

414th BSB – Büdingen, Hanau

Energy program saves \$.5 million

By Melody Joy Fields
414th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

Saving energy doesn't sound like a big money maker, but last year the 414th Base Support Battalion saved over \$500,000 by using less water, less heat and less electricity. For its efforts the Directorate of Public Works was nominated to receive the Secretary of the Army Energy Award.

"They select the best communities out of all the communities in the Army system," said DPW director Kirk Marek. "In all of Europe, just Hanau and Wiesbaden got selected."

The annual award is part of an ongoing conservation project begun in 1985 designed to save the Army millions of dollars in wasted energy. Since 1985 Hanau and Büdingen have reduced energy use by over 59 percent, the most of any community in the Army. They have received the Army Energy Award three times in the past, and won the highest recognition possible, the Federal Energy and Water Management Award from the Department of

Energy in 2000.

How have they managed the reduction? They've done it through upgrades to old systems, temperature and dimmer controls and a state of the art energy management computer system, said mechanical engineer Fred Louis.

Almost like HAL, the famous control computer from the movie "2001: A Space Odyssey," the management system evaluates all aspects of energy use within the 414th BSB.

Street lights, water and sewage, electrical systems, heating and storage tanks are all kept under close watch. If there is a problem, the computer lets the department know. "If we have a major leak, we know right away," said Louis. "Soon it will even be able to call us on our cell phones to let us know if there is an emergency."

That means less money draining away from water waste and unnecessary electrical use.

The system upgrades, while slightly less dramatic, have probably saved the most money over time. For example, simply installing temperature control systems in family housing last year will save the BSB approximately \$620,000 each year.

The conversion from steam to hot water heating on Old Argonner Kaserne should save at least \$25,000 a year. And privatizing the Gelnhausen water and sewage system will save over \$150,000 each year.

Who pays for these multi-million dollar renovation projects? Apparently, energy conservation is a good investment, be-

cause private contractors bid on the renovations and pay for the upgrades themselves. "We have a lot of old infrastructure that needs to be renovated and the money is not there," said Marek. "So one of the ways to pay for renovation is to use private capital to upgrade the system."

Companies are paid for their investment with the money the Army saves each year on the project. The Army puts out no additional funds for the new system. In fact they typically make money on the project even in the first year, since energy savings are usually higher than what a company estimates. Once the initial contract is expired, the Army retains all the energy saving dollars.

"We're conserving natural resources, and down the road we're saving government dollars," said Marek.

Energy auditors from the Department of the Army toured the 414th BSB May 20 as part of the evaluation process. They will select a community to receive the prestigious Energy Award this summer.

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Pooches strut their stuff during Pet Week

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Hounds from throughout the 414th Base Support Battalion put their best paw forward at a Hanau Veterinary Clinic costume contest for pooches. Canine soldiers, ballerinas, cows and children strutted their stuff for the judges.

The fashion show was just one event in a day-long celebration of

National Pet Week at the clinic May 10. Over 100 people, 45 dogs and one rabbit participated.

Military working dogs and their handlers gave a demonstration of their skills in search and seizure. Undaunted by the military dogs' expertise, several civilian dogs and their owners enlisted in the obstacle course challenge and the best pet trick competitions.

The clinic also offered reduced

vaccinations at the event.

"The staff organized the event for families and four-footed ones to have fun during these challenging times of deployments," said clinic officer-in-charge Capt. Dawn Fitzhugh. "It's the first event of this kind for some years."

Fitzhugh encouraged families to bring their pets into the clinic. There will be fewer pets to care for while pet owners take summer vacations and trips back home, said Fitzhugh. Clinic hours, however, will remain the same — 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"In addition, the Hanau Vet clinic is a great place to get various pet related information starting with dog training schools, boarding and animal shelters within the local area," said Fitzhugh.

For information about future pet events, call mil 322-8160.



Photos by Wolfgang Niebling

A pet owner gives her golden retriever, Morgan, a treat after completing his roll-over trick during the National Pet Week celebration.



Bulletin board

At the movies May 27 to June 12

Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

May 27 — The Hunted (R) 7 p.m.
 May 28-29 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 30-31 — It Runs In The Family (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 1 — Agent Cody Banks (PG) 4 p.m. The Hunted (R) 7 p.m.
 June 2 — Agent Cody Banks (PG) 7 p.m.
 June 5 — Willard (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 6-7 — X2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 8 — The Hours (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 12 — Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Büdingen, Little

May 30 — The Life Of David Gale (R) 7 p.m.
 May 31 — Cradle 2: The Grave (R) 3 p.m.
 June 6 — Old School (R) 7 p.m.
 June 7 — Daredevil (PG-13) 3 p.m.

Dexheim, Rhein

May 30 — Willard (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 31 — X2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 1 — Agent Cody Banks (PG) 3 p.m.
 June 6 — Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 7 — The Hours (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 8 — Daddy Day Care (PG) 3 p.m.

Friedberg, Old Ironsides

May 29 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 30 — Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 31 — The Hunted (R) 7 p.m.
 June 1 — Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 5 — Willard (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 6 — It Runs In The Family (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 7 — Agent Cody Banks (PG) 7 p.m.
 June 8 — It Runs In The Family (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 12 — Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Giessen, Skyline

May 27-28 — Anger Management (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 30 — Agent Cody Banks (PG) 7 p.m.
 May 31 — Tears Of The Sun (R) 7 p.m.
 June 1 — Gods And Generals (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 3-4 — Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13) 7 p.m.

June 6 — The Hours (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 7 — The Life Of David Gale (R) 7 p.m.
 June 8 — Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 10-11 — It Runs In The Family (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Hanau, Evening Star

May 27 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 28 — The Hunted (R) 7 p.m.
 May 29 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 30 — The Matrix Reloaded (R) 7 and 9:30 p.m.
 May 31 — The Matrix Reloaded (R) 7 and 9:30 p.m.
 June 1 — Agent Cody Banks (PG) 4 p.m. The Matrix Reloaded (R) 7 p.m.
 June 2 — Tears Of The Sun (R) 7 p.m.
 June 3 — Willard (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 4 — Tears Of The Sun (R) 7 p.m.
 June 5 — Agent Cody Banks (PG) 7 p.m.
 June 6 — Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m. Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
 June 7 — Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m. The Hours (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
 June 8 — Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 9 — Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 10 — The Hours (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 11 — Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 12 — The Hours (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Rhein Main, Gardens

May 28 — Daddy Day Care (PG) 7 p.m.
 May 30 — Tears Of The Sun (R) 7 p.m.
 May 31 — Agent Cody Banks (PG) 5 p.m. Willard (PG-13) 7:30 p.m.
 June 1 — It Runs In The Family (PG-13) 7 p.m.



Nicky (Arthur Young, from left) signs up for Charlie (Eddy Murphy) and Phil's (Jeff Garlin) day care facility in the film comedy "Daddy Day Care."

June 4-5 — The Matrix Reloaded (R) 7 p.m.
 June 6 — Dreamcatcher (R) 7 p.m.
 June 7 — Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 5 p.m. X2 (PG-13) 7:30 p.m.
 June 8 — The Hours (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 11 — Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Wackernheim, McCully

May 28 — X2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 4 — To be announced locally

Wiesbaden, Flyers

May 29 — Daddy Day Care (PG) 7 p.m.
 May 30 — Willard (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 31 — Agent Cody Banks (PG) 7 p.m.
 June 5 — Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 6 — The Matrix Reloaded (R) 7 p.m.
 June 7 — Dreamcatcher (R) 7 p.m.
 June 12 — Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Wiesbaden, Taunus

May 27 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 28 — Old School (R) 7 p.m.
 May 29 — The Hunted (R) 7 p.m.
 May 30 — Agent Cody Banks (PG) 7 p.m. Daddy Day Care (PG) 9:30 p.m.
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Movie plots

Daddy Day Care (PG) — Charlie (Eddie Murphy) and Phil (Jeff Garlin) are so consumed by their high profile advertising jobs they miss out on the joys of fatherhood. After failing to excite the public about vegetable cereal, Charlie and Phil are fired. That means no more expensive day care for their sons. While floundering aimlessly in search of employment Charlie has an idea. If he and Phil can handle taking care of two kids, how much harder can it be to supervise 10? The result is a new center — "Daddy Day Care."

The Matrix Reloaded (R) — In the second chapter of the Matrix trilogy, Neo (Keanu Reeves) assumes greater command of his extraordinary powers as Zion falls under siege to the Machine Army.

Bruce Almighty (PG-13) — Bruce (Jim Carrey), a TV reporter in Buffalo, N.Y., is known for doing homespun, human interest stories, but he would much rather replace the soon-to-retire anchorman, or at the very least, report significant news from international hot spots. After blowing a story and a shot at the big leagues, Bruce appeals to a higher power for better luck. The result is much more than he expected. Also stars Morgan Freeman and Jennifer Aniston.

The Hours (PG-13) — Three eras, three stories, and three women coalesce into a continuum that flows through the heart of "The Hours." Each woman is joined to the other, unaware a single work of literature is irrevocably altering their lives. First there is Virginia Woolf in the early 1920s battling insanity as she begins to write her first great novel, "Mrs. Dalloway." Over two decades later, Laura Brown, a wife and mother in Los Angeles at the end of World War II, reads "Mrs. Dalloway" and finds it so revelatory she considers making a devastating change in her life. Then in contemporary New York City, Clarissa Vaughan, a modern version of Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway, falls in love with her friend Richard, a brilliant poet dying of AIDS. Their stories intertwine and come together in a surprising and transcendent moment of shared recognition.

Agent Cody Banks (PG) — Cody Banks (Frankie Muniz) seems like a typical teenager. He loves skateboarding, hates math, his mom drives him crazy, and he feels like a complete idiot around girls. But Cody has a secret even his family and best friends don't know — he's actually an elite undercover agent for the CIA. But when he gets his first assignment, Cody discovers he has to befriend high school dreamgirl Natalie Connors (Hilary Duff) in order to spy on her father. The problem? The CIA spent \$10 million training Cody, but they didn't teach him how to talk to girls.

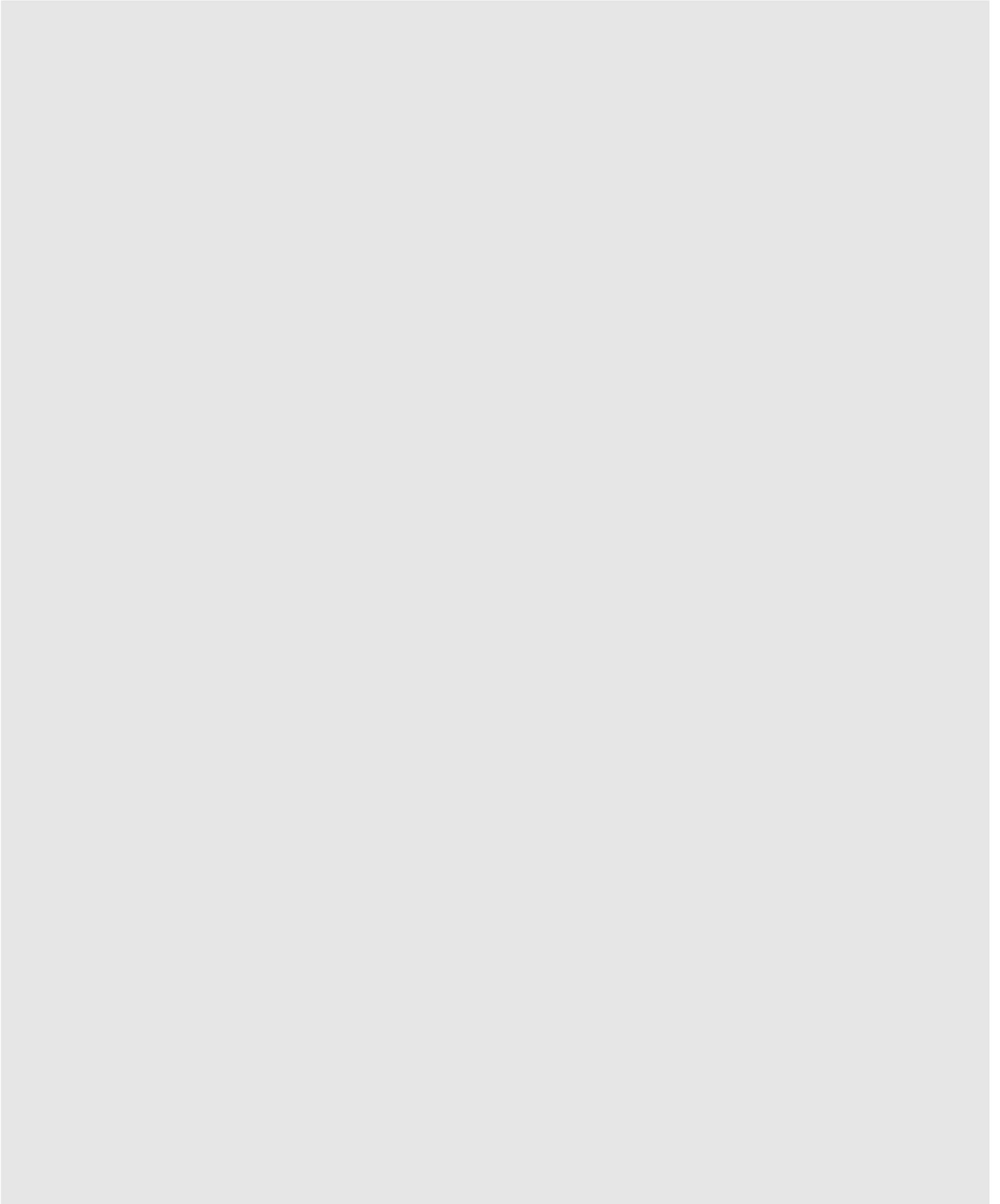
Willard (PG-13) — Life has become one big trap for 30-year-old Willard Stiles (Crispin Glover). Haunted by the ghost of his dead father and mentally suffocated by his mother, Willard floats through life, unable to connect with those around him. But Willard has made an eerie discovery — he shares a powerful bond with the rats that dwell in his basement. Suddenly, Willard has friends — hundreds of them.



Harold Perrineau (from left), Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss and Laurence Fishburne star in "The Matrix Reloaded," this year's first sequel to "The Matrix."

Movies and times subject to change by local theaters. For the most up-to-date schedule visit the ASG's website (see address below).

Herald Union classifieds



Neubrücke Elementary excels in reading

Small scale yields top rate achievements

By David Ruderman

104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

Through a year of impending war, it's execution and the recent deployment of 1st Armored Division soldiers to the Middle East, students at Neubrücke Elementary School stayed focused and learned well, said principal Wayne Dozark.

"We have really had an exceptional year," he said, referring to recently released Terra Nova standardized test scores to make his point. "We did really well. In particular our reading scores were excellent," he said.

"It was a quiet year. In the last week or so, as mothers and fathers have deployed, we have noted a bit more anxiety on the part of the kids." Dozark attributed the change to a combination of the general mood shift as the end of the school year came in sight and the departure of parent soldiers.

Neubrücke's small scale and energized faculty make it an outstanding learning environment, said Dozark. "It's nice to be here. We're small. We're unique. We have all the parent involvement we need. I have a small staff, an excellent staff with high morale. It's loaded with activities. Kids really learn. It's an exhilarating place for them."

Most of the student body comes from the housing area and a small number of nearby communities. About 70 children are bused in from Strassburg and Idar-Oberstein, bringing the student body up to about 210 children in kindergarten through sixth-grade.

"Our school has traditionally excelled in the annual Oral Reading and Storytelling contests, and we did very well this year as well," said Dozark. Neubrücke's two contestants finished among the top five students district wide.

'Real book dialogue'

"Our children read. We have a real book dialogue going on in the school. People are amazed," said Helene Guinther, language arts reading specialist and reading recovery teacher. "My personal opinion is that it's because we're a small school, and the communication among the teachers and the



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Language arts reading specialist and reading recovery teacher Helene Guinther helps first-grader Forrest Taylor through a reading assignment.

specialists is so good. We see that no child slips through the cracks. The teachers know every child. If a student is not doing well, we know and we'll find something to hook them into reading and make them feel good about themselves. But they must have a challenge."

One challenge the children seem to love is the Accelerated Reader program. Students read or are read a story and take a computerized test that measures their comprehension. "We have parents come in and read to the children who cannot read themselves. They know that they have to take a test so they pay attention," said Guinther.

Children who read on their own are encouraged to pick out books at their level and then take the test. Parent volunteers have labeled over 2,000 books so children can easily identify which are on their level. "They love taking these tests. They feel like they beat the computer. They did it," she said.

"At the end of the year each grade level gets a trophy. People get rewards to recognize that they're good at this," she said. "The child at this stage is rewarded for meeting his or her own personal goal. They need to meet their goal, and we see that they set challenging goals."

Parents also run the popcorn sales that

help to fund, along with donations, a monthly reading store, where points earned can be redeemed for tangible rewards. There is a Hall of Fame to recognize children at all levels. "It shows by how many points they have how they're doing. We sort of make that carrot really inviting. It's motivating, and parents feel more ownership," said Guinther.

"This is my fourth year here and it just gets better each year," said Dozark.

Setting the right level of challenge is critical, said Guinther. "Parents feel if the child reads a hard book they'll become a good reader. That doesn't work. It's like you or I reading a book about physics. It's not really reading because we wouldn't understand it. If they're reading at their level it builds fluency."

The school ran six after-school programs over the course of the year ranging from computers to arts and crafts, from a homework club to storytelling. Neubrücke is unique among elementary schools in that it has its own television production and broadcast studio, said Dozark. Students create a weekly newscast that is viewed throughout the school every Friday afternoon. "They love that," he said.

He praised the Parent Teacher Association for complementing the range of activities that make children want to be at Neubrücke. "They do a ton of activities," said Dozark.

"The PTA next year will play a big role in keeping kids occupied so as not to focus so much on their moms and dads being deployed," said PTA president-elect Veronica Kulka. Over the summer the PTA will organize the construction of a school-wide, deployment scrapbook to keep for parents who are in Iraq (See page 13 for related story).

"I've got Family Advocacy coming in once a month," and next year's DARE officer will meet confidentially with children to "make sure things are OK in their family," said Kulka. Once school opens in September the PTA will work on a masquerade ball, a Christmas party and possibly a Thanksgiving potluck, she said.

"Anything we do benefits the school. If we had twice as many schools like Neubrücke and fewer schools with 500 or 600 students, we'd do a lot better on the whole. We wouldn't have kids falling through the cracks," she said.

Dozark was already looking ahead to next year. "We're going for the first time to have full-day kindergarten and the reduced, 18:1 pupil to teacher ratio. All we have in there now is a half-day program. That will change. The half-day program will become history."

Making that happen will take some shuffling, but it will be done, he said. "They had a full, large, separate kindergarten building planned, but they scratched it. If there are too

many kids we'll open a mixed kindergarten-first-grade class."

Neubrücke will also have to scramble to replace art, music and

physical education specialists it will lose to Wetzel Elementary School next year, said Dozark. "It's a problem. We're working hard to find the right people. It may not be finished till August."

In the meantime an end of the year Field Day is planned for June 10 and promotion activities will take place June 11. Sixth-graders will dress up, receive awards and socialize over "tea and crumpets." Fourth- and fifth-graders will enjoy a separate ceremony, and for the younger grades, Dozark will go from class to class making presentations that include everyone in the annual rite of passage. "We make that a big deal," he said.

Focus on Neubrücke Elementary School



School bits

Pomp and circumstance

High school seniors will formally move on to the adult world in graduation ceremonies to be held across the 104th Area Support Group next month. **Hanau High School** will bid farewell to 56 seniors June 5 at the Festhalle in Kahl. Co-valedictorians will be **George Renjifo-Mundo** and **Vaughn Cotham**; salutatorian will be **Sebastian Riddle**. **Giessen Middle-High School's** 19 graduates will convene at the Kongresshalle June 6 at 6 p.m. Valedictorian will be **Rebekah Peterson**; salutatorian, **Janelle Anderson**. **Baumholder's** 37 graduates will meet at the Rhineland June 6 at 7 p.m.

Valedictorian will be **Lauren Morse**; salutatorian, **Jan Cannizzo**. Wiesbaden's **Gen. H.H. Arnold High School** will bid farewell to about 125 seniors June 7 at the Wiesbaden Kurhaus at 4 p.m. Valedictorian will be **Christopher Putko**; salutatorian, **Emily McRae**.

UMUC registration, scholarships

The University of Maryland conducts registration for Term 5 career, technical, undergraduate and graduate courses through June 6. Classes run from June 9 to July 31. A variety of \$500 scholarships are available for Term 1 classes that begin Aug. 18. Filing deadline is June 1. For information go to www.ed.umuc.edu or contact the UMUC representative at your area Education Center.



JROTC camp at Graf

Department of Defense Dependents Schools ninth-through 12th-graders who are members of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps are eligible to participate in Camp Aachen, an 11-day summer camp to be held at Grafenwöhr June 15-25. About 120 cadets from Army, Navy and Air Force commands throughout Europe are expected to attend. For details contact your school JROTC instructor or call David Schwab at mil485-6722.

Register now for fall

Annual school registration is a Department of Defense requirement. Parents are urged to register their children now to help schools maximize budgets, plan resource allocation and assign available classroom spaces.

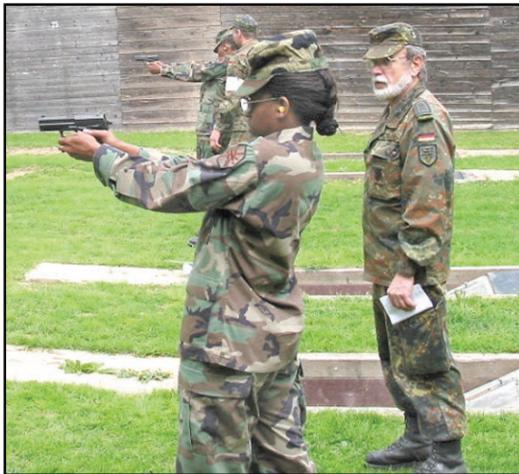
Sports and leisure



Taking aim at German marksmanship badge

Sgt. 1st Class Glenda Butler gets some advice from German soldiers before firing a German machine gun to qualify for the German Schützenschnur badge May 17. Soldiers from the 104th Area Support Group's Headquarters and Headquarters Company and the 221st Base Support Battalion's Directorate of Public Works participated in the joint partnership weapons qualification hosted by the Reservistenkameradschaft-Hünfeld near Fritzlar. Photo right: Sgt. Lolita Morton takes aim with a 9mm pistol. All of the soldiers who fired qualified for the bronze medal.

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Dennis



Things to do

Trip to Saalburg

Friedberg Army Community Service features a tour to the reconstructed Roman fortress, the Saalburg, in the Taunus Mountains June 20 leaving at 10 a.m. An English-speaking guide and round-trip transportation will be provided. Cost is \$2.50. Children under age 7 travel free. Reserve seats by June 13 by calling Butzbach ACS at civ (06033) 925 329 or Friedberg ACS at civ (06031) 81-3708. Call Christina Daily at mil 324-3789 for details.

Scuba diving, paragliding

Baumholder Outdoor Recreation offers scuba diving lessons. Weekend paragliding courses will be featured June 14-15 and 28-29. Cost is \$155 including instruction, use of gear, paragliding and transportation. Call mil 485-7182 for course dates and times.

Roller skating

Meet friends or plan a birthday party at Hanau's Illusions Roller Rink. The indoor skating rink, located at the Wolfgang Shopping Center by the Hessen Bowl, is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from noon to 9 p.m. Call mil 322-9013 or civ (06181) 88-9013 for more information.

G-A concert

The Frankfurt German-American Choir, Oberursel Kinderchor, Frankfurter Singakademie and others will perform Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" and Glenn McClure's "Caribbean Mass" June 14 at 8 p.m. in the Sendesaal of the Hessischen Rundfunks on Frankfurt's Bertramstrasse. Tickets are €15 and are available at area ticket offices or online at www.ticketonline.de.

Knights of olde

Medieval music, jousting, fire breathers, a market from the Middle Ages and more will be featured at Ronneburg Castle June 7-9 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The historic castle is located on a hill between Büdingen and Hanau.

Local fests

Frankfurt holds its annual festival in the woods, **Wäldchestag**, (near the Waldstadion) June 7-10.

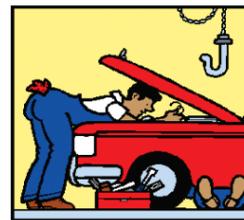
Friedberg holds an **Old City Festival** June 13-15. **Wiesbaden** holds its **Wilhelmstrassenfest "Theatrium"** June 13-14. **Rüsselsheim** features a **handicrafts market** June 14-15. **Mainz** holds its **Johannisnacht** festival June 20-23. **Hanau** holds an **Altstadtfest** June 23 and an **International Ceramics Festival** June 27-29.

Friedberg craft classes

Friedberg Arts and Crafts features **Black and White Photo Processing** June 2, 16 and 30; **Crochet** June 3, 10, 17 and 24; **Wood For Beginners** June 4 and 18; **Fun With Floral** June 5; **Computer Graphics** June 9 and 23; **Wood Safety** June 11 and 25; **Stenciling** June 12; **Ceramic Painting** June 19; **Bows and More With Ribbons** June 26. Call civ (06031) 813 266.

Vehicle know-how

Learn to take care of your vehicle at the Basic Car Care Class every Friday at 2 p.m. at the Hanau Auto Skills Center on Grossauheim Kaserne. Learn how to change your oil and other basic car care procedures. Cost is \$10. Call civ (06181) 88-8247.



Wiesbaden youth trips

Visit the **Frankfurt Natural History Museum** June 11 from noon to 6 p.m. Cost is \$15. Sign up by June 6. Head to the **Eswe Swimming Pool** June 18 and 25. Cost is \$7 including transportation and entrance. Sign up five days in advance. Visit the **Frankfurt Zoo** June 21. Cost is \$10 including transportation and entrance. Sign up by June 18. Travel to **Holiday Park** June 28. Cost is \$25 including transportation and entrance. Reserve a seat by June 25. Call Wiesbaden Youth Services at mil 337-6724 or civ (0611) 705-6724 to sign up.

Swim classes

Enroll your child age six months and older for swim classes with Baumholder Child and Youth Services. The cost is \$45 for eight classes which will be held Wednesday and Fridays at the Baumholder Indoor Swimming Pool. Call mil 485-7276 for details.

Local stages packed with entertainment

Wiesbaden's Amelia Earhart Playhouse presents "Snoopy!!!" a musical based on the "Peanuts" characters, May 28-30, June 5-8 and 12-15 at 7:30 p.m.

Pick up tickets at the Hainerberg

or Wiesbaden Army Airfield USOs. Call mil 336-2473.

The 414th Base Support Battalion's Entertainment Branch features the Rodgers and Hammerstein favorite, "The Sound

of Music" May 29-31 and June 5-7 at 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$12.

For reservations and tickets call or stop by the Hanau USO at mil 322-8725.

Frankfurt's English Theater presents the Alan Ayckbourn comedy "Things We Do for Love" every day except Mondays through July 12.

For ticket information call civ (069) 2423 1620.

The theater is at Kaiserstr. 52, a short walk from the Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof.

Giessen's Keller Theater presents William Shakespeare's "The Taming Of The Shrew" at 7:30 p.m. June 6, 7, 12-14 and 19-21.

The theater features the "Stars of the Keller Theater" in a free performance at 7 p.m. June 15, 22 and 29.

Call mil 343-6515 or civ (0641) 402-6515 for tickets.



Photo by Karl Weisel

Charlie Brown (Glen Corlin) discusses safety rules with Lucy Van Pelt (Sheri Elwood) in the Amelia Earhart Playhouse's "Snoopy!!!"

Sports and leisure

Playoff time for prep soccer

Goals and good grades go hand in hand on DoDDS fields

By David Ruderman
104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

The Hanau Panthers beat Patch 3-1 in their final regular season game May 18 to end the year 4-1 and advance to division play on an up tick. Kyri Bye-Nagel scored twice in the first half and Jill Best added an insurance goal in the second to put away the reigning Division II champs.

"It was a pretty amazing defeat," said Hanau Panther coach Amanda Marshlian. "We had a little more depth. The good thing is my players are talented enough to handle it." Hanau won despite fielding exactly 11 players and occasionally playing with 10 against a squad twice its size.

"We had a lot more people, but with injuries and stuff, we lost some people," said junior Courtney Smith, sidelined for the game along with team captain Patricia Foster. "A lot of our people have improved over the season," she said.

Division II playoffs were set for May 22-24 at AFNORTH, with Patch and undefeated Vilseck the teams to beat. "Even though there aren't a lot of them, we're a contender," said Marshlian. "If everyone plays up to par I think it's possible, I really do. They train really hard. It's a pleasure to train these girls because they have a positive attitude, they get along tremendously and they work really hard."

Win or lose, girls who play soccer seem to get a tremendous personal boost from the game. Everyone can grow through the game, said Giessen Griffin coach Edwina Smith. "I



Photo by Karl Weisel

Hanau striker Kyri Bye-Nagel blows by a Stuttgart defender on her way to the goal in a May 18 home game against Patch. Hanau claimed a 3-1 victory.

think the females like the contact. With basketball or softball, either you can play well or you can't. With soccer you can really work on your skills," she said.

"They get to come together as a group outdoors," said Baumholder Bucs coach Kurt Schmidt. "It's very dynamic, and it's very group oriented."

"From what they've told me there's a sense of belonging. It shows you're responsible — you care about your body, you want to be healthy. And there's the competition," said Marshlian.

"It's a unique sport, not the typical American sport. The team camaraderie is conducive to what they do," said Wiesbaden Warrior assistant coach Duane Kroseman, who has coached girls soccer for over 20 years. Its

increased popularity among young women has produced players with better abilities and skills. "It's a more popular game in America today," he said.

"And I think the fact that the U.S. Women's team won a few years ago," said Smith, explaining the rise in popularity of women's soccer.

Several coaches pointed out that soccer attracts academically successful young women.

"We seem to get a pretty bright crew," said Schmidt, noting that about 15 squad members are on the honor roll.

"Soccer has a high GPA," said Kroseman. Hanau has several National Honor Society seniors on the team, and team captain Foster will attend college in Texas on a soccer scholarship next year, said Marshlian.

Players felt good about themselves whether teams won, lost or drew, said the coaches.

"It's the activity, seeing people work as a team. There's just one ball out there, and 11 people who have to come together to win," said Giessen Griffins senior Janelle Anderson. The Griffins were top seed for the Division III North Regional Tournament held in England May 15-17, but finished third with a tie, a win and an upset loss to Menwith Hall to close the season on a down beat.

It was a disappointment for departing seniors who were part of last year's division champion team, said Smith. "I guess we were having a bad day. We were having inter-team conflicts," said Anderson. She, senior Aiana Garin and sophomore Amanda Gray were selected All-Tournament. Anderson will attend Bellevue University in Nebraska on a soccer scholarship next year, where she hopes to enter the pre-med program.

The Griffins will lose four of 14 players to graduation, but Smith was sure the team would attract quality players next year because of "the fact that over the last five years we've had winning seasons. We've been very competitive."

The Baumholder Bucs were 0-2-2 on the season and didn't advance beyond Division III South Regional play that ended May 18 at Ansbach, said Schmidt, noting there were no seniors on this year's team. "I thought we did really well, all things considered. We played brilliantly. We didn't win, but that's how we did. It was another fun season and the kids grew, academically and athletically."

In the plus column Buc midfielder Anika Perez and goalie Ashley Karayannis, both sophomores, were selected for All Tournament and All Conference honors and will return next season, he said.

The Division I Warriors were 1-2-2 on the season and were scheduled for tournament play May 22-24 at Ramstein.

Track and field

Young people are invited to compete at a German Youth Track and Field event at the Rudolph-Harbig Stadion in



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Bruchköbel will be the site of German-American track and field competition June 7 and 8. See above.

Sports shorts ... Sports shorts

Bruchköbel (north of Hanau) June 7. Register from 8-9 a.m. Cost to enter is €2.50 per event or €3.50 for the relays. Adults are invited to compete in the fifth annual German-American Track and Field Meet June 8 at the Bruchköbel stadium. Registration is 8-9 a.m. Cost to enter is €3.50 per event and €4.50 for the relays. Winners receive trophies, certificates and medals. Call Pete Paczesny at mil 322-7672 for more information on either meet.

Go running

Giessen Sports and Fitness holds a seven-and-a-half-kilometer run and three-K family fun walk May 31 at the Schiffenberg Castle. Registration is from 9-10:45 a.m. with

the race starting at 11 a.m. Cost is \$15 including a T-shirt or \$10 without. A 10-K run and three-K family fun walk will be held at the castle June 28. Call mil 343-7201.

The 414th Base Support Battalion hosts 10-K runs at Fliegerhorst Fitness Center June 14, Büdingen and Pioneer Fitness Centers July 4. Runs start at 11 a.m. Cost is \$15 with a T-shirt or \$10 without. Registration is from 9-10:30 a.m. Call mil 322-9045, 7672 or 9546 for details.

Dexheim Sports holds a biathlon including a 20-K bike race and 10-K run May 31. Register from 8-10:30 a.m. Call mil 334-5746.

Family fun walks

Hanau Sports and Fitness fea-

tures free family fun walks June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 6 p.m. at the Fliegerhorst Fitness Center; June 18 at 3 p.m. at the Cardwell Fitness Center and June 28 at 10 a.m. at the Pioneer Sports and Fitness Center. Call mil 322-9617 for details.

Martial arts class

Friedberg Fitness Center offers martial arts classes by an experienced karate and weaponry instructor Monday and Wednesday from 6:30-8 p.m. Classes will cover the fundamentals of competitive Kata, Kumite (sparring) techniques and Kobudo (traditional Okinawa weaponry). Cost is \$35 for adults and \$30 for youths. Call mil 324-3155.

Tae kwon do classes are held at

Fliegerhorst Fitness Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:40-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 for children 6 years and older for two sessions per week. Cost for adults is \$35.

B-ball tourney

Wiesbaden's Tony Bass Fitness Center holds an Over-30 Basketball Tournament June 2 starting at 9 a.m. Register your team with any Team 221st Sports and Fitness Center. Call civ (0611) 705-5379 for details.

Softball tourney

The third annual unit One-Pitch Softball Tournament will be held July 4 at the Büdingen ball field on Armstrong Barracks. Tournament play begins at 10 a.m. Entry fee is \$50 per team and must be paid by June 29. Call mil 321-4737 for details.