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## Renovated JFK Multiplex opening in March

Story and photos by Amy L. Bugala

The renovated Bamberg JFK Gym is scheduled to open in March under a new name, the JFK Multiplex. The new multi-purpose program facility will transform the sports, fitness, and recreation experience in Bamberg for children and youth of all ages.

"This will be a multi-purpose facility and not just a traditional gym – it's more than a gym," said Liwliwa Markey, Bamberg Child and Youth Services coordinator.

In less than a year, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation facility underwent a \$1.3 million renovation to replace the entire roofing system and remodel the interior to meet the requirements of a certified Child and Youth Services facility.

"It's pretty spectacular that we are looking at the grand opening of this facility in less than nine months since construction began," said Darrell Clay, Bamberg Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation director.

The interior modifications created a dynamic new space that will house two key CYS programs under one roof; Sports and Fitness and the Teen Program according to Markey.



A massive 30-foot high climbing wall takes center stage at the new facility.

"This is one of the few facilities within Europe that can enhance the entire CYS organization by offering children and youth, fitness and health under one roof. Kids finally have a chance to play and have fun!" said Connie Larson, Installation Management Command - Europe, CYS Youth Sports and Fitness specialist.

The 20,000 square foot facility is separated into five main recreational areas; a basketball court, an interactive cardio room, weight conditioning area, climbing wall and teen zone.

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## Providing sweet dreams to Bamberg children

Story and photos by Amy L. Bugala

A U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Child and Youth Services program is giving children and their deployed parents something to hold on to this Valentine's Day ... each other.

"Project Sweet Dreams" gives children an opportunity to make and send a personalized pillow to their parents downrange and to receive one in return. Project coordinator Kim Kozel, CYS school liaison officer, is hoping the exchange will help lessen the distance that is felt between a child and their deployed parent, especially at bedtime.

Kozel and the School Ages Services staff helped the children make the pillows

by creating transfers of their photos and artwork and ironing them onto pillowcases. The message on the pillow says: *Someone in Bamberg loves you!*

Tucked into each individually wrapped package are a tin of sweet treats and a note requesting a picture of the child's parent.

The Valentine's Day packages mark the first phase of the program, according to Claire Aljunaibi, School Age Services director, as approximately 50 pillows have been mailed downrange. "The program will come full circle when the child receives a pillow with their parent's photo on it," Aljunaibi said.

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Tiffany Waller sends a few extra hugs with her pillow to a parent deployed to Afghanistan.

## JFK Multiplex– it's not just about sports



The Teen Zone (left) and the interactive cardio room (right) are ready for the equipment

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There is one full-size basketball court that can be divided in two half-size courts allowing for simultaneous practices for a variety of additional activities such as volleyball, soccer, and cheerleading, said Markey. The facility can seat approximately 280 spectators, making it ideal for hosting tournaments at any level.

"Basketball is a very popular team sport for youth in Bamberg...we made a conscious decision to maximize the space to accommodate more teams during the season," she said.

Children will find a fun alternative to team sports in the interactive cardio room or the weight conditioning room. A mix of "exergaming" equipment combines video gaming and exercise, to make getting fit, fun.

"Age appropriate equipment is offered at the facility," said Markey, "and has

been chosen and tailored not just for a child's age and size but for their capabilities and interest."

Another exciting addition to the YS Sports and Fitness program is the 30-foot high climbing wall surface. Climbing is expected to be one of the most popular new instructional classes that will be offered.

"The facility was built for the primary users, children and youth," said Clay, "but on a space available basis we do foresee other groups in the community utilizing some of the areas such as the climbing wall."

### **And, it's not just about sports.**

The opening of the Teen Zone will have a big impact on the middle school and teen programs which are both currently housed at the Oasis building. The new Multiplex Teen Zone, for ninth through twelfth graders, boasts a movie

theater capable of seating 10, snack bar, multi-media entertainment chair, three laptop computer stations, a pool table and the benefit of a separate entrance at the back. Youth Services program director, Rizza Asuncion, surveyed the teens and worked with them to develop their new space.

"The sports and activities that (the teens) want are going to be the things we will be providing at the JFK Multiplex," Markey explained. "Each age group will now have their own center."

The "Plex" is a few weeks from being complete and once open is expected to enhance all MWR programs in Bamberg in terms of fitness said Markey. The community can look forward to the grand opening event March 12.

### **College Success Seminar slated for March**

***Do you want to save thousands of dollars in college costs, hundreds of hours of research and eliminate the stress concerning the college process?***

Attend the JROTC College Success Seminar Tue. March 4, 6 p.m. at the Bamberg High School multi-purpose room featuring Terry Wilfong, College Success Expert, Author and President of the College Options Foundation. Wilfong is one of the nation's leading experts on college financing and admissions. His work has received accolades from USA today, Wall Street review, U.S. Department of Education and others. He has provided seminars to hundreds of thousands of parents. For reservations call DSN:469-8605 or CIV:0951-300-8605 or e-mail madonna.roberts@eu.dodea.edu.



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The project's aim is to help ease a child's mind during a long separation, as a pillow is something tangible to a child. It gives children something to hold and to hug, explained Aljunaibi.

Prior to the initial mailing, the children grabbed their pillows and wrapped their arms around them, getting in as many hugs as possible before packing them away. "We're going to send these downrange to your dads," Kozel said to the children.

"Or moms, Miss Kim!" exclaimed Winnie Tataw. This 7-year-old had a lot to say about her pillow, which much to her delight is on its way to Afghanistan, to her mom, Sgt. Glory Tataw, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion.

With excited youngsters clamoring around her, Kozel explained how the idea of organizing the Bamberg project came to her last fall. Having never personally experienced a deployment, she admitted she couldn't imagine what Soldiers must feel while being separated from their child for so long. But after sending her daughter off to a first semester of college, she understood, and her thoughts turned to Soldiers downrange.

For parents, she said, the pillows are a nice way to collect your thoughts before going to bed, to leave the day behind, and to focus on what is away from you. She realizes servicemembers have much more to worry about – and a longer separation from their child – but now relates by calling her experience "my educational deployment," adding that she is grateful to be able to see her daughter at the end of every college semester.

The first picture from a parent downrange recently arrived. Kozel quickly created pillows for Sgt. 1st Class Alfredo



[LEFT] Kamron and Kareem Woods are the first to receive a "Sweet Dreams" pillow with their father's photo on it. "Someone in Afghanistan loves you!" the pillows say. [ABOVE RIGHT] Winnie Tataw is excited to send a pillow to her mom in Afghanistan.

Woods, equal opportunity advisor, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team and presented them to his 7-year-old twin sons, Kamron and Kareem Woods. The message on the matching pillows says: *Someone in Afghanistan Loves You!*

After presenting the pillows to the twins, she assured the other children that more would be arriving soon.

Kozel looks forward to receiving the pictures and helping create sweet dreams for every child. "It gives me a sense of doing something that's very, very small when the (Soldiers) are doing something so big for us," she said.

"Project Sweet Dreams" is an ongoing program sponsored by USAG Bamberg Child and Youth Services in support of the deployed Soldiers and their families here at Warner Barracks. For more information, contact Kim Kozel at DSN 469-7891 or e-mail, kimberly.kozel@eur.army.mil.



Sgt. Glory Tataw, a 173rd Brigade Support Battalion NCO deployed downrange, receives a big hug from home along with the pillow made by her daughter Winnie. Photo by 2nd Lt. Monika Comeaux

### FRG says 'thanks' with luncheon

The 173rd Special Troops Battalion rear detachment Soldiers were treated to a surprise Valentine's Day luncheon by the 173rd STB family readiness group Feb. 11. The group brought the Rear-D Soldiers together to honor and thank them for all they do for the family members on the home front. The battalion is approaching the tenth month of a 15-month deployment to Afghanistan.

Courtesy Photo



## Service Credit Union gives back to community year-round



Lt. Col. Gary A. Rosenberg, USAG Bamberg commander, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Wild and Spc. Jonathan R. Beasley, chaplain's assistant accept a \$3,000 donation to the Bamberg community from Bamberg Service Credit Union Branch Manager, Modesto U. Polintan III.

Story and photo by Amy L. Bugala

The season for giving is year-round for the Bamberg branch Service Credit Union which recently donated another set of gift cards totaling \$3,000 to local Soldiers here Feb. 4.

"I can already say on behalf of the Soldiers and families that will receive this generous donation, thank you," said Lt. Col. Gary A. Rosenberg, US Army Garrison Bamberg commander after accepting the 30, \$100 gift cards during a short presentation at the credit union.

USAG Bamberg Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Wild and the unit chaplains came together to identify Soldiers within the units that could benefit most from the gift cards.

"This is the largest monetary gift the Bamberg Chapel has been able to give an individual," explained Wild, who annually oversees the distribution of food vouchers and monies from the helping hand account during the holidays.

Service Credit Union has a long history of giving back to military communities during the holidays and throughout the year said Modesto U. Polintan III, Bamberg Service Credit Union branch manager. The Bamberg branch supports community programs such as the Bamberg High School yearbook and the annual Community Expo and also organizes programs that match local contributions for disaster relief funds like hurricane Katrina.

"I am honored, and it gives me great pleasure to represent Service Credit Union and to give back to my community!" said Polintan.

The post-holiday donation now brings the combined total given to the Bamberg community since Thanksgiving to \$4,000 he said. The first set of gift cards was distributed in November and together the monies represent part of a \$30,000 donation made by the credit union to over 14 military communities across Germany.



### Parents head back-to-school for a week

Darrah Ingram (left) and Christina Kleinsorge (right) enjoy a school lunch of corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, green beans and fruit salad with their daughters Wed. Feb. 13 during the "Take your Family to School Week" events at Bamberg Elementary School. Photo by Krista Browning

## **Community Announcements**

### **See deployed Soldiers on AFN**

Today, Feb. 14, AFN will debut "Faces of Freedom" a ten minute show featuring greetings from Soldiers downrange. "Faces of Freedom" will air every other Thur. at 7:50 p.m. on AFN-Atlantic or Prime. This week will feature Soldiers from Bamberg, so tune in to see your family or friends.

### **HHC 391<sup>st</sup> CSSB**

#### **deployment ceremony**

A deployment ceremony will be held at the Bamberg Basics Building for HHC 391<sup>st</sup> Combat Service Support Battalion Thur. Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. Come out and support our Soldiers and Families. For more information call the 16th Sustainment Brigade, Public Affairs Office at DSN:469-8506.

## **Weekly Reminders**

### **Dealing with Deployment?**

#### **ACS can help**

No matter what stage of deployment your family is in, ACS can help. Attend Battleminds for Families Tue. Feb. 19 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and learn strategies for coping during deployment. Deployment can affect children differently depending on their age. The Children and Deployment training class on Tue. Feb. 26 will help parents recognize and address behavioral changes and manage expectations. The course will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free child care is available. Please pre-register. For more information or to register, contact ACS at CIV 0951-300-7777.

### **Bamberg Health Clinic hours**

**Reminder:** The Bamberg Health Clinic hours are: Mon. through Fri.

- Primary Care - 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- AD Sick Call - 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.
- Nurse Advice Line - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### **Clinic Closures:**

- closed holidays
- closed training holidays except for previously scheduled appointments and pharmacy.
- Closed from noon to 4:30 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Thur. of the month for mandatory training.

### **Bamberg Tax office is open**

The Bamberg Tax Office located in rm. 412 of Bldg. 7000 is now open Mon. through Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thur. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat., during

February only, from 9 to 11 a.m. Taxes are prepared at no cost for all military I.D. card holders. Don't delay! Please call DSN:469-8261/8262 to make an appointment to file your return.

### **AFAP wants to hear your issues!**

Do you have concerns with the quality-of-life services or support provided by the U.S. Army? Send in your issues today for the 2008 Army Family Action Plan conference Feb. 27-29. Forms can be downloaded from the Bamberg website and e-mailed directly to the AFAP program manager, or placed in drop boxes located around post. Issues can be submitted now through Feb. 20. To request a form via e-mail send a message to BambergAFAP@eur.army.mil. For more information or to volunteer contact Mary Thompson at DSN:469-7777.

## **Closures / Changes**

### **New passport forms and fees**

Starting today, Feb. 1, passport forms and fees have changed. Old forms will no longer be accepted. All passport applicants should go to [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) to download the new revised forms. The new fee for passport renewal is \$75 and first time passports is now \$100. For more information please call the Directorate of Human resources or the passport office at DSN:469-8928.

## **Continuing Education**

### **ACAP basic resume writing lab**

Resumes can either open doors or eliminate you from the running. Be sure to demonstrate how you and your skills, experience, training and education match the employer's needs. Get the instruction you need to begin writing your resume at the next Bamberg ACAP Resume Writing Lab on Mon. Feb. 25 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Attendees should have already completed a 2-day Transitional Assistance Program (DOL/ TAP) workshop prior to the Lab. Please bring your VMET, TAP Workbook, Pencils, and Paper. Next month's resume writing lab will be on Mar. 17. For more information or to register call ACAP at DSN:469-8925.

### **Disabled Transition Assistance Program briefing**

The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) is offering a briefing on the Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP) on Fri. Feb. 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. at

Preston Hall Bldg 7080. DTAP is designed to encourage and assist potentially eligible Servicemembers in making informed decisions about the V.A.'s Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E) Program. Please call your Bamberg ACAP Office for more information at DSN:469-8925 or CIV:0951-300-8925.

### **Attend V.A. Benefits Briefing**

Ask the experts! Attend the next ACAP V.A. Benefits Briefing on Fri. Feb. 29 from 8 a.m. to noon at the post movie theater. The briefing will explain what programs and services are available through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Open to entire military community. The next V.A. briefings will be on Mar. 27.

### **Learn German**

Army Community Service (ACS) now offers free German classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced students at the Education Center, Bldg. 7047, room 307. Classes start immediately and are free. Beginners' class is Mondays and Fridays, 8:15 to 10:15 a.m., intermediate Mondays and Fridays, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., advanced is Wednesdays, 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. Make the most of your Europe tour and register for German classes today. Call ACS at CIV:0951-300-7777 or e-mail BamACSCustServ@eur.army.mil.

## **Kids and Teens**

### **Celebrate Black History Month at the library**

Explore and learn more about African-American history in America at the Bamberg community library.

*Tue. Feb. 19, 3:30 p.m.* Meet Addy a courageous African-American girl growing up during the Civil War.

*Tue. Feb. 26, 3:30 p.m.* Create peanut butter science experiments in honor of George Washington Carver.

For more information contact the library at DSN:469-1740.

### **Mom, Pop and Me Kinder German**

The whole family can learn to speak German together at the SKIES Unlimited Mom, Pop and Me Kinder German language classes for 3-6 year olds. Class meets every Mon. now through March 17 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Register by calling CYS at Central Enrollment and Registration at CIV:0951-300-8660.

### 2008 DeCA Scholarships

The application deadline for the 2008 Scholarships for Military Children program is February 20. Applications must be turned in at a commissary by the close of business. Applications for are available at the commissary or online at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

### It's Girl Scout cookie time!

The Bamberg Girl Scouts will be selling cookies during February. Cookies will be sold Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Shoppette and in front of the PXtra for the rest of the month. Sales end Feb. 29 and cookies are \$3.50 a box. Be sure to buy early for the best selection!

### World Thinking Day March 1

Girl Scouts, family and friends are invited to participate in World Thinking Day Sat. Mar. 1 at 10 a.m. at Bamberg Elementary School in the multi-purpose room. World Thinking Day is a scout holiday that has been celebrated since 1926. It is a time for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides to think about other scouts worldwide. This year's theme is "Think about water". There will be displays about different countries, a collection for the World Friendship Fund, a clothing drive and the opportunity to earn badges. Registration is \$5 and must be completed by Feb. 15. For more information please contact Patty Sahli at CIV:0951-297-3679 or email [pattysahli@gmail.com](mailto:pattysahli@gmail.com).

### School News

#### BES needs volunteers

Bamberg Elementary School is looking for parent volunteers to help out with their Accelerated Reader program. For more information please contact Pam Pullman in the school media center or email [pam.pullman@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:pam.pullman@eu.dodea.edu).

#### Elementary School Calendar

Feb. 18 - Holiday, No School  
Feb. 20 - Principal's Coffee  
Feb. 25 - 29 - PTA Book Fair  
Feb. 28 - 29 - PTA Spring Photos

### BHS basketball schedule

Feb. 15 Ansbach vs. Bamberg (home)  
Feb. 16 Bamberg vs. Ansbach

### JROTC Drill Team needs sponsors

The Bamberg High School JROTC Drill Team is looking for units to sponsor their members. The group is also in need of dress blue uniforms (used or new). Please contact Sgt. 1st Class Young at DSN:469-8605 or via e-mail at [prince.young@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:prince.young@eu.dodea.edu).

### Job Opportunities

#### Army New Parent Support Program has positions available

Choctaw Management Services Enterprises is seeking candidates for home visitor positions in the Army New Parent Support Program. Candidates must be either a licensed clinical MSW or MFT, or a licensed BSN. Candidates will have a minimum two years experience beyond graduation working with expectant mothers, new parents, child abuse and/or maternal and child health. Openings exist in Bamberg. Please send resumes to [shannon.healton@eur.army.mil](mailto:shannon.healton@eur.army.mil) or fax to CIV:06202-80-6586. For more info call CIV:06202-80-6593 or DSN:379-6593.



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

- Join or set up a car pool.
- Try to make most car journeys as you can outside of the peak travel times.
- Avoid short journeys with the car- a cold engine uses almost twice as much fuel and catalytic converters can take 5 miles to become effective.

#### Recycling tips for home and office

- Look for items that are available in refillable containers. Some bottles and jugs for beverages and detergents are

made to be refilled and reused, either by the manufacturer or the consumer.

- Use batteries with fewer toxic metals.
- When you are finished with containers that are partially full of hazardous waste, hand in household hazardous waste at the Recycling Center.

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.

### Entertainment & Leisure

#### Donate music and movies to Soldiers

The Bamberg Community Library is collecting music and movies to send down-range to deployed units. Check your collections and drop audio books, movie DVDs and audio CDs at the front desk. For more information contact the library at CIV:0951-300-1740.

#### Art Exhibit "Hidden Faces" at CAC

Stop by the Community Activity Center to view the newest oil and acrylic works by artist Randy Jones. Jones' exhibit "The Hidden Faces" will be on display now through April 16. For more information contact the CAC at DSN:469-8659.

#### Salsa your way fit!

Salsa dance your way fit every Tue. and Thur. at the FFF starting in March. You won't miss a beat with instructor Sujin Mojica. Singles or couples are welcome and no experience is required. Classes cost \$5 per person per session. Call the Stable Theater to register at CIV:0951-300-8647.

#### Easter Bunny photos at the CAC

Get your photos taken with the one and only real Easter Bunny at the Community Activity Center Portrait Studio, Sun. Mar. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Photos are \$5 for the first, any additional is \$3. Make your appointment by calling CIV:0951-300-8659.

*The Portrait Studio will be closed from March 15 to 31, please plan accordingly.*

### Trips & Travel Opportunities

#### **ODR February trips**

Take a trip this February with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation.

#### **Sat. Feb. 23 Porsche Museum \$20**

Want to get a good look at some fine German engineering? Join ODR for a quick trip to the Porsche museum in Stuttgart. Includes transportation, admission to the museum is free. Please bring money for lunch and anything you might like to buy. Don't forget your VAT forms. Departs CAC 8 a.m. and returns approx. 8 p.m.

#### **Sat. Feb. 23 Learn to Snowboard \$75**

Always wanted to try snowboarding? Here's your chance. Spend a day on a local slope with Outdoor Recreation's own instructor, Jordan. Includes transportation, lift pass, rental and approx. 2.5 hours of lessons. Departs CAC at 8:30 a.m. and returns approx. 5:30 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.



Thur. Feb. 14	Hitman (R)	7 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 15	Untraceable (R)	7 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 16	I am Legend (PG-13)	4 p.m.
	Untraceable (R)	7 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 17	I am Legend (PG-13)	4 p.m.
	The Golden Compass (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 18	Untraceable (R)	7 p.m.
Thur. Feb. 21	The Golden Compass (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 22	Fools Gold (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 23	Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)	4 p.m.
	AVPR: Aliens vs. Predator- Requiem (R)	7 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 24	Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)	4 p.m.
	Fools Gold (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 25	AVPR: Aliens vs. Predator- Requiem (R)	7 p.m.
Thur. Feb. 28	Charlie Wilson's War (R)	7 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 29	National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG)	7 p.m.

### Outside the Gate

#### **Weekend Events in and around Bamberg**

Frequently used locations can be found online at [www.bamberg.army.mil/news/map.pdf](http://www.bamberg.army.mil/news/map.pdf)

#### **Thursday, Feb. 14**

- 8 p.m. Contzen and Schuch play Bela Bartok at Congress Hall (*Musstrasse 1*)
- 8 p.m. Carmina Burana (ballet) at E.T.A. Hoffmann Theater (*E.T.A. Hoffmann Platz*)
- 8:30 p.m. Subwave and the Jesters with rock & pop at the Live-Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)
- 9 p.m. Juergen Wagner plays at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*) Free Entrance

#### **Friday, Feb. 15**

- 6 p.m. The flying Dutchman (opera) at String Puppet Theater Loose (*Untere Sandstraße 30*)
- 8 p.m. Cristin Claas sings at the Neues Palais (*Luitpoldstr. 40a*)
- 9 p.m. Rockabilly music at Live-Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)
- 9 p.m. Rock and Pop at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. Nabatov and Wogram Duo at Jazzkeller (*Obere Sandstrs. 18*)

#### **Saturday, Feb. 16**

- 10 a.m. Health fair at Jako Arena (*Forchheimerstrasse 15, next to Kaufland store*)
- 8 p.m. Symphonic concert with Bamberg Symphonic Orchestra at Congress Hall (*Musstrasse 1*)
- 9 p.m. Blues concert with "Eisi & Luggi" at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*) Free Entrance
- 9 p.m. "Soul n Pepper" concert at Club Kaulberg (*Unterer Kaulberg 36*)
- 9 p.m. Zabriskie Point feat. Angelika Nescier jazz concert at Jazzkeller (*Obere Sandstrs. 18*)
- 10 p.m. Beat virus; level non zero tour at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)
- 10 p.m. 30 Plus Party at Live-Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)

#### **Sunday, Feb. 17**

- 5 p.m. Concert with the Bamberg symphonic orchestra at Harmonie (*Schillerplatz*)
- 5 p.m. Concert with youth orchestras at Audimax at the Univeristy, (*Feldkirchenstr. 21*)
- 9 p.m. Concert with Claudia Koreck at Live-Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)
- 9 p.m. Rock'n Roll & Country concert with Titus Wladenfels Duo at Blues Bar, Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*) Free Entrance!

## ***As seen in the NEWS ..***

**News summaries from Feb. 8 through 12**

### **Service desk closed**

The service and information desk of German Rail at the train station has been closed. In order to save money, German Rail decided to close service desks in several smaller towns arguing that only few travelers would actually use the desk.

### **Donation for those in need**

"ARGE", an organization helping senior citizens in need has received a donation of 1,250 Euro. The money was collected by the support group Foerdereverein Seniorenhilfe Bamberg e.V. and will help local senior citizens.

### **10 Euros for every new tree**

The city of Bamberg gives 10 Euros to every home owner who purchases and plants a domestic tree in the garden. The goal is to improve the air quality, reduce carbon monoxide and have at least 1000 trees planted in Bamberg.

### **Historical museum looks for sponsors**

Coming summer the historical museum in downtown Bamberg will undergo major refurbishment projects which aim at the renovation of the 200-year old "bird hall" which was created 1790 and is considered one of Bamberg's most precious historical jewels. As cost will go up to six digit figures, the museum is now asking for sponsors who could help preserving the unique hall.

### **Best Western Hotel at Koenigstrasse**

The foundation walls for a Best Western Hotel with 96 rooms and a supermarket with biological food have now be erected at Koenigstrasse. The construction project will be finished by next summer and is designed to attract more customers to this area of Bamberg.

### **909 students trained to be specialists**

The internationally recognized Bamberg institute for the preservation of historical monuments and archeology celebrated its 25th anniversary. The institute offers a master's course for national and international students. 909 students have successfully completed the course so far.

### **Upward trend for Agrarian sector**

At the farmers' day assembly it was reported that farmers in the Upper Franconian region are approaching positive times. However, speaker Isabella Timm-Guri of the Bavarian Farmers' Association called for greater unity amongst farmers to achieve more when dealing with industry and consumers.

### **Tons of metal stolen**

Thieves stole several tons of metal worth several thousands of Euro from a construction site in Gaustadt. Since the steel girders - 200 kg each - were extremely large and heavy, the police assumes that the thieves came with several men and a big truck. Eye witnesses should call 0951-91 29 210.

### **Positive interim result for "Metropolregion Nuremberg"**

The Frankonian expert for economy, Andreas Bubmann, drew a positive balance for the development of the newly formed "Metropolregion Nuremberg", an economic conglomeration of cities from Ansbach to Bayreuth, including Bamberg and Nuremberg. This region is designed to support the development of the cities in this area. Bubmann indicated that Bamberg was getting more and more attractive for tourists but also for financial investors.

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