

RB CX to split into commissary, furniture store

Story & photo by **Brittany Carlson**
 USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The Combined Exchange on Robinson Barracks is being transformed into two separate stores: a commissary run by Defense Commissary Agency and a furniture store run by Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The former CX — a combined furniture store, exchange and commissary all operated by AAFES — has been in operation since April 1993. The commissary portion of the CX will close May 1-16 for renovations and re-open as a stand-alone commissary.

As of May 17, both the commissary and furniture store will be open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Both stores will be closed on

Monday.

“People who are used to shopping in here will come in ... and they won’t recognize it,” said Wade Broomfield, RB commissary manager.

New shelves, a brand new assortment of stock and a new store decoration package will be installed in the commissary. There will also be new lighting, wider aisles and new registers consistent with those at the Patch Commissary, he added.

Not only will the store look different, but the commissary will offer a much larger variety of products: 7,800 items, compared to 1,500 offered at the CX, Broomfield said.

“My idea is to make it to where folks who live out here don’t have to go to Patch ... This can be their one-stop commissary,” he said.

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A construction worker removes floor tiles at the Combined Exchange on Robinson Barracks in preparation for its transformation into two separate stores: a DeCA commissary and AAFES furniture store, set to open next month.



Brittany Carlson

So you wanna be a Soldier?

Petty Officer 2nd Class Amata Gummerdingam, a Navy medic, shows Amaree McDaniel, 8, how to use a stethoscope during the CYS Services’ Kiddie Boot Camp held April 13 on Panzer Kaserne. The month of April is filled with U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and MWR-sponsored activities to celebrate the Month of the Military Child.



Brittany Carlson

[Above] Shayla Harris, 9, makes a set of dog tags at Kiddie Boot Camp.



Corey Knief

[Left] Air Force Staff Sgt. Jeanne Cotto (right) teaches children how to get into formation for some training games during Kiddie Boot Camp on April 13.

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Students entertain at PHS Follies

Sixteen acts take to the stage during the 2011 Patch High School Follies talent show and provide an evening of entertainment for students, families and friends.



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Taste of Italy comes to USO kitchen

Stuttgart community members didn’t have to travel to Italy to find out how to make authentic pasta and pizza — they simply took an Italian cooking class at the USO.



Celebrating military children: raising strong kids year-round

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

Installation Management Command commander

The Army first observed the Month of the Military Child in 1986 to honor the youngest members of the Army community. Twenty-five years later, recognition of the sacrifices and strength of our military children is more vital than ever.

The life of military children has always had its challenges, foremost among them frequent relocations. Every time families move, children have to make new friends, get used to new schools, and find new clubs and teams to join.

In this time of persistent conflict, the challenges are compounded. About 1.8 million children have a parent currently serving in the military. Since 2001, an estimated 900,000 children have had one or both parents deploy multiple times. Our children are dealing with long and repeated separations from their parents.



Lt. Gen. Lynch

They do not sign up for the challenges military life brings, and yet they are ... making sacrifices every day.

They are dealing with the happy but disruptive time when their parents come home and the family has to regain normalcy. Sometimes they have to deal with the worst thing children can imagine: the death of a parent. In the face of all this, our children need and deserve our best efforts.

The Army has committed to providing families with a quality of life that is commensurate with their service and sacrifice. For our children, that includes a commitment to ensure excellence in schools, child care and youth services.

Army Child, Youth and School Services is central to delivering on these promises. CYS Services currently serves almost 300,000 children ages 6 weeks to 18 years in on- and off-post programs around the world. Through its child development centers, school age care, and middle school and teen programs, CYS Services provides healthy and enriching environments that help children grow mentally, physically,

socially and emotionally. In addition, CYS Services runs a robust sports program with more than 112,000 children participating in team and individual sports and sports clinics.

On installations in the States and overseas, CYS Services has constructed 150 child care and 24 youth centers since 2007.

CYS Services extends 16 hours of free care per month to the families of deployed Soldiers, wounded warriors and fallen Soldiers, a total of more than 1.08 million hours in fiscal year 2010.

When parents can take advantage of CYS Services, it decreases stress on the family. Parents know when they are deployed, working or at medical appointments, that their children are in a safe place with much-needed support.

In addition to providing quality out-of-school programs, CYS Services is also focusing on supporting military

children in school. Military children attend on average nine different schools before they graduate high school. It can be tough for students to settle in with the stress of being the new kid again, the fear of separation or the disappointment that their mom or dad is missing another game or recital.

School Liaison Officers are located at every garrison to help families with school-related issues like these. They play an important role in helping students make a smooth transition and succeed at their new school.

During the Month of the Military Child observance in April, installations worldwide are holding hundreds of fairs, parades, carnivals and other events. I encourage you to join in honoring and celebrating our children.

However, the Army does not confine its commitment to children to one month a year — we owe our children more than that. They do not sign up for the challenges military life brings, and yet they are right in there with us, making sacrifices every day and showing a lot of bravery. It's our job to do the best by them that we can, providing the care, support and opportunities they need to thrive in the face of challenges.

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ON THE STREET

What is your favorite Easter candy?



Zamir Jones, 13
(Family member)

"Hershey's bunnies."



Elaina Church
(Civilian)

"Reese's chocolate bunnies."



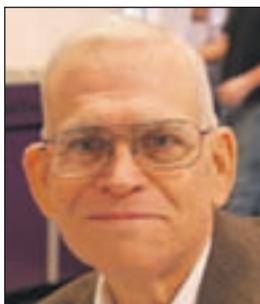
Lt. Col. Dan Ward
(U.S. Marine Corps)

"Cadbury creme eggs."



Adam Nogle, 11
(Family member)

"Lindt chocolate bunnies."



Mike Thornsley
(Retiree)

"Sugar-free Peeps."



Gabe Boyd
(Civilian)

"Sweet Tarts."



Bradley Hills, 14
(Family member)

"Hershey's eggs."



Antonette Zapata
(Spouse)

"Jelly beans."

Are your electronic devices approved?

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Despite U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's efforts to inform Robinson Barracks residents about the need to cease use of unapproved electronic devices, such items continue to cause significant interference with German telecommunication services there.

Representatives from the German Federal Networks Agency (BNetzA) conducted another survey of RB on April 6 with radio direction finding equipment to detect sources of interference, according to Deputy U.S. Forces Liaison Officer T. Sean Schulze.

"We detected at least 20," he said.

Some U.S. electronic devices that emit radio signals — such as cordless telephones, baby monitors and wireless stereo speakers — can cause harmful interference with German telecommunications and emergency services transmissions.

"Depending on the frequency being used, it could also interfere with police and fire department radios. If they are responding to something on RB, [and] if one of the devices there is operating at the same frequency, it could interfere with the emergency services' ability to respond to the event," Schulze said.

BNetzA is responsible for assigning German frequencies to companies or organizations with a wireless requirement. These companies pay up to billions of euros for exclusive rights to that frequency, Schulze added.

In December 2010, Vodafone, a German telecommunications company, lodged a complaint about interference on its cellular network with BNetzA, which isolated the source of interference to Robinson Barracks.

Since then, RB and USAG Stuttgart residents in general have been informed of the need to turn off their unapproved devices.

There will be more surveys at RB in the future, Schulze said. If use of unapproved devices continues, residents could face fines.

"The fines could range anywhere from €1,000



Corey Knef

On April 6, German Federal Networks Agency representatives surveyed Robinson Barracks to detect sources of radio interference and found more than 20. Many U.S. electronic devices interfere with German telecommunications and emergency services.

to €1,500 per incident," said Quintin Quinn, chief of U.S. European Command spectrum management.

According to the German Telecommunications Act (TKG), published by BNetzA, those caught using a frequency not assigned to them fall subject to fines, which will increase with multiple infractions.

The easiest way to tell if a device is approved is to check for a CE symbol on it, or the BNetzA eagle symbol, Quinn said.

Just because the U.S. device works in Germany does not mean it is approved for use, he added. Even using an unapproved base station for a wireless phone can cause interference.

"If the device doesn't have a CE or BNetzA on it, then it's not approved," he said.

For more information, visit www.stuttgart.army.mil, click on "News," "The Citizen.pdf" and "Feb. 10, 2011."

News & Notes

Warehouse fire donations

After a warehouse fire destroyed the household goods of more than 120 families stationed in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Oct. 30, 2010, the garrison Religious Support Office and Stuttgart Community Spouses Club collected donations designated for the affected families. The SCSC collected nearly \$20,000. The RSO collected \$22,000 in offerings. The SCSC later turned its donations over to the RSO.

The RSO was able to distribute more than \$19,000 to fire victims through shopping vouchers, specific individual needs, such as a car seat, and free child care and refreshments during warehouse fire town hall meetings, according to Chaplain (Col.) Randall Dolinger, USAG Stuttgart command chaplain.

Once the emergency relief fund was deactivated Jan. 15, 2011, the remaining monies were re-distributed to the RSO's general account to support other Stuttgart military community members in need, following guidance from the garrison commander. Since then, the RSO has used some of funds to help others in need, including cancer victims.

The Installation Management Command Europe Chaplain's Office in Heidelberg conducted an audit of the fund in March 2011 and determined that donations to, and deductions from, the fund were accounted for in accordance with RSO regulations and U.S. Army Europe policy.

Drive safely in GOVs

The Stuttgart military community is experiencing a high rate of vehicle accidents involving government-operated vehicles.

Normally, the Stuttgart Law Center receives an average of 10-15 tort claims per year claiming that GOVs have hit privately owned vehicles, according to law center officials. However, in the first two months of 2011, the Stuttgart Law Center has already received seven claims.

Most of these incidents were caused by simple negligence, such as backing into cars while drivers were not paying attention.

With these accidents, the government is liable for damages incurred to the POVs and must also pay for repair costs for GOVs.

In fiscal year 2010, repairs to damaged government vehicles in the Stuttgart military community cost \$183,000, and from October to March FY11, repairs have cost an additional \$108,000, according to Jerry Reed, USAG Stuttgart transportation officer.

A Financial Liability Investigation of Property Loss may be conducted for accountability purposes and to determine whether the accident occurred through the simple negligence of the government operator.

Government employees operating a GOV in a negligent manner will face potential financial culpability for their carelessness and inattention.

GOVs must only be driven for official duties by drivers acting in an official capacity.

USAG Stuttgart Religious Support Office

Seasonal worship services

Protestant

April 24, Easter sunrise service

- 6:30 a.m., Robinson Barracks Chapel Field
- 6:30 a.m., Panzer Chapel

April 24, Easter service

- 11 a.m., Patch Chapel
- 12:30 p.m., Panzer Chapel (Gospel/COGIC)

Lutheran

April 21, Tenebrae Service
6:30 p.m., Panzer Chapel

April 22, Good Friday Service
6:30 p.m., Patch Chapel

April 24, Easter service
8:30 a.m., Panzer Chapel

Orthodox

April 23, Pascha Mass and Divine Liturgy
11:30 p.m., Patch Chapel

Catholic

April 21, Holy Thursday Mass
7 p.m., Patch Chapel
followed by exposition until midnight

April 22, Good Friday Liturgy
• Noon, Patch Chapel
• 6:30 p.m., Panzer Chapel

April 23, Easter Vigil
8 p.m., Panzer Chapel

April 24, Easter Sunday Mass
• 9 a.m., Patch Chapel
• Noon, Robinson Barracks Chapel
• 5 p.m., Patch Chapel

Panzer Chapel — Building 2940; Robinson Barracks Chapel — Building 115; Patch Chapel — Building 2305; Patch Religious Education Center — Building 2332
USAG Stuttgart Religious Support Office: 431-3079/civ. 07031-15-3079

EFMP support groups bolster families, children

Story & photo by Tanya Fogg Young
Special to The Citizen

Norma Nunez, having just received an autism diagnosis for her 3-year-old son last November, wondered if there was a support group in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart for families facing similar issues.

By January, an autism support group was up and running under the auspices of USAG Stuttgart Army Community Service's Exceptional Family Member Program — due in large part to Nunez's initiative. Since that time, some four families have attended the monthly support group meetings.

"The support group is another piece of the puzzle for me, an opportunity to discuss issues that others don't understand, and without being judged," Nunez said.

"I see this as a strength, not a weakness. I'm not afraid to ask for the help," she added.

The autism support group is one of four EFMP support groups that have started since January for members of the community to discuss topical issues, share experiences and learn about available resources, said Lisa Gregor, EFMP coordinator. The others are a diabetes youth group and support groups for Multiple Sclerosis and cancer. Gregor said plans are also under way to begin two more support groups — one for Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and another for seizure disorders.

Gregor said she has identified which support groups to start through a combination of needs expressed by community members and from EFMP special-needs demographics provided by the U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart.

"The groups are all so new, in their



Norma Nunez reads a story to her son, Victor, 3, who was recently diagnosed with autism, following an autism support group meeting April 6. The group is one of several support groups sponsored by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Community Service's Exceptional Family Member Program.

infancy stages, and while I eventually want the support groups to be self-sustaining, right now I'm [the] main point of contact," she said. "If somebody indicates they want support, I'm willing to find the room for the group to meet [in] and to help market it."

The newly-formed cancer support group, which Gregor said began at the request of a community member, is in addition to a nearly year-old cancer support group that is sponsored by the Panzer Chapel Contemporary Service.

The EFMP's diabetes support group, which currently has some five youngsters ages 9-15, meets twice a month. "They seem like they are enjoying the ability to connect with others who know what they have to

go through without having to explain themselves," Gregor said of the youth group attendees. "They're so mature and savvy, and it's amazing to hear them talk about what concerns them. I see so much strength in them."

Gregor also lauded the strength of the families attending the autism support group meetings and pointed to their desire for more community awareness about the disorder. "What they want most is community education about what autism is and isn't," she said.

Autism is a complex developmental disability that impacts social interaction and communication skills and typically appears during the first three years of life.

Norma and Jose Nunez's son, Vic-

EFMP support groups

- **Multiple Sclerosis Support Group** meets the second and fourth Monday of the month, 10-11 a.m. (next meeting is April 25)
 - **Diabetes Support Group** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6-7 p.m.
 - **Cancer Support Group** Meets the last Thursday of the month, 6-7 p.m.
 - **Autism Support Group** Meets the first Wednesday of the month, 6-7 p.m. (next meeting is May 4)
- All of the groups meet in Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

tor, was already attending preschool at Patch Elementary School for speech delays when he was diagnosed with autism last fall at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. The couple said they had noticed their son wasn't meeting certain developmental milestones in speech and interaction with his peers.

The couple described the autism diagnosis as a "label" given to their son, but said that it does not define who he is. "I'm not labeling my child, but my child has needs," Jose Nunez said of his son. "I'm trying to find a way to communicate with him to teach him."

Norma Nunez added, "We knew we had to find the tools to help us be better parents for him. EFMP has helped us tremendously."

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RB CX

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A self-serve bakery will provide bread and fresh pastries. DeCA also hopes to install a deli in the future, according to DeCA Public Affairs Officer Leslie Brown.

Sarah Michel, a Navy spouse living on Robinson Barracks, said she is looking forward to finding everything on her shopping list at RB.

"It will be nice knowing you can go there and nine out of 10 times they're going to have what you're looking for," she said. "We're pretty excited about it."

If customers don't see a product they want, they can use the special order program, Broomfield said.

The AAFES furniture store will be located next to the commissary and have its own entrance. The store will be renovated with new carpeting, flooring and a complete store reset, according to Frank Niccoll, general manager for the U.S. European Command Consolidated Exchange.

The stand-alone furniture store will open May 2. Through May 15 the store is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The store will be closed on May 16, and

on May 17, will match the commissary's operating hours, Niccoll added.

Based on the smaller space, the store will offer a refined assortment of bedroom and living room sets, dining areas, mattresses, lamps and rugs.

But patrons will be able to request furniture from other regional AAFES furniture stores through a merchandise shuttle program.

The AAFES store will continue to provide a limited selection of wines and spirits, a small stationary and greeting card section, and a Box Office Video rental area. All other AAFES products formerly sold at the CX, such as toys and automobile needs, will be available at the main exchange on Panzer Kaserne.

The new layout provides RB with unique sales opportunities, according to Niccoll. For example, if the commissary has a summer case lot sale, the AAFES store might display a selection of grills.

"Because of our location, we'll be able to partner up on many events," he said.

Other AAFES projects

The "Kebab, Chicken and More" mobile vendor's

hours of operation on RB will decrease as of May 7. New hours will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Patch Food Court, a joint garrison and AAFES project, is scheduled to open in July. The food court will house Burger King, Taco Bell and Subway restaurants, and a Sehne bakery.

"We're looking forward to that. We've been closed way too long," Niccoll said.

Once the project is complete, the mobile Burger King and outdoor grill located outside the Patch theater will cease operation. The movie theater will only sell Anthony's Pizza in the evening.

AAFES plans to hire a new grill concessionaire for the American Eatery on Patch Barracks by early June.

Once the permanent food installations on Patch are completed, mobile vendors will sell only on selected days of the week, Niccoll said.

At the Panzer Mall, the Brandz concessionaire will be replaced with a Fila sports store this spring. In May, the Apriori women's fashion store will be replaced with a Recon store, offering military-style clothing and accessories.

USAREUR officials: Watch for suspicious letters, packages

U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal officials are reminding members of the U.S. forces community in Europe to be vigilant concerning suspicious packages and letters.

The reminder follows reports that an Italian military officer in Livorno, Italy, lost three fingers and suffered severe eye damage from a letter bomb that exploded in an army barracks there March 31.

Force protection and security officials offer the following information to help identify and safely deal with suspicious packages.

The first thing the experts say is that any suspicious-looking package or letter should be treated as a potential bomb.

It's equally important to know that if there is suspicion that a bomb is in the vicinity, the job of finding and disposing of it should be left to the experts: explosive ordnance disposal teams, military police or security experts. Untrained personnel should never attempt to deal with bombs themselves.

There are several questions that can help determine if a suspicious package might contain a bomb:

- Is the package from a stranger or an unknown place?
- Is the return address missing?
- Is the package addressed to a recipient by title only?
- Does the address include a mismatched or incorrect name and title?
- Is there an excessive amount of postage, tape or string on the package?
- Is the size abnormal, excessive or unusual?
- Are there misspelled or poorly typed words in the package's address?
- Do the locations on the postmark and the return address differ?
- Are there restrictive markings on the package, such as "personal"?
- Does the handwriting appear to be in a "foreign" style?
- Does the item smell peculiar? (Many explosives used by terrorists smell like shoe polish or almonds.)
- Is the package unusually heavy or light? Is it

rigid or bulky?

- Is the package lopsided or uneven in balance?
- Does the package have oily stains, discolorations or crystallization on it?
- Is there a "springiness" to the top, bottom or sides?
- Are there protruding wires or strings?
- Is the package marked "registered" in a manner that raises suspicion? (For example, when the recipient is not expecting a registered package.)

If any of these questions can be answered, "yes," the package or letter should be turned over to security experts immediately.

Never touch or move a suspicious package or letter. Do not cut tape, strings or wrappings or immerse in water.

Isolate the package. Do not shake, bump, open or taste it.

Call the Military Police, local police or security officials immediately.

In Stuttgart, call the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Military Police at civ. 0711-680-114 or call German Emergency Services at civ. 112.

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CYSS Hired program allows teens to earn, learn

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

As the school year ends, many students begin their summer job search.

But Stuttgart teens don't have to wait until summer to enter the job market.

The Child, Youth and School Services Hired program lets teens enhance their resumes and earn a little cash throughout the year.

The 12-week program offers 15-18 year-olds work experience in a selected career path aligned with their collegiate or vocational goals.

Participants are required to work 15 hours a week during the term. Once they have fulfilled the program's requisites, they are presented with a certificate of completion from Kansas State University and receive a \$500 stipend.

The stipend may be small, but the

Hired experience can pay off in more ways than money.

"Some of the trainings we offer can cost a fair amount of money in the private sector," said Luis Villegas, the Hired program coordinator for U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

These include first aid and CPR, time management, conflict resolution, interview skills and resume writing. Students are required to attend at least six sessions, Villegas said.

Teens find they develop valuable skills that can be applicable beyond their Hired experience.

"[I've learned] customer service, [and] how to deal with customers who expect you to do more than you really can," said Nick Morris, a Hired participant with the CYS Sports and Fitness office.

Others get a chance to explore career fields that match their interests.

"I love art, and I do a lot of arts and crafts," said Jenna Throckmorton, who works for the Patch Arts and Crafts Center.

"I used to work a grill at McDonald's and [at] landscaping, which are both really hard and really hot jobs," Throckmorton said. "The atmosphere [here] is better, and I like the people."

Students can currently be placed in 25 organizations, to include most Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities. "I'm continuously looking for partnerships. If a manager has a need, I am willing to help fill it," Villegas said. He said the Stuttgart American Red Cross office recently joined the program.

Teens can also participate in the program for up to six terms. "With every two terms, the stipend payments

go up ... to \$750 with the fifth and sixth terms," said Villegas.

And the teens don't necessarily have to change positions. "Sometimes its beneficial for a youth to stay at a facility past the 12 weeks because there is a potential to learn more," said Villegas. "But I also encourage them to look to gain experience in different fields. It may spark their interest in a new career path."

The next Hired term begins June 19 and runs through Sept. 9. Applications are available at the Patch Hub, CYS Parent Central Services or www.stuttgartmwr.com. For more information, call 430-6289/0711-680-6289.

Editor's Note: Cory Knef, a Hired participant with the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Public Affairs Office, contributed to this story.

DoDDS-E holds registration for upcoming school year April 26-28

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Stuttgart Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe will hold registration for the 2011-2012 school year April 26-28 at the Panzer Shopping Mall.

"The early registration assists DODDS-E in obtaining the appropriate resources for the coming school year," said Dr. Rena Hall, a school liaison officer for U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart. "Funding, staffing authorizations and text book orders are based on enrollment and enrollment projections."

Last year, 85 percent of the current student population registered during the early registration event. The goal this year is 92 percent, according to Hall.

This year, kindergarten teachers will be on hand April 26 to do informal assessments.

The teachers will observe the children as they perform some basic tasks, such as writing their names and drawing pictures, according Teresa Senna, a kindergarten teacher at Böblingen Elementary/Middle School.

"This assessment will allow us to have a better understanding of where the child is developmentally. Children come to us with a variety of experiences, such as Strong Beginnings, preschool and German kindergarten. We want to ensure we have balanced kindergarten classrooms," she said.

Sponsors should bring copies of orders, birth certificate, updated emergency contact information and shot records to register their children.

For more information about early registration, contact your child's school or the USAG Stuttgart School Liaison Office at 430-7465/0711-680-7465.

DODDS-E registration April 26-28, Panzer Mall

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8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Families whose last names begin with P-Z

Complete OHA survey

Eligible service members are encouraged to take the 2011 Overseas Housing Allowance Utility/Recurring Maintenance Survey.

The deadline to take the survey has been extended to April 30.

All service members who have lived off-post under the OHA program for at least six months are eligible.

The survey takes approximately 30 minutes.

Service members in Germany can take the survey at www.defense-travel.dod.mil/ss/wsb.dll/s/eg4a.



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[Above] Drew Penrod, left, and Elizabeth Ridgway, are members of the five-piece ensemble "1922." [Below] Joe Viana, left, and Chris Hopkins perform during the 2011 Follies April 7.



Travis Baker, senior, performs his original song "The Unfoolish Knight."

Follies showcase PHS talents

By Susan Huseman

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

T.J. Liquori may have never played in a band before, but that did not stop him from his ambitious plan of performing an original composition with friends during the Patch High School Follies held April 7 in the Forum.

The Follies is PHS's annual talent show and is sponsored by the school's Parent Teacher Organization.

Liquori, a senior, wrote the lyrics and music for "1922," a five-piece ensemble consisting of cello, guitar, trumpet, violin, piano and a vocalist.

"I wrote the music about five months ago and then started looking for musicians to play with me," Liquori said.

"A lot of my friends are music students, and they were very excited to participate," he added.

A first-place cash prize of \$200 was not a motivator for Liquori, who plays piano, trumpet and guitar.

"The money is not important — getting the experience is," he said before the show.

Sixteen acts performed in front of fellow students, friends and family members.

Jamie Buechel opened the Follies with her version

of Paramore's "The Only Exception," while accompanying herself on acoustic guitar.

The 16-year old junior, who has played guitar since she was 12, had never performed in front of a crowd until the Follies and decided to combat her nerves by volunteering to go first. "I wanted to get it out of the way," she said.

Junior Nassor Brooks was the sole dancer of the evening.

Brooks, 17, performed an original dance routine inspired, he said, by hip hop dancer Mr. Wiggles and breakdancer B-Boy Junior.

The acts were judged on skill level, stage presence, originality, expression and poise, and appearance.

Judge Jennifer Buxkemper said that it was a great show and tough to judge.

"Everyone is to be commended. Each act has put their best foot forward," she said.

Nevertheless, at the end of the show the judges deliberated and arrived at a consensus.

First place went to "1922," consisting of T.J. Liquori, Leah Boxley, Drew Penrod, Patrick Brimberry, Elizabeth Ridgway and Mica Aguilar. Joe Viana and Chris Hopkins picked up second place and \$100. Travis Baker won third place and \$50.

School Advisory Committee

Get to know your SAC

Compiled by USAG Stuttgart School Liaison Office

- The Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School School Advisory Committee meeting was held March 31. The SAC continues to work on issues to improve RBEMS. The committee is looking for interested parents to serve on the SAC for the 2011-2012 school year. The next meeting will be held May 12 in the school conference room at 3 p.m.. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- The Böblingen Elementary/Middle School School SAC has two vacant parent representative positions for the upcoming school year.

Interested parents are invited to send nominations via e-mail. Send a brief personal introduction, statement of interest and relevant biographical details to BEMS.SAC@googlemail.com by April 30.

Elections will take place by secret e-mail ballots during the first week in May.

The BEMS SAC meets once a month and regularly discusses a wide range of topics, including school policies and facilities, educational resources, parental communication, community outreach, curriculum standards, student safety and transportation.

Most of the issues are solved at the local level. Some recent actions and proposals resulting from SAC discussions include:

- Continuation of the Spanish Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES) program through fifth grade
- Middle school curriculum enrichment initiatives, both inside the classroom (visits by military speakers on special topics; science showcase) and outside (field trips)
- School website enhancement, pending a DODDS-Europe test project to centralize and standardize school website management, with special focus on timely and relevant updates during the summer season in preparation for the beginning of the school year
- New school construction plans
- Re-zoning of street parking in front of the school
- Changes in school facilities to accommodate school population growth.

For more information, call the School Liaison Office at 430-7465/civ. 0711-680-7465.

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Experienced cyclist credits helmet for saving his life

By Sgt. Fabian Ortega
U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Office

Col. Michael G. Koba said the driver of the vehicle that caused him to slam into the ground helmet-first, compressing his spine and damaging four vertebrae, didn't see him riding his bicycle on a Saturday afternoon last October.

"I was crossing an intersection when I saw a car coming toward me. In order for me to avoid the car, I slammed on my brakes," Koba said. The car didn't hit him, but that action flipped Koba and his bike in the air.

Koba, the deputy chief of operations for U.S. Army Europe and a native of Cohoes, New York, said he's been cycling on and off again since his high school days.

He arrived in Germany during the summer of 2009 and bought a bike mostly to get to and from work, he said.

Koba is like many who are overseas and learn that Europe is full of flat lands, river valleys, canals and bike trails. "I discovered that Germany had some great biking opportunities ... I began biking seriously again," he said.

Following the accident, Koba was in the hospital for 14 days. He had a broken wrist and had to have a vertebra replaced, requiring two rods and eight screws to hold it in place.

"I had significant injuries as a result of the accident, but they would have been much more extensive, if not life-threatening, had I not worn a helmet, which was the first point of impact," Koba said. The helmet was completely crushed, but it did its job, he added.

"Head injuries are a big concern," said Dave Scott, the safety division



U.S. Army Europe

Col. Michael G. Koba, the deputy chief of operations for U.S. Army in Europe, is undergoing physical therapy for his injured spine as a result of his bicycle accident in October. He credits his helmet for saving his life.

chief for USAREUR. "Bicycling is popular, so the probability of serious accidents is there for youth and adults."

Broken bones, lacerations, road rash and head injuries are the painful reminders of being thrown from a bike, he said.

Like motorcycle helmets, bicycle helmets are a Department of Defense requirement for anyone cycling on military installations, Scott said.

"It's also a requirement for Soldiers to always wear a helmet whether on or off

“Bicycling is so popular, so the probability of serious accidents is there for youth and adults.”

Dave Scott
USAREUR Safety
Division chief

the installation, on or off duty," he added. Scott and Koba agreed that helmets should be replaced after any impact.

"A helmet should always be replaced after an accident, even if it does not appear to be damaged," said Scott. Helmets absorb the impact by compressing internally. The hidden damage will significantly reduce its effectiveness, he explained.

Koba's advice to fellow cyclists is this: "Pay attention to the vehicles on the roads around you because they aren't always paying attention to you."

Getting injured in broad daylight on a Saturday afternoon was almost ironic, Koba said. "I thought my biggest vulnerability was the darkness [while traveling] to and from work."

Still undergoing physical therapy for his injured spine and not yet able to ride, he said his goal is to participate in the 2011 "Road to Liberty" in Bastogne, Belgium, and offered one last bicycling tip.

"Be safe and don't be afraid to ride. It's a great way to see Europe," he said.

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Easter holiday, traffic, closures

Easter is April 24. During the Easter holidays, German stores will be closed on Good Friday, April 22, as well as Easter Monday, April 25. Stores will be open for shoppers April 23.

Easter vacation for local German schools is set for April 21-30. Traffic on German roads is anticipated to be heaviest on the weekends.

- **All Community Banks** will be closed on April 22 and 25. The Panzer Kaserne Banking Center will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 23.

- **The USAG Stuttgart Housing Office** will offer limited services on April 22 and 25. No contract reviews will be available on these dates.

- **LeRose Restaurant** on Patch Barracks will be closed on April 25 for the holiday.

Road work scheduled near Panzer

Road work will begin May 1 on the road leading to the Böblingen incinerator. Access to the Böblingen Training Area via this stretch of county-owned road may be reduced to one lane at times and is scheduled to be closed completely for road work on May 28.

BlueCross

BlueShield here

Representatives from the CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Federal Employee Program will be available to

meet with employees and answer benefits questions April 26 in at the Kelley Hotel conference room from noon to 2:30 p.m.

ASMC scholarships

The Greater Stuttgart Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers is accepting applications from graduating Patch High School seniors for two \$500 scholarships.

The deadline is April 30. Applications may be picked up at the Patch High School

counselors' office.

For more information, call civ. 0711-680-7308.

Patch DFAC closed May 13

The Patch Dining Facility will be closed May 13 for a complete cleaning. The dining facility will reopen May 14.

PHS presents 'Guys and Dolls'

Patch High School will present "Guys and Dolls" April 28-30 and May 5-7 at 7:30 p.m. in the PHS Forum. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, and will be available at the door.

Donate to AER

Donate to the USAG Stuttgart 2011 Army Emergency Relief Campaign through May 15. Unsolicited donations are accepted any time online at www.aerhq.org.

For more information, call Faith Barnes at 431-2085/civ.

07031-15-2085.

Child abuse prevention training offered

The USAG Stuttgart Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program will host "See It, Know It, Report It," a child abuse prevention course with a special emphasis on "sexting" and the danger of cyber child abuse on April 28 from 5-7 p.m. in Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-3364/civ. 07031-15-3364.

Improve GT scores

USAG Stuttgart Directorate of Human Resources Education Services will host a Functional Academic Skills Training class May 4-26 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Education Center, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

The Armed Forces Classification Test will be administered May 26 at 8 a.m. Students must have command

permission to attend.

For more information, call 431-2684/civ. 07031-15-2684.

ACAP events

The Stuttgart Army Career and Alumni Program will host the following seminars, briefs and workshops:

- **Veterans Affairs benefits**, May 4, 8 a.m. to noon
- **Retiree Transition Assistance Program**, May 10-12, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Apply for a Federal Job**, May 9, 9 a.m. to noon
- **Interview Preparation**, May 25, 9 a.m. to noon.

Registration is required.

For more information, 431-2191/civ. 07031-15-2191.

EEO 'Lunch, Learn'

The USAG Stuttgart Equal Employment Opportunity Office will host a "Lunch and Learn" session May 19 from 11:50 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Army Community Service conference room, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne. Topics include reasonable accommodation, and how the federal workforce will be affected by the finalized Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 regulations. Register by May 17.

For more information, e-mail usagstuttgarteeo@eur.army.mil.

Take your Child to Work Day set

Stuttgart's School Liaison Services will host a "Take your Child to Work" Day on April 28. Excused absence forms are available at the School Liaison Office.

For more information, call 430-7465/civ. 0711-680-7465.

Need child's school/sports physical?

The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart will offer school and sports physicals for children on May 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Schedule an appointment at the USAHC Stuttgart front desk. Bring your child's immunizations records.

Evening at the Arts at RBEMS

Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School will display more than 200 pieces of student artwork on April 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Send community-wide announcements to stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil.



Brittany Carlson

Celebrating military children

Lauren Tierney (from left), 3; Damian Caban, 5; Alexander Czarzasty, 5; and Michelle Keel, 4, get a closer look at illustrations for "Where the Wild Things Are," while Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony M. Bryant, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart command sergeant major, reads the book to children at the Patch Child Development Center April 13. The reading was one of many Month of the Military Child events planned for April.

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Enjoy springtime fun at 'Frühlingsfest'

By Carola Meusel

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

This year's annual Stuttgarter Frühlingsfest (Spring Festival) will run from April 23 through May 15 at the Cannstatter Wasen fest grounds in Bad Cannstatt.

The fest is open Sunday through Thursday from noon to 11 p.m., and Friday, Saturday and holidays from 11 a.m. to midnight.

The festival, one of the largest spring fests in Europe, offers various rides such as wild water rafting, bumper cars, carousels, haunted houses, a Ferris wheel and roller coaster, as well as pony rides and merry-go-rounds for children.

"It's the variety of things to do that make the Frühlingsfest a fun time for the entire family," said Sabrina Kampe, from "in.Stuttgart," the event organizer.

Besides the rides, the Frühlingsfest features food ranging from hearty Swabian meals to Asian, Italian and Greek cuisine, along with festival goodies such as cotton candy and chocolate-covered fruit.

Three beer tents — "Göckelemaier," "Grandl's Hofbräu Zelt" and "Zum Wasenwirt" — will offer grilled chicken or "Göckele," freshly brewed fest beer and live bands, which will entertain the crowds with "Volksmusik" (German folk music), party, country and rock tunes.

Each fest tent also has a beer garden where visitors can enjoy food and drinks in the sun.

A reconstruction of a typical Ba-

varian-Austrian Alp village, the "Almhüttendorf," is set up in the middle of the Cannstatter Wasen fest grounds.

It is considered one of the festival's main attractions. Here, visitors can find rustic booths offering "Schweinshaxe" (hambone) or a "Jause," a snack consisting of bread, cold cuts, radishes and cottage cheese. This type of snack is normally served in huts throughout Bavaria and Austria, while people take breaks during hiking trips.

Since the Frühlingsfest is a family-oriented event, special family days are offered every Wednesday: April 27, May 4 and 11, from noon until 11 p.m.

Families are invited to enjoy a day at the fest with reduced entrance fees, according to event organizers.

Free face painting and sessions with balloon artists are also available for children.

For a quiet shopping experience at the Frühlingsfest, patrons can stroll along the variety market, which offers jewelry, leather wear and clothing, as well as fine herbs, spices and tea. The variety market is open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

From fest fun to family entertainment and culinary experiences, the Frühlingsfest offers patrons a multifaceted program to celebrate the awakening of spring in the city.

"The options for having a good time at the Frühlingsfest are endless. Absolutely nobody should feel bored at any time during the fest," Kampe said.

For more information on the Stuttgart Frühlingsfest, visit www.stuttgarter-fruehlingsfest.de.



in.Stuttgart (Niedermüller)

Children take a whirl on a ride during last year's Frühlingsfest at the Cannstatter Wasen fest grounds. This year's fest will run from April 23 to May 15.

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USAG Stuttgart AFAP update

As a result of the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander's Army Family Action Plan Steering Committee meeting held March 10, the garrison has sent seven issues forward to the Installation Management Command Europe AFAP conference for May. The issues going forward are:

- DoDDs Teacher and Administrator Performance Assessments
- DoDDs Substitute Teacher Qualifications
- Department of Defense Banking Regulations
- Fitness Class Funding, AP and Honors Standards Are Not Accepted By DODDs Globally
- Student Travel for College Youth Attending Universities OCONUS
- DoD Civilian with Exceptional Family Member

The following issues were closed out as completed:

- Post 9-11 GI Bill Transferability for Eligible Retirees.
- Post 9-11 GI Bill Transfer Limitations Awareness
- Quality of Nutritional Options in the Community

For full committee minutes and a list of prioritized issues, visit www.stuttgartmwr.com/ACS/AFAP/.

Apply for jobs with Summer Hire

Applications for the 2011 Summer Hire program in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart are currently being accepted through May 22 online at <https://lnjobs.army.mil/sg/staffing/summerhire>. Family members ages 14-22 with valid ID cards, including spouses under age 18 who are still in high school, are

eligible to apply.

Jobs are available in labor, clerical and child care fields. The program will run from June 20 to July 29.

For more information, call the Stuttgart Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at 431-3152/civ. 07031-15-3152.

Buy, sell at 'Kidz Only' flea market

A "Kidz Only" flea market will be held April 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Husky Field parking lot on Patch Barracks.

ARC classes

The Stuttgart branch of the American Red Cross will offer the following classes:

- Standard First Aid with CPR/AED (adult and child plus infant CPR), April 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Baby Sitter Training/CPR, April 22-23 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students must attend both sessions to receive credit. Students must be 11 years old to enroll.

The cost for both classes is \$40, which includes materials. To register, visit the ARC office in Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne. For more information, call the ARC at 431-2812/civ. 07031-15-2812.

Community Town Hall on May 23

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will hold a Community Town Hall meeting to provide information and address community concerns May 23 from 3-5 p.m. in the Kelley Fitness Center on Kelley Barracks.

Need fuel, oil for rental car?

Petroleum, oil and lubricant authorizations for rental vehicles can be obtained either at the local Customs Office during normal duty hours or

24 hours a day at the Provost Marshal Office on Patch Barracks. To obtain an authorization, bring ID card, rental contract and the registration for rental vehicle. Personnel on temporary duty orders must also present TDY orders.

Discover your emotional intelligence

The University of Phoenix will host an interactive workshop on "Discovering Your Emotional Intelligence" with Dr. Eileen Gomez on May 11 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 402B, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

Discussion topics include what emotional intelligence, or EQ, is, why it is important, how it affects relationships and how to enhance it.

ACS Denim Day set

USAG Stuttgart Army Community Service will host a Denim Day observance April 27. Community members are encouraged to wear jeans in observance of Sexual Assault Prevention Month. A Denim Day reception will be held from 12:30-1 p.m. in the ACS lobby, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call Mariana Graupmann at 431-3342/civ. 07031-15-3342.

Register your bike

Having your bicycle registered is important in the event it is lost or stolen.

To register a bicycle, visit the USAG Stuttgart Military Police Desk in Building 2307 on Patch Barracks. Cyclists will need their ID card, address and phone number,

sponsor's DEROS, and bicycle description (make, model, color, size and serial number).

The bicycle information will be stored in an MP database. In the event the bicycle is found or recovered, the MPs will be able to contact the owner.

For more information, call the Military Police Traffic Section at 430-5330/5001/civ. 0711-680-5330/5001.

Missoula Children's Theater auditions

The Missoula Children's Theater Workshop will take place April 25-29 at Böblingen Elementary/Middle School, followed by a performance April 30 at 3 p.m.

Auditions for "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" will be held April 25 from 3-6 p.m. Practices will be April 26-29.

The cost to participate is \$20. Register at CYS Services Parent Central Services.

For more information, call 430-7483/civ. 0711-680-7483.

Join Kontakt Club

The Stuttgart Kontakt Club, a German-American outreach organization, is looking for new members.

Members can learn about the local area, exchange customs and participate in scheduled activities and outings. The club welcomes all community members to visit their Stammtisch at Panzer Hall, Building 3180 on Waldburgstrasse (behind the Panzer Housing area), every first Sunday of the month.

For more information, call 431-3113/civ. 07031-15-3113

or visit www.kontakt-club-stuttgart.de.

Health clinic seeking nurses

The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart is seeking licensed practical nurses.

If interested, contact Maj. Mary Whitney, chief nurse at USAHC Stuttgart, at mary.whitney@amedd.army.mil.

Meet your SLO

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart School Liaison Officers will meet with students and parents every third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Panzer Hotel on Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call the School Liaison Office at 430-7465/civ. 0711-680-7465.

ASAP training set

Annual Army Substance Abuse Training will take place May 19 in the Patch Theater from 1-2 p.m. for civilians, and from 2:30-3:30 p.m. for civilian supervisors.

To schedule onsite training for your unit, contact Dr. Howard Krout at 431-2530/civ. 07031-15-2530.

USO offers free lunch monthly

Join the Stuttgart United Service Organizations for a free lunch on the last Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the USO lounge. Donated side dishes and desserts are appreciated.

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Snoozin' and losin'

Falling asleep while driving can be deadly. Here are some tips to help drivers stay awake behind the wheel.

- Recognize the symptoms of fatigue: eyes closing, blurred vision, persistent yawning, driving between lanes or onto shoulders, back tension, burning eyes, shallow breathing or inattentiveness.
- Maintain a regular sleep schedule that allows adequate rest.
- When the signs of fatigue begin to show, get off the road and take a short nap in a well-lit area. Don't simply stop on the side of the road.
- When planning long trips, share driving with a companion and begin the trip early in the day. Keep the temperature cool during daytime. Stop for light meals and snacks, and stop every two hours to get out the car and walk around; exercise helps combat fatigue.

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(Left) Kathleen Rutan, Army spouse and "Art of the Italian Kitchen" student, samples grilled polenta with shrimp sauce during the final class April 6. (Center) Vito and Luisa Mannara, USO Italian cooking instructors, spoon homemade tomato sauce and fennel-seed sausages onto polenta. (Right) Vito Mannara, USO Italian cooking instructor, ladles sauce onto homemade pizza crust.

Students learn art of Italian cooking at USO

Story & photos by **Brittany Carlson**
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Italian cooking isn't just about making food: it's the practice of enjoying life's simple pleasures. That's what students learned in the first "Art of the Italian Kitchen" cooking class offered by the Stuttgart branch of the United Service Organizations, which ended April 6.

Instructor Vito Mannara, along with his wife, Luisa, transformed the USO kitchen into an Italian "cucina" on Wednesday nights, where students spent as much time talking about Italian culture and eating as they did cooking.

"Sharing our cultural backgrounds is good," said Mannara, who hails from Taranto, Italy. "We can become richer. I want to give my contribution to that, even if it's just a kitchen class."

Mannara is accustomed to cultural exchange: during duty hours he serves as the Italian Liaison Officer for U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command.

After duty hours, however, he taught 12 students how to create close to 30 authentic Italian dishes, ranging from pasta with tomato sauce to veal saltimbocca and even octopus.

Most importantly, he explained how to eat like Italians do: course by course.

"We eat [in] layers, not all together," Mannara said. "Between, we drink water or wine. We talk."

At the start of each class, Mannara outlined the recipes and where to find the required ingredients, from the commissary to local Italian grocery stores.

Then, students learned to make a three- to four-course meal, sampling each recipe with Italian wines between courses.

"The tasting part is my favorite part," said Stella Post, an Army spouse.

Post has already started implementing some of the cooking techniques she learned in the classes.

"One thing it really taught me was that the American version overdramatizes the simplicity of the Italian flavors. You really don't need to overdo it," she said. "I'm taking some of that into my cooking. I make my lasagna differently now."

The first four classes were devoted to basic meals from specific areas in Italy, and the last four sessions concentrated on well-known, regional specialties like spaghetti carbonara and pizza margherita.

Some students were surprised to learn that the Italian dishes they were used to eating in the States or in Germany were very different from those made in Italy.

Mannara recalled asking students during the first class: "What do you think is the secret of the Italian kitchen?"

Most answered "garlic," he said, but "the real secret of the Italian kitchen is extra virgin olive oil."

His ease in the kitchen and with the students is one of the reasons USO Stuttgart tours manager Elizabeth Plotner agreed to commit to an eight-week class with Mannara — and hopes to schedule another in the fall.

"He's very engaging, from the initial 'hello,'" Plotner said. "He has a nice sense of humor. He integrates anecdotes, and they love him."

"Then, I come and taste the food and that really cinches it."

The USO offers other culinary classes, including a German cooking class and even a raw food course, but this is the first time it has offered an Italian cooking class, Plotner said. She hopes it is the first of many courses offering international cuisine and culture.

"He has kind of set the bar," she said.



Vito Mannara, instructor for the USO's "Art of the Italian Kitchen" course, displays his knife skills as he chops cherry tomatoes during the final class meeting on April 6.



Grilled polenta & Shrimp sauce

Ingredients (serves 4-6):

- Prepared polenta, sliced 1.5 cm thick
- 300 g medium uncooked shrimp (0.7 lbs)
- Half a medium shallot
- 3 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup white wine
- 10 medium cherry tomatoes ("pachino")
- Salt
- Red hot pepper, chopped

Directions:

• Thaw the shrimp, if frozen, clean them and remove the tails. Wash and chop the tomatoes and shallot. Brown the shallot in a pan with oil (medium heat). Add the shrimp and let them become just white (high heat). Add the wine and let it evaporate for one minute ("sfumare"). Add the tomatoes, salt and hot pepper and cook for 10-15 minutes on low heat, allowing some liquid to remain.

• Meanwhile grill slices of polenta: corn-flour cakes commonly eaten in northern Italy. You can find already-prepared polenta in some Italian shops in Stuttgart or prepare it yourself: Buy a box of polenta flour and follow the directions. Let it cool in a 10-by-25 centimeter pan and cut into slices.

• Place 2-3 slices of grilled polenta on a plate and pour the shrimp sauce on top. Enjoy.

• This sauce can also be used with spaghetti. Add some fresh chopped parsley before serving.



[Above] Stella Post (left) accepts a sample of grilled polenta from Vito Mannara, USO Stuttgart Italian cooking instructor, April 6.

[Left] Vito Mannara (left), an Italian cooking instructor for the USO Stuttgart, oversees student Mike Sutherland, a lieutenant colonel with the Marine Corps, as he pours white wine into a tomato and shrimp sauce during the final cooking class April 6. The USO plans to offer the class again in the fall. At his day job, Mannara, an Italian navy commander, is the Italian Liaison for U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command.

What's happening in FMWR

Spring Fest is coming

Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services will host its annual egg hunt and Spring Fest April 23 on Patch Barracks.

The egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. on Husky Field, followed by activities at the Patch Hub, including pony rides. All activities are free of charge.

Kelley Club hosts Easter brunch

An all-you-can-eat Easter brunch will be offered at the Kelley Club April 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring lobster, ham, and an Easter egg hunt for children.

For more information, or to make a reservation, call civ. 0172-790-9859 or 0711-720-70-694.

Enter Arts and Crafts contest

The 2011 U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and MWR Arts and Crafts contest is now open for entries through May 7.

Guidelines for entries are available at the Kelley and Patch Arts and Crafts Centers. The award presentation and exhibition

will be May 18.

For more information, call 430-5270/civ. 0711-680-5270.

Kelley Theatre presents children's show

The Kelley Theatre Center presents "Gary Grinkle's Battle with Wrinkles and Other Trouble in Mudgeville" April 29 and May 6 at 7:30 p.m., April 30 at 1 p.m. and May 7 at 1 and 3 p.m.

There will be a special showing for the Exceptional Family Member Program April 30 at 11 a.m.

For more information or to make reservations, call 421-3055/civ. 0711-729-3055, or visit www.stuttgartmwr.com.

FMWR airport shuttle

The USAG Stuttgart Family and MWR Auto Crafts shop provides airport shuttle services seven days a week, from both on-post and off-post locations.

For online reservations, visit www.stuttgartmwr.com or call 431-2555/civ. 07031-15-2555.

For MWR updates, e-mail mwr-marketing@eur.army.mil.

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Coming to Patch Theater

April 21 — The Roommate (PG-13) 6 p.m.

April 22 — Just Go With It (PG-13) 6 p.m., I Am Number Four (PG-13) 9 p.m.

April 23 — Rio (PG) 4 p.m., I Am Number Four (PG-13), 7 p.m., Just Go With It (PG-13) 9 p.m.

April 24 — Rio (PG) 2 p.m., Rio (PG) 4 p.m., Just Go With It (PG-13) 7 p.m.

April 25 — Rio (PG) 6 p.m.

April 26 — I Am Number Four (PG-13) 6 p.m.

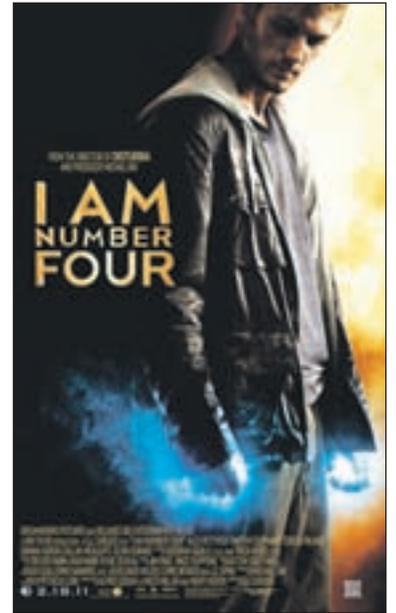
April 27 — Just Go With It (PG-13) 6 p.m.

April 28 — Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G) 6 p.m.

April 29 — Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G) 6 p.m., Water for Elephants (PG-13) 9 p.m.

April 30 — Gnomeo & Juliet (G) 4 p.m., Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G) 7 p.m., Water for Elephants (PG-13) 9 p.m.

May 1 — Gnomeo & Juliet (G) 2 p.m., Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G) 4 p.m., Water for



Dreamworks Pictures

Elephants (PG-13) 7 p.m.

May 2 — Water for Elephants (PG-13) 6 p.m.

May 3 — Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G) 6 p.m.

May 4 — Gnomeo & Juliet (G) 6 p.m.

Family & MWR Featured Events

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FAMILY

CYS SPRINGFEST & EGG HUNT

April 23 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Huskey Field/Youth Center/Fitness Center on Patch
Parent Central Services
DSN: 430-7480 CIV:0711 680 7480

CYS FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration begins May 2 - July 29.
Tackle Football, Soccer, Flag Football and Cheerleading.
Parent Central Services, Patch Bldg. 2347
DSN: 430-7480 CIV:0711 680 7480



EASTER

EASTER BRUNCH

Enjoy great German and American Easter dishes with your Family.
April 24 10³⁰ a.m. - 2³⁰ p.m.
Kelley Club
DSN 421 4660, CIV 0711 729 4660

EASTER BRUNCH

Don't know what to prepare for Easter? Don't worry. Manolitos is offering an Easter Brunch just for you!
April 24 10³⁰ a.m. - 2³⁰ p.m.
Swabian Special Events Center on Patch
DSN 421 4660, CIV 0711 729 4660



SPORTS

ZUMBA RUMBA OPEN AIR

Have fun and burn calories working out to the Latino rhythms.
April 30 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Panzer PX Parking Lot
DSN 430 7136, CIV 0711 680 7136

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER

2 JULY
See USA VS. COLOMBIA
Packages and tickets are available at Outdoor Recreation
Panzer Kaserne, Bldg 2953
DSN: 431 2774 CIV: 07031 15 2774

Spring into shape with fun runs



Photos by Corey Knef

More than 240 community members participated in the annual Spring Fling fun run, sponsored by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation April 2 on Husky Field. The run took runners on a five-kilometer trek through the woods behind Patch Barracks. Upcoming runs include the American Kids Day Run May 14, the Cobblestone Classic, a five-mile race on the historic cobblestone tank trail from Patch Barracks to Panzer Kaserne May 21, the Firecracker Fun Run 5K on Patch Barracks July 4, and the Run to Remember, a half-marathon in the Panzer local training area July 16.



[Above] Conquering the hill: Runners climb the final grade during the Spring Fling 5K behind Patch Barracks April 2.

[Left] Doug Hutcheson finishes first overall in the Spring Fling 5K April 2, with a time of 19:10.9. Second and third place went to Eric Cloutier (20:49.8) and Dean Briffa (21:04.6), respectively. The top three female runners were Joy Connell (21:52.5), Kristen Gilbert (22:25.4) and Michelle Heagney (22:37.9). The top three teams were Special Operations Command Europe, SOCEUR Command Team and Team Marvel, respectively.

SPORTS SHORTS

Register, volunteer for CYS Services fall sports

Registration for Child, Youth and School Services fall sports will run from May 2 to July 29. Fall sports include cheerleading, soccer (for ages 3-15), flag football and tackle football (for ages 10-14).

Register with Parent Central Services by calling 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

Volunteer coaches and officials are also needed. For more information, call 431-2616/civ. 07031-15-2616.

ODR to host paintball play day

USAG Stuttgart's Outdoor Recreation will host an outdoor Paintball Play Day April 23 at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774.

Softball officials clinic

USAG Stuttgart Child, Youth and School Services will host a softball officials clinic at the Patch Fitness Center May 3-7.

For more information, call 430-7483/civ. 0711-680-7483.

Join outdoor 'Zumba Rumba'

A "Zumba Rumba" open air class is set for April 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Panzer Shopping Mall parking lot. The class is free.

Sign up for Commander's Cup

The annual Commander's Cup golf scramble will take place May 20 at the Stuttgart Golf Course in Kornwestheim. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the shotgun start will be at 9 a.m.

The tournament is open to all community members. Unit teams of four players will compete for the Commander's Cup trophy in a scramble format. All players will tee off then use the best shot as the location for each player's second shot, etc. Prizes will be given for "closest to the pin" and longest drive.

The cost is \$35 for course members, \$45 for non-members.

Space is limited. Register by May 18 at the Stuttgart Golf Course.

For more information, call the Stuttgart Golf Course at civ. 07041-879151.

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Youth Activities

Take a look at whats going on in Stuttgart's schools.



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Accelerated Math

Patch Elementary School second-graders (left to right) Ali Calvert, Elizabeth Miller, Jayne Guinan, Kate Howeand Justin Smith listen to Mr. Stine explain how to simplify fractions as they work on Accelerated Math.



Courtesy photo

Meet the Artist

Middle School student Hunter Morgan shows of his musical skills at "Meet The Artist".



Photo by Michele Winter

Back to school

From left to right: Patch Elementary School students in Mr. Zappey's German Immersion class, Abigail Acheson, second-grade, Aiden Toole and Nicholas Fosbrink, first-grade, return to school from Spring Break on April 18 .



Photo by Michele Winter

Cultural Activity

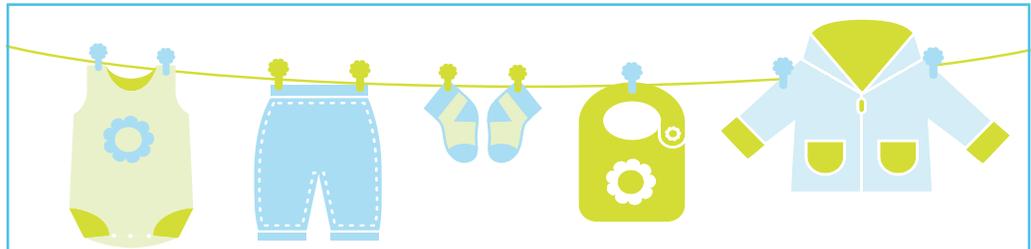
Patch Elementary School first-grader Brittany Correa in Mrs. Ingalls' German Immersion class demonstrates a cultural activity at the smart board.

BRAIN TEASER

ADD A LETTER

Each pair of definitions is for two words, where the second word is the first word with an extra letter added somewhere (example: band & brand). The length of the short word in each pair is provided.

- 1) elevated or tall & part of the body between the knee and the hip (4 letters)
- 2) an isolated steep-sided hill & a solid emulsion of fat obtained from cream (5 letters)
- 3) to rescue from danger & persuasively pleasing (4 letters)
- 4) intercession or intervention & the act of contemplating (9 letters)



Natalie Rose Jauga

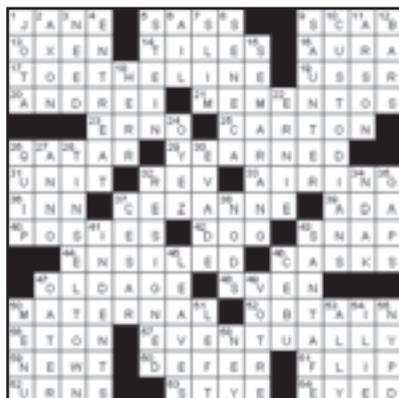
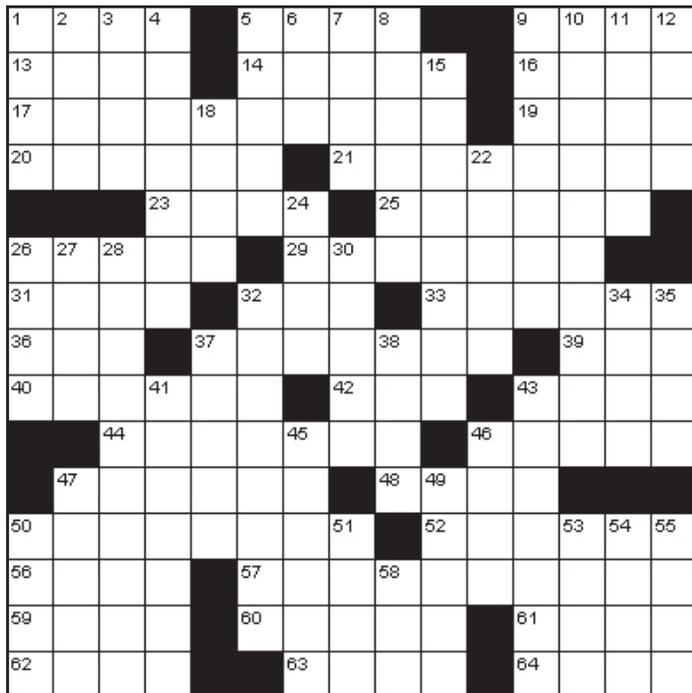
Natalie Rose was born at 3:56 p.m. January 28th, 2011, at Böblingen hospital. She was 7 pounds, 2 ounces and 20 inches long. Natalie Rose was born to Suni and Joshua Jauga who are stationed in Stuttgart, Germany.

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Send your birth announcement to the Citizen. Include your baby's name, time and date of birth, hospital name, weight and length, parents' first and last names, and the place where your family is stationed, along with a JPEG photo. Send information to: pictures@stuttgartcitizen.com

Answer: 1. high & thigh | 2. butte & butter | 3. save & snave | 4. meditation & meditation

Crossword Puzzle



This is the solution to the crossword puzzle from April 7!

DOWN

1. Link
2. "... baked in ___"
3. Judge's seat, in law
4. Recesses
5. Madison Avenue types
6. Impertinence
7. Initials on a brandy bottle
8. Potential oaks
9. Hip-related
10. Inborn
11. Invited
12. Feel nostalgic about
15. More rapid
18. German border river
22. Defensive effort
24. "An apple ___ ..."
26. Knocks
27. Lhasa ___
28. Life after work
30. List components
32. Church dignitaries
34. Acidulous
35. Farm females
37. Trades
38. Thanksgiving bowlful
41. Deliverance
43. Fraternize
45. Popular van Gogh painting
46. Castle's protection
47. Jazz pianist Chick
49. Celestial hunter
50. Foolish
51. Soviet inits.
53. Hello or goodbye
54. Places of refuge
55. Cask dregs
58. Electronics brand

ACROSS

1. Rum-soaked cake
5. Thomas ___ Edison
9. Bit of bunco
13. Autumnal birthstone
14. Records
16. "___ fan tutte"
17. Chump
19. Pen refills
20. Work out a cryptogram
21. Foreshadows
23. ___ cava (path to the heart)
25. Caught
26. Harder to find
29. Aloof contempt
31. Simians
32. Butter portion
33. Provoke
36. L.A. hours
37. Not weeping
39. Type of marble
40. Evening reception
42. Blemish
43. Consideration
44. Zola's literary style
46. Sheds feathers
47. Stock of wines
48. Any time now
50. Not foreign
52. Miscreant
56. Geometer's calculation
57. Desk
59. Marshlands
60. Painting on dry plaster
61. Libertine
62. London art gallery
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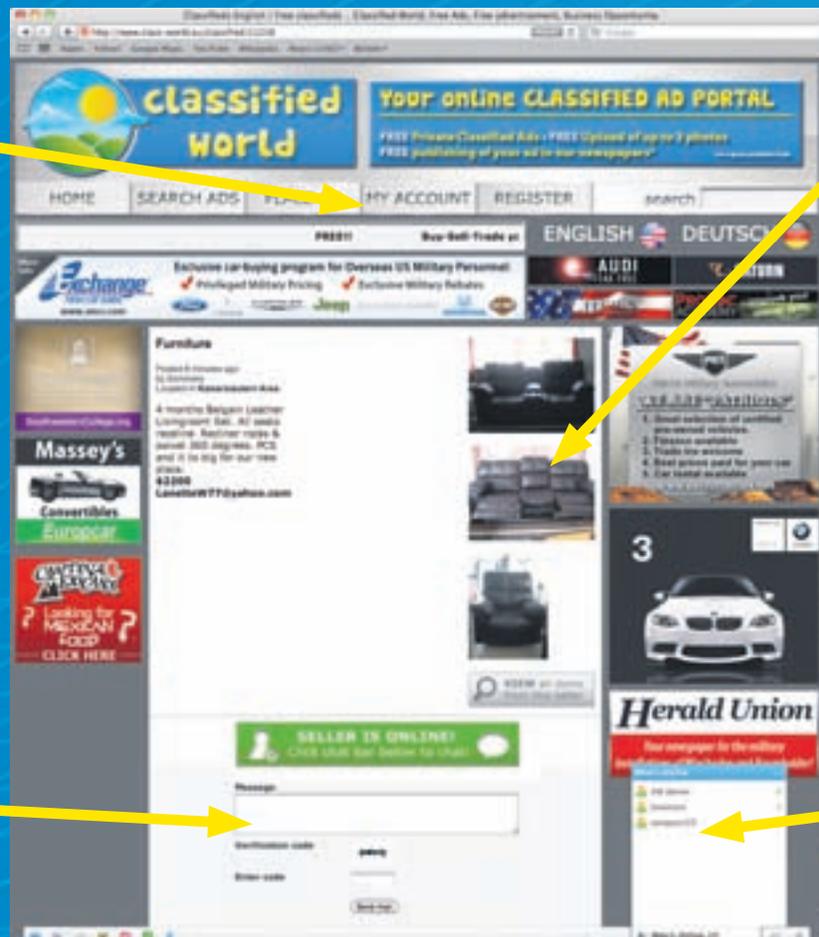


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