CMR address and box number, start using it now. If you have not been assigned a new box number please inquire at your unit mail room immediately. A cut-off date will be put into effect and improperly addressed mail will be returned to sender.

Example:

**RANK and NAME:** SGT. Johns Customer  
**UNIT Designation:** HHD, 5th Engineer Bn  
**CMR and Box number:** CMR 459, Box 01234  
**APO number and plus 4\*:** APO, AE 09139-1234

\*The plus 4 digits following the APO number are the LAST FOUR NUMBERS in your box number.

### May 26 and 27 —Commissary Case Lot Sale



Buy more, save more at the Spring commissary case lot sales! Bamberg's case lot sale will be on Sat. May 26 and Sun. May 27 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come out early, stock up and SAVE!



Courtesy photo

Col. Martin B. Pitts, 16th Sustainment Brigade commander, honors members of his command at a retirement ceremony held on April 12 at the Bamberg Freedom Fitness Facility. Collectively, the seven Service members had over 169 years of active federal service for the United States Army. The honored retirees include: MSG Jo D. Alexander, MSG Jeffery Buchanan, MSG Harold L. Gilliam, MSG William A. Huckabee Jr., MSG William Roman, SFC Vernon L. Roach, SFC Christian T. Roush.

### Participate in Spring Clean-up May 7 – 11

The annual Spring Clean-Up is May 7–11. Help keep our Bamberg military community beautiful!

**ON-POST**—Bulk items will be picked-up in on-post housing May 9 -11 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Residents should place all unwanted bulk items outside for pick-up. The last pick-up will be on May 11 at 4 p.m.

**OFF-POST**—Leased and off-post housing quarters should use City Bulk dates. Units are required to take their bulk trash and bags of debris to the Recycling Center and separate.

Areas to focus on cleaning this Spring include: basement hallways, behind and under washers and dryers, stairwells, windows inside and out, the overhang over front doors and large common storage rooms. Don't forget to pick up debris and trash outside your building! For more information contact: Mr. Weis at DSN 469-7598/8849 DPW-Environmental Office or Housing Zone Coordinator SSG King at DSN 469-8115

The Self-Help Store has the equipment to make your Spring Cleaning a breeze! We are located at Bldg. 7039 across from the MWR Car Wash. Open Mon. through Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and CLOSED on weekends and German and American holidays.

**What are you doing this summer? Summer Hire 2007 applications are being accepted now through May 11. Log-on to <http://www.chra.eur.army.mil/staffing/summerhire/default.htm>**

### Community Yard Sale scheduled for May 5 and 6

A Community Wide Yard Sale will take place on Sat. May 5 and Sun. May 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Both on-base and off-base residents can set-up sale items in the Parking Lot across from Building 7000, or in their yard. No permits, no fees required on either of these days. Take advantage of this opportunity to get rid of your unwanted stuff while spring cleaning! For more information please contact the Directorate of Human Resources at DSN 469-7713 or CIV 0951-300-7713. In the event of inclement weather, May 11 and 12 have been scheduled as a rain date.

### Self Help has it all!

The Bamberg Self-Help store can help make your yard a winner! Stop by Self-Help located in Building #7039 (Across from the MWR Car Wash) to pick up shovels, hoes, rakes, pruning shears and more. Potting soil (limited to three bags per household per year), flower boxes with brackets, grass seed and mulch are now available. Top soil and peat moss are available all year round. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (except German/American Holidays). Take advantage of the great spring weather and get started today.

### Tips for shipping second privately owned vehicle

*IMCOM-E Public Affairs Office Release*

Normally, Soldiers and Department and Defense civilians with permanent-change-of-station orders are entitled to ship one privately owned vehicle at government expense from overseas locations.



Photo by Christine June

*All vehicles shipped stateside must meet U.S. Department of Agriculture inspection requirements, especially cleanliness.*

However, many people nowadays have two vehicles, wanting to return home with both. If so you will be paying out of your own pocket for it, said Robin Brown-Jones, Installation Management Command-Europe logistics division.

Plus, she said, preparing your car beforehand and finalizing all requirements "is a must."

Brown-Jones suggests the following tips to ensure your second U.S.-specification POV is readied for shipping:

**Prior planning is a must.** There are several private commercial shipping companies available. But due to the high volume of summer moves, you should contact the commercial shipping company as soon as are certain that you will ship your second POV.

**Get a free rate quotation.** A PCS move can be costly. Knowing the cost of shipping a second POV, months before you move, allows planning a budget accordingly. The price is normally all-inclusive and includes inland transportation costs to a port, German and U.S. port charges, and customs fees.

**Have proper documentation.** Documentation normally needed to ship a POV from overseas is: PCS orders, vehicle registration, military or DoD identification.

**Ensure the vehicle is clean.** All vehicles must meet U.S. Department of Agriculture inspection requirements prior to shipping – this is the law. Specifically, vehicles must be free of dirt, soil, plant life, animal life and other organizational hazards. This means the exterior, interior, engine, engine compartment and radiator. The entire interior of the POV must be vacuumed, including the trunk area, and all personal effects must be removed from the vehicle, even air fresheners.

"If your vehicle does not meet these standards, Brown-Jones stressed, "it will not be shipped."

**Drain fuel tank.** Ensure your vehicle has no more than a quarter tank of fuel at time of shipment.

**Check your stickers.** The POV must be a U.S.-spec vehicle and have both the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Transportation sticker affixed

The EPA sticker should clearly be visible in the engine area. It's usually white with the word catalyst listed on the bottom.

The DOT sticker should be clearly visible in the door jam area. It, too, is usually white with the vehicle identification number and the month and year of manufacture listed at the bottom.

If your vehicle is missing either of these stickers, normally due to extensive body work, repainting or customization, you must prove the vehicle was registered stateside, or provide a letter from the manufacturer to verify the vehicle is U.S. manufactured and complies with U.S. requirements.

As for European-spec vehicles, they must be shipped through a stateside certified independent commercial importer. A list is available from the EPA.

"This, however, can be an expensive process because the vehicle must also conform to EPA and DOT safety requirements," Jeff Schott, IMCOM-Europe's transportation office.

He added that it is important to remember that European-spec vehicles cannot be modified to U.S. standards while physically located overseas.

"Many European companies claim they can convert European-spec POVs to U.S. specifications while the POV is still in Europe," Schott said. "These claims are false."

## Online calendar to assist PCS move

IMCOM-Europe Public Affairs Release

The Installation Management Command-Europe has created a new online calendar to help Soldiers, civilian employees and families leaving the region this summer.

The calendar, located on IMCOM-Europe's website, will identify available dates for household goods pick-up/pack-out, aid in permanent-change-of-station planning and encourage people to schedule appointments early to increase the likelihood of getting desired dates, said Jeff Schott of IMCOM-Europe's transportation office.



Army photo

Permanent-change-of-station moves for Soldiers, civilian employees and families have been eased with an online PCS calendar

When accessing the calendar, customers will see that each day is colored either in green, yellow or red.



Green-indicates household goods pick-up/pack-out dates are available.



Yellow -signifies dates are available, but quickly filling up.



Red-means household dates are unavailable.

"This summer's PCS season is projected to be one the busiest in a decade," Schott said. "But there are steps people can take to help ensure their moves are successful."

### Schott suggests that customers take these steps:

- **Go to the site.** Find an available moving day on the capacity forecast calendar located on the IMCOM Europe Web site, which is [www.imcom-europe.army.mil](http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil). Click on the "Capacity forecast calendar" link located on the far left to enter the calendar.
- **Be flexible.** Because others also are moving to new duty stations, people may have to accept a pick-up date two working days before or two working days after the one they want.
- **Be prepared.** Situations may force change of PCS plans.

"Your patience and cooperation will help ensure a smoother move," Schott said.

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## Community Closures / Changes

### Limited Service at Health Clinic

Due to mandatory training the Bamberg Health Clinic will be open for urgent care only from 12:45 to 4:30 p.m. on Thurs. May 3.

### ID Card office dedicated to pre-deployment

Due to the pre-deployment processing for Soldiers, the Pass and ID Card office will be giving priority service to Soldiers now through Wed. May 2. Customers may experience a longer wait time. If possible, postpone your visit until full service resumes on May 3. Thank you for your understanding and patience. For more information please contact Pass and ID at 0951-300-7713.

## Weekly Reminders

### Register for May Yard of the Month

Catch spring fever by registering for the May Yard of the Month contest. All base residents can compete in the Yard of the Month. Yards and balconies will be judged on landscaping, creativity and beautification. Participants must register through the Housing Zone Coordinator SSG King at 469-7946 / Mobile 0162-270-9268. Deadline for registration is Wed. May 23 at 3:30 p.m. Win an AAFES Gift Card, a sign of recognition for your yard or balcony and much more! Judging will begin the week of May 28. Winners will be announced the first week of June.

### Wed. May 9 – Attend Community Town Hall

The next Community Town Hall will be on Wed. May 9 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!

## Continuing Education Resources

### Job opportunities listed online

For all job opportunities in the local area and world-wide go to the U.S. Army Civilian Personnel Online Web Site at [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) Job search and resumix application assistance is available through the Bamberg ACS Employment Readiness Office. Call Jeffery Card at 469-7787 for more information.

### Respite Care Providers Needed

Are you a dependable and caring individual motivated by a desire to serve family members with disabilities? If so, then contact the Bamberg Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) manager and learn how to become a Respite Care provider. The training is free and providers can earn up to \$35 per hour per child. For more information please contact the ACS, EFMP manager Sylvia Gerstner at DSN 469-7777 or CIV 0951-300-7777.

### Courses offered at DTF

The Bamberg Digital Training Facility located at Bldg. 7055 is offering the following classes in May:

BNCOC AI TRAIN UP: April 30 - May 4  
BNCOC Phase I: May 7 - 25

For more information, please contact Lilian Benitez at DSN 469-8118. (BNCOC AI: Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR TRAIN UP; BNCOC : Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course Phase I)

### Contract for a Writer/Editor needed immediately

The Bamberg Public Affairs Office is looking for a Writer/Editor to fill a non-personal service contract with a price range of \$12,800-\$16,000. The contract starts May 7, 2007 and runs thru May 6, 2008. Interested parties should contact the RCO Franconia or connect to the link provided below for a copy of the solicitation, number W912PG-07-T-0117, which will be used for submission of offer. Completed offers are accepted until Thur. May 3, 2007, at midnight [www.usacce.army.mil/frc](http://www.usacce.army.mil/frc). The potential contractor will have one year experience in writing, journalism or an associated field paid or volunteer. Familiarity with digital photography and Microsoft Publisher software is essential. Work will be performed in an office on Warner Barracks Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Hassan El-Annan at 469-9401.



### Health and Safety

#### TRICARE Overseas Prime Medical coverage for Soldiers and family members during upcoming deployment

By Kay Booth, Health Clinic Bamberg TRICARE MSC

The Bamberg TRICARE Medical Services Coordinator, Kay Booth reminds TRICARE participants to stop by the Bamberg office in room 119a at the Health Clinic and pickup your wallet sized "TRICARE Overseas Prime Enrollment Card". Many cards were been returned due to insufficient mailing addresses at time of enrollment. If your card did not arrive, a replacement card can be ordered.

Whether you are a Soldier currently getting ready to deploy, are on R&R leave and headed to the states, or civilian families members on vacation in the states, take time to review the following information to insure that your civilian emergency medical bills are properly submitted and paid.

#### For active duty civilian health care during deployment, R&R and leave

- **During Deployment**—*Soldiers remain enrolled in TRICARE Overseas Prime at Bamberg*
- **During R&R** - *Health Care continues in Bamberg – No change in procedures. You may be seen at the Health Clinic and if care is unavailable, you will be given a referral. After hours emergency care will be sent to the Bamberg Klinikum*
- **During R&R in the states** – *Remember you are enrolled in TRICARE Overseas Prime at Bamberg. If health care is necessary during your trip to the states, if possible, always go to a military medical facility.*
  - For **routine care** go to the nearest military medical facility or wait
  - For **urgent care** you may need prior approval from the Bamberg Health Clinic Commander. For assistance call: TRICARE Service Center toll-free at 888-777-8343 TRICARE Health Care Finder toll-free at (800) 242-6788

- Need prior approval, call the Bamberg TRICARE Office at 001-49-951-300-7420 or email [Kay.Booth@us.army.mil](mailto:Kay.Booth@us.army.mil) with your request. The Health Clinic Commander will review and approve if appropriate
- For **emergency care** get yourself taken care of at the nearest medical facility

**Note:** A non-TRICARE provider may ask for payment up front or may give/send you the bill for payment. Remember, the bill can not be paid until TRICARE receives it and until it is paid your name is on the credit line! Send bills to the following address: **USAHC Bamberg, ATTN: BCAC Office, Unit 27528 APO, AE 09139.**

#### For Family member civilian health care during sponsors deployment

- **Remaining in Bamberg** – *Health Care continues in Bamberg – No change in procedures. You may be seen at the Health Clinic and if care is unavailable, you will be given a referral. After hours emergency care will be sent to the Bamberg Klinikum*
- **Returning to the States – BEFORE YOU LEAVE**
  - Come to the TRICARE Office at the Health Clinic, Room 119a to complete a Portability Form – this form ensures a smooth transition of your TRICARE benefits if staying more than 60 days in the states.
  - Civilian medical care while on vacation – Pick up a Fact Sheet "Traveling with TRICARE" at TRICARE Office.
  - Early Return of Dependents – If Army pays for your return to the States, you lose command sponsored status.
  - For individual information come to the TRICARE Office
- **Someone coming to stay/assist you:**
  - ID Card Holder, (*Active duty family member or retiree/retiree family member*) must register in the Bamberg Health Clinic system, then they may be seen at the Health Clinic at no cost. Only TRICARE Standard available for civilian care overseas without command sponsorship
  - Non-ID Card Holder – Generally can not be seen at the Health Clinic. Must be seen on the economy and should have private insurance. Pick up Fact Sheet reference "Traveling without TRICARE" at the TRICARE Office.

For more information contact your USA Health Clinic Bamberg TRICARE Medical Services Coordinator contact, Kay Booth at DSN 469-7420 or CIV 0951-300-7420

Email: [Kay.Booth@us.army.mil](mailto:Kay.Booth@us.army.mil). Visit the TRICARE Website: [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil) or [www.europe.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.europe.tricare.osd.mil)

#### New behavioral health website offers answers

Army Medical Command Public Affairs Office release

What exactly is a Post-Deployment Health Reassessment? Where can I get help for my spouse who is having nightmares about experiences in combat? My buddy said he's thinking about committing suicide, what should I do?

Such questions come to the fore when Soldiers must deal with the stress of war. Now there is a new source for quick access to answers.

A new internet site [www.behavioralhealth.army.mil](http://www.behavioralhealth.army.mil) - run by the U.S. Army Medical Department, provides information for Soldiers, their families and other interested members of the public.

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<b>Pre-Deployment</b>	This Web site provides resources and information regarding mental well-being for Soldiers and their family members. Provided by the U.S. Army Medical Department, it is intended for interested Soldiers, family members, the public, news media and Army Medical Department Beneficiaries.
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Maj. James Andrews kisses his son during a homecoming ceremony that marked his units return from a yearlong deployment in Southwest Asia. (Photo by Spc. Christopher Joseph, 5th Corps)

*"When our Soldiers return home, most will experience a brief readjustment period and a successful home transition. Some will need short or long-term counseling to assist in their transition. Medical assistance from the Army and the VA is available to provide treatment and see them through to a healthy outcome. Fifteen to thirty (15-30) percent of Soldiers returning from Iraq experience post-traumatic stress symptoms or other mental health symptoms. This is not unusual after combat. Recognizing and treating these symptoms early is key to preventing them from becoming a disorder such as post-traumatic stress disorder.*

*The majority of troops are and will remain mentally healthy. This is the result of leadership. Our Army is trained and ready and will lead. Leadership makes a difference in the mental health of our force.*

*Let me end by saying that our efforts in education, prevention, and early treatment are unprecedented. Our goal is to ensure that every deployed and returning Soldier receives the health care they need."*

*Col. Elizabeth C. Fitchie, MD, MPH  
Director, Proponency Office for Behavioral Health  
U.S. Army Medical Command*

#### Topics include:

- Behavioral-health needs before, during and after deployments pre- and post- deployment health assessments
- Post-traumatic stress disorder; suicide prevention
- Battlemind training
- Resources where Soldiers and families can get help. Links and points of contact are provided for additional information.

The full U.S. Army Medical Command Public Affairs Office release by Jerry Harben can be read at [www.bamberg.army.mil](http://www.bamberg.army.mil)

### Recently re-Deployed? Attend Battlemind II briefing

Starting on Wed. May 2 Bamberg Social Work Services will be conducting Battlemind II briefings on the first Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m. The Briefings are for Soldiers that have been re-deployed for 90 days or more and need their Post Deployment Health Readiness Assessment (PDHRA). Once Soldiers complete the briefing they will be sent to the health clinic to be cleared from MED-PROS. Additional Battlemind II briefings dates will be: June 6, July 11, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5. For more information contact Candice Keith at 469-7793/9016.

## School News

### BES Calendar of Events

- 25 April - May 2 Web-Based Assessment Grades 3, 5, and 6
- 27 April - 4 May Half-Price Book Fair sponsored by the PTA
- Wed. May 9 No school for students (teacher workday preparing for new math programs)

### Join SAC

What is SAC? The Bamberg School Advisory Council (SAC) keeps the principal informed on concerns affecting the operations of the elementary school. This includes school policies, instructional programs, administrative policies, student's standards of conduct and other educationally related matters. To get involved in SAC attend our meetings held at the school once a quarter. Elections for new members for next year will be held on May 8. Please come and give us your input. For

### A summer full of reading for half the price

The Bamberg Elementary School PTA is sponsoring a book fair April 27 through May 4. All items will be sold at half price. The book fair is open on school days from 8 a.m. to noon. For busy families the fair will be open Wed. May 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. Everyone can find a great deal for a summer full of reading!

### Vote on BES dress code in May

Have your say! Voting on the Bamberg elementary school dress code policy will be held in the elementary school lobby May 21-25 from 8 to 10 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. and May 29-30 from 8 to 10 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. One vote per family with children attending BES during school year 07/08. For more information contact Kim Kozel, School Liaison Officer at DSN 469-7891 or CIV 09510300-7891.

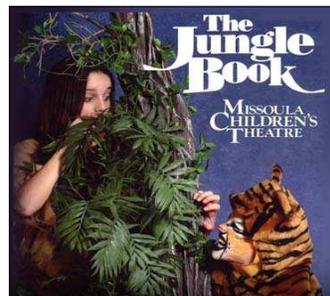
## Kids & Teens

### Application deadlines near for youth programs

**Summer Hire program** applications are being accepted now through May 11. Eligible applicants need to complete an online resume at [www.chra.eur.army.mil/staffing/summerhire/default.htm](http://www.chra.eur.army.mil/staffing/summerhire/default.htm). E-mail Summer Hire questions to [SummerhireInquiry@eur.army.mil](mailto:SummerhireInquiry@eur.army.mil).

**Camp A.R.M.Y Challenge** applications are due by midnight May 4. Details on eligibility, application process, and camp selection process are available online at [www.mwr-europe.com](http://www.mwr-europe.com).

### Missoula Children's Theater Workshop Week



Auditions for the Missoula Children's Theater workshop will be held on Mon. April 30 at 4 p.m. at the Stable Theater for children in 1st to 12th grade. To sign-up contact the CYS Central Registration at 0951-300-8660.

The Missoula Children's Theater week long workshop ends with two performances

of "The Jungle Book" on Sat. May 5 at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Participants need to be available for rehearsals in the afternoon and evenings between 4 and 8:30 p.m. throughout the week. This work shop is brought to you in part by the SKIES Unlimited program. For more information contact Holly Matesick at 469-8647.

### German hourly care available downtown

The Kinderparadies, a German hourly child care facility is now open in the Theatergasse in downtown Bamberg. Parents can drop-off their children for a few hours to do some shopping in downtown Bamberg without prior notice. The cost is 4 Euros per hour. The kindergarten-like facility with 65 sq. meters of playground with lots of toys as well as a little garden, is for children from 2 to 7 years old. The facility is open Mon. through

**Sports and Fitness**



**Bamberg Whispering Pines 2007 Golf Tournament Schedule**

May 12 Commander's Cup  
 July 14 German-American Ryder Cup  
 Aug 25 Richard Duck Tournament  
 Sept. 22 & 23 Club Championship

**Golf Scramble on Thursday Nights**

Join the weekly Thursday Night Scramble Golf Tournament at 5 p.m. at Bamberg's Whispering Pines Golf Course. Entry fee is only \$5 per person. Please register by 4:30 p.m. Tournament starts at 5 p.m. Contact the Golf Pro-Shop at DSN 469-8953 for more information.

**Entertainment & Leisure**

**Mother's Day Brunch offered at Warner Club**

Make reservations for the Mother's Day brunch at the Warner Club on Sun. May 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All moms will be greeted with a flower and complimentary glass of champagne for each parent. \$13.50 per adult, \$7.50 for each child 12 and under or a family discount price of \$36 (2 adults, 2 children). Call 0951-300-7596 to reserve your seats.

**Battle of the Bands, Stars of Tomorrow Local registration closes on Fri. May 11**



Local bands and performers can battle it out at the IMCOM-E Battle of the Bands and Stars of Tomorrow Competitions. US Army Garrison Ansbach will host the 27th Annual IMA-E Battle of Bands on May 26, and Stars of Tomorrow talent contest May 27. Contests will be held daily at 2 p.m. at the Katterbach Fitness Center.

Winners will be announced at the end of each day's competition. Battle of the band prizes are \$500 for first place, \$250 for second place and \$150 for third place. Four individual awards of \$100 + trophies will be given for best guitarist, bass guitarist, drummer and vocalist.

Stars of Tomorrow categories are Male or Female Vocalist, Vocal Duet, Vocal Solo- Self Accompanied, Specialty Solo, Instrumental Solo, and Specialty Group. Awards will be \$500 for first place, and \$250 for second place and \$150 for third place. For applications and rules for entries call Jack Austin at Bamberg Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647

**BSCC Make it, Bake it, Grow it, buy it luncheon**

Save the date for the Bamberg Spouses' and Civilians' Club's "Make it, Bake it, Grow it, buy it" end of the season luncheon on Thur. May 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the outside patio and grounds of the Warner Club. All members are asked to bring an item to raffle that they made, baked, grew, or bought. Cost of luncheon will be \$10 or less.\* Come out and meet the new 2007/08 executive board at our last luncheon this year. Please RSVP to [bscc\\_reservations@hotmail.com](mailto:bscc_reservations@hotmail.com) by May 7th.

**Have a Bamberg Ex-BEER-iance**

Join the Bamberg Library staff and Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers (BOSS) for a visit to a brewery on Sat. April 28 for fun and culture. Meet at the Library at 1 p.m., take a bus and enjoy the experience. A great opportunity for single soldiers. Trip is FREE, but bring Euros for food and drinks. For more information contact Wilford L. Gore at DSN 469-1740 [wilford.lee.gore@us.army.mil](mailto:wilford.lee.gore@us.army.mil)



**Lt. Dan Band set to perform in Ansbach**

The Lt. Dan Band, headed by Gary Sinise of "Forrest Gump" and "CSI: New York" fame, will play at USAG Ansbach on Wed. May 9 at 7 p.m. The free concert will take place in Hangar 2 on Katterbach Kaserne and the area will open up at 6:30 p.m. The concert is open to Military I.D. card holders only. For more information, call DSN 468-7636 or CIV 0981-183-636. The Lt. Dan Band has completed four tours for the USO and performs regularly for troops stationed around the world. Check it out at [www.ltdanband.com](http://www.ltdanband.com)

**AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule**

AAFES Reeltime Theater is CLOSED Tues. and Wed.



Sat.	April 28	Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls (G)	4 p.m.
		Perfect Stranger (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	April 29	Norbit (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls (G)	7 p.m.
Mon.	April 30	Norbit (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	May 3	Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls (G)	7 p.m.
Fri.	May 4	Vacancy (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	May 5	The Astronaut Farmer (PG)	4 p.m.
		Vacancy (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	May 6	The Astronaut Farmer (PG)	4 p.m.
		Music and Lyrics (PG13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	May 7	The Number 23 (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	May 10	Music and Lyrics (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	May 11	Ghost Rider (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	May 12	Ghost Rider (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Fracture (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	May 13	Ghost Rider (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Reno 911: Miami (R)	7 p.m.
Mon.	May 14	Fracture (R)	7 p.m.

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## Outside the Gate

### Time for Noise

Bamberg Public Affairs Office

In many of the cities and suburbs of the United States the proper time for work or play seems to be anytime, but to make friends and stay friends with your German neighbors, it helps to know a few things about proper timing.

Federal German Law states that grass cutting, trimmer use, and leaf blower use is prohibited on Sundays and German holidays. Monday through Saturday (except for holidays) you can cut the grass or use an electric edge trimmer from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. A gasoline powered edge trimmer or grass blower can only be used from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. However in order to keep peace in the neighborhood and between neighbors, please mind the Mittagspause or mid-day break between 1 to 3 p.m. and turn off lawn care appliances.

Mittagspause, or siesta, is practiced Monday through Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Germany (many people even request that you stop your activity as early as noon). The quiet hours apply to any activity that makes noise, such as practicing the piano, vacuuming or mowing the lawn. Traditionally it is time to sit down, eat lunch, take a nap and short break from the noise. The mid-day pause originated in the warmer regions of the world where a Siesta was needed because the heat of high noon made work (prior to air condition) nearly impossible.

### Be a tourist for a day



So you live in Bamberg, a World Cultural Heritage Site, but how much of Bamberg have you really experienced? Stop by the tourist information office located at Geyerwörthstrasse 3, and find out what you're missing. Be a tourist in your own town! Phone: 0951-29-76-222 (representatives speak english!)

#### Opening Hours:

Monday — Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat., Sun. and bank holidays: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (hours in effect now through Dec. 31)

## Weekend Events in and around Bamberg

### Friday, April 27

- 7 p.m. Sushi Night at Palais Schrottenberg (*Kasernstr. 1*)
- 9 p.m. Grandmas' Fun (Rock, Blues, Balladen, Boogie) at Sound'n'Art (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 9 p.m. Rotten Apples (Punk from Seattle) at SubOptimal Stage Club (*Boettgerstr. 4*)
- 9 p.m. Live: Die Perlen at Stilbruch (*Obere Sandstr. 18*)
- 9 p.m. Broken Feelings at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. Planet Pink Party at Live-Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)
- 10 p.m. Soulshakers at Haas-Säle (*Obere Sandstraße 7*)
- 10 p.m. Dröönland (Alternative, Rock) at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)

### Saturday, April 28

- 7 a.m. Hiking Tour (5K, 10K and 20K) at Buergerssaal Stegaurach, Townhall, starting times 7 a.m. to noon. Call: 09547-1239, register till April 27
- 10 a.m. Singing Mile with choirs all over Bamberg downtown (*Pedestrian Zone*)
- 11 a.m. Flea Market with Weisswurstfruehstueck at Stilbruch (*Obere Sandstr. 18*)
- 1 p.m. Tattoo Convention at Stark Halle (*Oberhaid near Bamberg*)
- 2 p.m. Flea Market all over Sandstrasse area (*Obere Sandstrasse and St. Elisabeth*)
- 3 p.m. Soulshakers, afternoon session at Caffeebar Kranen (*Am Kranen 10*)
- 3 p.m. Choir concerts at Institute Church (*Holzmarkt*)
- 5 p.m. Choir Kids at Hegelsaal (*Harmonie*)
- 7 p.m. Sushi Night at Palais Schrottenberg (*Kasernstr. 1*)
- 8 p.m. 15 Jahre Big Sound Jack Birthday party (win a Harley!) at Bootshaus im Hain (*Muehlwoerth 18a*)
- 9 p.m. Concert: 1516 at Sound'n'Art (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 9 p.m. Live: Udo Schild and Xaver Fischer at Club Kaulberg (*Unterer Kaulberg 36*)
- 9 p.m. Hip Hop Night at SubOptimal Stage Club (*Boettgerstr. 4*)
- 9 p.m. Lutz Wichert Trio at Jazzkeller (*Obere Sandstrs. 18*)
- 9 p.m. The Royal Dentists at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 10 p.m. 30 plus (non-smoking) party at Live-Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)
- 10 p.m. Soulshakers at Haas-Säle (*Obere Sandstraße 7*)
- 10 p.m. Bass Rocket at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)
- 11 p.m. Night of Choirs: 31 choirs singing in Unsere Lieben Frauen Church, Erloeser Church, Karmeliten Church, Hall of University (*Dominikanerbau*),

### Sunday, April 29

- 7 a.m. Hiking Tour (5K, 10K and 20K) at Buergerssaal Stegaurach, Townhall, starting times 7 a.m. to noon. Call: 09547-1239, register till April 27
- 11 a.m. Soulshakers Breakfast Club at Stilbruch (*Obere Sandstr. 18*)
- 11:30 a.m. Choirs at Mess (*Dome*)
- 1 p.m. Tattoo Convention at Stark Halle (*Oberhaid near Bamberg*)
- 2 p.m. Choir Concert at Concert Hall (*Musstrasse*)
- 3 p.m. Soulshakers, afternoon session at Stilbruch (*Obere Sandstr. 18*)
- 5:30 p.m. Choir Concert at Concert Hall (*Musstrasse*)
- 8 p.m. Tango Suerte at Haas-Säle (*Obere Sandstraße 7*)
- 9 p.m. Jam Session at Sound'n'Art (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 9 p.m. Blue Sunday at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)

### Monday, April 30

- 4 p.m. Evening Hiking Tour (5K, 10K and 20K) at Saalbau Hartleb, Maroldswiesach (*Street Nr. 279 between Ebern and Bad Neustadt*), starting times 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Call: 09532/1483. Register till April 25
- 8 p.m. Dance into May at Pelikan (*Untere Sandstraße 45*)
- 8 p.m. Impro Show at Jazzkeller (*Obere Sandstrs. 18*)
- 9 p.m. Black Slash Heavy Metal at Sound'n'Art (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)

- 9 p.m. Spo-Dee-O-Dee, Support: DueTones at SubOptimal Stage Club (*Böttgerstraße 4*)  
 9 p.m. Dance at Live-Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)  
 10 p.m. Green Club Best of Funk, Rap and Rucksack at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)

### **Tuesday, May 1 (German Holiday)**

**May 1 is a public holiday and all shops on the economy will be closed. Please plan accordingly.**

- 6 a.m. Hiking Tour (5K, 10K and 20K) at Saalbau Hartleb, Maroldswisach (*Street 279 between Ebern and Bad Neustadt*), starting times 6 a.m. to noon. Call:09532/1483. Register till April 25  
 9 a.m. 1 year Sandkasten Party at Stilbruch (*Obere Sandstr. 18*)  
 9:15 a.m. Re-opening Ceremony of Altenburg chapel, Prince Ludwig welcomed at Altenburg  
 9:30 a.m. Blessing of Altenburg chapel  
 11 a.m. 13 Choirs singing in Hall of University (*Dominikanerbau*), St. Stephan, Hegelsaal (Harmonie), Unsere Lieben Frauen Church  
 10:30 a.m. Rock'n'roll—Frühschoppen (Breakfast with music) at Mahrs Braeu (*Wunderburg 10*)  
 Noon Castle Fair at Altenburg  
 4 p.m. Final open air singing with thousands of singers at Maxplatz  
 9 p.m. Carstensen at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)

### **Wednesday, May 2**

- 9 p.m. Charlie Max at Sound'n'Art (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)  
 9 p.m. Jazz Club Session at Jazzkeller (*Obere Sandstrs. 18*) Free entry  
 9 p.m. Wolfgang Barthel at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)  
 9 p.m. PitPop at Stilbruch (*Obere Sandstr. 18*)

### **Thursday, May 3**

- 8 p.m. Arco Musicale (*Franconian Baroque Music after 1700*) at Bildungshaus Marianum (*Library of Karmelites Monastery, Karmelitenplatz 1*), Tickets at 0951-2999544  
 8 p.m. Caretta Blue Jazz at Studio 13 (*Luitpoldstr. 40*)  
 8:30 p.m. Charity Concert Oh Marita, Few Minutes Free and Red Hawk Riots at Youth Center (*Jugendzentrum, Margaretendamm 12a*)  
 9 p.m. DRUM 'N DANCE at (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)  
 9 p.m. The Real McKenzies at SubOptimal Stage Club (*Boettgerstr. 4*)  
 9 p.m. Mathew James White at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)  
 10 p.m. Pop'in Mary: Indie, Elektro, Wave, Rock at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)

# Fränkischer Tag.de

**As seen in the Fränkischer Tag ...**

**News summaries from April 20 through April 26**

### **German Drivers Told to Mind Their Manners on the Road**

According to a survey conducted for the German Transport Ministry, over 80 percent of drivers on German roads say other drivers have become increasingly rude, and the government has decided to take action.

### **Von der Leyen favours changes to joint tax declarations**

Federal Family Affairs Minister Ursula von der Leyen (CDU) would like to see changes to the joint tax declaration program for married couples ("Ehegattensplitting"). She said that her ministry is looking into how the current regulations could be expanded to include a child component. Families should receive tax benefits according to how many children they have. At the same time, she reiterated her opposition to capping the program, as the SPD is calling for.

### **Guenter Grass awarded Ernst Toller Prize**

Literary Nobel Prize Guenter Grass was honored with the Ernst Toller Prize this week. He was cited for his "pacifist philosophy", as the jury put it, and his attempt to achieve humane living conditions for everyone possible through literature. The Prize, which has now been awarded for the fifth time, is named after dramatist and politician Ernst Toller, who lived from 1893 to 1939.

### **Bavarian Constitutional Court**

#### **decided that payment for books is legal**

The payment for books at Bavarian schools is legal. That was decided by the Bavarian constitutional court. But judges requested that legislators make certain that the contributed amount corresponds to the actual amount of money required. On the occasion of this judgment, the chairman of the Bavarian teachers federation, Dannhaeuser, again criticized the introduction of the payment for books. Dannhaeuser emphasized again that the introduction of the learning aid liberty after the Second World War was one of the large democratic achievements. The payment for books now further increases the financial burden on families, which already have to bear many school expenditures anyway. A speaker for the Secretary of cultural affairs, Schneider, welcomed the judgment.

### **Imprisoned Terrorist Receives Day-Outing Ops**

A German court on Tuesday granted a one day release from prison to a former Red Army Faction militant after 24 years of imprisonment. This comes amid a raging debate over new revelations about the group's terror campaign. The regional court in the southwestern city of Karlsruhe approved outings with a court-appointed chaperone beginning in July for Christian Klar, who has been serving a life term for his role in several murders with the urban Red Army Faction (RAF) guerrilla group. This is strongly opposed by most of the families of his victims because he has never expressed regret for the murders.

### **Loewenbruecke is history**

A crane helped lift the steel pieces - 90 tons weight - of the bridge to the river bank where they will be sawed into smaller pieces of 5 meters to finally be carried away by trucks.

### **Bamberg gets ready for World Heritage Run**

On May 6 approximately 10,000 runners will race through the city of Bamberg. The city expects a record number of participants and spectators. The event will affect most areas in downtown. The race is split into five categories that will start at different times of the day. The half marathon will start at 3:15 p.m. downtown.

### **A Prince comes to the Altenburg**

For the blessing ceremony of the renovated chapel at the Altenburg, Ludwig Heinrich Prince of Bavaria has announced his attendance. He will be welcomed on Tue. May 1 at 9:15 a.m. by canon fires. A service will follow at the chapel, held by Bishop Radspieler. After a ceremony the castle fair will start at noon.

### **The Pope was his student**

Born exactly 100 years ago, the Bamberger Dr. Gottfried Diener, was the former teacher of the present Pope Benedikt XVI. Diener was Joseph Ratzinger Latin and German teacher. Diener's cousin recalls a memory of the Pope as a student: When asked what he wanted to become in the future, Ratzinger answered: "A cardinal!" and the teacher called for more modesty!

### **Starting after 20 years of planning**

With a ceremony the construction works for a new ring road at Memmelsdorf has been started. It had taken 20 years of planning, protesting, re-planning etc. to finally start the work.

### **Bieber reelected as Bamberg SPD chairwoman**

Last Saturday, Monika Bieber was reelected as the chairwoman of the Bamberg district section of the Social-Democratic Party of Germany (SPD). Bamberg Lord Mayor Andreas Starke is a member of the SPD as well. The party plans to become even stronger in the next local elections in 2008.

### **New pavement after the run**

The Construction Authorities have decided to use the shell lime stone for the new pavement in the Sand area. Construction work will begin immediately following the World Culture Heritage Race on May 6. The selection of construction materials has been highly controversial since different interest groups have voiced their opinion on the usefulness of lime stone. Some say that the water permeability of lime stone could cause damage during the winter.

### **Claim against wind park dismissed**

A resident of Schesslitz had instituted legal proceedings to stop the construction of two wind turbines in Neudorf. The case was dismissed after the judge decided that the noise caused by the turbines was within the allowed degree. Authorities had first given permission to build the turbines as early as 2003.

### **Knut gets police protection**

Polar bear puppy Knut in the Berlin Zoo has not only fans. The zoo has received anonymous mail threatening to kill the bear. A police spokesperson said that if the threat had been serious, the police would have protected the animal just as much as any VIP. Security measures have been taken though.