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Orthopedic surgeons at the Sindelfingen Hospital perform an operation on a patient. The Sindelfingen Hospital provides specialty orthopedic care, as well as procedures and care for other musculoskeletal injuries and conditions. The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart joins with local hospitals to provide an international health care team — see page 14. — *Photo courtesy of Klinikverbund Südwest*

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Online vigilance helps reduce risk

Commentary by Master Sgt. Sonny Cohrs
23rd Wing Public Affairs

I received at least five emails last week warning me to secure my social media settings and be aware of what I post on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Why? Do you not like to see what I had for dinner last night? Too many #selfies? Are photos of my dog eating a Popsicle offensive? (In my defense, he's a really awesome dog.)

No. The warning is because there are potential threats against Americans, including service members and their families, in our homeland. Brutal, violent attacks on innocent civilians have happened here before, and, sadly, may happen again.

However, danger doesn't always come in the form of 140 characters on Twitter. The metadata in your smart phone often includes times, locations and even GPS coordinates — valuable information for our adversaries.

Air Force Instruction 1-1, Air Force Standards, says we are "personally responsible" for what we post online and that "the use of social media and other forms of communication that allow you to communicate with a large number of people brings with it the increased risk of magnifying operational security lapses."

But what can you do to protect

yourself from magnifying these security lapses? Remember your operational security training, always remain vigilant, and, yes, double check your social media settings and practices. It's also important to become a difficult target. Will "checking in" at your favorite restaurant make you a target for so-called "lone wolves" supporting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant? Possibly. Will posting the dates of your weeklong family vacation make you a target for criminals to break into your house and rob you? That's more likely, so be smart about what you share online.

We are constantly reminded to refrain from posting information about deployment departures, locations and ongoing operations. Additionally, you should always screen your followers and refrain from checking in at places or allowing your friends to tag you at locations. And although it should go without saying, never, ever post personally identifiable information online, such as your address, phone number or birthday.

As advised, I checked my personal security settings on various social media sites and found I have some house-keeping for my digital identity. Chances are, you do too. Should I delete my social media accounts? Should you? That is a personal decision everyone needs to make, but remember once you post something online there is no taking it

back. It's out there for the world to see, regardless of your intended audience.

Personally, I continue to use social media because it is the easiest way to keep up with family and friends across the globe, especially when deployed. I will, however, routinely check my security settings and remember to be smart about what I share. This year, my birthday passed with minimal well-wishes online because I removed it from my profile. That's a small price to pay.

Historically, we learned "loose lips sink ships" as a way to remind ourselves of OPSEC measures. Today, this principle is even more vital because most people have the internet in their pocket.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "Fundamentally, public opinion wins wars." In a way, the battle against ISIL takes place in the realm of public opinion. Our adversaries showed how they can effectively leverage social media to instill fear in millions of people when they beheaded Westerners and posted the videos to YouTube.

As a public affairs professional, it is my job to help tell the story of American Airmen and I will continue to do this because I am proud of the accomplishments we achieve each and every day.

It's important for the American people to see us accomplish our duties competently, effectively and proudly — without putting the mission or our wingmen at risk.

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Correction

In "Stuttgart's award-winning Theatre Center offers tickets to imagination" (Nov. 27), we incorrectly identified the author. The piece was written by Beth Bellizzi.

USAG Stuttgart Religious Support Office

Holiday Service Schedule

On behalf of the chaplains and staff of Stuttgart's religious community,

Season's Greetings, Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

Dec. 15

5 p.m. Advent Reconciliation, Patch Chapel

Dec. 19

6 p.m. Chanukah, Patch Religious Education Center

Dec. 24

5 p.m. Catholic Christmas Eve Mass, Panzer Gym
6 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Patch Chapel
7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service RB Chapel
9 p.m. Catholic Christmas Eve Mass, Patch Chapel

Dec. 25

10 a.m. Catholic Christmas Day Mass, RB Chapel

Dec. 31

5 p.m. Catholic New Year's Eve Mass, Panzer Chapel
6 p.m. Catholic New Year's Eve Mass, Patch Chapel

Jan. 1

5 p.m. Holy Day of Obligation, Catholic New Year's Day Mass, RB Chapel

Weekend services will continue as scheduled

For more information, call the USAG Stuttgart Religious Support Office 431-3079/civ. 07031-15-3079



USAREUR plans to change the on-post emergency dialing number on all USAREUR installations to 112 starting Jan. 1. The previous emergency numbers will remain in operation indefinitely to minimize the risk throughout the transition. — Photo by Edward N. Johnson, U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Public Affairs Office

Army in Europe to change emergency dialing numbers in 2015

By Troy Darr
Installation Management Command Europe
Public Affairs

The U.S. Army in Europe plans to change the on-post emergency dialing number on all USAREUR installations to 112 starting Jan. 1.

“Installations are switching to a single number to better align with standard emergency numbers throughout the European Union and U.S. Air Force installations in Europe,” said Carol Fontanese, the Installation Management Command Europe safety officer. “The difference in emergency numbers raises the probability that, in the event of an emergency on a USAREUR installation, individuals may dial the wrong number due to confusion over the correct number,

resulting in a delay in response by emergency services.”

“Whether you are on post or off post, using a commercial telephone or the Defense Switched Network, dialing 112 will connect you with emergency services personnel,” Fontanese said.

“The bottom line to this change is that we want to ensure all Army in Europe personnel will always reach emergency dispatch services when they need it without having to know the different numbers that have to be dialed when calling from a DSN, mobile or commercial phone,” said Charles Day, IMCOM Europe assistant chief of staff, G-6. “The old emergency numbers, 114, 116 and 117, only worked from mobile or commercial phones when using the

correct German area code and prefix. Now the only number personnel have to remember is 112, regardless of the phone or location within the European Union.”

Dialing 112 from a DSN phone will connect the caller with on-post emergency services, while dialing 112 from a commercial line will connect with host nation emergency services.

“In many cases, off-post emergency services personnel will be able to communicate in English,” said Kerstin Kling, IMCOM Europe host nation advisor. “If they are not able to communicate in English, from a commercial telephone line you can dial the civilian to military prefix for your area followed by 112 to connect with U.S. military emergency services.”

In Stuttgart, this means a caller

would dial 0711-680-112.

USAREUR installations currently use three separate numbers for police, medical and fire services.

“Garrisons that have split dispatch operations between law enforcement and fire/medical emergencies will use 110 for law enforcement emergencies if procedures cannot be established to fully support the single 112 emergency number,” said Lt. Col. George Brown, U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz director of Emergency Services.

“The previous emergency numbers will remain in operation indefinitely to minimize the risk throughout the transition,” said Brown.

Civilian to military dial prefixes can be found at the Defense Information Systems Agency website at <http://go.usa.gov/s5m9>.

News & Notes

Roth TSP contributions must now be a percentage

Active duty service members who make dollar-amount Roth contributions to a Thrift Savings Plan account should know that these deductions will stop on Jan. 31, unless action is taken.

An upcoming change in myPay will require service members to designate Roth contributions as a percentage of pay, not a dollar amount. Noncompliance means that Roth contributions will not be processed by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

This change affects Roth contributions only; traditional contributions are already designated as a percentage of pay.

The new requirement will take effect Jan. 1, 2015. Service members will have 30 days to change the Roth election from a dollar amount to a percentage of pay. If the new Roth election is not received by Jan. 31, then DFAS cannot process Roth contributions until they are updated.

To make the change, log into myPay. Click on the TSP section titled “Traditional TSP and Roth TSP.” Next,

in the “Contribution from Roth TSP” section, enter the percentage of pay to contribute (10 percent, for example). Finally, click “Save” at the bottom of the screen.

Stay vigilant during the holidays

Reduce your risk of being victimized during the holidays with the following tips:

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Carry purses close to your body.
- Put wallets in front pants pockets

or inside your coat. Never leave your purse unattended in shopping carts.

- Don’t overburden yourself with packages.
- Park in areas with good lighting.
- Keep car windows closed.
- Hide shopping bags and valuables in your trunk.
- Lock your car and take your keys with you.
- Use ATMs in well-lit, populated areas. Try to visit ATMs during daylight hours. Avoid ATMs where people are loitering for no reason.

Toy gun incident highlights importance of proper reporting



A realistic-looking plastic pellet gun was found on a school bus in October and created a stir when photos of the gun were posted on social media before the incident was reported to authorities. — *USAG Stuttgart file photo*

By Greg Jones
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

In an incident earlier this fall, a student found a realistic-looking toy gun on a school bus. The student took pictures of the toy, and the pictures were later posted on a popular social media site.

The incident was investigated, and as it turns out, the gun was a spring-loaded (not air-charged) plastic pellet pistol that shoots small plastic balls at a low velocity. In fact when tested, the toy gun fired a projectile at a piece of paper from eight inches away and the projectile bounced off of the paper.

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The toy gun had been left on the bus by a student who had brought it to school.

While toy guns like this are not specifically prohibited by Department of Defense Dependents School policy, air-soft guns (which have a much

higher muzzle velocity) are.

The incident sparked significant discussion on social media, which ultimately did not accurately reflect the facts of the incident. Postings like this can create security risks, and can create undue panic within the community, according to Col. John P. Stack, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart.

“This is a force protection issue that is better addressed with law enforcement officials, instead of on social media,” said Stack.

While the gun in this incident did turn out to be a harmless toy, it could have been more serious. Proper reporting of this type of information is important to operational security and the investigation process, according to Detective Darrell Robertson, an investigator with USAG Stuttgart Provost Marshal Office, who emphasized that the Provost Marshal takes all of these incidents very seriously.

Robertson offered advice on information people should remember when reporting incidents.

“Everything reported is investigated,” he said. “We need to know the who, what, where and when, to the greatest extent possible. This helps us

to more effectively investigate.”

Details about the suspicious event or item can be important, and greater detail can help investigators get to the truth much more quickly. If you are not able to report the incident immediately, it is a good idea to jot down notes on a piece of paper.

Additionally, suspicious items should not be picked up or touched by anyone. In this incident the child picked up what could have been a real weapon. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children not only about safety concerns of picking up suspicious items, but also about reporting them to proper authorities immediately.

Stack, as the commander responsible for most investigations in the Stuttgart military community, also emphasized the importance of prompt and proper reporting to authorities.

“If you see suspicious activities or find something like the toy gun found in this incident, please, call the Provost Marshal right away,” he said. “My investigators and MPs can do something that social media can’t: get the facts, conduct an investigation and respond to an incident properly.”

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT

Who to Call

For emergency situations call 114 from a Defense Switching Network phone, or contact German police at 110 from any civilian phone.

To report suspicious non-emergency incidents contact the USAG Stuttgart Military Police desk at 430-5262 or civ. 0711-680-5262.

For information on school buses, or to report non-emergency incidents to the school bus office, call 430-9497 or civ. 0711-680-8497.

To report incidents at schools, contact the school directly.

What to remember when reporting

Who

Who found the object or witnessed the incident or activity? Who else was involved? Who is reporting the incident? Think about descriptions of people involved, including height, weight, apparent age, skin tone, distinctive hair styles and clothing.

What

Describe the suspicious activity or item. Think about the size, colors, material of the item, or a narrative description of the suspicious event or activity. If vehicles are involved try to get a license plate number, and also be able to answer these questions: What make and model? What color? What year (or apparent year range)? Four-door or two-door? Sedan, coupe or other type of vehicle?

When

Provide the most precise time and date possible.

Where

What installation? What building? Which room or office? Near what well-known location? At what address?

Good locks, neighbors deter burglars during hours of darkness

U.S. Army Europe Provost Marshal Office
Public Affairs

“Many thieves will spend no longer than 60 seconds trying to break into a home,” said Joseph Day, Chief of Law Enforcement at the U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal. “Good locks and good neighbors who watch out for each other can be big deterrents to burglars,” he added.

“Did you know that in almost half of all completed residential burglaries, thieves simply breezed in through unlocked doors or crawled through unlocked windows?” Day said.

He recommends people lock their doors whenever they leave their house, apartment or barracks room, even if it is only for a short time.

Day recommends you inspect your doors and locks, and ask your landlord or housing office for assistance if your apartment or quarters need improvements.

Other tips include:

- If your doors don't fit tightly in their frames, install weather stripping around them.
- Every external door should have a sturdy, well-installed dead bolt lock.
- Instead of hiding keys outside your home, give an extra key to a neighbor



If you are away during the holidays, use timers that will turn lights on and off in different areas of your house throughout the evening.

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you trust.

- Thieves hate bright lights. Install outside lights connected to a motion sensor.
- If your front door has a peep-hole, always use it before opening the door.
- Make a list of your valuables — DVD players, stereos, computers, jewelry. Take photos of them, list their serial numbers. Check with law enforcement about engraving your valuables.
- Ask your MP Station for a free home security survey.

“When you travel, leave shades, blinds and curtains in normal positions and have a neighbor pick your mail up,” Day advised.

He also suggests you create the illusion that you're at home using trusted neighbors or timers that will turn lights on and off in different areas of your house throughout the evening. Lights burning 24 hours a day signal an empty house.

He also offers the following tips:

- Don't advertise that you will be

away from your home. Give the information only to people who need to know such as your landlord or trusted neighbor.

- Never leave a message on your answering machine that indicates you will be away for a specific time. Say “I'm not available right now.”

- More tips on home and neighborhood safety are available from the National Crime Prevention Council at www.ncpc.org/topics/home-and-neighborhood-safety.

Ask a JAG: Income Taxes

By Cpt. Austen A. Swaim (U.S. Army)
Stuttgart Law Center

Editor's Note: Do you have a legal question you would like to see answered in a future edition of the "The Citizen?" If so, contact "Ask a JAG" at usarmy.stuttgart.21-tsc.mbx.slcla@mail.mil.

Answer:

Let's start off with the basics: although you are stationed abroad you must pay both federal taxes to Uncle Sam and to your state of residence (if that state has an income tax). Don't assume that because you're here in Germany the Internal Revenue Service will lose track of you.

But to which state do you pay taxes, you may ask. The answer depends on a number of factors. Contrary to popular belief, your “home of record” is not necessarily your state of residence or tax domicile. Home of record is just a military term that means “the place the military ships your stuff to when you get out of the service.” Your tax domicile might be the place where you own property, are registered to vote and/or have a driver's license. In fact, with the transient nature of military service, you might be a resident of

California and your wife, who you met while training in Georgia, might be a Georgia resident.

If you are the resident of a state with a state income tax and you don't want to pay state income tax, simply making that election through DFAS is not enough. You must demonstrate intent to leave your current tax domicile. As a hypothetical: if you have a house in Virginia and you sell that house and file a part-year return, then buy property, register to vote and get a driver's license in Texas, such acts might be sufficient. However, simply ceasing to file taxes in Virginia altogether would probably not be sufficient and you may even get hit with a bill for back taxes, so be careful. Bottom line: You must demonstrate the intent to abandon one tax domicile and take overt steps to establish domicile elsewhere.

If you have opened a German bank account off post, keep in mind that if you have over \$10,000 in the account, you must report this to the United States Treasury Department by filing a Report of Foreign Bank or Financial Account, also known as an FBAR at <http://bsaefiling.fincen.treas.gov/main.html>.

Be aware, penalties may be issued by the IRS for non-compliance.

The IRS offers taxpayers free help on federal tax questions and with filing a return. Assistance is available at any time on the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

The Stuttgart Tax Center is set to open Feb. 2, 2015, and will offer free tax preparation assistance and electronic filing of state and federal income tax returns for service members, Defense Department civilian employees, military retirees, and their family members.

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Applications can be downloaded at www.stuttgartspousesclub.org or picked up at the Patch High School counselors' office, Army Community Service, the SCSC thrift shops and the post libraries.

Deadline for application is early March.

For more information, send an email to scsc.scholarship@gmail.com.

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While only authorized military shoppers can redeem Exchange gift cards, any American can send one by calling civ. 1-800-527-2345 or logging on to www.shopmyexchange.com and clicking "Purchase Gift and Phone Cards" at the bottom

of the page.

From there, Exchange gift cards can be addressed to a specific Soldier, Airman, Sailor or Marine or sent to "Any Service Member" through the Fisher House Foundation, Air Force Aid Society, Warrior and Family Support Center or Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

PLAN AHEAD FOR HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Most organizations and facilities in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's federal holidays.

Because many facilities may have altered schedules during the holiday period, be sure to call ahead and verify a facility's hours of operations.

The following is a partial listing of additional closures and changes to operational hours:

Army and Air Force Exchange Service — On Dec. 13, most facilities will close early so that employees may attend a holiday function. On Dec. 24, most facilities will close early. The Exchange on Panzer Kaserne will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, all facilities, with the exception of the Patch Express, will be closed.

The complete holiday schedule for all Stuttgart Exchange facilities is available at www.stuttgartcitizen.com

Stuttgart commissaries — All commissaries will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

On Dec. 22, the Robinson Commissary will be open from noon to 8 p.m.

On Dec. 24, the Patch Commissary will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Kelley and Panzer

commissaries will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the Robinson Barracks Commissary will be open from noon to 4 p.m.

The Robinson Barracks Commissary will be closed Dec. 26.

On Dec. 31, the Patch Commissary will close early at 6 p.m. The Robinson Barracks Commissary will be open from noon to 6 p.m.

Community Banks — The banks on Patch and Kelley Barracks, and Panzer Kaserne will be open from 9 a.m. until noon Dec. 24 and 31.

On Dec. 27, the Panzer location will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All Community Banks in the Stuttgart military community will be closed Dec. 25 and 26, and Jan. 1 and 6.

Shuttle buses — Buses will not run Dec. 24-25 and 31, and Jan. 1.

U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart — The health clinic will close at noon Dec. 19 for a holiday function. The clinic will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1-2. The Tricare Service Center will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 2.

Contact the Military Police in case of an emergency at civ. 0711-680-116. For immediate health care needs, call the Nurse Advice Line at civ. 00800-4759-2330.

Stuttgart Dental Clinic — The dental clinic will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1-2.

USAG Stuttgart Housing Office — The housing office will close at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 18 for a holiday function. It will also be closed Dec. 24-26, and Dec. 31 to Jan. 2.

Vehicle Registration — Vehicle Registration will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1. The facility will close at noon on Dec. 31 for inventory.

Privately Owned Vehicle Inspection Station — The POV inspection facility will be closed Dec. 24-26 and 31, and Jan. 1.

1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Dining Facility — The DFAC will be closed from Dec. 22 to Jan. 2.

Stuttgart Law Center — The Stuttgart Law Center will close at noon Dec. 19 for

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a holiday function. All sections of the Law Center will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1-2.

USO Stuttgart — The USO will be closed Dec. 24-25, 27 and 31, and Jan. 1 and 3.

Panzer Education Center — The education center will be closed Dec. 24-26 and 31, and Jan. 1.

U.S. Forces Customs Office — The customs office will be closed Dec. 11 for training and a holiday function. The office will also be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1.

Gas authorizations can be obtained at the MP Station on Patch Barracks after duty hours and on weekends/holidays.

Personal Property Processing Office — PPPO will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1-2. Customers will be served by appointment only Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 because of limited manning.

Official Travel — SATO will close at noon on Dec. 24 and 31. The office will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1-2.

Drivers Testing and Training Station — DTTS will be closed Dec. 24-26 and 31, and Jan. 1-2.

Base Operations Maintenance — The BASOPS Maintenance facility will be closed Dec. 24-26 and 31, and Jan. 1-2.

Central Issue Facility — CIF will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1. Because of limited manning, the facility will offer service by appointment only Dec. 24 and 31, and Jan. 2.

Installation Property Book Office — IPBO will be closed Dec. 24-26 and 31, and Jan. 1-2.

PLAN FOR HOLIDAY CLOSURES IN GERMANY

Most German schools will break for the holidays from Dec. 22 through Jan. 7.

On Dec. 24 and 31, most stores will close between 2-4 p.m.

All stores and businesses will be closed Dec. 25 and Dec. 26, the first and second Christmas days. Banks will also be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

Deutsche Post Offices will close Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 between noon and 4 p.m. Patrons are advised to check the websites of the respective post offices before visiting a facility.

All stores, banks and post offices will be closed Jan. 1 and Jan. 6.

RSO SEEKS CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Paid child watch care providers are needed for Sunday chapel services and for programs held during the week. Applicants will need to complete background checks and CPR training. A child watch care coordinator is also needed.

For more information on how to apply, contact the Religious Support Office at 431-3079/civ. 07031-15-3079, or stop by Building 2948, Panzer Kaserne.

VOLUNTEERS FOR TAX OFFICE

The Stuttgart Law Center's Tax Office is seeking volunteers with prior tax preparation experience to assist the Stuttgart military community in filing tax returns during the 2014 income tax filing season.

Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, Internal Revenue Service representatives will provide formal tax

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For more information, call the Stuttgart Law center at 421-4152/2609 or civ. 0711-729-4152/2609.

VOLUNTEER FOR EO OBSERVANCES

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Equal Opportunity Office seeks volunteers to organize an observance scheduled for Jan. 9 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday and for Black History Month on Feb. 26. Interested parties should attend the weekly planning meetings held every Tuesday from 2-3 p.m. in the Patch Chapel.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity Advisor at 430-7945 or civ. 0711-680-7945, or 0162-297-5922.

OPTOMETRY, OPTICAL CENTERS OPEN HOUSE

The Panzer Optometry Care and Optical Center will host an open house Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The optometry clinic will offer free glaucoma screenings until 1 p.m. while the optical center will have giveaways, an eye-wear trunk show, and offer free cleanings and eyewear adjustments.

For more information, call civ. 07031-204-2350.

BACKLOT BAR ENDS LUNCH SERVICE

The Backlot Bar at the Patch Community Club no longer offers lunch. Alternative lunch options include the Java Cafe and Patch Garden in the Swabian Special Events Center.

The Backlot Bar will now focus on evening activities

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Springerle: traditional holiday art in cookie form

By R. Slade Walters
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Maybe you've seen the ornately carved wooden molds at an antique shop, or perhaps you've noticed the intricately detailed white cookies in a booth at a German Christmas market.

If you're anything like me, you may not have realized that the cookies, called Springerle, are created using those carved wooden molds.

Springerle cookies, often made during the holidays, are traditionally flavored with anise and feature detailed reliefs that include images of flowers, animals, religious scenes or finely dressed people.

Because of the anise flavoring, sometimes Springerle are also called "Anis-brödle," which means anise cookie in the Swabian dialect.

The cookies are hard and dry, somewhat like biscotti, which helps to retain the intricate patterns that are pressed into the cookie dough with the molds.

The molds come in many different shapes and sizes, and are typically made of wood.

Larger molds are usually carved into flat pieces of wood, but some smaller cookie molds are also carved into rolling pins.

For larger cookies the dough is pressed down into the molds one at a time, but rolling pins allow for many smaller cookies to be rolled out all at once.

Historians debate the exact origin of the word, but many believe "Springerle" means "little knight" or "little jumper" because many early mold designs featured riders on jumping horses.

Other historians suggest that the name originates from the baking process because of the way the carefully dried dry dough "springs up" or rises from the bottom, specifically to preserve the details on the top of the cookies.

Historians believe that the art of Springerle has a long history going back as far as the 14th century in Switzerland and Germany, reaching a peak of popularity in 17th and 18th century German-speaking regions, especially in Swabia and the Stuttgart area.

Stuttgart's ties to Springerle are so strong that enthusiasts from around the world converge on the Old Castle each autumn to attend a Springerle convention where tools and techniques are shared.

The State Museum Württemberg has a large collection of Springerle molds that was most recently exhibited at the Museum of Everyday Culture in Waldenbuch, but the collection is not currently on display, according to the museum press office.

A quick Internet search using your favorite search engine will reveal a wealth of information about Springerle, including recipes and how-to videos.

Who knows, maybe making Springerle cookies can be part of your holiday traditions, too.

Adaptive sports help heal bodies, minds



Stuttgart military community teams battle it out on the court during Warrior Care Month in a U.S. Army Warrior Transition Battalion Europe-hosted seated volleyball and wheelchair basketball tournament Nov. 21 in the Patch Fitness Center. EUCOM took first place in wheelchair basketball, while the Warrior Transition Unit Europe team took first in seated volleyball. Photo left: Spc. Ryan Valencia (in blue), Warrior Transition Battalion Europe, A Company, attempts to block Sgt. Daniel Cowart's (554th MP Company) shot as Sgt. James Jones (far left) and 1st Lt. Beau Blew (far right) are ready to assist. Photo above: WTB-E, A Company's Ryan Paddock prepares to shoot under the eye of Referee Charles Ford. — Photos by Linda Steil, Warrior Transition Battalion-Europe

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Be alert while shopping during the holiday season

By Veronica Dudley
U.S. Army Public Health Command

Online shopping is incredibly convenient, but isn't without security risks.

One of the first things a consumer should do to protect themselves during the holiday season is to enroll in a credit/debit card credit-monitoring service. Taking this step will provide early warning notification if unusual activity occurs with your account.

Be alert while shopping

Be sure that you get your card back after every purchase. Always make sure that sales vouchers are for the correct purchase amount before you sign them. Keep copies of your sales vouchers and ATM, debit or credit card receipts in a secure place. Don't volunteer any personal information when you use your credit card; only display your personal identification as requested by a merchant. Don't put your driver's license number on your checks. Review your statements regularly to ensure there are no suspicious charges. Contact your bank immediately if you see a charge you don't recognize.

Use caution when shopping online

Select one credit card with a low credit limit to use for all your online purchases. Immediately after you make a Web transaction, completely close your browser. To maximize Web transaction safety, use a recent version of your Web browser. Web addresses starting with "https" and webpages with

a padlock symbol in the lower right corner are safest.

Check your account often

Reviewing your recent account activity is fundamental to credit card safety, and it's easy. You can do it online or by phone. If your credit card issuer offers email or mobile alerts about unusual activity, sign up to receive them. If you've been a victim of fraud or identity theft in the past, consider signing up with a credit-monitoring service.

Report lost cards, suspected fraud

If you lose your credit card or suspect fraudulent activity, contact your bank or credit card issuer right away. Your credit card issuer can block your card and account number so no one else can use it and then give you a new card and account number. Remember: Speed is of the essence. According to U.S. law, once you notify your credit card issuer that your card was lost or stolen, the most you'll have to pay is \$50 — and many credit card issuers waive that charge as long as you notify them promptly.

Use safe payment options

Credit cards are generally the safest option because they allow buyers to seek a credit from the issuer if the product needs to be returned for any reason or if an item ordered online wasn't received. Credit cards may have a limit on the monetary amount you will be responsible for paying. Additionally, credit cards are easier to replace if stolen or when fraudulent activity has been



It's best to avoid using a debit card when paying at a gas station. Use a credit card instead. — Photo by Shutterstock.com

identified. Debit cards are associated with your personal bank account, but the protections don't relieve consumers of hassle: The prospect of trying to get money put back into a bank account, and the problems that a lower-than-expected balance can cause in terms of fees and refused checks or payments, make some online shoppers reach first for credit cards.

While debit cards and credit cards each have advantages, each is also better suited to certain situations. Since a debit card is a direct line to your bank account, there are places where it may be wise to avoid handing using it.

It's best to avoid using a debit card when shopping online, purchasing big-ticket items, paying a deposit, paying at restaurants, purchasing from a new, non chain-related merchant, making recurring payments, paying for future

travel, paying at a gas station or hotel, or when conducting business at a checkout or ATM that looks suspicious.

Keeping RFID cards safe

Radio Frequency Identification embedded cards use radio frequencies to transmit data. You can use these cards at stores and restaurants to pay for your purchases without having to swipe your card through a scanner. The RFID technology also allows thieves to scan your wallet and get your card's information without having to see the card. One way to block RFID transmission is to purchase a wallet that blocks RFID transmissions. Choose the wallets that are approved by the General Services Administration. Look for a stamp or statement by this agency to ensure authenticity when buying this product.

Holiday Safety: Put a freeze on winter fires

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, while quaint, could lead to a house fire. The holidays should be a time of joy and celebration, not sorrow. To ensure a safe holiday season, here are a few things to keep in mind:

Keep candles away from walls and drapes, and avoid using them in

decorations or displays. Watch for dripping wax. Keep candles away from air vents or open windows where the flame can be fanned and ignite nearby flammables.

Check electric Christmas lights for frayed or damaged wires or loose connections. Never leave lights on

unattended. Always unplug lights before leaving the house and do not leave them on while sleeping.

If buying a live tree, choose a fresh one without shedding needles. Water the tree daily. Do not place the tree near a source of heat such as a radiator. Try to place the tree near an outlet so that an



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If you use an artificial tree, make sure it is fire resistant.

Hold the salt, please

Snow and ice are slippery hazards. De-icing salt has long been the most common way to clear snow and ice from sidewalks, roadways and driveways.

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damaged or killed, water and soil is contaminated, and in severe cases, wildlife can become ill or die. Salt can also cause serious damage to lawns and gardens.

What you can do

- Use as little de-icing salt as possible.

· Using a small amount of de-icer before a snowfall helps reduce the amount of product needed.

· On dry days, sweep up loose salt to prevent the excess being washed into the environment.

- Try sand or kitty litter.

· Use elbow grease — shovel quickly, use a broom and something to break any ice. In Germany, there are several re-usable salt-free abrasives available.

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For further details, call 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Ring in the New Year at the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. with a family-friendly party that includes bowling, food, beverages and party favors.

For tickets and more information, call 431-2575/civ. 07031-15-2575.

GET TO KNOW YOUR SLO

Learn about the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart School Liaison Office Dec. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Panzer Exchange. A School Liaison Officer will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the SLO's role in the community.

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

JOIN BOSS

Be a part of the Better Opportunities for Single Service Members program and get involved with community events, enjoy discounted travel and meet new friends. Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of every month from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Warrior Zone, Building 2505, Patch Barracks.

For more information, call 430-7135/civ. 0711-680-7135.

SEE 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'

Celebrate the holidays with the Stuttgart Theatre Center's adaptation of the Dickens classic. Performances are scheduled for Dec. 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 14 and 21 at 3 p.m. in the Stuttgart Theatre Center on Kelley Barracks. The minimum age to attend any performance is five years old.

To order tickets, call 421-3055/civ. 0711-729-3055 Tuesday through Friday from 12:30-5:30 p.m.

For more Family and MWR events, visit www.stuttgart.armymwr.com.

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December 14 — The Best of Me (PG-13) 4 p.m., Exodus: Gods And Kings (PG-13) 7 p.m.

December 15 — John Wick (PG-13) 6 p.m.

December 16 — Closed

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Your health care providers: an international

By Greg Jones

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Providing effective health care services to the 25,000-strong Stuttgart military community is no easy task, and one that the Stuttgart Army Health Clinic simply could not accomplish without an effective team backing it up. That's why the clinic has established relationships with area hospitals and formed an international team of medical professionals to provide for all of the community's medical needs. Here's how this team provides you with world-class health care:

The clinics

The Stuttgart Army Health Clinic serves as the primary care provider for service members and their command-sponsored dependents, and provides some space-available services to retirees and civilians under certain health plans.

The Stuttgart clinic provides basic medical needs. Essentially they are the family practitioner for the military community.

The clinic also provides some specialty clinics such as optometry, physical therapy, wellness and behavioral health. For medical needs that can't be met through the Stuttgart clinic, patients may be referred to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

Often however, these services may not be practical for the patient to use or a patient needs medical care that isn't available in the military health care system. In these cases, the host nation medical system steps in and patients are referred to any number of the many host-nation providers in the Stuttgart area.

There are eight major hospitals in the Stuttgart metropolitan area, and the Stuttgart clinic works primarily with three of them.

The Böblingen Hospital is located very near Panzer Kaserne and provides a wide range of inpatient care, as well as pediatric care. Patients will often be referred there for surgeries, pediatric care needs and other inpatient care.

The Sindelfingen Hospital (a partner organization to the Böblingen "Klinikum" or hospital) specializes in orthopedics and muscular-skeletal conditions and injuries.

Finally, the Robert Bosch Hospital in Stuttgart provides a wide variety of inpatient services and has a premiere trauma center, but does not have pediatric care.

The referral process

The referral process starts with the primary care provider. Primary care physicians at the Stuttgart Army Health Clinic will assess a condition or injury



A medical technician at the Sindelfingen Hospital monitors a patient's vital signs. The Sindelfingen Hospital provides specialty orthopedic care, as well as procedures and care for other musculoskeletal injuries and conditions. — Photo courtesy of Klinikverbund Südwest

and determine if specialty care is needed. If it is warranted, they then enter a referral into Tricare's computer system. International SOS, the contracted company that administers Tricare services overseas, then takes this referral and assigns it to an appropriate care provider. In some cases the primary care physician can designate a specific provider to be seen, according to the Stuttgart Tricare service center.

Usually a few days after the referral is entered it is ready for an appointment to be made.

While the patient can have International SOS make an appointment on their behalf, officials at the health clinic recommend patients make their own appointments to minimize the risk of scheduling conflicts or other problems. Most providers who get referrals have English-speaking staffs that can provide assistance to patients when they call to make appointments.

Initial out of pocket expenses

In some cases patients may have to pay the full cost out of pocket for medical care and seek reimbursement (according

to their coverage plans) later. For example, prescriptions acquired off-post for less than €100 must be paid out of pocket initially, and then claimed for proper reimbursement.

Patient liaisons

For those who do get referred off-post, especially for inpatient care, the thought of checking in to a hospital in a foreign country can be daunting. There is a very real language and cultural barrier, and health care is provided in a very different manner than in the U.S.

"Health care here isn't better or worse," said Capt. Jesse Moncivais, executive officer of the Stuttgart Army Health Clinic. "It's just delivered differently, and it takes some getting used to."

To help with this process the Stuttgart clinic has four patient liaisons who serve as the vital link between the U.S. clinic and the host-nation providers.

They help with the language barrier. They help American patients understand the health care they are receiving. They assist in making sure the patients' needs are met and finally, a large portion of what they do is the administrative work

behind the scenes; making sure that the vital link between the primary care and off-post specialty care is never broken.

Non-Tricare enrollees

For those enrolled in Tricare Standard, or other health care programs besides Tricare Prime, the process is only slightly different. The Stuttgart Army Health Clinic will only take on Tricare Prime enrollees as a primary care provider. The clinic will provide space available services, on a reimbursable basis, to all others.

Patients in these categories should establish a primary care relationship with an off-post clinic. That primary care provider can then provide referrals and recommendations for specialty services.

Some of the local hospitals will charge a €250 deposit for all non-Tricare Prime patients. The deposit is payable by cash or credit card, and must be made prior to rendering any medical care for an outpatient visit. Inpatient care will require a €1,000 deposit. After receiving care, if the invoice total is less than the upfront deposit, patients will receive a refund within three days. If the final invoice is

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Area Hospitals

Kliniken Böblingen

(Böblingen Hospital)



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Located near Panzer Kaserne, Böblingen Hospital provides a wide variety of specialty services, surgical procedures and inpatient care, including pediatrics.

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Kliniken Sindelfingen

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Sindelfingen Hospital specializes in orthopedics and other musculoskeletal injuries and conditions, and has a wellness center.

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Robert Bosch Krankenhaus

(Robert Bosch Hospital)



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Robert Bosch Hospital is the area's main trauma center and provides a variety of specialty care, but does not offer pediatrics.

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The hospital's website, www.rbk.de, is in German only, but there are English-speaking receptionists available by phone.

higher than the upfront payment, then the remaining balance will be charged against the patient's credit card.

Patients will then have to file for reimbursement through their respective health insurance companies.

It is important to understand that emergency care for a condition that threatens life, limb or eyesight is not subject to these fees.

Tips for off-post patients

The Stuttgart Army Health Clinic offers the following advice to those who may be new to the German health care system:

Language: Though many host nation doctors may speak English, their staff may not. If you do not speak German, take a bilingual dictionary with you. Although medical terminology translation booklets are usually available from the U.S. referring clinic, a stay in the hospital can be an excellent opportunity to learn a few words of German.

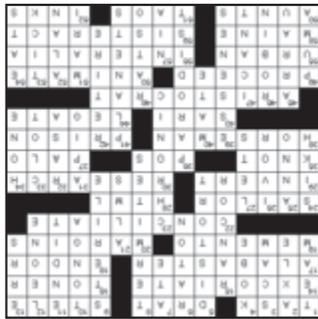
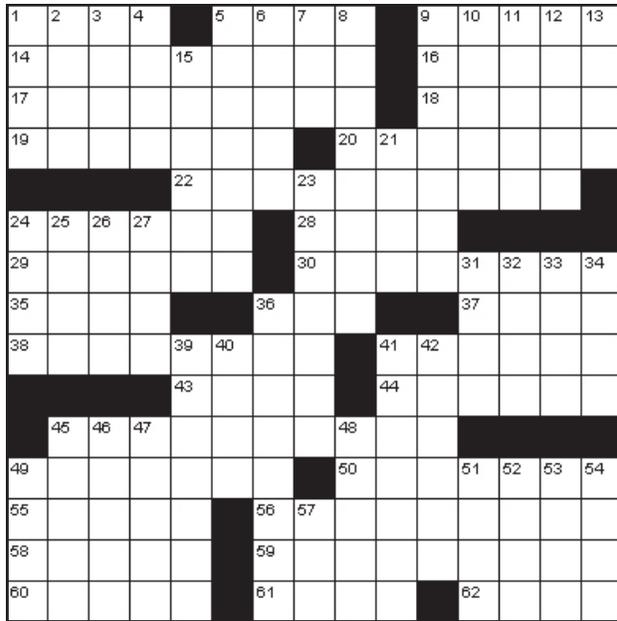
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Privacy: German privacy standards may differ from what many Americans are used to. Host nation physicians may not always use a chaperone when examining patients of the opposite sex. Ask for a chaperone if you feel uncomfortable. Generally, there are no privacy screens between beds. Do not wear transparent clothing. Take appropriate clothing that allows you to remain semi-dressed during an upper body exam. Patients may be asked to undress while nursing staff is passing through the area. This is considered proper by German medical privacy standards.

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- 1 Chore
- 5 Fieldsian expletive
- 9 Carved monument
- 14 Flay
- 16 Printer refill
- 17 Smooth and white
- 18 Biblical witch's home
- 19 Keepsake
- 20 Borders
- 22 Win over
- 24 Mariner
- 28 Web language
- 29 Flip
- 30 Investigation
- 35 Measure of speed
- 36 Not neg.
- 37 ___ Alto
- 38 Equestrian
- 41 Pen
- 43 Agra attire
- 44 Emissary
- 45 Blueblood
- 49 Go on
- 50 Galvanize
- 55 Built-up
- 56 Among other things
- 58 Pine Tree State
- 59 1992 Whoopi Goldberg movie
- 60 Bee and Em
- 61 New Mexico resort
- 62 Calligrapher's supply

DOWN

- 1 Squad
- 2 Wagon part
- 3 Grifter's ploy
- 4 Honshu seaport
- 5 Misrepresent
- 6 Boca ___
- 7 Broke a fast

- 8 Destructive insects
- 9 Unproductive
- 10 Friendly Islands
- 11 Break up
- 12 "A Fistful of Dollars" director
- 13 Gets it wrong
- 15 Resentment
- 21 Charitable donations
- 23 Persistent
- 24 Punjabi believer
- 25 ___ Domini
- 26 Actor-songwriter Novello
- 27 "Shall we?" response
- 31 ___ in a poke
- 32 Tabula ___
- 33 Coagulate
- 34 Sharpen
- 36 One taking off
- 39 Ancient ascetics
- 40 Chess conclusion
- 41 Orbiting bodies
- 42 Bow out
- 45 Concert pianist Claudio
- 46 Red-breasted bird
- 47 "___ Help Myself" (Four Tops hit)
- 48 Hoffman's "Midnight Cowboy" role
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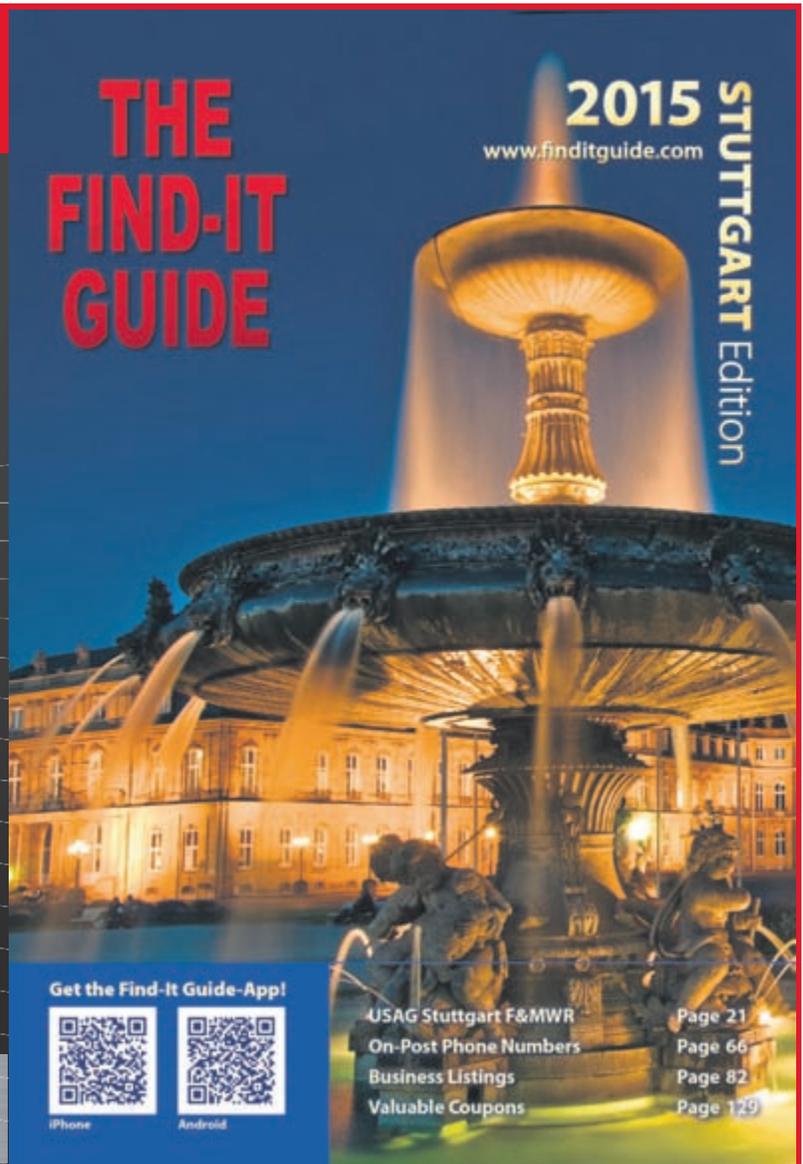
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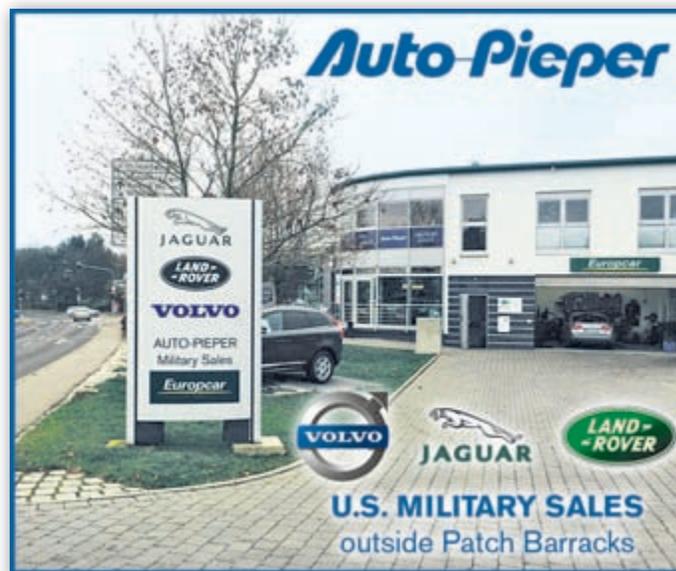
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Visit Stuttgart's Christmas market for an adventurous afternoon with your entire family. Help your children design gingerbread hearts, make their own candles or watch them ride a miniature train through a snow covered scenery while enjoying mulled wine or roasted almonds. Endless possibilities to feast or be creative, not to mention a crib with real animals. For more information see www.stuttgarter-weihnachtsmarkt.de

EVENTS

Sauna Night

Sat, Dec 13

Filderstadt, Fildorado

Pamper yourself on December 13 at Fildorado in Filderstadt. Let your body relax as you enjoy either a relaxing massage, experience the different saunas, or have a swim in the pools until 1 a.m. Tasty cocktails and culinary delights will await you. For entry prices and various packages visit www.fildorado.de

Holiday on Ice

Sat, Dec 13

Stuttgart, Porsche-Arena

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Disneys Musical Tarzan

Fri, Dec 19

Stuttgart, Stage Apollo

See Disney's musical Tarzan on December 19 in Stuttgart at the Stage Apollo. This love story presents breathtaking aerial acrobatics with music by Phil Collins. This musical is performed in German. Ticket prices start at €63.54, and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Hurry to get tickets and more information at www.eventim.de

Waldweihnacht

Now - Mon, Dec 29

Göppingen, Marktplatz

During the Waldweihnacht (Forest Christmas) from now until December 29, Göppingen's town square will turn into a winter wonderland. Hundreds of fir trees and thousands of lights will let you forget the Christmas stress, while you're enjoying this romantic Christmas market. Enjoy typical Christmas delicacies and find unique handmade decorations and small presents. A program for children is available as well. For more info see www.goepfingger-city.de

Dancing on Ice

Fri, Dec 12

Ludwigsburg, Kunsteisbahn

The Kunsteisbahn (artificial ice rink) Ludwigsburg will host an ice disco event on December 12 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This disco is organized by the Soundlight Company who will ensure the best music to dance to on the ice. For more information and further ice disco dates see www.iceparty.tv

Advent exhibition

Now - Sun, Dec 14

Waiblingen, Schlosskeller

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Coca-Cola Christmas Truck

Thu, Dec 18

Weissenburg, Luitpoldstrasse

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Gymnastics show

Sat, Dec 27

Villingen-Schwenningen, Deutenberghalle

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New Year's party

Wed, Dec 31

Böblingen, Kongresshalle

Still no place to go for New Year's? Why not come to the Kongresshalle in Böblingen. There will be a huge buffet with something for everyone, a band will provide music that will keep the party going. The party starts at 8 p.m. For more information visit www.cc-bs.com

SPORTS

ADAC Supercross

Fri, Dec 19 - Sat, Dec 20

München, Olympiahalle

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Soccer

Sat, Dec 20

Stuttgart, Mercedes-Benz Arena

Support the Bundesliga team, VfB Stuttgart as they play against SC Paderborn 07 on December 20. The game starts at 3:30 p.m. Ticket prices start at €22. For more information visit www.vfb.de

CONCERTS

Paul van Dyk

Fri, Dec 19

Stuttgart, LKA-Longhorn

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Tue, Feb 11

Stuttgart, Hanns-Martin-Schleyer Halle

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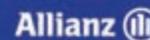


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