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Shh . . . It's quiet time

By Cassandra Kardeke
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Living overseas can provide new and exciting adventures as well as opportunities to learn about different cultures. While it is common knowledge the ways of our host nation can be different than our own, it is important to be aware and respect German customs and laws.

"Each year our community receives a number of complaints regarding violations of the German quiet hours," said Lt. Col. Christopher Franks, 221st Base Support Battalion commander.

Local noise-abatement guidelines are much more restrictive here than in the United States. German law states that noise is acceptable only as long as neighbors are not disturbed. There are also set times

known as "quiet hours" in which it is illegal to operate garden equipment such as lawn mowers, blowers and weed-eaters.

German quiet hours are daily from 1-3 p.m., all day on Sunday and German holidays, and from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Whether one lives in housing or in private rental housing, everyone must respect the German quiet time.

"Most of our complaints refer to loud music or mowing the lawn on Sundays," said Donna Dean, 221st BSB public affairs officer. According to German law, lawn machinery cannot be operated from 7-9 a.m., 1-3 p.m. and after 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and not at all on Sunday. Fines can be imposed when quiet hour laws are broken.

But mowing the lawn isn't the only problem.

"Several people enjoy washing or working on their car with the windows rolled down and the stereo blaring. If the stereo in your car can be heard by others outside of your car then the music is too loud," said Sgt. Paul Howard of the Wiesbaden Provost Marshal's Office.

According to the Resident's Handbook given to all military personnel upon signing for their government quarters, "Music or other noises made loud enough to be heard by a neighbor or person walking by" is considered excessive and offensive. Other than fines by the local police, people can lose their housing privileges.

Enjoy the great weather, but don't forget to be courteous to your neighbors — remember to keep the noise down.

Wiesbaden happenings

June 21-25 – Camp Jump Off with Youth Services

June 22 — Opel Zoo or rock climbing with Outdoor Recreation; dance class at ACS

June 23 — Wiesbaden Town Hall Meeting; shopping trip to Trier or bike clinic with Outdoor Recreation; Kontakt Wiesbaden meets at Kleinfeldchen; sewing class with Römer Arts Center

June 24 — ACS car wash; free bowling; biking in Rudesheim or swimming with Outdoor Recreation

June 25 — Girls/Boys Night Out

June 25-26 — Retiree Health Fair at Wiesbaden Health Clinic; youth canoeing and camp out in Dexheim

June 26 — Shopping in Karlovy Vary with Outdoor Recreation

June 27 — Rock Climbing with Outdoor Recreation; Comedy After Dark at the Community Activity Center

June 28 — Boot Camp Session II starts at Tony Bass Fitness Center

June 28-July 2 — Patriotic Week with Youth Services

June 29 — ACS tea party; bouldering with Outdoor Recreation; trip to Legoland with Out-

door Recreation

June 30 — Paws and Claws pet show; Kontakt Wiesbaden meets at Kleinfeldchen; shopping trip to Köln with Outdoor Recreation

July 1 — Free bowling; shopping trip to Bodenmais/Zwiesel or swimming with Outdoor Recreation

July 2 — Open Water Scuba Course with Outdoor Recreation
July 2-4 — Swiss Adventure with Outdoor Recreation

July 4 — Fourth of July festivities at Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

July 5 — Canoeing with Outdoor Recreation

July 5-9 — Hawaii Summer with Youth Services

July 6 — Rock climbing or trip to the Frankfurt Zoo with Outdoor Recreation

July 7 — Shopping trip to Triberg in the Black Forest with Outdoor Recreation; sewing class at Römer Arts Center; Kontakt Wiesbaden meets at Kleinfeldchen; Kontakt Dexheim meets at the Single Soldier Lounge at Anderson Barracks

July 8 — Biking trip in Frankfurt or swimming with Outdoor Recreation

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Festival planned for Independence Day

Bull ride, bungee jumping and the sumo electric slide lead events for Wiesbaden Army Airfield's Fourth of July festivities

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Don't miss this year's Fourth of July celebration at Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

Team 221st has pulled out all the stops to make this year's festivities great for everyone, officials said,

including sporting events, dancing, rides, music, fireworks and plenty of food.

"We're starting this year's celebration with a Patriotic Paws and Pals 5-K run," said Laura Waid, Morale, Welfare and Recreation special events coordinator. The fun run/walk has grown more popular over the past few years and has

included several breeds of pets.

"We are trying to keep this strictly for pets with four legs that can walk on a leash. Hamsters, gerbils and rabbits should stay home," Waid said.

The run begins at 10 a.m. at the Gen. H.H. Arnold High School parking lot. Prizes and doggie treats will be awarded.

Following the race, head home to cool off and rest so that you'll have plenty of energy for the main festivities later in the day.

Rides, attractions and food booths open on the airfield at 4 p.m.

"Our entertainment lineup includes DJ Spike, the fabulous Galaxy Cheerleaders, square dancers and the sumo electric slide," Waid said.

Back by popular demand are the bungee trampoline, sumo wrestling and bull riding rides along with the rock climbing wall, the titanic slide, dunk booth, batting cage, whopper hopper and monster ball. Some newer attractions this year include bumper car racing and the pirate slide.

"We'll have plenty of games and activities for the kids as well as some amazing balloon design artists and face painting," said Jean Morrison, MWR recreation chief.

Fourth of July bus schedule

Depart..... 5:30 p.m.	Mainz-Kastel Housing
Depart..... 5:55 p.m.	Aukamm Housing (Hessenstr./Schleswegstr.)
Depart..... 6:05 p.m.	Crestview Housing (Plutoweg/Merkurstr.)
Depart..... 6:30 p.m.	American Arms Hotel
Depart..... 6:40 p.m.	Hainerberg Housing (Texasstr./Coloradostr.)
Arrive..... 7 p.m.	Wiesbaden Army Airfield
Depart..... 5:50 p.m.	Dexheim
Depart..... 6:30 p.m.	McCully Barracks
Arrive..... 7 p.m.	Wiesbaden Army Airfield
Depart..... 7:50 p.m.	Wiesbaden Army Airfield
Depart..... 8:10 p.m.	American Arms Hotel
Arrive..... 8:30 p.m.	Wiesbaden Army Airfield

Depart..... 11:15 p.m. Wiesbaden Army Airfield (Community Bank parking lot) for Dexheim, McCully, Aukamm, Crestview, Hainerberg and American Arms Hotel

Limited parking is available at the airfield; however, a free shuttle bus will run through all 221st BSB housing areas including the American Arms Hotel, Dexheim and McCully Barracks. (See schedule above for times and locations).

"Soldiers or families without a car will have no problem with transportation," said Lavon Peoples, 221st BSB director of logistics. "Buses are free and available for all U.S. ID card holders and their families," he said.

Following the grand finale of the fest, a fireworks display beginning at 10:30 p.m., buses will depart from the Community Bank parking lot for all locations.



Photos by Cassandra Kardeke

Bystanders watch as a Soldier struggles to stay on top of the bull at last year's Fourth of July festivities at Wiesbaden Army Airfield.



For an adrenaline rush, check out the bungee trampoline at the Wiesbaden Fourth of July Fest beginning at 4 p.m.

Tantalizing treats offered at American Arms

Commentary by Cassandra Kardeke

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Juicy, tender ribeye steaks, mouthwatering beef Wellington and decadent pastries — sound like an expensive five star restaurant? Try again — it's the new American Arms Hotel Restaurant.

It offers five-star quality food at exceptionally reasonable prices right here in Wiesbaden.

Currently serving only breakfast, lunch and a Sunday brunch, the new restaurant owner, Heinz Sohm, is quickly making a name for himself among the American population although he and his staff are all well-known among their peers in Germany.

"I know good food and this is great food," said Kelli Zagata while indulging at a recent Sunday brunch. Zagata's husband, Sgt. Ryan Zagata, is currently deployed with Company D, 123rd Main Support Battalion, in Iraq.

Zagata heard about the brunch from the Area Support Team manager out in Dexheim and gathered some friends to check out the new restaurant.

"We had tried the last one here and really didn't expect it to be this great, but oh my gosh, the food is absolutely wonderful," said

Monica Walker, spouse of Staff Sgt. Nick Walker, also deployed with the 123rd MSB.

The restaurant was closed last year while a new contractor could be found and renovations to the kitchen could be completed.

"We have spent a lot of money to ensure we can offer not only good quality food, but quality service," said Sohm. That includes quality chefs. A chef for over 38 years himself, including a stint as lead chef for Viking Cruise Lines, Sohm has hired chefs with different specialties.

Beatte Czajka starts the day as the breakfast chef preparing made-to-order omelets, eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage and other breakfast items Monday

through Friday from 6-9 a.m. and Saturday from 9-11 a.m.

The head chef, Fritz Stromberger, and apprentice chef, Don Kelley, prepare a variety of entrees for the lunch buffet.

"We will always offer a variety of three meats: fish, poultry and beef for the lunch menu," said Stromberger. Along with the choice of three hot meals is a full salad bar, hamburgers and vegetarian dishes for \$7.50 all-you-can-eat. However the menu doesn't stop there and neither does the profession-



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke

A variety of tasty treats are prepared by Hans Grimm, master pastry chef, at the the new American Arms Hotel Restaurant. The sweets are available during coffee hour Monday through Friday from 2-4 p.m. and during Sunday Brunch.

alism as Hans Grimm, master pastry chef, prepares several varieties of dessert. The restaurant offers a coffee hour and serves the delicate pastries and desserts from 2-4 p.m. weekdays as well as during the Sunday brunch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Mmmm," mumbled Zagata after taking a bite of one of the pastries during the brunch.

"You've got to try this." Several of the diners agreed the ultimate part of the brunch was the desserts.

"If we came here every Sunday before the guys came home we'd balloon up — the food is that good," said Walker.

"The service, the food... was impeccable. Even the champagne was perfect," said Corynn Royer.

Although the restaurant is located inside the hotel, room service is not yet available.

"If enough customers request room service, we can certainly offer it; however, we are just starting now to get the business going," said restaurant manager, Stefan Prinz. As business grows they also hope to add a dinner menu. "We already have a dinner menu planned, but we are just working with breakfast, lunch and desserts for now."

The restaurant also offers a catering service for small or large parties. Biting into another pastry, Zagata is already envisioning the parties she could hold with Sohm's expertise. "If we could get them to cater our welcome home party, it'd be great. The food is just wonderful."

The next time you are in the mood for a good old American breakfast, a non fast-food lunch or a sampling of good food for a brunch, stop by and give the new American Arms Hotel Restaurant a chance. According to several returning customers, the quality of food and service is first class.

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Photos by Alan Dean

With the help of technology, deployed Soldiers in Iraq take part in their sons' and daughters' graduation ceremony from Gen. H.H. Arnold High School at the Wiesbaden Kurhaus June 5.

Marking a major milestone Video teleconference lets deployed Soldiers share graduates' achievement

By Lauren O'Gara
Special to the Herald Union

The stately elegance and old-world charm of the Wiesbaden Kurhaus added to the pomp and circumstance of Gen. H.H. Arnold's 2004 graduation.

As images from ancient Greek mythology soared high overhead the 111 Wiesbaden graduates paid tribute to the passing of time and the completion of their secondary education.

Like last year's graduates, this year's crop faced the future knowing that many of their parents were still serving in harm's way in foreign lands. But that didn't prevent those parents from taking part in celebrating their children's accomplishments.

Seven of Wiesbaden's graduates had parents deployed at the time of their graduation.

As a family support initiative, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and the 1st Armored Division provided a two-way video teleconference to ensure parents on the front lines could witness their sons' and daughters' graduation. After the ceremony families also had the opportunity to talk to their deployed family members.

Graduate Sarah Clark was con-

nected to her father, Sgt, 1st Class Andrew Clark, who has been deployed with the 141st Signal Battalion for more than a year.

"Everyone is going through the same thing as me during the deployments. My dad just happens to be gone for my graduation. Luckily with the VTC, my dad will be able to see me graduate," Clark said.

After attending college, Clark said she is considering following in her father's footsteps and joining the armed forces.

The Gen. H.H. Arnold ceremony underscored the close friendships developed within the class of 2004.

When the national anthem was sung at the graduation, the singer's nerves got the best of her and she hesitated on the words midway through. To many this might sound like a mortifying experience, but as the audience began singing with her, she soon realized her nervousness was unnecessary.

This type of support is common in military communities.

Tavis McLendon, senior class president, expressed the closeness he felt for his class as he described his first day of school as a freshman.

Nervous about the typical hazing dreaded by most freshmen, McLendon said he slipped in a puddle outside and fell, virtually in front of the entire school. Instead of the laughter and ridicule he expected, a helping hand reached out to him and someone asked, "Are you OK?"

The bullies and cliques often associated with American high schools in movies are not prevalent in DoDDS schools, he said, adding that the DoDDS experience seems to help students become accepting and more secure.

Gen. H.H. Arnold salutatorian Andrew Atkinson also touched on the overseas experience while giving advice.

"We are chameleons, and in the words of President John F. Kennedy, 'Change is the law of life,'" said Atkinson.

"Everyone is going through the same thing as me during the deployments. My dad just happens to be gone for my graduation. Luckily with the VTC, my dad will be able to see me graduate."



Gen. H.H. Arnold High School senior, Jennifer Jennings, listens attentively during commencement ceremonies June 5.

DoDDS graduates have already moved more often than the average person by the time they graduate, he said. They learn how to adapt well to new people, places, cultures and often adverse conditions.

Valedictorian Ryan Lewis and guest speakers, former assistant principal, Eric Goldman, and former teacher, Terri Marshall, also shared their views and advice with the class of 2004.

Following the speakers, an Irish dance performance, led by a Wiesbaden graduate, added to the international flair of the ceremony.

These 2004 graduates have endured hardships associated with military service overseas. They face new challenges as they move on to new horizons. But most will remember the time they spent at Wiesbaden's Gen. H.H. Arnold High School as a time of sharing and support.

Congratulations to all. (Lauren O'Gara, a frequent contributor to the Herald Union, will be a Gen. H.H. Arnold senior in the fall.)

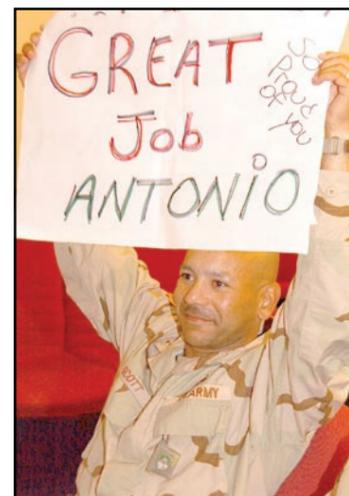


Photo by Spc. Jeanine Kinville
Chief Warrant Officer William Scott, battalion maintenance officer assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 123rd Main Support Battalion, cheers on his son, Antonio, from Freedom Rest, an R&R facility in Baghdad. Scott was able to watch Antonio on a video teleconference system as he graduated from Gen. H.H. Arnold High School in Wiesbaden June 5.

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Dexheim appreciation

Soldiers play a game of volleyball during Dexheim's Community Appreciation Day June 11. The event, sponsored by the 123rd Main Support Battalion, Dexheim Area Support Team and the 221st Base Support Battalion, featured a Family Expo, games and prizes. Among the highlights was lunch which included a roasted pig.



Photo by Capt. Ed Chamberlayne

New Kindergarten opens in Aukamm

Cedric Williams (center left) cuts the ribbon with Emma Chamberlayne (center right) at the opening of a new addition to the Aukamm Elementary School — a new kindergarten. Teachers and students were on hand in Wiesbaden June 4 to celebrate the school's "Spirit Day" and open the two-classroom facility. The construction project cost €730,000 and was completed in 243 days. It was managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District, the Hessisches Baumanagement and contractor, d+b Bau.

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Dance classes

Army Community Service hosts line dancing, Latin, country-western and popular dance classes June 22, July 13 and Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. Free giveaways and specials for 1st Armored Division badge holders will be given. Call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

Indoor flea market

Clean out your closets, make some money or find that something you've always been looking for at one of the monthly flea markets at the Wiesbaden Community Activity Center. Doors open at 11 a.m. Sellers can rent a table for \$10. Dates of upcoming flea markets are July 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23 and Nov. 20. Call mil 337-5750 or civ (0611) 705-5750.

Nutrition classes

The Wiesbaden Women, Infants and Children-Overseas Office offers free nutrition classes the third Tuesday of the month. Classes are held at 1:30 p.m. at the WIC-O Office, Building 7005 in Crestview Housing.

News notes

For information call mil 338-7366 or civ (0611) 380-7366.

Office closures

The Wiesbaden main finance office will be closed June 25, including customer service, personnel action processing and the cashier cage. In and out processing at the Welcome Center Finance Office will remain open for normal service. The Wiesbaden Central Issue Facility will be closed June 28 to July 2 for inventory. For emergency service call mil 337-5183 or civ (0611) 705-5183.

Comedy After Dark

Need a laugh? Come out for Comedy After Dark at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Community Activity Center June 27. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m. Advance tickets cost \$10, \$15 at the door. For

more information call mil 337-5750 or civ (0611) 705-5750.

Balloon shop open

A new balloon shop with a variety of mylar and latex balloons is now open at the Community Activity Center at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. Orders are now being taken for balloon bouquets. Call mil 337-5750 or civ (0611) 705-5750 to place an order.

Health Fair June 25-26

The Wiesbaden Health Clinic sponsors a Retiree Health Fair June 25-26. The clinic will conduct pre-screening for optometry June 25 from 1-4 p.m. Follow-up exams will be scheduled for June 26. The optometry, pharmacy and dental clinics will be open June 26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dental exams will be done on a walk-in basis. For details call mil 337-7306 or

civ (0611) 705-7306.

FCC providers needed

Join the 221st Base Support Battalion Family Child Care program. Stay at home with your children while building a career. Providers receive free training and nationally recognized accreditation. For information call mil 338-7729 or civ (0611) 380-7729.

School registration

Registration for the upcoming school year is ongoing at all Wiesbaden schools. Even if your child was already a student, you must re-register for the coming year. Limited registration is also available online at www.registration.eu.odedodea.edu. Hours of registration for all Wiesbaden and Dexheim schools during the summer is from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Registration at Aukamm Elementary School is only held in the mornings. For information call mil 337-7004 or civ (0611) 705-7004.

Local boys earn highest Scouting honor

By Karen Edge

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Four Boy Scouts recently earned the highest rank in Scouting, the Eagle Scout Award.

Sean McCoy, a recent Gen. H.H. Arnold High School graduate; Michael-Joseph Perez and Lawrence Laugesen II, both Wiesbaden High juniors; and Anthony Oliver, a sophomore, were among the latest young men to earn the high honor.

The first Eagle Scout Award was bestowed in 1912. Since that time more than 1.5 million Eagle Scout Awards have been awarded. The award recognizes those who exemplify the all-round Scout and only four percent of Scouts make it all the way to Eagle Scout. Both Perez and Oliver have fathers who were also Eagle Scouts.

Earning Eagle Scout

To earn the Eagle Scout rank a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements

in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills. Although there are many options available to demonstrate proficiency in these areas, a number of specific skills are needed to advance through the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle. To advance, a Boy Scout must pass specific tests organized by requirements and merit badges. The most important is "plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, school or local community."

"Earning the rank of Eagle Scout is not easy. Scouts must map a course while they are Life Scouts to meet the requirements," said Jeffery Stone, Wiesbaden Troop 107 scoutmaster. Of the possible 120 merit badges in the Scouts, a boy must earn 21, 12 of which are required. Scouts participate in a scoutmaster conference to set goals for themselves in individual talents and abilities at each of their rank advancements.

"Eagle is a very tough rank to accomplish and those who do make Eagle really have to dedicate themselves to the task, with all the other distractions available to kids both organized or not," said Stone.

Eagle Scouts awarded

Eagle Scout Sean McCoy recently celebrated his award with his family and friends at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Troop 15 Wiesbaden. McCoy spruced up a neglected area in the Fintherland Housing Community by clearing away falling down fences that were tangled in overgrown bushes and weeds. He led fellow troop members, supervising more than 200 hours of work leveling and re-seeding grounds, building an arbor style gazebo and refurbishing park benches. McCoy began Scouting seven years ago in Cedar Hill, Texas, and will enter college at UNC Greensboro this fall in pursuit of an engineering degree.

Eagle Scout Lawrence Laugesen II, who holds a 4.31 grade point average and is ranked first in

his 161-student class, chose a playground in Aukamm Housing for his community project. He supervised and helped his fellow Troop 107 Scouts landscape a flooded and mud soaked playground surface, removed safety hazards and painted over graffiti-covered buildings and playground equipment. More than 15 Scouts worked with him for five weekends and dedicated 132 hours to the cleanup.

Eagle Scout Michael-Joseph Perez is a member of the Chess Club with ambitions to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology and major in computer engineering. He chose the basement in the Hainerberg Chapel for his Eagle Scout project. Before Perez began the renovation of the basement he invested 125 hours planning. Perez and his Troop 107 Scouts transformed the basement into a Sunday School room that now supports the Wiesbaden community and upgraded two rooms into storage areas for the community religious programs. It took the Scouts 11 days and 334 hours to complete their community project.

Eagle Scout Anthony "Tony" Oliver is the captain of the Junior Varsity soccer team which went undefeated in 2004. He also plays football with the Norod and Bierstadt Football Club. Oliver planned and led the restoration of meeting rooms used by the Army Community Service center. He dedicated more than 100 hours to planning the project and 300 hours over 20 days of work with 21 other Scouts. The restoration resulted in a new common area, waiting area, reception lobby and the transformation of two meeting rooms.

Baseball pros take time to mentor military youth

Baumholder youth were treated to a baseball clinic and then traded swings in a friendship game with members of Northern League baseball teams June 14 at Iron Soldiers Field.

Traveling with the players was a team of radio personalities from Kansas City who provided hometown interview opportunities to family members claiming Kansas City as their hometown.

Kansas City residents lined up at the Rheinlander June 14 to send a live or recorded radio message home.

Stepping up to the plate with Baumholder youth were Lyle Prempas, pitcher for the

Schaumburg Flyers; Rickie Morton, outfielder, Joliet Jackhammers; and Ian Church, outfielder, Lincoln Saltdogs, who is also a military brat. His father and grandfather both served in the military.

These professional players took time away from their teams in the middle of the season just to visit and mentor Army Europe youth in communities that have seen heavy deployments.

Two former major league players also joined the tour: Mike Marshall, Northern League director of baseball operations, who played for the Dodgers, Mets and Red Sox, 1981-91; and Darryl Motley, Kansas City T-Bones coach,

who played for the Royals, 1981-86, and for the world champs in 1985.

Northern League Youth Baseball Clinics were also scheduled for Schweinfurt, Butzbach and Hanau.

Their visit is just the beginning of the 2004 Army Europe MWR Summer Shout Out, a youth role model program that will extend into the fall. The Northern League tour was sponsored by Installation Management Agency-Europe MWR in cooperation with Armed Forces Entertainment.

More information on the MWR Summer Shout program is available on the website www.mwr-europe.com.



Photos by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Northern League ball players work with a Baumholder youth at Iron Soldiers Field. Photo right: a youngster receives batting instruction from a member of the Northern League.

Youth trips

Baumholder Youth Services offers a variety of trips for youth this summer. Everything from swimming to go carting is offered. Members and nonmembers are welcome on all these tours. The trips are free for youths whose sponsor is or has been deployed to Iraq.

If more youths are interested than spaces allow, a fair system will be used to determine who goes. The following trips are scheduled.

June 22, Azur Pool, Ramstein (sixth to 12th grade)

June 24, Cascade Pool, Bitburg (sixth to 12th grade)

June 25, Zoo, Saarbrücken (sixth to eighth grade and family)

June 26, go carting, Kaiserslautern (9th-12th grade)

June 29, Calypso Pool, Saarbrücken (ninth to 12th grade)

July 1, Eifel Park, Bitburg (sixth to 12th grade)

July 3, Freedom Fest, Ramstein (sixth to 12th grade)

July 8, Auto Tech Museum,



Speyer (sixth to 12th grade)

July 10, Remagen (sixth to 12th grade)

July 13, Bellamar Pool, Mannheim (sixth to 12th grade)

July 17, Walibi Lorraine Park, France (sixth to 12th grade)

July 20, Swimming pool, Kusel (sixth to 12th grade)

July 22, Warner Brothers, Bottrop (sixth to 12th grade)

July 24, rope climbing, Heidelberg (sixth to 12th grade)

July 27, Cascade Pool, Bitburg (sixth to 12th grade)

Aug. 3, Miramar Pool, Weinheim (sixth to 12th grade)

Aug. 5, Zoo, Saarbrücken (sixth

to 12th grade and family)

Aug. 10, Azur Pool, Ramstein (sixth to 12th grade)

Aug. 14, Six Flags, Belgium (sixth to 12th grade)

Aug. 24, Pyramide Pool, Hambachtal (sixth to 12th grade)

Aug. 26, Holiday Park, Hassloch (sixth to 12th grade)

Aug. 28, shopping in Heidelberg and Mannheim (sixth to 12th grade)

Sept. 4, Phantasia Land, Bruehl (sixth to 12th grade)

For more information call the Teen Cafe at mil 485-6731, the Underground at mil 485-6937 or Youth Services at mil 485-7276.



Children invade food court, movie theater

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

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The Baumholder Food Court was crawling with customers when students from Smith Elementary School showed up in force June 8 to celebrate the end of school with a meal and a movie.

About 200 kindergarten through second-grade children and several parents showed up to enjoy a special offer by the food court that included a meal followed by an afternoon viewing of "Brother Bear" at the Wagon Wheel Theater.

"We wanted to do something special for the children," said Tina Colon, food court manager. And special it was.

The food court was packed to capacity with children and parents. "We have 200 chairs in this food court, including Taco Bell, so we were full," said Colon.

"It went really well. We rang up 186 meals for the kids," said Colon. A special price was extended to the

children for the movie, explained Colon. A special toy was also provided with their meals.

"We're here for the community. We do special things for the community. They just need to come forward. The next project we're working on is for the after-school CYS summer program," she said.

Colon wanted community members to know the food court is here and available for the community. "All they need to do is call me, send me a message or stop by and we can help," she said. Colon can be reached at civ (06783) 5025.

"This is a field trip to celebrate the end of the school year, and the food court is helping us out," said Gloria Finch, Smith Elementary School teacher. "We also have several parents who brought other children along who are not from Smith Elementary."

All children in the Baumholder community received a special treat this year as the official end of school was moved up one day from June 10 to June 9.



By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Gloria Finch (far left) enjoys a meal with about 200 children at the food court. Finch coordinated the end of the school year field trip with the food court manager, Tina Colon, who provided the children with a special reduced price including a meal and a movie.

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Something for everyone at July 4th bash

Music, food and fun highlight Baumholder's traditional Fourth of July celebration. The entertainment, rides and food will be set up in the parking lot in front of the Hall of Champions.

The celebration opens at 11 a.m. and the entertainment begins at noon.

Featured music will include reggae by the group All That Reggae; rock by Mallet; soul and blues by the Kim Greene Group; pop by the girl group Devotion; hip hop by Poetry "N" Motion; rap by The B Boy vocal group; and jazz by a group from Holland.

There's also top 40 and country entertainment.

There's something for everyone, including the dance group Delicious.

Contests lined up include a pie-eating contest for adults and youth; a jalapenos eating contest for adults; a frozen t-shirt contest for adults and youth; and a fear factor contest for adults and youth.

Several activities are also planned for the younger crowd, including play dough fun, bubbles, fishing pond, ring toss, obstacle course, dunk tank, pie in the face and a petting zoo.

No Fourth of July would be complete without fireworks. This year's aerial display begins at 11:30 p.m.

For more times and details of the day's activities go to the Baumholder website at www.baumholder.army.mil. Contest description and rules are also available on the website.



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Family members enjoy the entertainment during last year's Fourth of July celebration.

Neubrück gym renovation reaches milestone

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

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A project to renovate the gym at

Neubrück reached a milestone when control of the facility was returned to Hoppstädten-Weiersbach city officials in a ceremony at the county

commissioner's office in Birkenfeld June 7.

Manfred Dreier, chairman of the Zweckverband Umweltcampus (environmental university) at Birkenfeld, and Lt. Col. Todd A. Buchs, 222nd Base Support Battalion commander, signed a joint use agreement that will allow the facility to be open to the public once it has been renovated. Dreier is also the mayor of the district of Birkenfeld.

The environmental university will provide alternate gym facilities to the U.S. military and family members during renovation.

After undergoing a one-year renovation, the facility will reopen under the joint use agreement between the U.S. military, the German university at Neubrück and the community of Neubrück.

For the next three weeks U.S. officials will continue to run the facility. After that the university will take control and have bilingual

personnel operating the facility.

Once the facility closes for renovation, U.S. military and family members will continue to use the university gym, and U.S. school children will be bused to the school gym at Hoppstädten. The fitness center will then be relocated to another building in Neubrück.

After renovation "we will pay a fee to help offset the labor costs. They will then provide all the labor and run the operation," said Jeff Milkes, Business Operations Division manager. "But instead of having an operation that is open just a few days a week we'll have an operation with extended hours," he said.

"It will be a brand-new, renovated facility and in the agreement we will get priority on most of the good workout times. It's absolutely a win-win situation for everybody," said Milkes.

This project has been long in the making. "Our paperwork was first

submitted in August of 1998," said Klaus Hyde, a member of the 222nd Base Support Battalion Directorate of Public Works.

The gym renovation project has involved numerous German agencies, all of which had representatives present during the official signing at the county commissioner's office. Axel Redmer, county commissioner, hosted the event.

The mayor of Hoppstädten, Arnold Meiborg, along with representatives from IMA-E and the 104th Area Support Group were also on hand as were representatives from the state ministry of interior, community council representatives of the promotion association.

Meiborg is the founder of the initiative to make the gym available to both German and American communities. The vice president of the environmental campus, Trier, Birkenfeld, Michael Bottlinger, also witnessed the signing.



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Lt. Col. Todd A. Buchs, 222nd Base Support commander, signs the Neubrück gym joint use agreement as Mayor Manfred Dreier, Birkenfeld District mayor; Axel Redmer, Birkenfeld county commissioner; and Arnold Meiborg, Hoppstädten-Weiersbach mayor, observe.

High school graduation beamed live to parents in Iraq

Baumholder American High School said good-bye to 37 students June 4 during the school's graduation ceremony. Of the 37 graduates, 20 have parents deployed to Iraq, but those parents did not miss their child's graduation.

As a family support initiative, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe partnered with United States Army Europe and a number of other military and civilian activities to broadcast high school graduations to the desert. This enabled deployed Soldiers in Iraq to see the events in real time.

Some American military commu-

nities were more heavily impacted by deployments than others, particularly in 1st Infantry Division and 1st Armored Division communities in Europe. A total of 14 DoD high schools, all located in Germany, were involved in the initiative. The only other high school more affected by the deployment was Würzburg with 44 of its 98 graduates having deployed parents.

"This event is an example of how the U.S. Army in Europe and DoD Schools 'go the extra mile' to take care of Soldiers and families. The result has been a wonderful partnership in the family support

arena that helps students better cope with deployments and family separations," said Frank X. O'Gara, DoDDS Europe public affairs officer. Arrangements were made for parents to gather downrange for a dinner and to view the graduation. Immediately following the graduation there was a video teleconferencing session with each parent and student.

The graduation was also video taped and aired on AFN.

This year's graduates include: Tyrone L. Pryor
Danilo Marko Holzel
Kyle Vincent Harris

Michael Anthony Norwood
Desiderio V. Fierro
Devaughn Daniel Hall
Ricardo J. Estrada
Tetiana Nicole Grant
Whitney Rashawn Sims
Ricardo A. Reyna
Tiffany Elaine-Latoya McNeil
Ryan Cruz
Monica J. Reed
Alexandria M. Gilbert
Christina R. Olson
Cortney Chanel Parks
Ryan Scott Morton
Sylennia Renea Andrews
Julienn R. Sanchez
Megan Nicole Winger

Kellen C. Bloomer
Erinn Ashley Malone
Shaundeen C. Benally
Andrew T. Sanchez II
Rodalla Gonzalez
Daniel Morrison
Emmett M. Wilson
Patrick J. Villarreal
Regina S. Fierro
Cassandra Marie Moss
Katie A. Tyler
Katherine E Otterstedt
Tiffany N. Brown
Erica D. Gibson
Michelle L. Bennett
Jill A. Cannizzo
Megan Madison

Shooters readies for grand opening June 25

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Shooters, the latest initiative to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and families in Baumholder, holds a grand opening bash and ribbon-cutting ceremony June 25 beginning at 3 p.m. There will be free food and drinks and there's no cover charge. The live entertainment begins at 8 p.m. Shooters is on the site of the old Rod and Gun Club but there are no peanut shells or sawdust on the floor of this new high energy entertainment club that caters to families and single Soldiers alike.

The country corral atmosphere has been ditched and a new atmosphere prevails.

"We have a whole new atmosphere, new music, lots of new fun in the ballroom, plus we still have our restaurant open for lunch and for dinner and we're still doing home deliveries," said Mary Jane Spreier, Shooters manager.

"We're also playing all kinds of

music, everything anybody wants, for everybody," said Spreier.

Shooters is not just a family restaurant. "We cater to the entire community," said Spreier. "We serve lunch as we always did and yes, we now offer dining with a family atmosphere, but Shooters is also about nightly entertainment, with music to please the entire community. Tell us what you want and we'll feature it," said Spreier.

Shooters is an entirely new facility built around the old Rod and Gun Club.

"Everything is new, new ceilings, new walls, new furniture, everything," said Spreier.

The new look includes glittering walls and ceiling, two brand new bars, one in the ballroom and the other in the restaurant. A fog machine pumps out steam onto the dance floor where pulsing neon lights reflect off the clouds of artificial smoke to create an atmosphere compatible with any type of entertainment Shooters has lined up. There are two smoking areas, which together are about half as large as



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The Shooters sign prominently advertises dining and dancing but that's not all the new facility offers.

the ballroom. They are equipped with retrofit equipment that sucks out all the smoke and provides a smoke-free environment in the facility.

There is still no smoking in the restaurant and in the ballroom.

"The club opens at 9 p.m. but the lunch and dinner hours will vary

for the family restaurant, which is part of the new Shooters dining and dancing concept.

Lunch is offered Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Dinner is Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays

from 4:30-10 p.m.; and Sundays from 5-9 p.m.

Breakfast is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Home delivery is offered during the lunch and dinner hours.

For all the details about what Shooters has to offer call Spreier at mil485-6345.