

Workers celebrate Organization Day

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The weather couldn't have been better for the first all-221st Base Support Battalion Organization Day Sept. 3. Although the unit has had organization days in previous years, this year's event was special as all BSB employees were able to participate.

"It's not Organizational Day if the whole unit cannot participate," said Lt. Col. Christopher Franks, BSB commander. With advance planning, BSB facilities that typically remain open, such as child care facilities, were able to close for the day so that all could enjoy the festivities.

"Of course we couldn't shut down everything, but due to the training holiday we were able to include more than 90 percent of our

personnel, both local nationals and U.S. employees," Franks said.

Several events were planned during the day, beginning with a "State of the BSB" address to all personnel by Franks. He highlighted the accomplishments of the BSB during the past year and outlined his priorities for the future.

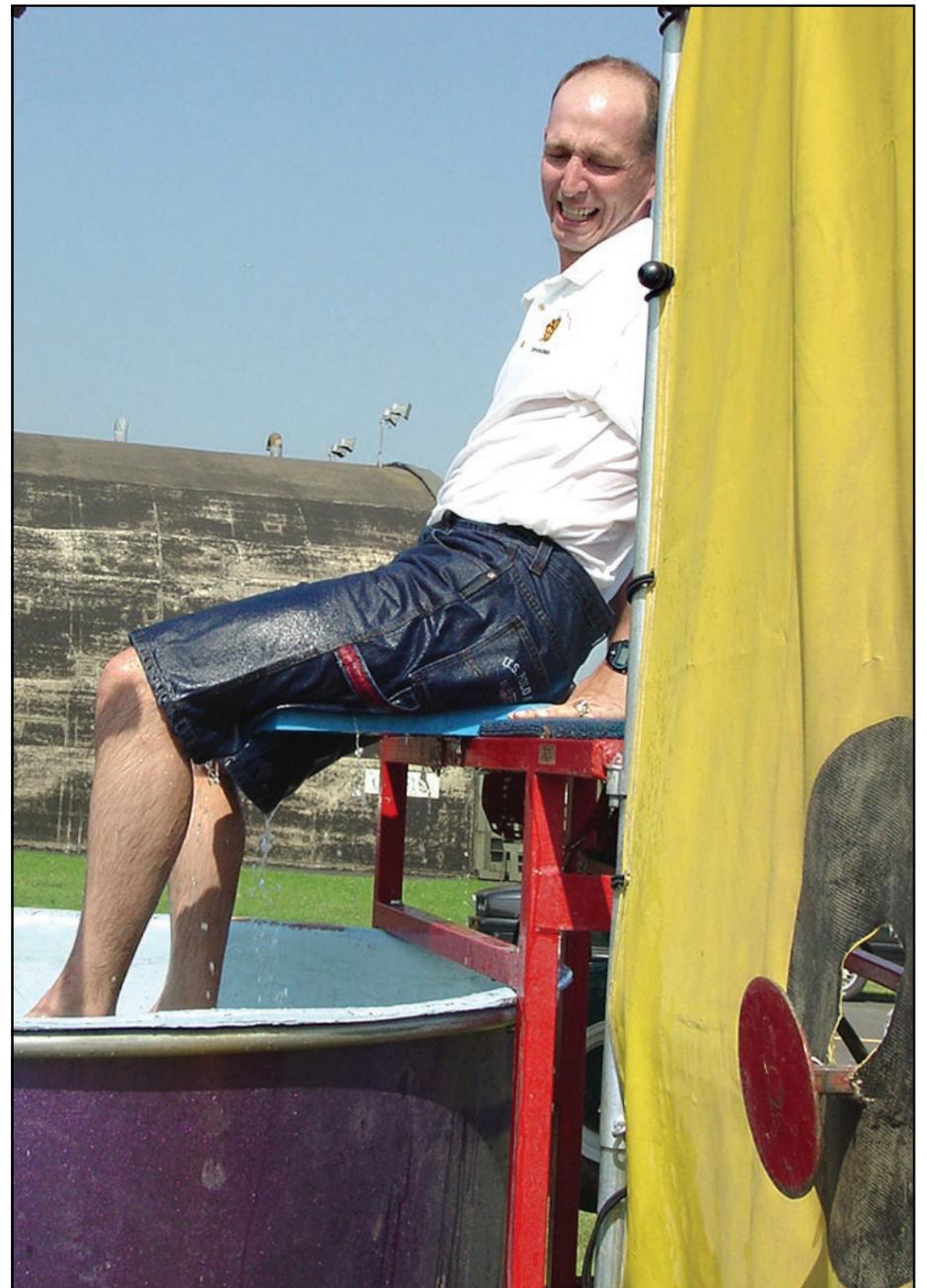


"My first priority will always be force protection," he said. "I want to be sure our Soldiers, civilians and family members live and work in a safe and secure environment."

"Excellent customer service from every office in the 221st BSB is definitely a high priority," Franks said. "And we're reorganizing and reinvigorating the housing area coordinator program. Upgrading the living standards and quality-of-life in the housing areas is very important."

Following the briefings, people began to gather at the north end of the airfield for the day's activities which included soccer matches and tug-o-war competitions between offices within the BSB. Family events included an egg toss, three-legged races, face painting, music and free food. But the highlight of the day came when the BSB's top brass volunteered for the dunk tank.

Beginning with Capt. Steven Meredith, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment commander, people lined up to get their shot in. The crowd really picked up when Beate Zuber, works council president, jumped in for her turn in the tank. Following chanting by the crowd of employees for the BSB



Grimacing from the icy water, Lt. Col. Christopher Franks, 221st Base Support Battalion commander, pulls himself up onto his seat after being dunked by his daughter, Anastasia, during the unit's Organization Day Sept. 3.

commander to step up, he relented, only after the deputy commander, Sandra Keefe managed to be dunked several times.

Organization Day wasn't just a "day off;" it was a bonding experience for everyone.



Youth Services director, Steve Huebener, takes his ping-pong game seriously during 221st BSB's Organization Day activities.



Ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs and pork steaks were the main course of the day during the 221st BSB's Organization Day.



Employees and Soldiers of the 221st Base Support Battalion enjoy Organization Day Sept. 3.

221st BSB – Wiesbaden, Wackernheim, Dexheim



Photo by Karen Edge

A Hainerberg Elementary School student, loaded down with a backpack and bag of school supplies, rushes into school just as the bell rings in Wiesbaden's Hainerberg Housing.



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke

Students gather around tables in search of class schedules during a Back to School Social at Wiesbaden American Middle School.



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An Army and Air Force Exchange Service employee serves samples from the new AAFES lunch menu for Wiesbaden schools during a Back to School Social at Wiesbaden American Middle School.

Back to school

Summer season comes to an end as schools open doors to students for new school year

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Students returned to school Sept. 7 following the Labor Day weekend.

Trudging along, with backpacks on backs and bags in hand overfilled with school supplies, students anxiously and nervously headed off to school.

Some were attending for the first time. Others were returning to their old school with new classes, old and new friends and uncertainty about what to expect during the new school year.

"When I go to Headstart I have to sit in my chair and listen to my teacher. I get to eat my snacks and color with my crayons," said 4-year-old Emmanuel Lawer, excited to be starting the pre-kindergarten program this year. Being a first time student, Lawer recited the most important rule to follow in school, "Don't talk when the teacher is talking."

Another new thing to look forward to this school year is a new school menu. During a Back to School Social at Wiesbaden American Middle School Sept. 2, students were able to sample new food items that have been added to the menu.

"We have added oriental chicken and rice, chicken patty sand-

"My mom makes me peanut butter sandwiches in my lunch, and I really love it when she adds the Cheetos," — Emmanuel Lawer. Lawer, age 4, is one of many students heading off to school for the first time this school year.



wiches, sloppy joes and beef steaks," said an Army and Air Force Exchange Service employee while serving up some of the more popular items such as pizza sticks. Managed by AAFES, the lunch program is offered in all of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Germany. Parents can purchase lunch tickets at the Post Exchange at the Hainerberg Shopping Center. Along with daily specials, Wiesbaden Middle and High School students can also add fresh salads, fruits and Pizza Hut pizza to their meal.

To assist parents during the school year, the school liaison position has moved under Child and Youth Services. Peter Witmer, the new school liaison officer for the Wiesbaden and Dexheim community, can help parents by providing resources and services to aid in

their child's education, he said.

"The school liaison office can provide parents of school-age children the tools they need to overcome obstacles in education that stem from the military lifestyle," he said.

An important program offered by the office is the free and reduced lunch program. Lunch prices were increased for the first time in several years by AAFES this year and it is important for parents to find out if they are eligible for the reduced price or even free lunches for their children, said Witmer.

Parents can stop by the School Liaison Office or call mil 337-7004, civ (0611) 705-7004 to learn more about any service his office provides. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located in Building 7790 in Hainerberg Housing.

Move ‘em in, move ‘em out

Editor’s Note: Each month, the 221st Base Support Battalion highlights an employee who shows exemplary customer service. This month the Herald Union features Edgar Schauss of the Transportation Office.

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Living the military lifestyle means living continuously “on the go” and includes moving every so many years.

Moves are stressful enough as it is, but worrying about personal property just adds more to the already perplexed situation.

Several Wiesbaden Soldiers and civilians have commented about the wonderful assistance from the 221st Base Support Battalion Transportation Office, with special credit to Edgar Schauss.

“My situation was complex and time consuming. ... Throughout all of this Mr. Schauss was very professional, helpful and friendly. He always maintained a positive attitude and came up with ‘doable’ options to resolve my issues,” stated a customer who required Schauss’ assistance during both in- and outprocessing.

A supervisory transportation assistant, Schauss has worked with the military for over 21 years, three at Wiesbaden.

“It’s not an easy job, but I always try to find a way to help in whatever way I can. If that means reading and re-reading regulations to find a way to get something done, then it is worth it,” said Schauss.

His supervisors agree.

“He goes more than the extra mile in any situation,” said supervisor, Catherine Latrace. Latrace also credited Schauss for his continu-

ous hard work during the deployments. The transportation office alone handled more than 3,400 instances of storing household goods and 1,400 Privately Owned Vehicles belonging to Soldiers and civilians who were deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. “He worked day and night and even on weekends to make sure they were all taken care of. It didn’t matter if he had to stay and work evenings, he helped the deployment go smoothly.”

In rare cases some people may end up paying out of pocket expenses to ship property. Schauss’s experience and years of services have given him the ability to find local shipping companies willing to reduce prices or offer services at a discount for Americans.

“I just do all I can to make the customer happy,” Schauss said.



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke

IACS Is here

Yunus Sebin, a security guard with Pond’s Security Service, uses a new handheld device as part of the Installation Access Control System at the Mainz-Kastel Storage Station entrance. The device scans military and civilian identification cards informing the security staff if the person is authorized to be on the installation.



Photo by Karen Edge

First the Soldiers, then the vehicles

1st Armored Division Soldiers safely offload equipment during railhead operations at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. More than 600 vehicles have arrived by train returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Comedy acts

Wiesbaden’s Amelia Earhart Playhouse begins its new season with a production of “Lovable Lunatics,” an evening of one-act comedies. Parental guidance is suggested.

Performances are Thursdays through Sundays, Sept. 23-26 and Sept. 30 through Oct. 3. Sunday performances begin at 6 p.m.; all other performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 or €10 for adults, \$5 or €5 for students and senior citizens.

For ticket reservations, call mil 336-2473 or civ (0611) 816-2473.

221st BSB – Wiesbaden, Wackernheim, Dexheim

Community news notes

Town Halls

The Wiesbaden Town Hall will be held Sept. 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the General H.H. Arnold High School auditorium. Dexheim holds its Town Hall Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. in the Rheinlander Club.

Story time returns

Now that summer is over, Story Time is back at Wiesbaden and Dexheim community libraries. Volunteers are needed throughout the year to read to preschool children and help with crafts. Story Time is held on Wednesday in Wiesbaden and Thursday in Dexheim at 10:15 a.m. For more information call mil 337-1740 or civ (0611) 705-1740.

AFTB training

Army Family Team Building instructor courses will be held Sept. 27-29. Classes will be held at Army Community Service in Hainerberg Housing from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information and to sign up call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

Positions available

The American Arms Hotel is now hiring front desk clerks and custodial workers for housekeeping. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and can apply at the Nonappropriated

Fund Personnel Office in Building 1020 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. For more information call mil 338-7883 or civ (0611) 343 667.

Soldier competition

You may have survived deployment but do you think you have what it takes to be the ultimate Hooah Soldier? Join the 221st Base Support Battalion's Hooah Soldier competition Sept. 18 to find out. Events include a Humvee Pull, iron cross, tire carry, slam dunk and rucksack race (bring your own 40 pound rucksack). Competition is open to active duty Soldiers only. Entry fee is \$25. First place prize is \$500 and the Hooah Soldier title. For more information call mil 337-5943 or civ (0611) 705-5943.

Comedy night

Need a good laugh? Come on out for Comedy After Dark at the Community Activity Center Sept. 26. Doors open at 7 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. For more information call mil 337-5750 or civ (0611) 705-5750.

AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Community

Counseling Center at Building 1526 every Wednesday at 7 p.m. For information on other AA meetings call the Army Substance Abuse Program coordinator at mil 337-1710 or civ (0611) 705-1710.

Bazaar set for Oct. 1-3

The annual Wiesbaden Lamplighters Bazaar will be held Oct. 1-3 in Hangars 1035 and 1036 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield just in time for you to get a head start on your holiday shopping. Vendors from throughout Europe will sell jewelry, wine, oriental carpets, antiques, Polish pottery and other items. For more information call mil 337-6111 or civ (0611) 705-6111.

Soldier's club meets

The Sgt. Morales Club meets the first Wednesday of the month in Room 210 of the Welcome Center at Wiesbaden Army Airfield at 2 p.m. All Sgt. Morales and Sgt. Audie Murphy inductees are welcome to attend. For more information call civ (0160) 9211 2266.

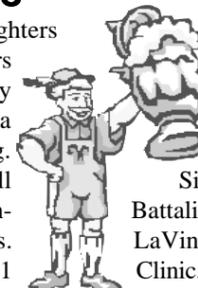
Jewish services

Jewish religious services are offered every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel. Judaism 101 classes

will be held every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. For more information call mil 337-1570 or civ (0611) 705-1570.

Oktoberfest trip

Join the Dexheim Kontakt Club Oct. 2 for a trip to Germany's largest fest - the Oktoberfest. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Be sure to bring euros for drinks and food. Pick up points will be at Dexheim and Wiesbaden.



Sign up at the 221st Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office or with Sgt. LaVincent Harris at the Dexheim Health Clinic. Call mil 337-5772 or civ (0611) 705-5772 for more information.

Balloon Shop open

An all occasion Balloon Shop is now open at the Community Activity Center with over 200 mylar and latex balloons to choose from. To order a balloon bouquet stop by the shop or call mil 337-5750, civ (0611) 705-5750.

Flea market

The Community Activity Center offers monthly indoor flea markets Sept. 25, Oct. 23 and Nov. 20. Reserve your table now by calling mil 337-5750 or civ (0611) 705-5750.

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ACS classes

Army Community Service is offering several classes in September. To make reservations for any of the following classes call mil 485-8188.

- Parents and Tots Playgroup (birth to pre-school), meets every Monday, 10-11:30 a.m., at the Iron Kids Play Group room, Building 8222.

- Empowering Nurturing Parenting, a support group for Nurturing Program graduates to continue the learning, meets every Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m., at the Iron Kids Play Group room, Building 8222.

- Anger, Stress and Conflict Resolution, meets every Friday, 9-11 a.m. at ACS.

- Army Family Team Building, Level I, meets Sept. 16, call mil 485-8542/8188 to sign up.

- Getting Out of Debt, meets Sept. 22 from 9-11 a.m. at ACS. Get out and stay out of debt, the quickest and cheapest way, using power payments.

- Living and Saving on a Shoestring, meets Sept. 29, 9-11 a.m., at ACS. This class offers tips on making your paycheck stretch to meet your needs.

- Boot Camp for Dads, meets Thursdays from 2-4 p.m., at the Iron Kids Play Group room, Building 8222. Learn about the new baby in your home.

- Happily Ever After— Adjusting to New Marriage, meets Wednesdays at ACS from 5:30-7:30 p.m. His Values + Her Values = Our Money is featured Sept. 22; Our Foundation — Sand or Stone, is featured Sept. 29.

- Maintaining Love in a Healthy Relationship, meets Tuesdays at ACS from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Classes are designed to help couples rekindle strong relationships that might have lost their spark. Partnering at Home is featured Sept. 21; and Love and Intimacy is featured Sept. 28.

- Families in Balance Seminars are held every Thursday at ACS from 9-11 a.m. This is a general skills class with basic knowledge for parents of children of any age.

- Divorce Support Group, meets every Monday, at ACS from noon to 2 p.m. A children's group will meet at the same time.

- Recovery from Stress, Grief or Loss, meets every Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. at ACS.

- Nurturing Parenting — for parents of children up to age 5, begins Oct. 14. Call mil 485-8188.

- Pre-Natal Nurturing Parenting — for expectant parents, begins Oct. 14. Call mil 485-8188 to register.

- Ten Steps to Federal Employment, meets Sept. 21 at ACS from 10 a.m. to noon.

Baumholder happenings



Photo by Ignacio "Igg" Rubalcava

Tanks a lot

A disabled Abrams tank is hoisted off a rail car by cranes at Baumholder's railhead. The Abrams, weighing more than 60 tons, was named in honor of the late Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, former Army chief of staff and commander of 37th Armor. It is the backbone of the armored forces of the U.S. military and several U.S. allies. The purpose of this vehicle is to provide mobile firepower for armored formations of sufficient capability to successfully close with and destroy any opposing armored fighting vehicle in the world, while providing protection for its crew in any conceivable combat environment, according to officials.

- Families Learning About Germany, formerly NOW — Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome, meets Oct. 4, 5, 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program includes information on German customs and culture, field trips to local stores and restaurants, how to buy train and bus tickets and information on local places of interest. Limited child care may be available.

Professional help

Professional counselors are here to provide support and guidance. If you are dealing with conflict, worry, or difficulty, in or outside the home, take the time to talk to someone about it. Confidential family/life coaches can meet with you, when and where you are most comfortable. Call Army Community Services at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188 to schedule a meeting.

Olympic visit

Dara Torres visits the Rolling Hills Fitness Center Sept. 25. She is the only American swimmer to compete in four Olympic Games and is a nine time Olympic medalist. Call the fitness center for details at mil 485-6516.

Youth services

Child care for infants to kindergarten is offered at the dispensary and Strassburg Child Development Centers. Kindergarten care is offered at Wetzel and Smith CDC. First- through sixth-grade care is offered at Wetzel SAS mil 485-7475, Smith SAS mil 485-6641 and Neubrücke SAS mil 485-7731.

- A first- through sixth-grade camp is offered at Wetzel School-Age Services. Call mil 485-7475 for details. Part-day school begins Sept. 15.

- Smith CDC and SAS are open from 6-11 p.m. Children must have reservations.

Infants through kindergarten reservations are available by calling mil 485-6461. First- through sixth-grade reservations are available by calling mil 485-6641.

Golf Course

Sign up in the Pro Shop from 3-5:30 p.m. for Thursday Night Golf Scrambles. Shotgun start is at 6 p.m. and entry fee is \$10. Non-members pay greens fees.

Shooters

Shooters offers breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; lunch is Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and dinner is offered Mondays through Sundays from 4:30-9 p.m.

There's music in the new night club on Fridays and Saturdays from

9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Skeet Range is open on Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Youth activities

The following activities are offered for youth in grades six through 12.

- Back-to-School open house in September.

- Underground activities for sixth- through eighth-grade youths, 3-8 p.m.

- Teen Cafe is open from 4-11 p.m. for youth in ninth- through 12th grade.

For more information call Steve Ferguson at mil 485-8249.

Outdoor Rec

The following trips are offered by Outdoor Recreation:

- Sept. 18, Bad Durkheim Wine Fest, 3 p.m.

- Sept. 18, Oktoberfest, Munich, 3 a.m.

Call mil 485-7182 for details.

Team building

Army Family Team Building Level I is offered Sept. 16. Call mil 485-8542/8188 to sign up.

Strassburg team

Strassburg Family Support Center is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Free Internet access is offered and people may sign up for classes offered by ACS.

Rheinlander

The Rheinlander Convention Center restaurant offers lunch Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dinner is offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 6-9 p.m. and Thursdays from 5-9 p.m.

Video shops

Morale Welfare and Recreation video shops are available at three locations. Iron Video at the community mail room, Building 8661, on Smith Barracks is open seven days a week, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wetzel Video in Building 8881 is open Sundays through Thursdays from 4-8 and Fridays and Saturdays from 2-8 p.m.

Strassburg Video in Building 9032 beside Rudy's is open Sundays through Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. and Fridays through Saturdays from 2-8 p.m.

Swimming parties

Rolling Hills Athletic Club pool offers a \$50 pool party pack that includes up to 20 swimmers for two hours of pool time and the use of a large room with tables and chairs. Party times are on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 2 p.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m. For reservations call mil 485-6575 or civ (06783) 6-6575.

Teachers ready for academic challenges

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

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Choosing a career in education requires dedication, patience and most importantly, a will and desire to shape a child's mind. Electing to teach for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools requires all this plus perhaps some courage, a lot of flexibility and a sense of adventure.

On top of the academic requirements, DoDDS teachers have other challenges to face. Working for DoDDS overseas usually means every other person you deal with speaks a different language. And no matter how well a teacher knows his or her job, trouble communicating can be a humbling experience for an educator.

Working for DoDDS in Germany means dealing with ration cards that control your caffeine, nicotine and alcohol intake, gasoline coupons that curb your car's thirst for octane and of course, the many rules and regulations of the U.S. military, not to mention host nation limitations or requirements.

Regardless of how many hurdles they may face, many educators continue to join the DoDDS team each new school year and even more are choosing to stay on.

So what inspires new teachers to join the DoDDS team and inspires the veterans to stay on? Is it the basic desire to make a difference in the young minds of their students? Or is it something more challenging such as ski slopes in the Austrian Alps or the lure of extreme pottery shopping in Poland? Whatever their motivation, 20 new teachers have joined the Baumholder DoDDS team this year.

Baumholder American High School has 10 new recruits; Wetzel Elementary School is taking on six new teachers; Smith Elementary School has brought three new teachers on board; and Neubrück Elementary School has welcomed one new educator to its staff.

New teachers at Baumholder American High School include Dovie Jones, Trinh Nguyen, Lucien Lockhart, Maria Flores-Rogers, Dennis Yemma, Jule Yemma, Mandy Quevedo, John Mol, Bryan Sanchez and Tim Kelly.

New At Neubrück Elementary School is Chrystal Newby, a kinder-



Photos by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Lt. Col. James E. Larsen, 222nd Base Support Battalion commander, introduces the next speaker during the annual teacher's welcome dinner.

garten teacher.

At Smith Elementary School, Tabatha Ware, kindergarten teacher; Jennifer Fabrizio, kindergarten teacher; and Christine Anderson, learning impaired teacher, are new on the team.

Wetzel Elementary School has added Heather Bergman, third-grade teacher; Debbie Obum, fourth-grade teacher; Angela Robinson, fourth-grade teacher; Angelica Hernandez, third- and fourth-grade teacher; Erin Schoenfeldt, fifth-grade teacher; and Sharon Fischer, comp ed teacher, to its staff.

On the other side of the teaching spectrum are several of Baumholder's seasoned educators including Pam Lehmann from Wetzel Elementary School who has been here for 22 years and Dorris Meckes, also from Wetzel, who has been here for about 17 years. Martha Sommer, fourth-grade teacher at Neubrück Elementary School has worked here for eight years. Doreen Weinburg, a talented and gifted and enrichment teacher, also from Neubrück, has been teaching for seven years.

Mary Larson, who teaches social studies at Baumholder American High School, has been in the community since 1978. "She is also the local teacher's union representative and is super to work with," said Dom Calabria, Baumholder American High School principal. "She coaches volleyball, is very active in the school and community, she's a score keeper at games and is directly involved in the community. She is a real plus for the



Students participate in a word exercise at Wetzel Elementary School during this year's summer school session.

school because she has a wealth of knowledge and I often use her expertise. She is always very supportive," said Calabria.

Bob Hartline, a music and media teacher at the high school, has also been here since the mid '80s and was recently very involved with linking up students and their deployed parents via video teleconferencing during the school's graduation ceremony. He also instructs a chorus and a band that are very involved in community events.

Smith Elementary School has several educators who have been sharing their knowledge with Baumholder youths for several years.

Hannelore Cook, a host nation teacher, has been teaching at Smith for 26 years. Art teacher Sue Premo has been here for 23 years. Lisa Bishop, sixth-grade teacher, has been teaching for 21 years. Lee Stevens, also a sixth-grade teacher, has been teaching for 15 years, while Nancy Arnet, a fourth-grade teacher, has been at Smith for 14 years.

Several teachers have elected to make teaching a family affair, which is reflected in the husband

and wife teaching teams that have joined the Baumholder community.

Baumholder American High School, with six husband and wife teaching teams, holds the local unofficial record of having the most husband and wife teaching teams at one school.

"It's a nice situation, because in every case they are not in the same department, so they are not teaching the same thing. They are kind of separate from each other, and depending on the individual personalities, they may or may not sit together during meetings, because some like to keep their teaching and family life separate," said Calabria. "It's nice to have them though, especially when they attend games or other activities, because it creates a family atmosphere and it adds a feeling of community," he said.

Wetzel Elementary School has the teaching team of Jim and Jacqueline Gustafarro. "I think it's a benefit to have them. Both are strong teachers and both have a great rapport with kids. He teaches upper grade, sixth grade and she teaches primary, splitting herself this year between first and second grade," said Debbie Brooks, Wetzel Elemen-

tary School principal.

Student teachers

Another group of educators will also be making a difference in Baumholder schools. They are the student teachers, most of them fresh out of college and ready to log their first classroom experiences. Baumholder's new student teachers are:

- April L. Irizarry, Neubrück Elementary School;
- Jodi M. Worden, Neubrück Elementary School;
- Emily T. Huemmer, Baumholder American High School;
- Mathew A. Henderson, Baumholder American High School;
- Katie G. Robbins, Wetzel Elementary School and Baumholder American High School;
- Amanda J. Maynard, Wetzel Elementary School; and
- Heather M. Davis, Wetzel Elementary School.

"With all the new talent now on board and the well seasoned educators in the community, I believe Baumholder students can expect an exciting and well-rounded school year," said Gene Winfree, 222nd Base Support Battalion schools officer.

CARE Fair offers wealth of information

By LeAnne MacAllister
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The 2004 CARE Fair, held Aug. 28 at the Rheinlander, continued the success of years past while bringing forth a bundle of new offerings. The Community Activities Registration Event, known by its acronym, provided members of the Baumholder community the opportunity to gain information, apply for jobs and register for activities on post.

“We expanded the number of participants in this year’s CARE fair in order to provide the community a more comprehensive one-stop shopping opportunity for information about all that we have to offer,” said Greg Galloway, director of community activities.

The Morale Welfare and Recreation Division organized the event. This year saw new attractions for the family. Nearly 50 organizations were represented, including Child and Youth Services, school officials, the Health Clinic, Legal Ser-

vices, Outdoor Recreation and the 1st Armored Division Museum. The CARE Fair also hosted a job fair in conjunction with the event.

The Girl Scouts ran a hot dog fund-raiser so visitors could eat as they toured the booths. The American Red Cross made complimentary root beer floats for passersby and the Fire Department held demonstrations in the parking lot. There was something interesting for everyone.

A quiz was administered by The 222nd Base Support Battalion Safety Office that proved to be one of the most popular events of the fair. Visitors had to inspect a designated car and decide whether or not it passed inspection. Those who completed the quiz were entered into a drawing for various prizes. Sgt. Paul Swanson of Company B, 40th Engineer Battalion, won a bicycle in the giveaway.

Additionally MWR and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service held hourly giveaways, awarding visitors with gift certificates for



Photo by Ignacio “Iggy” Rubalcava

Visitors to this year’s CARE Fair make their way among the various displays at the Rheinlander.

bowling, brunch and Outdoor Recreation trips, as well as AAFES products.

The CARE Fair is held at the end

of every summer to assist new and old Baumholder residents alike with registering for various organizations, learning about services avail-

able in the community and providing opportunities to get involved. For more information contact the MWR office at mil 485-1550.

Thrift Shop finds new temporary home

New location, new boss, same bargains

By LeAnne MacAllister
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The Baumholder Thrift Shop celebrated its grand reopening Aug. 16. The Thrift Shop reopened in its temporary location, Building 8270, across from chapel number two, thanks to the work of dedicated volunteers.

The Thrift Shop had been located near the commissary. However that location was needed to create a dining facility for the 1st Armored Division, Division Artillery.

The Thrift Shop staff and volunteers were worried the shop would be closed for up to a year while waiting for a new permanent location to become available.

"Lt. Col. Todd Buchs came through for us. We thought we would have to be in a warehouse for six to eight months, but instead we have this great temporary location," said Sadina Hall, chairperson of the Baumholder Community Spouses

Club Thrift Shop.

The temporary location will be used for approximately eight months.

The Thrift Shop will then move to its new permanent location, the current post office at the traffic circle. The post office will be moving into the community mailroom facility.

"We're all so excited to be here," said new manager Tina Olsen. Countless volunteer hours were donated in order to make the temporary location a reality.

The Thrift Shop is a non-profit organization. All earned income is donated back to the Baumholder communities. If you are interested in making a donation to the Thrift Shop, items may be left at the front door of Building 8270.

The Thrift Shop is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.



Photo by LeAnne MacAllister

The nursery is just one of the Thrift Shop departments available for customers looking for a bargain.