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County fair features fun and 4-H

Story and photos by Amy L. Bugala

More than 450 children and youth stopped by the JFK Multiplex to enjoy an afternoon at a local County Fair sponsored by Bamberg Child and Youth Services here April 4.

Among the county fair favorites bringing in the crowds was a mechanical bull ride, a giant inflatable obstacle course, games and non-stop raffle prizes. In between races and bull rides children enjoyed snow cones, cotton candy, popcorn and hotdogs while carefully keeping watch over their raffle ticket numbers in anticipation of winning a prize.

The county fair featured more than just fun.

A county fair is a very popular event in many cities stateside says Shay McNeil, Youth Services homework lab instructor. An important contribution to every fair is the 4-H Club she says. "The 4-H component of the county fair served to showcase and promote what our 4-H programs here in Youth Services have been doing through out the year," McNeil said.

4-H which stands for Head, Heart, Hands and Health, is all about experiential learning through doing McNeil explained. (See **FAIR** page 2)



[above] The county fair at the JFK Multiplex drew crowds April 4. The fair was free and one of the many events that celebrate the Month of the Military Child.

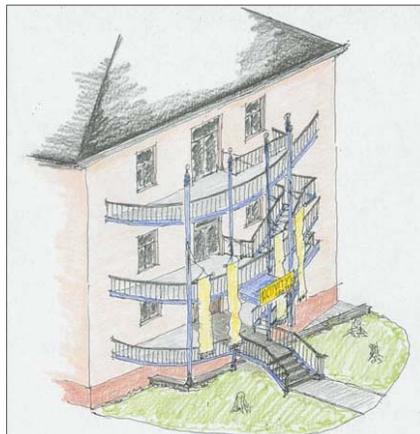
[left] Face painting is always a favorite for many children.

Renovations improve fire safety



USAG Bamberg Public Affairs news release

A modified exit and stairway is being added to the front of the Community Activity Center to meet current fire and safety codes.



The work is one of the many projects that will improve fire and safety systems in a number of administrative and public buildings on Warner Barracks. When complete the CAC will have an enhanced appearance and offer better accessibility to all the floors. Construction is expected to be complete before the end of April.

Other buildings currently receiving upgrades include the Bamberg Inn, the Warner Club, the High School and three headquarters buildings (7089, 7000, and 7091). New fire/smoke doors, audible alarms and alarms systems, strobe lights, exit stairwells and fire evacuation plans are part of the improvements. Upgrades will continue through to barracks and additional public buildings. *Photo by Amy L. Bugala and rendering courtesy of DPW.*



Fastest and youngest wins race

The Month of the Military child activities officially kicked off with a 5k race and 3k walk here at Warner Barracks April 5. An exhausted five-week-old Charlotte Cole displays her first place medal in the girls 17 and under division. With the help of her dad Staff Sgt. Scott D. Cole, rear detachment, NCOIC, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, and mom, Lori Cole, Charlotte was first to the finish in her age category that morning. Courtesy Photo

A young cowboy takes his turn and hangs on tight determined to beat the unpredictable bull. The challenge was a favorite among fair goers.

(FAIR continued from page 1)

McNeil who grew up in 4-H says the club is for boys and girls in grades kindergarten through 12. The 4-H curriculum is a required partnership program along with the Boy's and Girl's Clubs of America to the School Age Services and Child and Youth Services programs and provides a foundation for a variety of special interest clubs.

Youth from 4-H interest clubs in Bamberg and the Middle / High School leadership club prepared displays for the fair based on themes that they chose themselves. Topics included smoking prevention, model car building, scrap-booking, wood working, travel, cooking and sewing. Just like a real county fair,

the displays were showcased and judged by a 4-H specialist from Installation Management Command, Europe. Every child or youth that prepared an exhibit earned a pin and a chance to win raffle prizes.

The county fair is one of many events celebrating the Month of the Military Child and is the first major youth event held at the newly renovated JFK Multiplex.

For more information about the 4-H Club and other youth and teen activities, contact Rizza Asuncion, Youth Services program director at DSN:469-8698 or go to the national 4-H Headquarters web site at www.national4-hheadquarters.gov.



Apply for 2008 Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge by May 2

In support of families of deployed service members, IMCOM-E Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host four 2008 Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge sessions this summer!

Sports and Fitness:
June 16-21 in Germany
Age Group: Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Island Adventure focusing on environmental awareness:
July 5-12 near German Coastline
Age Group: Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Sports & Fitness:
June 16-21 in Germany
Age Group: High School (Grades 9-12)

Space Camp
Aug. 3-4
Age Group: High School (Grades 9-12)
Details on eligibility, application process, and camp selection process are available online at www.mwr-europe.com. Applications are due by midnight May 2.

Kids & Teens

BRATS: Our Journey Home The First Documentary About Growing Up Military

*Narrated By Air Force Brat Kris Kristofferson
Directed By Army Brat Donna Musil*

April is the Month of the Military Child. To celebrate, AFN-TV will broadcast "BRATS: Our Journey Home" - the first documentary about growing up military. Broadcasts are world-wide except the United States. All times are local.

AFN|family (TV-G) April 13, 8 p.m. (2000 hours Local Time)

AFN|family (TV-G) April 14, 2 a.m. (Local Time)

AFN|spectrum (TV-G) April 16, noon (Local Time) www.bratsfilm.com

Audition for the Missoula Children's Theater Workshop Week

Auditions for "Robin Hood" will be held Mon. April 28, at 4 p.m. The Missoula Children's Theater will run a week long workshop which ends with two theatrical performances of Robin Hood Sat. May 3. Children who are cast will participate in the workshop with rehearsals from 4-6 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The workshop is free of charge. Admission will be charged for the final performances Sat. May 3, at 3 and 7 p.m. The workshop is sponsored by the Stable Theater and SKIES Unlimited. Contact Jack Austin at CIV:0951-300-8647 or Archie Johnson at SKIES CIV:0951-300-7452 for more information.

What are you doing this summer? Summer Hire 2008 applications are being accepted now through May 16. Log-on to <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/employment/index.htm>

Month of the Military Child activities

USAG Bamberg MWR news release

The children of military families may have the bravest hearts of all. During April, the US Army Garrison Bamberg Child and Youth Services celebrates and honors these small heroes with a program full of fun and adventure. Call CYS Central Registration and Enrollment at CIV:0951-300-8660 for details.

Child Development Center Activities (for children 6 weeks to 5 years old)

TODAY	Parents and children make a sundae	5 p.m.
Mon. April 14	Patriotic Parade	9:30 a.m.
Wed. April 16	Patriotic Bike Rodeo	3 p.m.
Fri. April 18	Tribute Train Ride	9-11 a.m. (Pre-K)
Tue. April 22	Day at the movies for toddlers	4 p.m. – closing at CDC
Thur. April 24	Parent Show and Tell	9:30 –11 a.m.
Fri. April 25	Block Party	11 a.m. –1 p.m.

School Age Services Activities (for children kindergarten to 5th grade)

TODAY	SAS Kite Festival	3:30-5 p.m.
April 7-14	SAS Spring Break	
National 4-H Gardening Week	8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.—Fri.	
Tue. April 22	SAS Earth Day Celebration	3:30-5 p.m.
Wed. April 23	Parents stay & play double-dutch fun	4-5 p.m.
Mon. April 28	Military Career Day	4-5 p.m.
<i>Parents are invited to talk about military careers. Children military uniform parade</i>		
Wed. April 30	Parent's stay and play ice cream social	4:30-5:30 p.m.



"Heidi Chronicles" performance competes in tournament of plays

"Scoop," Maj. Bill Keltner, 16th Sustainment Brigade, attempts to woo "Heidi," Marie Greenberg, during a production of "The Heidi Chronicles" at the Bamberg Stable Theater April 4. "The Heidi Chronicles" is the second of U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's 2008 Installation Management Command — Europe Tournament of Plays entries, this one in the drama category. The awards banquet is in USAG Heidelberg April 26. Photo by Keith M. Anderson



2008 Army Volunteer Corps Events In support of National Volunteer Week

Thur. April 24 -Free Bowling

Volunteers can bowl for free with their families from 3:30-7:30 p.m. at the Birchview Bowling Center.

Fri. April 25 -Health Day and BBQ

Have your health assessment done at the Freedom Fitness Facility from 9-11 a.m. and then join us at Army Community Service for a Free BBQ. Please bring a side or dessert and we will provide the rest. The BBQ will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Sun. April 27 -Volunteer Recognition during Church Service

Volunteers will be recognized during their Church service

Tue. April 29 -Cake and Coffee

Join us at ACS for cake and coffee at 1:30 p.m.

Wed. April 30 -Trip to Rothenberg

National Volunteer Week ends with a trip to Rothenberg ob der Tauber. Free childcare is available on a limited basis. Transportation will be provided. Bring money for lunch and shopping. Sign up before April 18.

Wed. May 14 -Volunteer of the Quarter/Townhall

Join us in recognizing all of the Volunteers of the Quarter at Town Hall at 6 p.m. at Preston Hall.

Tue. May 20 -Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

6 p.m. at the Warner Club

These activities are open for all registered active volunteers. If you would like to like to participate or if you should have any questions, please contact Kimberly Millner at DSN:469-7777 or CIV:0951-3007777 or e-mail Kimberly.millner@eur.army.mil.

Nominations are being accepted now through April 18 to recognize and honor the stars of our community– volunteers. Call DSN:469-7777 for more information.

Faces of volunteerism

National volunteer week will be celebrated in Bamberg April 27 to May 3. With over 284 registered and active volunteers in the US Army Garrison Bamberg community giving over 55,000 hours of their time, one week isn't nearly enough time to get to know the people that give back to the community every day. This week, meet six volunteers and discover the spirit of volunteerism through their eyes.

Take some time to say 'thanks' by nominating a deserving community volunteer to be honored at the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. Nominations are due by Fri. April 18 and can be made in the following categories: family member, active duty, youth, outstanding volunteer agency, individual unit (FRG) or civilian (non-soldier or family member). To request an electronic application, send an e-mail to kim-berly.millner@eur.army.mil or call DSN:469-7777. This year's Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. on Tue. May 20 at the Warner Club.



Meet volunteer Dede Martinez

Dede is a HHC 16th Sustainment Brigade family member and mom to one 11 year old.

She volunteers 20 hours per month with the Bamberg Elementary school, and 2-4 hours per week with the Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club and HHC 16th STB Family Readiness Group.

The word **COMMITMENT** sums up the volunteer spirit for her here at Warner Barracks. She says, "I volunteer because it is a good way to keep busy since I am not working at this time. I like helping my child's teacher with whatever task she gives me."



Meet volunteer Lt. Col. Douglas Krawczak

Doug is an Active Duty Soldier with US Army Garrison Bamberg, logistics branch, and father of three boys ages 1, 6 and 12.

Since his children are all very active in Child and Youth Services programs, he volunteers approximately 6 to 8 hours per week with CYS as well as with a local German soccer club.

Doug says the word **COMMUNITY** sums up the volunteer spirit here. "I volunteer to be a part of my children's lives and I want to participate and provide something to this community, he says, and I enjoy coaching sports and listening to what the kids say."

Meet volunteer Keshia Walker

Keshia is a 1002nd Military Police Battalion, CID Spouse, full-time working mom of three children ages 3, 12 and 15.



She volunteers approximately 15 to 20 hours a month with a variety of organizations including Child and Youth Services sports coaching instructional baseball and soccer, Army Family Team Building instructor, Army Family Action Plan and the Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club education chairperson.

"I volunteer to give back to the community and to stay involved. I want to help. I have the best time coaching the three to five year olds. They have fun, and I enjoy having a part in teaching them a skill," she says.

She says there is only one word that can describe the spirit of volunteerism here at Warner Barracks - **CONTAGIOUS!**

Meet volunteer Kristie Casey

Kristie is a HHC 16th Sustainment Brigade spouse and mom of one active 2 1/2 year old.



She volunteers 4 to 6 hours per week depending on the month, some months are busier than others she says.

She gives her time to organizations such as the Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club the 16th STB Family Readiness group and Army Family Team Building.

To her the word **ENTHUSIASTIC** sums up the spirit of volunteerism in this community.

"I volunteer to get some ME time. Also to meet new people, to get out of the house, and to put a smile on the peoples face's I'm helping/working with," she says.

I like volunteering to cook as well as working with AFTB.

Meet volunteer CW3 Rodney Hughes Sr.



Rodney is an Active Duty Soldier with the 317th Maintenance Company and father of four ages 13, 17, 19 and 22.

He volunteers approximately 4 to 6 hours per week with Bamberg Youth Services coaching the bantam and junior basketball teams.

Rodney says, "Volunteering allows me the opportunity to help build self-esteem, self-confidence and teamwork in kids."

COMMUNITY is the one word that describes the volunteer spirit here for him.

Meet volunteer Nancy Brandenburg



Nancy is a HHC 4-319th AFAR spouse and mother of six kids, nine grand kids and two dogs.

She volunteers every week for a variety of organizations including AFTB, Army Community Service, American Red Cross, Family Readiness Group, Thrift Shop, Church, Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club, the Elementary School parent teacher association and the Girl Scouts. At times her volunteer hours total almost 90 hours per month.

"It makes me feel good to help someone on post. I always learn something new. It also helps make a 15-month deployment go by faster when I'm doing something," she says.

She prepares food for the AFTB classes and says, "I have about 12 other people that help and it makes it a lot of fun when we all work together."

Nancy believes the spirit of volunteerism in Bamberg is **OUTSTANDING**.

Meet more community volunteers next week!

Community Announcements

Community Yard Sale scheduled for April 19 and 20

A Community Wide Yard Sale will take place on Sat. April 19 and Sun. April 20 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.

Participate in Spring Clean Up April 21 – 25

The annual Spring clean up is April 21-15. Help keep our Bamberg military community beautiful!

ON-POST—Bulk items will be picked-up in on-post housing April 21 –25 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Residents should place all unwanted bulk items outside for pick-up.

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: Laundry rooms, basement hallways, behind and under washers and dryers, stairwells, windows inside and out, and other common areas. Outside, clean up around buildings, parking areas, barbecue areas and oil spots. Don't forget to pick up all debris and trash. For more information contact: Mr. Weis at DSN:469-

7598/8849 DPW-Environmental Office or Housing Zone Coordinator Staff Sgt. Tyrone King at DSN:469-7946.

Attend Deployment Cycle Series classes in May

Army Community Service offers classes every Tuesday in May for all Families and spouses called "The Deployment Cycle Series". Topics are:

May 6: Intro to Military & Civilian Resources

May 13: Intro to Family Financial Readiness

May 20: Military Benefits & Entitlements

May 27: Acknowledging Change

Classes will be held at the ACS Bldg. on the 2nd floor and start at 10:15 a.m. and last one hour. Please call ahead for free childcare. For more information call, DSN: 469-7777 or CIV:0951-300-7777 or contact the AFTB/AFAP Manager Mary Thompson.

Apply for Summer Hire Program

Applications are being accepted now through May 16 for the 2008 Summer Hire program. This year's program runs June 23 through August 1, 2008. The program is open to all Family Members (FM) between the ages of 14 to 22 years old. Applicants must be a FM of an active military member or DoD civilian and must be 14 years old by June 23, and cannot reach their 23rd birthday prior to the end of the program on August 1.

Jobs are available in clerical, labor and child development center work.

Eligible applicants need to complete an online resume at the CHRA-Europe Website at <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/employment/index.htm> by May 16. Applying online is the only acceptable method.

For more information please contact the USAG Bamberg Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Lydia Richards, Human Resources Assistant DSN:469-6534 or CIV:0951-96-6534 Mon.-Wed. and Fri. 9 a.m. – noon and 1 to 3 p.m. and Thursday 1 to 3 p.m.

Weekly Reminders

Overseas Housing Allowance Survey available until April 17

Service members who reside in privately leased quarters and receive OHA, are being asked to participate in the annual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility and Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA) Expenses Survey. Maximum participation is strongly encouraged because the results of this survey can significantly impact the amount of your monthly Overseas Housing Allowance. Homeowners do not need to take this survey as historically their expense data is different from renters upon which the program is based. The web-based survey link is <http://266fincom1.hqusareur.army.mil/> and is available now through April 17.

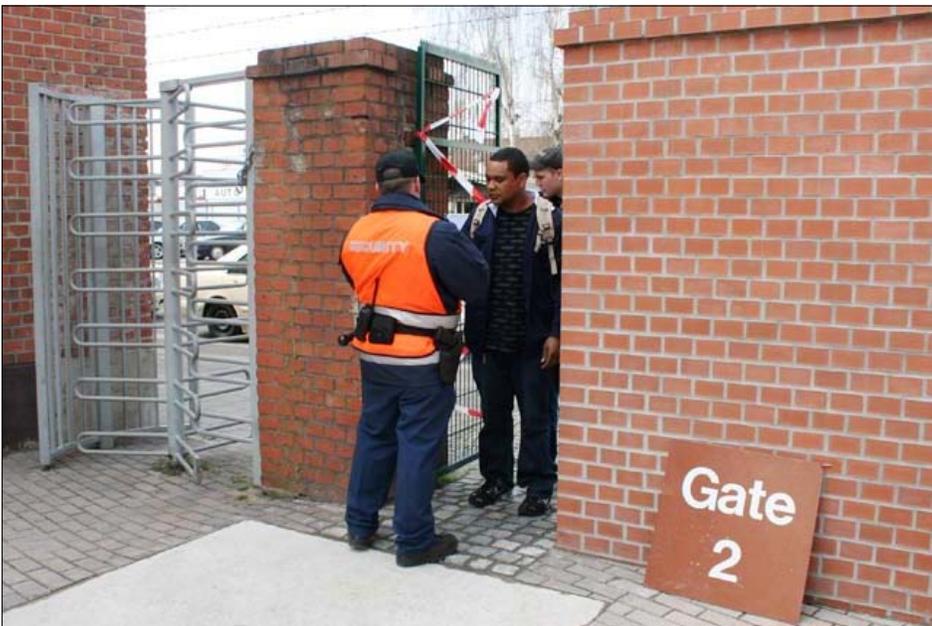
AER Campaign underway

The annual Army Emergency Relief Campaign is underway and is raising funds for Soldiers and family members in need. The AER program is funded entirely through voluntary contributions and provide AER loans to those servicemembers and family members in need. The campaign runs through May 15. For more information on the campaign and on how you can contribute please contact Vanessa Holland at Army Community Service at CIV:0951-300-7777.

Bring two ID's to enter Gate 2

The USAG Bamberg Force Protection Office reminds all ID card holders looking to enter through gate 2 (Zollnerstrasse) to present a second form of photo identification to gain entry. Guest sign-ins and those with only one form of identification will be directed to gate 3 (Main gate).

Gate 2 is open for all incoming and outgoing pedestrian traffic only from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Gate 2 is being utilized during gate 1 (Weissenburgstrasse) construction. Photo by Amy L. Bugala



Closures / Changes

Visit the Bamberg Thrift Shop

Tue. & Wed. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thurs. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

1st Saturday of the Month 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Spring clean-up is here! - Please consider consigning or donating reusable items to the Bamberg Thrift Shop! All proceeds go back to the community through scholarships and welfare requests. For more information call CIV:0951-32408

Consignments are on a walk in basis

Tue. & Wed. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thursday 2—5 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

Volunteers needed! Certain benefits apply. Please see manager for details.

Directorate of Logistics relocates

The DOL administrative operations is moving from building 7109 to 7107 from April 21-25. The DOL administrative section which includes plans and operations, food service administration, S&S Chief and administration will be affected. In and out bound transportation and SATO Travel services will remain in building 7109. A disruption of transportation services will be held to a minimum during the move.

Health and Fitness

Substance Abuse Training offered for DA Civilians April/June

All Department of the Army civilians (AF and NAF) must complete a minimum of 3 hours of substance abuse and other prevention education annually. The Bamberg EAPC and ASAP are offering courses to fulfill this requirement: **Mon. April 14 and Tue. June 10 from 9 a.m. to noon**

A training course directed at supervisors of civilian employees will be offered. **Thur. July 24, from 9 a.m. to noon**

All training will be held at Building 7047, in Room 303. The itinerary for this year's training program includes: substance abuse prevention and drugs of abuse update, suicide prevention, stress/anger management, and workplace violence. Please contact the EAPC at DSN:469-7038 or Darlene.Copeland@eur.army.mil, for registration.

Bamberg Health Clinic quick reference guide

Primary Care Hours of Operation:

Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tricare Nurse Advice Line:

00800-4759-2330, 24 hours

Sick Call Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday, 7—8 a.m.

Phone numbers:

Primary Care:

0951-300-1750 / 7772 / 7977

Educational & Developmental Intervention Services:

0951-300-7984

Physical Therapy:

0951-300-9015

Department of Behavioral Health:

0951-300-7793

Website:

<http://www.wuerzburg.healthcare.hq.usareur.army.mil/bamberg/index.htm>

The Health Clinic will be closed from 1-4:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month for training.

Upcoming Events:

Tobacco Cessation Classes are being offered every month at the Health Clinic. Please call to schedule an appointment at CIV:0951-300-1750.

The **Department of Behavioral Health** is offering several groups.

For more information, please contact 0951-300-7793:

Combat PTSD Group Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Life Coping Skills Group Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Women's Support Group Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Women's Trauma Group Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Unit Prevention Leader Training

The Army Substance Abuse Program is offering Unit Prevention Leader Certification Training April 28– May 2.

UPLs are an integral part of a unit substance abuse program with duties that include managing and administering the unit's drug testing program, providing substance abuse prevention education to all unit Soldiers, and acting as a liaison between the unit and the ASAP. Each unit should have at least two currently certified UPLs.

Candidates for UPL Training must be E-5 or above, not currently enrolled in the ASAP, and not under investigation for any substance abuse related issue. For more information or registration contact George Riddle, Drug Testing Coordinator, at DSN:469-7588. Registration deadline for this course is April 18.

Fitness assessments rescheduled for April 24

Operation Walk-4-Freedom and Civilian Fitness Program assessments were cancelled last week due to inclement weather, and will now take place Thur. April 24 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Freedom Fitness Facility. Enrollments, fitness and health assessments, and fitness consultations will be conducted at these times. Please contact Angela Hunter at CIV:09721-96-6793 or

e-mailangela.hunter2@eur.army.mil for more information.

Autism 101: Making a Difference

Chuck York, ISS-Autism Consultant for DoDDS-Europe, will present a three session, six topic workshop to help community service providers, teachers and families of the Bamberg, Schweinfurt, and Wurzburg Communities develop hands-on, in the trenches techniques for working with students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Session 1: Mon. May 5: 4:30—7:30 p.m.
What is ASD and why am I seeing it now? *and* What are some easy, useful tools I can use in my classroom?

Session 2: Wed. May 7: 4:30—7:30 p.m.
The classroom experience: A student's perspective *and* How do we serve students with more involved needs?

Session 2: Mon. May 12: 4:30—7:30 p.m.
The behavior is out of control... HELP! *and* Socialization skills: How to win friends and influence people! All sessions will take place in the Bamberg Elementary School, Rm 129. Graduate credit will be offered for those who attend all meetings and complete a response paper. Walk-Ins are welcome, but please e-mail Chuck.York@eu.dodea.edu to let him know which sessions you plan to attend.

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Continuing Education

Attend next V.A. Benefits Briefing

Ask the experts. Attend the next ACAP V.A. Benefits Briefing Thur. April 24 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Reel Time Movie Theater. A representative from the Department of Veterans Affairs will provide an overview of V.A. programs and services and will answer questions as well. Open to the entire community. Please call your Bamberg ACAP Office for more information at DSN:469-8925.

AAFES is accepting applications

Bamberg AAFES locations are accepting applications for entry level retail and food service positions. Join the team, log-on to www.aafes.com TODAY and be part of our New Workforce of Tomorrow!

School News

BES School registration week

Registration for the 2008/09 school year will take place April 14-18. For more information call CIV:0951-300-7616.

BHS school registration

It's registration time. All Bamberg Middle High School students have been sent home with a registration packet as of April 1. Bamberg Middle High School will hold registrations on the following days:

Thur. April 17- Bamberg Elementary School from 10 a.m. -5 p.m.

Fri. April 18 - Bamberg Middle High School from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fri. April 25 - Schweinfurt Middle School from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

To complete the registration process, you will be required to provide the following:

- Completed registration packet, please make changes or corrections if needed.
 - A current copy of the your orders, with a current DEROS. If DEROS has expired, extension orders or proof of current DEROS (ERB or ORB)
 - Complete mailing address, e-mail address, and contact telephone numbers (home, mobile, work). At least one emergency contact with name and telephone numbers.
 - Updated immunization records
- If you are unable to register your child on the registration days, you may register at Bamberg Middle High School's main office, Mon.-Fri. from 9 a.m. -3 p.m.

BHS Parent reminders:

- **Addresses:** Do we have your new CMR address? The CMR will not deliver mail to unit addresses after May 1.
- **Absences:** Please report your child's absence to the school's main office by 10 a.m. You can now report your child's absence via the school's website at <http://www.bamb-hs.eu.dodea.edu/>.
- **Vacation:** Going on a family trip? Please notify the school in writing prior to your departure.

Please contact the registrar, Suzanne Wills at DSN:469-7630 or CIV:0951-300-7630 with any questions.

Entertainment & Leisure

Support 173rd BSB fundraiser

Headquarters and Headquarters Company 173d Brigade Support Battalion Family Readiness Group will offer "WELCOME HOME" banners and German Lunch "Gulasch" and "Geschnetzeltes" on April 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot across from Bldg. 7000. There are a limited number of banners left, so don't miss the opportunity to buy a professional made banner for your loved one for only \$8.

173rd BSB Bingo night fundraiser

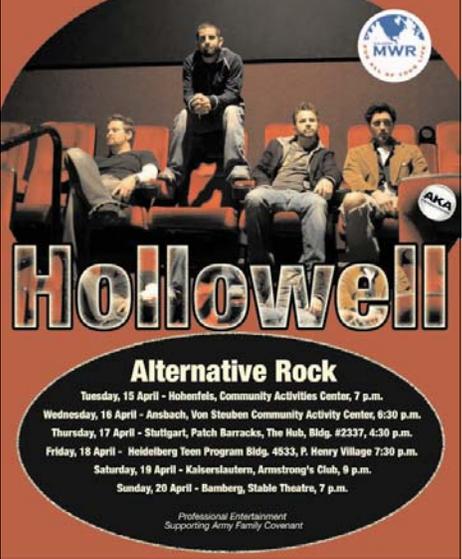
Win big at the "Battalion Night Bingo" fundraiser Fri. April 25 at 6 p.m. The event is sponsored by the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion Family Readiness Group will take place at the FRG building 7481. (Behind Ray's Diner and beside the Boy/Girl Scout Hut.) There will be various bingo prizes and a raffle for a large quilt. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Contact Jacqueline Porter for more information at DSN: 469-8319

Golf course Spring clean up

Whispering Pines Golf Course will have its annual spring clean up, immediately followed by a 9-hole tournament and a small luncheon, Sat. April 19 at 9 a.m. Sign up at the Golf Pro Shop, building 7682 or contact golf course manager Danny Brown at CIV:0951-300-8953.

Soldier Show comes to Bamberg

Mark your calendars for the Soldier Show Wed. May 21 at 7 p.m. at the Basics Building, Warner Barracks.



Hollowell
Alternative Rock

Tuesday, 15 April - Hohenfels, Community Activities Center, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 16 April - Ansbach, Von Steuben Community Activity Center, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, 17 April - Stuttgart, Patch Barracks, The Hub, Bldg. 42337, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, 18 April - Heidelberg Youth Program Bldg. 4833, P. Henry Village 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 19 April - Kaiserslautern, Armstrong's Club, 9 p.m.
Sunday, 20 April - Bamberg, Stable Theatre, 7 p.m.

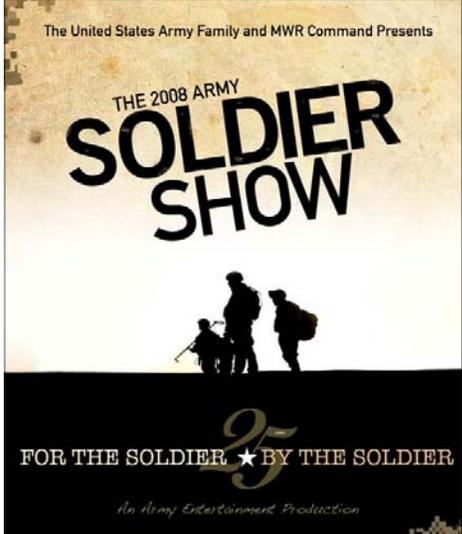
Professional Entertainment
Supporting Army Family Covenant

Sunday, 20 April, 7 p.m.
Bamberg Stable Theater, Bldg. 7119

See alternative rock band

"Hollowell" April 20 in Bamberg

Hollowell is an alternative rock band out of Orange County, Ca. From ambient guitar sounds to infectious rhythms, their collection of musical styles has solidified the unique Hollowell sound that has separated them from other alternative rock bands. Together, they have performed at a variety of venues in Southern California and are looking forward to adding other venues to their repertoire. See the band live at the Stable Theater Sun. April 20 at 7 p.m. Admission is free.



The United States Army Family and MWR Command Presents

THE 2008 ARMY
SOLDIER SHOW

FOR THE SOLDIER  BY THE SOLDIER

An Army Entertainment Production

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AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule

AAFES Reeltime Theater is
CLOSED Tue. and Wed.



Fri.	April 11	21 (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	April 12	Over Her Dead Body (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		21 (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	April 13	The Eye (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Untraceable (R)	7 p.m.
Mon.	April 14	Over Her Dead Body (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	April 17	The Eye (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	April 18	Nim's Land (PG)	7 p.m.
Sat.	April 19	Juno (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	April 20	Juno (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	April 21	Nim's Land (PG)	7 p.m.
Thur.	April 24	Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	April 25	Prom Night (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	April 26	Definitely, Maybe (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Step up 2: The Streets (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	April 27	Step up 2: The Streets (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Prom Night (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	April 28	Definitely, Maybe (PG-13)	7 p.m.

Take a trip with Outdoor Recreation this April/May

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April 24: Lake Paddle *(price was misprinted last week!)* \$15

The white water season opens May 1, so get ready with an after work lake paddle in our white water boats. Practice your paddling skills with Paul, our certified kayak instructor. Includes transportation and all necessary gear. Departs 5 p.m. Thur. April 24 and returns approx 8 p.m.

April 26: Berlin Day Trip \$59

Join us for a day of sightseeing and exploring in Berlin, Germany's capital city. You'll be able to hop on and off our bus to explore different parts of the western side of Berlin. Sites include the Brandenburg Gate, the Berlin Zoo and the Soviet Memorial. Includes transportation only. Departs 4 a.m. and returns approx. 11:30 pm.

May 2: Dinner and Wine Tasting \$50

Join us at 6 p.m. for a great dinner and some wine tasting at historic Schloss Buttenheim. Whether you're with your sweetheart or your girlfriends, you'll have a great time. Includes transportation, dinner and tasting of five wines. Wine and olive oil available for purchase, don't forget your VAT forms.

May 3: White Water Kayaking Season Opener \$25

Enjoy a full day of kayaking starting at 9 a.m. on the Wiesent in the heart of "Little Swiss". Price includes all equipment, transportation and instruction. Bring a packed lunch, snacks and water to keep you hydrated and full of energy.

May 6: Mountain Bike Ride FREE

Join our ODR staff Tuesday, May 6 for an evening group ride in the local area starting at 5 p.m. We will go off-road, helmets are required and available at Outdoor Recreation. The ride will last approx. 2 hours

May 8: Tour Under Bamberg \$20

Join ODR for a tour through the mysterious tunnels under the old town and learn what important role they played for the medieval city. Starts at 5 p.m.

Sign up for ODR trips no later than the Monday prior to the trip or the trips may be cancelled. For more information please contact the CAC at DSN:469-8659 / 7450. No refund will be given for no-shows. Military duty restraint or illness will be refunded.

Outside the Gate

It's Spargel Zeit! (Asparagus Time)

Story by Nicole Karsch-Meibom

The Franconian asparagus is known as "edible ivory", the "royal vegetable" or "spring air in sticks".

Asparagus is actually a member of the lily family, which also includes onions, leeks and garlic. It has been cultivated for over 5,000 years, being a favorite dish at the Egyptian pharaohs' tables.

The region of Bamberg enjoys an excellent reputation for connoisseurs. Today, gardeners distinguish between white, violet, violet-green and green asparagus. The most popular sort is the ivory pale asparagus. Before harvest, mounds of sandy soil are piled over the plants. To guarantee the white color, the shoot must always be covered by the soil. Every single stick of asparagus must be dug up and cut by hand before it breaks the soil. White asparagus is particularly tender and is distinguished by its mild taste.

Where to get it

During the season - you can only find fresh asparagus in markets from April to June - people like to eat them as the main course with some white wine, potatoes and bacon. They can also be combined with other foods as an entrée or served as an appetizer. The range of recipes is enormous. Asparagus is a very versatile vegetable, so try out the different variations - from classic (with melted butter or Hollandaise sauce, potatoes and bacon), au gratin with cheese topping or cream soup just to mention a few. Freshly cut, "the white gold" is offered in Hallstadt or Strullendorf. The Bamberg vegetable market on the Maxplatz sells the Eldorado variety of asparagus. 1 kilogram of raw asparagus will serve four people. Expect to pay between 6 to 8 Euros for top quality, but if you want to make a soup, second class (2.80 to 6 Euros) will do just fine. (continued)

What are you doing this summer? Summer Hire 2008 applications are being accepted now through May 16. Log-on to <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/employment/index.htm>



White "Eldorado" asparagus on display in the Maxplatz at the Bamberg fruit and vegetable market. Out of season, this tasty vegetable can be quite pricey, so get your fill now. Asparagus spears are sold by the bundle or by the kilogram. Photo by Amy Bugala

How to serve it

First, asparagus must be washed well under running water as the ends might hold dirt. Although it is not necessary, some people like to peel the entire spear especially at the base, just be careful not to spoil the tender tips. (This is best done using a potato peeler.) Before cooking, cut off the tough white end, which is usually dirty. (Depending on the variety, 1/2 inch should be enough. The ends can be cooked and used as a base for soups and sauces).

The best way to cook asparagus is to steam it. Steaming helps the asparagus keep its flavor and vitamins, but don't over cook it or the spears can taste bitter. You can test for doneness by using a fork. Cooked asparagus is usually served warm as a main dish with butter or Hollandaise sauce over it.

If you don't want to cook, you can give it a try at a local restaurant. Many establishments in the Bamberg area are currently featuring a special menu of "spargel" dishes. Asparagus alone has few calories, is rich in vitamins and minerals, so indulge— but hold on the sauce or butter if you are counting!

In some countries this "royal vegetable" is considered to be an aphrodisiac—a belief that eating it could increase feelings of compassion or love. Others believe that it promotes fertility, reduces menstrual cramping, and increases milk production in nursing mothers. Well, nothing promised but try it out for yourself! The worst thing that can happen is you will simply have a delicious meal. Guten Appetit!

Outside the Gate

Weekend Events in and around Bamberg

Frequently used locations can be found online at www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/news/map.pdf

Friday, April 11

- 9 p.m. Listen to "Delta Strings" at the Blues Bar (Obere Sandstrasse 18)
- 9 p.m. "Gordian Knot" plays funk, rock, jazz and Britpop at the Sound'n'Art (Obere Sandstrasse 20)
- 9 p.m. Enjoy the "Fleischer-Jünemann Quartet" feat Adam Nussbaum and Uli Glassman (non-conformists with lots of fun) at the Jazzkeller (Obere Sandstr. 18)

Saturday, April 12

- 8 p.m. Concert "The Marginal Ways - borderline between instrumental and vocal" Neues Palais (Luitpoldstr. 40a)
- 8 p.m. Irish and Italian songs at Studio 13 (Luitpoldstr. 40)
- 8 p.m. Enjoy boogie woogie, blues and rock'n'roll at the Regnitzklaus restaurant (Bughof 50, next to Schwimmverein)
- 8 p.m. Single people party at Stadthalle Lichtenfels (Schützenplatz 10, Lichtenfels 96215)
- 8 p.m. Tango Argentino dance night at the Haas Saele (Obere Sandstrasse 7).
- 9 p.m. Ralph Schueller plays the blues at the Blues Bar (Obere Sandstrasse 18)
- 9 p.m. Enjoy "Hale Bopp" in concert at the Club Kaulberg (Unterer Kaulberg 36). The band plays its' own songs but also interesting covers from Hendrix, Simply Red, Eric Clapton, Stevie Wonder, George Benson, Steely Dan Santana and Deep Purple.
- 9 p.m. No chance for a bad mood - have a great time with the Italian band "The One Droppers" from Milano playing Jamaikan reggae, ska and rocksteady at the Sound'n'Art (Obere Sandstrasse 20)
- 10 p.m. Feeling to old for teen parties? Then enjoy the 30 plus party (non-smoking) at the Live-Club (Obere Sandstrasse 7)

Sunday, April 13

- 9 p.m. Dentler and Dziallas play rock, blues and pop at the Blues Bar (Obere Sandstrasse 18)



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As seen in the NEWS ..

News summaries from April 3 through April 8

600 million Euro power plant for Zeil

Zeil am Main is a town in the Haßberge district in Lower Franconia, east of Haßfurt, and 24 km northwest of Bamberg. Now, Zeil will get a new power plant on the grounds of a former sugar factory. While the nature protection organizations are afraid of the serious environmental damage expected from the plant, the economy of Zeil will benefit. The new plant will bring 40 new jobs.

Rain record set for Bamberg

Bamberg is experiencing the wettest April ever since the beginning of weather recording. From March 1 to April 7 there were only four days with no rain. So far, more than 90 liters of rain has fallen per square meter. Fortunately, we have not experienced the coldest April day ever, which was April 8, 1956 with -9 degree Celsius.

Ancient well remains hidden treasure

A well more than 400 years old, was discovered during construction works. However, the building authorities of the city decided that keeping the well visible would not benefit the city and therefore, the site will be covered with concrete again.

Discussing the future of Giechburg castle

The county commission is analyzing the situation and future prospects of the romantic remains of the Giechburg castle near Schesslitz. Because maintenance of the building and necessary modernization like those of sanitation facilities in the castle will cost a lot, plans are to start inviting people to submit their ideas and suggestions for the castle's future.

Altendorf now has its own kindergarten

Boys and girls at Altendorf no longer have to go to kindergartens in other villages. Altendorf near Hirschaid now has its own daycare center for children and it was officially opened by Secretary of State, Melanie Huml April 1. The name fits the location: "Kuerbiszwerge" (pumpkin dwarfs). Altendorf is the home of the annual pumpkin fest in October.

Soccer fans spoiled match

During a soccer match between FC Nuernberg and Eintracht Frankfurt, Nuremberg hooligans lit several fire crackers. The match was then interrupted for 20 minutes. Now, police are investigating. FC Nuernberg apologized to its opponent and FC Nuernberg fans plan a peaceful demonstration against hooliganism.

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