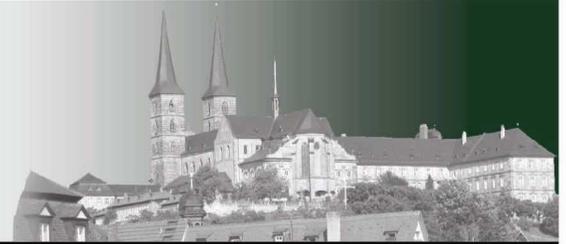




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Bamberg signs Army Family Covenant



Story and photo by Renate Bohlen

Soldiers and Families gathered in Preston Hall on Warner Barracks to witness the signing of the Army Family Covenant on Nov. 8. This worldwide initiative recognizes the Army's commitment to Soldiers and Families serving their country.

Lt. Col. Gary Rosenberg, USAG Bamberg commander, accepts responsibility to honor and execute the Army's pledge to provide Soldiers and their Families with a quality of life equal to their service to their country.

Together with Brig. Gen. Stephen Lanza, V Corps Deputy Commanding General and senior mission commander, Rosenberg signed the covenant and personally thanked family members for their outstanding contributions.

"Over the past several years the Army has recognized the tremendous sacrifices our Soldiers and Families have made," Rosenberg said. He gave examples of Army initiatives, which, over the past year, have improved quality of life for Soldiers and Families.

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Lt. Col. Gary Rosenberg, USAG Bamberg commander, and Brig. Gen. Stephen Lanza, V Corps Deputy Commanding General and senior mission commander, sign the Army Family Covenant during a ceremony held at Preston Hall on Nov. 8. IMCOM-Europe has made great strides in improving Soldier and Family programs, and continues to accelerate improvements across the board. There is no "sunset date" to taking care of Army Families in Europe.

No-shows costly for Health Clinic

Bamberg Public Affairs News release

Missed appointments, or no-shows hamper the Bamberg Health Clinic's ability to provide timely care to patients who truly need it.

A no-show according to the current Health Clinic policy is a patient who has made an appointment and does not keep the appointment nor cancel the appointment by 4:30 p.m. the day prior.

"No-shows have a great impact on our ability to provide care to those who truly need to be seen by the providers," says Maj. Pablito Gahol, US Army Garrison Bamberg Health Clinic commander. Due to a shortage of providers, the available appointments per day are already full and every no-show takes medical care away from someone else Gahol explains.

Patients that cancel according to policy open up same day appointments the following day, unlike no-shows, which

deprive other patients of care and waste valuable healthcare resources, and interfere with Soldier and unit readiness states Gahol.

"If there are cancellations, we always have takers at least 90% of the time, as long as we get enough notice about the cancellation," he says.

"Last September, there were a total of 114 no-shows here," he says "which cost this Health Clinic approximately \$15,000." An amount that could have been used to hire additional medical support to increase scheduling, or purchase new equipment to better support the community he explains.

Gahol asks the community for their support. If you are unable to keep your appointment, please call, in advance, to reschedule and give someone else a chance to utilize your time-slot.

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We're Taking a Break!

The USAG Bamberg Warner Weekly staff is taking a scheduled break for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The next edition of the Warner Weekly will be distributed on Fri. Nov. 30, 2007. Deadline for the next edition is today, Nov. 16, 2007.

To submit an announcement call DSN:469-2000 or e-mail bambergpao@eur.army.mil Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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“The Army puts its money where its mouth is and continues to fund programs to support the Soldiers and Families,” he said.

On Warner Barracks the Child Development Center received 35 additional spaces at a cost of \$500,000. Approximately 1,800 Soldiers received renovated barracks rooms at an investment of \$8 million.

And though the new Freedom Fitness Facility opened about three years ago, the investment of \$14 million still adds to the quality of life on Warner Barracks. The old gym is currently undergoing renovations and will be a state-of-the-art youth facility, which will feature a climbing wall among many other things.

The Warrior Transition Unit program is yet another excellent example of the Army taking care of Soldiers and Families. Currently, there are five WTU projects at Warner Barracks at an investment of \$920,000.

Numerous AAFES initiatives also focused on improving services and quality of life. AAFES committed \$2 million to upgrade every AAFES operation on Warner Barracks, increasing customer service and the overall shopping experience.

“Families and Soldiers deserve better. They’re making huge sacrifices in support of the Global War on Terror and we’re committed to giving them what they deserve,” Rosenberg said.

Have Thanksgiving Dinner at the Dining Facilities

Have your Thanksgiving Dinner with Ray’s Diner on Thur. Nov. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The main menu features roast turkey, baked ham, prime rib, honey glazed cornish hen, roasted piglet and crabbles, plus a variety of delicious side items to add to your plate including: herbed broccoli, corn on the cob, southern collard greens, candid sweet potatoes, and cornbread dressing just to name a few. If you’re still hungry there will be a variety of different desserts to choose from including pies, ice cream and more. Cost \$6.05 per person, E-4 dependants and below pay \$5.15 per person.



630th MP’s celebrate return



[LEFT] Isabella and her father, Staff Sgt. Kevin Correira, get set for a wild ride on the mechanical bull at the 630th Military Police Company’s welcome-home celebration at the Roller Realm on Nov. 8. Approximately 300 Soldiers and family members from Bamberg, Schweinfurt, Ansbach and Stuttgart gathered to celebrate the return of the 630th with food, drinks, sumo wrestling, mechanical bull rides and more. Photos by James Fredrick



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Retreat for teen girls hosted in Schweinfurt



Story by Sandra Wilson, USAG Schweinfurt PAO

Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all? As a teen, many girls may not choose themselves as the answer to this question, but the upcoming Discover Your Inner Beauty retreat says they should.

Schweinfurt and Bamberg girl scouts have received a \$1,000 grant to implement a weekend getaway for girls living overseas ages 14 to 17 years old. No membership with girl scouts is necessary—the weekend is open to all teen girls. Schweinfurt will host the overnight event which will take place at the Ledward Teen Center and will start Friday evening, Nov. 30 and run until lunchtime Sunday, Dec. 2.

"We're not really reaching out to the older girls, and I'm hoping that this will be a start," said Patty Sahli, overseas committee chair for Bamberg girl scouts. She explained how a lot of energy is put into trips and projects for the younger kids in

girl scouts, but the teens are often overlooked.

And the need is great for a special event for the teens. In daily life, many teens are plagued with a low self-esteem and as a result may develop eating disorders, become addicted to drugs or alcohol, have suicidal tendencies, or resort to other self-destructive behaviors.

Our teens are unique in that they often have to deal with a parent being deployed for lengthy periods of time as well as constantly moving from school to school as parents are assigned to new duty stations, said Sarah Small, overseas committee chair for Schweinfurt girl scouts. This adds to teen stress and low self-esteem.

Sahli and Small desire to address these issues by offering classes for teens about stress, the damage of gossip, dating issues, body care, portrayals from media and advertising, how it's different being a military teen, and more.

But it's not just a bunch of lecturing. The girls will be given skin care kits and will learn about how to care for themselves. Exercise sessions will get their feet moving, and crafts will help them to express their creative side. Yoga and relaxation techniques will ease stress, and a dance sampler will teach the teens some new groovy moves.

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These three guidelines will help the Health Clinic utilize more same day appointments through timely cancellations and reduced no-shows.

- Show up 15 minutes early for all appointments. The extra time allows us to properly screen medical concerns and discuss preventive measures and initiatives. Failure to show up on time for appointments may count as a no-show.
- If you cannot make an appointment, please cancel before 4:30 p.m. the day before the appointment. If you try to cancel your appointment less than 8 hours prior, this may count as a no-show. Sometimes, it is difficult to fill a slot with such late notice.

- If for some reason you are unable to cancel the appointment by phone, send us an e-mail at bbghealthcare@amedd.army.mil.

The Bamberg Health Clinic operating hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed on U.S. and training holidays. Active duty sick call hours are from 7 until 8 a.m. Family members and non-active duty can be seen starting at 8 a.m.

To make an appointment, please call CIV:0951-300-1750 or DSN:469-7772 / 7977 / 1750.

To get self-care advice, the Nurse Advice Line can provide the help you need, when you need it -day or night, call the toll-free number at 00800-4759-2330.

"These girls really need that. These older girls have tougher course loads and sports," said Sahli. "I'd like them all to have a memorable time, learn something and make new friends."

"If they could take one thing away from this retreat it would be to love themselves for who they are, and don't change for anyone," said Small.

In addition to the retreat for the girls, parents are also encouraged to attend the adult sessions throughout the weekend where they can learn about how to talk to their teenager and how to better understand what they're going through.

Bamberg girls can register by contacting the Bamberg OCC, Patti Sahli at 0951-297-3679 by Nov. 20, or e-mail: discoveryourinnerbeauty@yahoo.com

Popeye's Chicken set to adjust hours of operation

AAFES News Release

A recent audit of Bamberg Popeye's Chicken food operations, conducted by Popeye's Corporation and the AAFES Region Food Office this September, showed that the Bamberg Popeye's Chicken could better serve their community by making a small adjustment to their hours of operation. A review of customer traffic patterns and half-hourly sales trends clearly showed that customers were not frequenting the restaurant during the first and last half hour of the business day averaging only three customers per hour.

The new hours of operation effective Dec. 1 will be from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mon. through Sat. and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays. By refocusing manpower during time periods when customers are visiting the facility we will be able to provide a faster and better dining experience overall. Please send all comments or concerns regarding this change in Popeye's operational hours to Steve Lawson, Wuerzburg Consolidated Exchange Business Manager at Lawsonst@aafes.com

To help you gather those last minute items for your Thanksgiving feast the Bamberg commissary will be open Mon. Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Safety check: Time to put on snow tires

By Michael Schwarz, USAG Grafenwoehr
Safety Office

Overall driving conditions are different here in Europe than they are in the United States. Europe's narrower roads, higher highway speed limits, twisting roads and winter weather require more emphasis be placed on precision and handling than most American roads.

Consequently, European cars arrive from their vehicle manufacturers equipped with summer tires and are usually fitted with a set of four dedicated winter tires as the weather changes.

Stateside, the all-season tire has become popular because wider U.S. roads, lower speed limits, straighter roads and snow removal in most urban areas allow

tires to perform with some compromise rather than be dedicated to the conditions.

An all-season tire is adequate for mild winter conditions, particularly when the tire is new. But for drivers who plan on keeping their vehicle for more than three years, buying snow tires certainly makes sense, as they can delay having to buy a future set of all-season tires needed anyway. Plus it's the law to have snow tires in some areas.

Three principal characteristics distinguish a winter tire from an all-season tire.

A winter tire is made of a softer, spongy rubber that grips better in colder weather. That's why it has to be removed for summer use to avoid wearing it out.

The rubber used in a summer tire becomes hard at 50 degrees Fahrenheit. An all-season tire will stay flexible to 14 F, and the rubber on a winter tire should stay flexible to -22 F.

The grooves in the tire are deeper, and its large blocky treads bite into snow more aggressively.

And a winter tire offers significant safety advantages over an all-season tire. Performance is enhanced in deep snow and slush. In comparison tests, the best winter tires stopped between 30 and 60 feet shorter than all-season tires on a car travelling 50 kilometers an hours.

A driver is less likely to get stuck in a parking spot or to be unable to start on a steep hill. The advantages become greater as tires wear and the all-season model starts to perform like the proverbial banana peel.

Inclement weather and school closures

Know before you go! Find out the current weather and road conditions, even school closures, for the Bamberg area:

On the Web: USAG Bamberg's homepage: www.bamberg.army.mil. Click on Weather/Roads/Schools in the upper right hand corner of the page.

By telephone: CIV:0951-300-8373 The 24-hour recorded weather line information is updated every 12 hours or as condi-

tions change and also includes a 48-hour forecast. This phone line is operated by the USAG Bamberg Emergency Operations Center.

On the radio: AFN channel AM 1143

On the TV: Command Information Channel (CIC), on the crawl at the bottom of the screen. If you are not currently receiving the CIC, and you live on-post, you must do a channel search on your television.

Value added Tax (VAT) relief is a privilege

U.S. Forces Value-Added Tax (VAT) Relief support program provides a service to individual members of the U.S. Forces, civilians and dependents. The program includes merchandise and services for purchases such as groceries, clothing furniture, light fixtures, electronic parts, car repairs and purchasing automobiles thru CMWRF over 2500 Euro without paying the 19% sales tax in Germany.

There have been recent tax relief violations with the VAT Forms to include: construction of privately owned homes, major home improvements and/or renovations, buying cars using the Tax Relief Program then registering them with the German system (Kfz-Zulassung), and cell-phone contracts. All these mentioned above are prohibited transactions. Violations will result in disciplinary actions which can result in the loss of VAT program privileges.

The NATO-SOFA, Supplementary Agreement, Article 67, paragraph 3 and

the decree (Erlauss) of the U.S. Forces Tax Relief from the German Ministry of Finance, dated 22 Dec. 2004 states the ability to restrict the use of VAT -Forms and AE REG 215-6.

If there are any questions about VAT forms and how to use them contact the Tax Relief Office located in the Community Activity Center, Bldg. 7047 at DSN: 469-1780. They can answer any questions and can provide you with brochures and pamphlets on requirements.

For more information on this and other customs related issues, contact your local customs office in Bldg. 7011. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Offices are closed on German and American Holidays. Or contact us at DSN:469-7460.

More information can be obtained online at www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/customs.htm.

2007 Holiday mailing deadlines Europe to CONUS

Don't get left in the cold. Mail early! To ensure your packages sent to the United States are delivered before Christmas, mail them no later than the dates listed below.

SAM Parcels	Tue. Nov. 27
PAL Parcels	Tue. Dec. 4
Priority Parcels	Tue. Dec. 11
First Class Letters	Tue. Dec. 11

Mailing with "re-used" containers

Re-using old boxes to mail packages is allowed at your APO with just a few simple limitations. Boxes being mailed, with the exception of registered mail, are not required to be wrapped in paper first. You are required to have one side of the box completely clear and free for addresses, postage and service labels. However, re-used boxes are only acceptable when all markings, labels, barcodes, etc. are "blotted out". This is particularly important if the box previously held contents considered to be restricted or hazardous. Examples include but are not limited to: tobacco or alcohol items, aerosol spray cans, etc. Again, there must be at least one clear side for addressing which can often be accomplished by covering one side with wrapping paper. Failure to properly prepare a "re-used" box may result in delivery delays or even having your package returned.

Community Announcements

Toy drive this Saturday

The Kontakt Club Bamberg is sponsoring a toy drive for Bamberg orphans and handicapped children. Toys will be collected in the parking lot of bldg. 7000 during the community-wide yard sale tomorrow, Nov. 17 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Toys must be new or like-new, clean and in excellent condition. For more information contact Angela Hise at DSN:469-7489.

Experience traditional German Christmas

Looking for something to do over the holiday season? Experience a traditional German Christmas by participating in the Christmas Good Cheer program this holiday season. The program brings Soldiers together with local German families for one or two days from Dec. 24 through Jan. 1. No German speaking skills required as many of the host families can speak English and have visited the U.S.. Soldiers can go alone or share the experience with a friend. To sign up get an application from your unit Sgt. Maj. or from the Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 7089. Please sign up by Dec. 6. For more info call DSN:469-1600.

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Bamberg kicks off the holiday season with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony will take place on Thur. Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. at the traffic light corner. Santa Claus will arrive in his fire truck after the tree is lit. Photos with Santa will be available at the AAFES Movie Theater (One 4 x 6 for \$5 or two for \$8).

Closures / Changes

Commissary open extra day

To help you gather those last minute items for your Thanksgiving feast the Bamberg commissary will be open Mon. Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The store will be closed on Thur. Nov. 22..

Health Clinic Holiday schedule

The Bamberg Health Clinic will have closures during the upcoming holiday season. Be sure to mark your calendars for these days. During closures all emergencies should go to the Bamberg Klinikum.

Wed. Nov. 21 –Closed at noon

Thur. Nov. 22 and Fri. Nov. 23 –Closed

Fri. Dec. 21—Closed at noon

Mon. Dec. 24 and Tue. Dec. 25 –Closed

Mon. Dec. 31 and Tue. Jan. 1 –Closed

For more information please contact the Bamberg Health Clinic Executive Officer 1st Lt. Jose Sanfeliz at DSN:469-8619 or CIV:0951-300-8619.

Health clinic closure

The Bamberg Health Clinic will be closed from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Thur. Dec. 6 for mandatory staff training. This also includes Physical Therapy, Social Work Services and EDIS. All emergencies should go to the Bamberg Klinikum. For more information please contact the Bamberg Health Clinic Executive Officer 1st Lt. Jose Sanfeliz at DSN:469-8619 or CIV:0951-300-8619.

ACS closed day after Thanksgiving

Army Community Services will be closed Fri., Nov. 23 in addition to Thanksgiving Day. All ACS services will be unavailable for the day so please plan accordingly.

Weekly Reminders

Think safety! Snow tires are a must

Driving in the winter time in Germany can be challenging. Snow tires not only increase your safety level; inappropriate tires can lead to a fine between 20 and 40 Euro. MWR Auto Skills is now offering a special for balancing and mounting your snow tires throughout November: Get your tires changed and balanced for \$6 per tire. That's 50% off the regular price! If you are a spouse of a deployed Soldier, your snow tire mounting and balancing is free! Call Auto Skills at CIV:0951-300-7546 to make an appointment today.

Worlds Apart, Together We Run 5K fun walk/run

MWR is sponsoring a 5K fun walk/run in conjunction with the 173rd ABCT to help foster "family ties" between Soldiers down-range and their family members and communities tomorrow, Sat. Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. USAG Vicenza, USAG Schweinfurt, USAG Bamberg and each FOB down-range with 173rd Soldiers will hold a 5K walk/run before Nov. 30. Run will be held on Nov. 17 at Warner Barracks. Participants can sign up as individuals or in teams. Teams may consist of spouses, couples, families (3), families (4) or families (5). Prizes will be awarded in each

age group for individual runners and for family/couple teams based on the best combined times. Come out and work as a team with your deployed Soldier. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Pendleton Field at the track. For more details contact Charles Williams at DSN:469-7597. or email to charles.w.williams@us.army.mil.

Community yard sale Sat. Nov. 17

A community wide yard sale will take place on Sat. Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both on-base and off-base residents can set up sale items in the parking lot across from Bldg. 7000, or in their yard. No permits and no fees are required for this day. Take advantage of this opportunity to get rid of your unwanted stuff! For more information please contact the Consumer Affairs office at DSN:469-7713.

German Red Cross Blood Drive

Help our German neighbors at the German Red Cross blood drive on Wed. Nov. 21 at the Basics Bldg. 7110 from 1 to 5 p.m. This blood is used by regional medical systems to treat trauma victims in local hospitals, including members of the US military community. Donors must have returned from deployments in Afghanistan, Iraq or Kuwait before March 2007 and have not received any vaccinations for the past 6 weeks. Please call the American Red Cross office at DSN:469-1760 with any questions.

November is National American Indian Heritage Month

Celebrate the unique cultures of the American Indian's when Native American dancers hold a Pow Wow at the Bamberg Elementary School on Nov. 21 at 1:45 p.m. For more information contact Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Freeman at DSN:469-8624.

Kids and Teens

2008 Scholarships for Military Children Program now open

Applications for the \$1,500 scholarships are available at 264 commissaries worldwide or, new this year, you can fill out your application online at <http://www.commissaries.com>, <http://www.militaryscholar.org>, or <http://www.dodea.edu>



Follow the yellow brick road to the Stable Theater!

Don't miss the last weekend of "The Wizard of Oz" Nov. 16 to 18. Call CIV:0951-300-8647 to reserve your seat.

Girl Scouts host Discover Your Inner Beauty retreat

The Bamberg and Schweinfurt area Girl Scouts will be hosting a Discover Your Inner Beauty Weekend Retreat. The retreat will be held Fri. Nov. 30 to Sun. Dec. 2 in Schweinfurt and is open to all young ladies, both Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts ages 14 to 17. The young ladies will attend a variety of sessions over the weekend covering such issues as self-esteem, self-confidence, anti-violence/bullying, stress management, healthy choices and more. There is even a workshop for parents. Volunteers and donations of items for the goodie bags are needed for the retreat. Registration deadline is Nov. 20, and cost of registration is \$20 for non-Girl Scouts and \$15 for Girl Scouts. To receive a registration form or to find out about volunteer opportunities, please contact Patti Sahli at CIV:0951-297-3679 or email for more information at discoveryourinnerbeauty@yahoo.com.

School News

BES calendar

Nov. 22 Thanksgiving - Federal Holiday

Nov. 23 Friday - Recess Day

Unit News

16th SB Christmas/Holiday Ball

The 16th Sustainment Brigade will be holding their Holiday Ball at the Bamberg Kongresshalle on Fri. Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. All Soldiers, family members and guests of the 16th Sustainment Brigade are invited to attend. Dress code is informal/business casual. Tickets are 39 Euros per person and are on sale now. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Cpt. Chan Lam at CIV:0160-128-9246.

Job Opportunities

Position open in WIC office

Choctaw Archiving Enterprise has a full-time position opening in the WIC Overseas office in Bamberg, Germany for the position of Administrative Assistant. Position requires a high school diploma or equivalent with secretarial/business office experience or education. BA/BS or Associate's Degree in Business/Office Management preferred. Experience in health-related field desirable. Must be comfortable working with children.

Applicants must be able to type 40-60 wpm and must have a working knowledge of office equipment and be proficient with an IBM compatible computer, MS word, and Excel. Position requires basic math, record keeping skills, ability to work without constant supervision and the ability to handle several tasks at once.

Position requires strong communication skills; frequent sitting, standing, reaching, lifting, and carrying; and ability to work in a noisy, busy clinic, and handle constant client contact. May require some travel.

Interested applicants should bring a resume to the WIC Overseas office in Bldg. 7029 or call Patsy McKinney at DSN:469-7913.

BES needs substitute teachers

Bamberg Elementary School is looking for qualified, experienced educators to fill substitution teaching positions. Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with at least 18 semester hours of course work in the field of professional teacher education. Stop by the BES main office Mon. through Fri. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for an application or call DSN:469-7616 or CIV:0951-300-7616 for more information.

Earn money as SKIES instructor

The Bamberg CYS SKIES Unlimited program is looking for instructors to teach classes in art, music, ballet/jazz/tap, fitness, sewing, computers, photography, cosmetology, SAT Prep, Spanish or any skill you may have that can be taught to the youth in the Bamberg community. SKIES is also looking for academic tutors. Please contact Archie Johnson at DSN:469-7452 for more information.

Family Advocacy Specialist needed

USAG Bamberg Army Community Service (ACS) will be soliciting for a Family Advocacy Program Specialist in the near future. Please contact the Regional Contracting Office at CIV:0951-300-9383 or go on their website at www.usacce.army.mil/frc for further details.

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 Job search and resumix application assistance is available through the Bamberg ACS Employment Readiness Office. Please call Jeffery Card at DSN:469-7787 for more information.



Do your part to save energy and conserve natural resources. Check back weekly for great energy saving and recycling tips brought to you by the Bamberg Environmental Office.

Energy saving tips

- During vacation time turn off your refrigerator and leave the door open to avoid the generation of mold.
- In the winter, air the rooms with short periods of keeping the windows wide open- 2 times a day, 5 minutes per room.
- Don't let rooms cool too low: the heating of cooled rooms costs an elevated amount of energy.

Recycling tips for home and office

- Consider large or economy-size items for household products that are used frequently, such as laundry soap, shampoo, baking soda, pet foods and cat litter. These sizes usually have less packaging per unit of product. For food items, choose the largest size that can be used before spoiling.
- Consider whether concentrated products are appropriate for your needs. They often require less packaging and less energy to transport to the store, saving money as well as natural resources.
- Whenever possible, select grocery, hardware, and household items that are available in bulk. Bulk merchandise may also be shared with friends or neighbors.

For more information on what you can do to save our natural resources and help reduce the effects of global warming contact the Bamberg Environmental Office at CIV:0951-300-7730.

AAFES News

Don't miss the after Thanksgiving Day deals at your Bamberg AAFES stores!

Thanksgiving Weekend Store Hours

Fri. Nov. 23 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 24 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 25 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**OPEN
FRIDAY!
7 a.m.**



\$20 Gift Card Giveaways!

The First 100 customers in the door on Friday, Saturday or Sunday will receive a FREE \$20 Gift Card (Limit one per family per day. Please be prepared to show Military I.D.)

Scratch'n to win

New this year are the "Scratch to Win" tickets. Get tickets after 4 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Win some great savings or a \$100 AAFES giftcard.

Are you on the AAFES Buddy List?

The holiday shopping season is here! Get on the AAFES Buddy List and be the first to know about the money savings offers and special events taking place exclusively at the Bamberg AAFES facilities. Submit an e-mail to AlstonA@aafes.com to receive information about exclusive promotions, events and sales flyers regularly!

Entertainment & Leisure

See The Wizard of Oz at the Stable Theater

Don't miss the last weekend for The Wizard of Oz. The production is based on the movie and is a must see for the entire family. The show will run Fri., Sat. and Sun. Tickets can be reserved by calling DSN:469-8647 and are \$9 for adults, \$7 for students, E4 and below.

Tomorrow is Skate Night at the Roller Realm

Come to the Roller Realm and have fun at Skate Night on tomorrow, Nov. 17. from 3 to 7 p.m. skating is open to the whole community, 7 to 10 p.m. for grades 6-12 only. Admission is \$4, skates can be rented for \$1. For more details call CIV:0951-300-7452.

It's time to play BINGO!

Come play bingo next Fri., Nov. 30 at Bamberg Elementary School. This fun family activity is sponsored by your Bamberg Elementary School PTA. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the games begin at 6:30 p.m. Bingo cards are \$2 each or three cards for \$5. All money raised by the PTA will be used to support Bamberg Elementary School Programs. Bring in your "Boxtops" to win special prizes! All prizes will be for children. This is a family friendly event for all.

BSCC'S 2007: A Night at the Masquerade Charity Basket Auction

Don't miss the annual Bamberg Spouses' and Civilians' Club Charity Basket Auction. You can spend a Night at the Masquerade tonight, Nov. 16. Doors open at 6 p.m. at the Warner Club.

Entrance is \$5 (no dinner) and includes a bidding paddle. Tickets may be purchased at the door or make reservations by e-mail at reservations@bsccgermany.com.

Baskets await your bid during the LIVE Auction! Here is just a preview of what you can bid on and more!

- *The Best of Bamberg Basket*
- *C'mon Baby...Light my Fire!*
- *Evening in Italy Basket*
- *A Pasta Dinner Basket*
- *Community of Helping Hands (Pamper the Volunteer) Basket*
- *Winter Wonderland Basket*
- *Mexican Fiesta Basket*
- *Gourmet Dinner Basket*
- *Wine Basket*
- *Trunk of Bamberg Treasures*
- *R&R Basket...and More!*

Attire: It's a Night at the Masquerade. Leave your identity at the door, all masks welcome. However, if you do not own a mask, we will have simple masks available upon entry. Just join the fun. Proceeds from all BSCC events help fund grants and scholarships for groups and members of the Bamberg community.

Trips & Travel Opportunities

Take a trip with ODR in November

Take a trip this November with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation.

Weekend Nov. 22-25 Alps Skiing & Riding \$249

Our first long snow trip of the season will be to the Kitzsteinhorn Glacier and resort in Kaprun, Austria. We'll have 3 days on the snow with free beginner and intermediate snowboard lessons throughout the weekend. You'll also be able to demo new skis and boards from the top companies. Includes transportation and lodging with breakfast and dinner. Departs CAC at 10 a.m. Nov. 22 and returns at approx. 10 p.m. Nov. 25.

Sat. Nov. 24 Czech Shopping \$35

Hop on our motor coach for a trip to Karlovy-Vary and Cheb to get your holiday shopping started. All trip goers must have a valid passport. Includes transportation. Departs CAC at 7 a.m. and returns approx. 9 p.m.

Trips fill up quickly, so reserve your seat now. Contact the CAC for more info at DSN:469-8659.



AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule

AAFES Reeltime Theater is
CLOSED Tue. and Wed.



Fri.	Nov. 16	Shoot 'Em Up (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 17	Bee Movie (PG) Shoot 'Em Up (R)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 18	Bee Movie (PG) The Brave One (R)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon.	Nov. 19	Shoot 'Em Up (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Nov. 22	Bee Movie (PG)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 23	Halloween (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 24	Fred Claus (PG) Halloween (R)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 25	Fred Claus (PG) Mr. Woodcock (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon.	Nov. 26	Fred Claus (PG)	4 p.m.
Thur.	Nov. 29	Mr. Woodcock (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 30	3:10 to Yuma (R)	7 p.m.

Thanksgiving Safety Tips



The kitchen is often one of the busiest and most dangerous places in the home. Young children are at the greatest risk for injury. 65% of all residential fire calls are related to the kitchen. More injuries occur in the kitchen than any other room in your home. Here are some simple safety tips to help keep your kitchen safe:

Beware! Take fire prevention care!

- Do not leave food unattended on the stove.
- Turn handles inward when using pots and pans on the stove.
- Place hot dishes on center of table or counter, not close to the edge.
- Do not store snack foods above the stove. This may encourage climbing.
- Keep items that catch fire easily away from stove, toasters and hot plates.
- Use only appliances which have a laboratory-testing label, i.e. UL or FM.
- Do not over load electrical outlets.
- Unplug electrical appliances when not in use.

Microwaves

- Follow cooking directions on food packages.
- After food is cooked, stir and let sit for a few minutes. This can prevent burns to the lips and mouth.
- Popcorn can burn easily in a microwave. Follow package directions carefully.
- Do not cook food in metal containers. It may cause a fire.
- If a fire starts, close the door and unplug the cord.

For more information contact the USAG Bamberg Directorate of Emergency Services at DSN:469-8887.



Keep Our Information Safe!

By visiting unauthorized sites and downloading unauthorized material YOU give the enemy access to our networks.

Protect Yourself,
Protect Your Family,
Protect Your Unit
& Community.

Remember,
you alone can make our networks vulnerable or ensure that they are safe.



<https://iassure.usareur.army.mil/>

*if this is starting to look good to you,
you're too buzzed to drive.*



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Give the gift of a lift this holiday season.

Follow the yellow brick road to the Stable Theater!

Don't miss the last weekend of "The Wizard of Oz" Nov. 16 to 18. Call CIV:0951-300-8647 to reserve your seat.

Outside the Gate

Weekend Events in and around Bamberg

Friday, November 16

- 8 p.m. Matthias Kellner at the Blues Bar
(*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. Earth Jazz Agents play at the Jazz Club
(*Obere Sandstrs. 18*)

Saturday, November 17

- 8 p.m. "Good Gravy" at the Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 8 p.m. 1st Bamberg Dance Gala World of Dance with performances of the Rock 'n' Roll Dancing Team Bamberg at Concert Hall (*Musstrasse 1*)

Sunday, November 18

- 1 p.m. Wedding fair at Ziegelbau, Congress Hall
(*Musstrasse 1*)
- 5 p.m. 3rd chamber concert of the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra at the Concert Hall (*Musstrasse 1*)
- 5 p.m. Charity concert with the gospel choir "Flames of Gospel" at St. Joseph Church, free entry
(*Balthasar-Neumann-Strasse*)
- 8 p.m. Classic guitar concert at Neues Palais
(*Luitpoldstr. 40a*)
- 8 p.m. Manny Springer performs at the Blues Bar
(*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)

Cross-run around the Seehof Castle

The Sportclub 1997 Memmelsdorf invites everybody to a German-American cross-run on November 25 at Castle Seehof with six runs in different distance and age categories. Check out the web www.bamberg.army.mil to get all the details.

Anne Frank Exhibition

From November 9 to December 20, there is an exhibition to the fate of Anne Frank at the Villa Dessauer (*Hainstrasse 4*). Opening hours Mon to Fri 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat & Sun, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Anne Frank was a Jewish girl who wrote a diary while in hiding with family and friends in Amsterdam during the German occupation of the Netherlands in World War II. After two years the group was betrayed and transported to concentration camps. Seven months after her arrest, Frank died in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Her father, the only survivor of the group, returned to Amsterdam after the war to find that her diary had been saved. It became one of the world's most widely read books and it provides an intimate examination of daily life under Nazi occupation and in hiding; through her writing, Frank has become one of the most renowned and discussed of Holocaust victims.

It's that Crazy Time of Year Again!

Nicole Karsch-Meibom and Amy Bugala

No matter what you call it, Mardi Gras, Fasching, Karneval, Carnival or Fasnacht it's a crazy season with traditions that date back to ancient times. The origins of Karneval, or Fasching, as it is called in Bavaria, date back to the Greeks and Romans who held spring festivals in honor of the gods Dionysos and Saturn with wine, women and song. Long ago Germanic tribes celebrated the winter solstice as homage to the Gods

and expulsion of the evil winter demons. Later the Christians adapted the heathen customs. The period of fasting (Lent) prior to Easter was heralded in by "Fastnacht" or "Karneval" - Carne Vale — when translated, literally means - farewell to meat!

The Karneval season starts on Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., but the actual parties don't start until the following February leading all the way up to Rosen Montag (Rose Monday) on February 19, and Shrove Tuesday, February 20, sometimes referred to as "Fat Tuesday". In Germany you will find Karneval celebrated in two different ways. The Swabian Shrove Tuesday is called Fastnacht and still closely resembles the medieval customs with masks and figures.

On the other hand you have the colorful and noisy Rheinisch Karneval with parades, floats and thousands of people dressed in costumes along the parade routes. These parades are held mainly on Rose Monday with the largest two being in Cologne and Mainz. Karneval ends at the stroke of midnight on Fat Tuesday. Some regions celebrate the end of the season by burning a straw puppet symbolizing the burning away of the Karneval sins. On Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten fast begins, and will end forty days later on Easter Sunday.

Christmas Market Time is Here!

As the holiday season approaches, Germany reveals its most atmospheric side. Over 2,500 Christmas markets in wonderful settings invite you to share in the joy of the pre-Christmas season and enter into Germany's special festive mood.

Germany's Christmas markets are an old tradition that dates back as far as 1434. In those days, Christmas markets lasted no more than a day or two and tended to be confined to the area around the main church. Nowadays, Christmas markets usually start before the first weekend of Advent (around the end of November) and go on until Christmas Eve or thereabouts. Some do not finish until the Epiphany on Jan. 6.

You can buy everything you need for Christmas here: candles, tree decorations, sweets, biscuits, baking tins and toys. Over time, each market develops a character of its own, influenced by its setting, regional traditions or particular specialties. Many Catholic churches are decorated with beautiful nativity scenes during the festive season. Tours of different nativity scenes are especially popular in Bavaria.

Christmas markets in Germany's rural areas are no less attractive than those in larger towns and cities, though some only take place on weekends. Some of the closest and most popular markets' opening dates and times are listed here. Dates and times are subject to change. It is a good idea to contact the local tourist offices prior to your trip! This information was obtained from www.germany-tourism.de

See the Bamberg homepage for information on the various Christmas markets in Germany at www.bamberg.army.mil

As seen in the NEWS ...

News summaries from Nov. 8 to Nov. 13

Bollard situation getting serious

Soon bollards will limit thoroughfare for Dominikanerstrasse and Karolinenstrasse. Starting November 19 the city installs the bollards. In the future, drivers will have to take the route via the narrow streets of Torschuster or Residenzstrasse, or Kasernstrasse and Leinritt.

Bridge building status quo

Lord Mayor Andreas Starke notified the public about the current situation of the new Loewenbruecke-bridge. While the construction works are some six weeks behind, follow-up costs are expected to be approximately 1.6 million Euro.

Town hall gets play corner

The waiting area of the "Infothek" information desk at the town hall has now added a play corner for the kids of waiting parents. Other waiting areas are designed to get this, too.

Clergyman on horseback

Dean Josef Ecker is the only clergyman in Bamberg who actually rode on a horse in his impersonation of St. Martin. Ecker's show was part of the traditional St. Martin's procession that takes place in November.

Sponsors needed

Chapeau Claque, a society supporting creative media, wants to build a new cultural center near the Bamberg train station. A public information day was organized to invite people to donate. Some 75.000 Euro are still needed.

Vatican chief historian visited Bamberg

The highest ranking chief historian of the Vatican, Prof. Dr. Walter Brandmueller, visited Bamberg. Brandmueller has long term connections to Bamberg, because he received his ordination to priesthood in the Bamberg Cathedral. As a close advisor to the Pope, Brandmueller is the president of the papal committee for historical science. Brandmueller met with Lord Mayor Andreas Starke, later he read from his books "Light and Shadow" and "The Case Galilei" in the Goerres bookshop.

Tree cutting in the Michelsberger Forest

The State Forest Office is planning to cut down some 3000 trees in the forest area between Bamberg and Bischberg. This is part of a safety measure to protect pedestrians and joggers.

No commuter service to Nuremberg before 2010

The city of Bamberg has announced that a decision about joining the Nuremberg suburban commuter railway system (VGN) will not be made before 2008. As a consequence, the actual joining will not happen before 2010. Plans were to have this happen by January 1, 2009, but the members of the city council of Bamberg did not reach consent. For example, they are trying to find a solution to keep low ticket prices, which will not be possible with the new system.

Fighting for the presidency of the Regional Office

Hartmut Koschyk from Bayreuth and Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg from Kulmbach are battling for this top position in the regional party administration of the Christian Social Union in Upper Franconia. On December 8 party delegates have to vote for the successor of Werner Schnappauf who had held that presidency before.

Sources: Information collected/translated from Fraenkischer Tag