

Stuttgart tenant units ‘adopt’ schools

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It takes a community to raise a child, according to educators and service members in the Stuttgart military community.

To that end, four military units each adopted a Stuttgart Department of Defense Dependents School during a ceremony at the Panzer Shopping Mall April 26. The adoptions were part of the Partnerships in Education Program, designed to provide students with increased mentorship and learning opportunities.

Headquarters, U.S. European Command, adopted Patch High School; Defense Information Systems Agency Europe, adopted Patch Elementary School; Headquarters, U.S. Africa Command, adopted Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School, and U.S.

Marine Corps Forces, Europe, adopted Böblingen Elementary/Middle School.

While units have volunteered in schools before, this marks the first official school adoption in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart.

“Our most important accomplishment in this partnership was to bring the schools and units together,” said Dr. Rena Hall, Stuttgart School Liaison Officer. “It was almost like a marriage. The purpose is to make it a win-win [situation] for everyone.”

By signing the partnership agreement, unit leaders pledged to provide service members who will read to students, mentor them, or support school events and projects, such as the PHS graduation ceremony or an expanded fitness program at RBEMS.

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Senior Master Sgt. Ruel Rafi (right), U.S. Africa Command Headquarters Commandant acting first sergeant, signs an agreement signifying that AFRICOM has adopted Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School as Michael Johnson (left), RBEMS principal, looks on during the Partnerships in Education ceremony April 26.



Photos by Brittany Carlson

Lacey Elliot (left), a kindergarten teacher at Böblingen Elementary/Middle School, guides Ethan Anaya, 5, through an alphabet puzzle — one of the ways kindergarten students are screened — during Stuttgart’s Department of Defense Dependents Schools registration event, held April 26-28 at the Panzer Shopping Mall.

Stuttgart DODDS hosts registration for 2011-2012



Breebree Koester, 4, plays with a balloon provided by Stuttgart’s Army Substance Abuse Program while her siblings register for school during DODDS registration held April 26-28. During the event, organizations offered school and community information to parents and students.

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**They’ve got skills.
 Life skills, that is.**

Sixty children in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart put together a musical in five days, with the help of the Missoula Children’s Theatre, and learned valuable skills for life in the process.



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USAG Stuttgart celebrates children

During April’s Month of the Military Child, scarcely a day went by without an event held for kids in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart. Take a look at some of the highlights in photos.



Capital visitation program good investment

Commentary by Christi Ham

Being new to the Stuttgart community can leave you with many questions about the area, its history, available programs and the heritage that Americans have here. Little did I know that each of those questions could be well-answered through participation in the Capital City Visitation Program.

The Capital City Visitation Program is a full-day learning experience sponsored by the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Government Relations Office in conjunction with the city government offices in Stuttgart. It includes comfortable bus transportation, insightful briefings, visits to government offices and facilities rarely available to citizens, a lovely lunch, an extensive city tour and the chance to gain an understanding of how Stuttgart became the thriving metropolis that it is today.

Participants visit the Parliament building and learn how the German political system works. They also visit the historic Opera House, international marketplace ("markthalle") and spend time with the mayor at the city hall, discussing the city's focus. And all at

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no cost.

America's role in impacting the city's rise after World War II was carefully examined. The near total destruction of Stuttgart during World War II and the efforts of then U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay's efforts to turn that situation around are discussed in detail.

Participants in the tour also visit churches far older than any found in America, and enjoy the pedestrian plaza at the city's center. Viewing architecture from differing eras and seeing the results of replicating buildings and rebuilding them offers each participant the chance to appreciate the impact that

engineering has on a city's personality.

The tour was an ideal opportunity to take pictures of all that I found amazing. I was also able to take home informational pamphlets provided on the city's history and what it offers today.

It was an amazing opportunity to learn about the composition of local government, to see where city decisions are discussed and to explore the procedures that provide direction for daily life and future development here.

Since attendance is limited to the capacity of one bus — 40 to 45 people — those who participate receive personal time and attention from all involved in the program.

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Capital City Visitation Program offers an outstanding background from which to launch your tenure here. If you have made the area home for a while, this program balances what you might know with information that enriches and broadens your perspective.

Watch for your opportunity to experience a mature, in-depth and engaging day behind the scenes in the city that you now call home. I found it to be a day very well invested.

The Capital City Visitation Program is offered quarterly. The next tour is set for June 27. Look for a community announcement in a future issue of The Citizen on how to sign up.

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ON THE STREET

What's great about your mother?



**Petty Officer 2nd Class
Chris Bermudez**
(U.S. Navy)

"She gave me life."



Chris Von Fahnerstock
(Family member)

"Her willingness to push me."



Stephanie Guffey
(Family member)

"Her intelligence and ability to make me laugh."



Demetrius Almond
(Civilian)

"She goes out of her way to help others and taught me to fear God."



Staff Sgt. Ashley Dunlap
(U.S. Air Force)

"She can really cook, and she loves me unconditionally."



Spc. Amanda Lozier
(U.S. Army)

"She supports me in everything I do and every decision I make."



Lt. Jim Nogle
(U.S. Navy)

"She treats her grandchildren well."



Kylee Hagerman, 4
(Family member)

"She takes me to Chuck E. Cheese's."



Allison Carvel, 5, pets Staff Sgt. Brutus, a military working dog with the 554th Military Police Company, with help from handler Sgt. Jamie Decker, April 26, following a demonstration of Brutus' capabilities outside the Provost Marshal Office on Batch Barracks. Demonstrations such as these help to familiarize children with the work military policemen do.

Working like a dog

Story & photos by Tanya Fogg Young
Special to The Citizen

Staff Sgt. Brutus wowed Patch Elementary kindergartners recently with his ability to find hidden rounds of ammunition and help apprehend a “suspect.”

Paws down, the military working dog with the 554th Military Police Company K-9 Section impressed the youngsters during an April 26 demonstration on the grounds outside of the USAG Stuttgart Provost Marshal Office on Patch Barracks.

As part of their ongoing study of various community workers, 40-plus kindergartners toured the PMO building, examined police car lights and sirens, stepped inside a holding cell and saw examples of Brutus' capabilities as a military working dog.

Sgt. Brad Carrico hid a small wooden box containing 50 rounds of bullets, and in minutes, Brutus had sniffed them out and led his handler, Sgt. Jamie Decker, to Carrico's hiding spot behind some shrubbery along a wall.

“Where his nose was told me where the rounds were,” Decker explained to the students as he rewarded Brutus with his pull toy for a job well done.

As part of the K-9 demonstration, Sgt. Richard Rivera, wearing protective gear on his upper body and arms, played the role of a suspect on the run as Brutus — obeying Decker's commands — gave chase. Brutus, with relative ease, subdued the “suspect” until Decker came over to “apprehend” him amidst squeals of excitement from the young onlookers. Carrico explained that Brutus' job was to knock Rivera down, not hurt him.

“I liked seeing that he could run really fast trying to catch the bad guy,” said Bo Crews, 6.

Teachers Barbara Anderson and Cindy Hoffmann said that they hoped the students gained a better understanding of law enforcement and will perhaps feel less apprehensive when encountering military police officers.



Children in Barbara Anderson's kindergarten class pet Staff Sgt. Brutus, a military working dog with the 554th MP Co., escorted by his handler, Sgt. Jamie Decker, April 26 at the PMO.

“The idea is for them to learn a little bit about what MPs do and know that if they ever have a problem, MPs are safe persons to talk to,” Anderson said.

Staff Sgt. Michael Moore, who led the kindergartners on a tour of the PMO, echoed Anderson's sentiments. “Hopefully the experience here shows that we're the good guys — friendly and approachable,” he said.

Decker and Carrico emphasized to the youngsters that Brutus was a working dog and not a pet, giving them careful instructions on do's and don'ts for interacting with him. After the demonstrations, students were allowed to pet Brutus as Decker instructed them not to get near his mouth or attempt to take his toy away from him.

“I liked petting the dog,” said Allison Carvel, 5. “I knew it was OK.”

As Decker held the rope end of the pull toy while Brutus contentedly tugged on its rubber end, the handler explained that the interaction with the youngsters was good training for the nearly 10-year-old German shepherd.

“(Brutus) is retiring soon,” Decker said. “He's worked hard for a long time and now he's going to make somebody a good pet.”

News & Notes

New Twitter site gives tips and facts on Army life in Europe

“Coming to U.S. Army in Europe and want some info? Or, are you looking for tips on making the most of your European tour? Ask EURMama!”

That is what visitors to U.S. Army Europe's new site on the social media platform Twitter will see at the top of the home page. Visitors will also see a picture of EURMama, a fictional woman who could be from any of the countries in Europe where U.S. Army personnel are stationed.

But unlike your own mom, EURMama doesn't know everything. So this site, like most social media sites, will be a place for everyone in the community to post their own tips and tidbits about life in U.S. Army in Europe.

To ask EURMama a question, pick up some tips, or give some of your own, search for @EURMama on www.Twitter.com.

USAREUR celebrates the Army's 236th birthday

Through a week-long celebration, U.S. Army Europe will honor the sacrifices Soldiers and their family members have made over the past 236 years defending the nation and preserving its way of life.

The festivities will begin June 9 with a prayer breakfast at 7 a.m. in the Casablanca Room on Heidelberg's Campbell Barracks.

On June 10, there will be a four-player, team golf scramble at the Heidelberg Golf Course in Oftersheim, hosted by the Association of the United States Army, with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Sign-in starts at 6:45 a.m. Participants must register by June 6.

USAREUR's Army Birthday Ball begins June 11 at 6 p.m. and at the Village Pavilion on Patrick Henry Village. Tickets go on sale May 2.

Keep an eye on the USAREUR Facebook page for more information.

Road work scheduled near Panzer Kaserne

Road work is ongoing 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.

Sindelfingen police checking vehicle first aid kits

Sindelfingen Police have been and will continue to set up check points around the city and are randomly checking vehicles for first aid kits, licenses, registrations, safety triangles and orange vests. The check may also be conducted at random in other towns.

First aid kits have an expiration dates. Community members are encouraged to check their first aid kits' expiration dates and replaced expired kits. Fines will be imposed for expired safety and first aid kits.

(This information was provided by the USAG Stuttgart Government Relations Office.)

Ask a JAG

Editor's Note: Do you have a legal question you would like to see answered in a future edition of The Citizen? If so, contact "Ask a JAG" at jason.mckenna1@eur.army.mil.

**By Capt. Jay McKenna (U.S. Army)
Stuttgart Law Center**

Q: *Many young adults under the age of 21 here in Stuttgart go out to the German clubs to drink, since the drinking age here is 16. Some feel they are entitled to consume alcohol because it is OK by German law. Are teenagers subject to the American drinking age laws both on and off post?*

A: In addition to the NATO Status of Forces Agreement, German law applies to all Americans in Germany. Think of German law as the proverbial "floor" since military garrisons in Germany will abide by German law. Garrisons may, however, impose stricter requirements based on jurisdiction principles and the commander's inherent authority to enforce standards of good order and discipline on the installation.

In Germany, the Protection of Young Persons Act permits youths to drink wine and/or beer at age sixteen. At age eighteen, youths are permitted to drink any type of alcoholic beverage and consume tobacco products. Additionally, when in the presence of, and with the consent of, a parent or guardian, German law allows youths ages 14-15 to have wine and/or beer for immediate consumption at a fest or party. Contrarily, on an Army installation in Germany, a person must be 18 years of age or older to possess or consume an alcoholic beverage or tobacco. When youths leave the installation, German law applies, and they may legally consume alcoholic beverages at the age of 16 and 18, respectively. Thus, a 16 year-old youth can legally purchase beer off-post, and then be punished for having the beer if brought on-post.

Garrison commanders are responsible for the health, safety, welfare, and good order in their geographic areas of responsibility. A garrison commander must be able to promulgate and enforce standards that support the health and safety mission. Commanders have many tools at their disposal; military policemen, subordinate commanders, NCOs, and installation and building coordinators. Garrison commanders may also use the Civilian Misconduct Action Authority. The CMAA is the regulatory mechanism that governs the command's administrative response to civilian misconduct on the installation. In response to such misconduct, a garrison commander may bar individuals from entering specific areas and operations within the garrison, terminate command sponsorship and order the early return of dependents, terminate government housing, and/or suspend individuals from Army and Air Force Exchange Services, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities, and other such services. See Army in Europe Regulation 27-9 for additional CMAA guidelines.

This column is not intended as individual or specific legal advice. If you have specific issues or concerns, you should consult a judge advocate at 421-4152/civ. 0711-729-4152.



Birgit Thompson

Earth Day brings science, discovery to RBEMS students

Cassy Jones (left), 12, and Jordan Ashley (in red), 11, watch in wonder as their Earth Day project comes to life: When a cup of ice is placed in a water bath holding a bottle of mineral water, and hot water is added, the gases in the bottle are forced into the balloon by the temperature change. The project was part of a class on the greenhouse effect taught by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division staff members at Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School April 19 in honor of Earth Day (April 22).

Partnership

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"Most importantly, they are agreeing to play an active role in the education of our students here in Stuttgart," Hall said.

Hall began coordinating the Partnerships in Education program two years ago when she started working as a Stuttgart SLO. As she plans to move this summer, seeing her idea realized is a fitting end to her time here.

"It's been a couple of years in the making, but I feel it is a great partnership," she said. "I want to thank all of the units for stepping forward, as well as all of the schools for embracing the units. It's a great way to end my term ... to see it come to fruition."

School officials are excited to gain an adoptive unit for several reasons, from expanded support to bringing more people to the school, in the case of RBEMS.

"For us at RB ... we're furthest away from the populace. Having that partnership is more of an impetus to get people into the school," said RBEMS Principal Michael Johnson.

AFRICOM has traditionally provided guest speakers to RBEMS, including dignitaries from many African nations who have spoken to students about the African countries they study in school. Johnson hopes AFRICOM's continued participation will attract more parents and volunteers.

"Anytime I can get the community into our building, we win," he said.

As with the working relationship between RBEMS and AFRICOM, the adoption process is an extension of what many units have already been doing.

For example, service members from DISA

Europe have seen the results of their interaction with students at PES, whether they were helping second-grade students learn math or leading the Friday jump rope club, said Air Force Master Sgt. Jeff Maione, DISA Europe Partnerships in Education manager.

"As we're in the schools more and more, there's a bond we get with the kids," he said. "We're able to share life stories. They know you."

However, making the adoption official gives units the pride of "owning" their schools, said Command Sgt. Maj. Delbert L. Hoskins, EUCOM Headquarters command sergeant major.

Hoskins not only spearheaded the adoption of PHS by EUCOM, but encouraged other units to take on the remaining schools.

"Every service member who goes into the school and does something, takes something away from it," he said. For example, they can learn about students' specific needs and advocate for them back at their unit.

"This is our school," he said of PHS. "We can certainly be a voice for the school."

Fleet Master Chief Petty Officer Roy M. Maddocks, Jr., EUCOM senior enlisted leader, also participated in the partnership ceremony by signing EUCOM's agreement with PHS. He affirmed his support for the program because it allows service members to contribute to the next generation of leaders.

"What's the most precious thing to us? Our children," he said. "An investment in their future is very valuable. In addition to that, the future of our nation is dependent on how we educate and care for our children."

DHS implements new National Terrorism Advisory System

**Office of the Press Secretary
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Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano announced April 20 the implementation of the Department of Homeland Security's National Terrorism Advisory System — a robust terrorism advisory system that provides timely information to the public about credible terrorist threats and replaces the former color-coded alert system.

As part of the announcement, Napolitano also released a public guide outlining the new system to the American public, along with an example of an NTAS alert that would be issued to the public if the government were to receive information about a specific or credible terrorist threat.

"The terrorist threat facing our country has evolved significantly over the past 10 years, and in today's environment more than ever, we know that the best security strategy is one that counts on the American public as a key

partner in securing our country," Napolitano said. "The National Terrorism Advisory System, which was developed in close collaboration with our federal, state, local, tribal and private sector partners, will provide the American public with information about credible threats so that they can better protect themselves, their families, and their communities."

Under NTAS, DHS will coordinate with other federal entities to issue detailed alerts to the public when the federal government receives information about a credible terrorist threat. NTAS alerts provide a concise summary of the potential threat including geographic region, mode of transportation, or critical infrastructure potentially affected by the threat, actions being taken to ensure public safety, as well as recommended steps that individuals, communities, business and governments can take to help prevent, mitigate or respond to a threat. NTAS alerts will include a clear statement on the nature of the

threat, which will be defined in one of two ways:

- **Elevated Threat:** warns of a credible terrorist threat against the United States
- **Imminent Threat:** warns of a credible, specific, and impending terrorist threat against the United States

Depending on the nature of the threat, alerts may be sent to law enforcement, distributed to affected areas of the private sector, or issued more broadly to the public through both official and social media channels, including a designated DHS web page (www.dhs.gov/alerts), Facebook, and via Twitter @NTASAlerts. NTAS alerts and posters will also be displayed in places such as transit hubs, airports and government buildings.

NTAS threat alerts will be issued for a specific time period and will automatically expire. Alerts may be extended if new information becomes available or as a specific threat evolves.

On Jan. 27, Napolitano announced the new NTAS system during her

"State of America's Homeland Security" address — kicking off the 90-day transition period with state and local governments, law enforcement, private and non-profit sector partners, airports, and other transportation hubs.

In July 2009, Napolitano formed a bipartisan task force of security experts, state and local elected and law enforcement officials, and other key stakeholders to assess the effectiveness of the color-coded alert system. The results of this assessment formed the basis of NTAS.

DHS encourages citizens to follow NTAS alerts for information about threats and take an active role in security by reporting suspicious activity to local law enforcement authorities through the "If You See Something, Say Something" public awareness campaign.

For more information on the National Terrorism Advisory System or to receive NTAS alerts, visit www.dhs.gov/alerts.

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Brittany Carlson

[Above] Missoula Children's Theatre show director Calida Davis (center, in purple) rehearses a scene for the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart production of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" with Mary Church (center, black t-shirt), 17, as Snow White, and the Black Forest Creatures. MCT visited USAG Stuttgart to provide a week-long acting camp and show, contracted by the Department of the Army and sponsored by USAG Stuttgart Child, Youth and School Services.

[Right] Vivian Price, 6, from left; Bismarck Macauley, 5; and Helen Phillips, 5, members of a band of evil bats, practice being scary during a dress rehearsal held only hours before the public performance of the Missoula Children's Theatre's adaptation of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" on April 30 in the Boblingen Elementary/Middle School auditorium.



Susan Huseman

In character: Stuttgart children learn acting, life skills with Missoula Children's Theatre

By Brittany Carlson

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

It takes about six weeks on Broadway to prepare for a theatrical production.

With the Missoula Children's Theatre, it takes less than one.

Sixty children in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart performed "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" with MCT April 30, just 5 days after they auditioned — an impressive feat for children who still have homework to do.

But their best accomplishment was learning skills such as confidence and teamwork, which will last long after the show is over, according to Erik Heuchert, one of two show directors on the MCT European tour.

This is part of the MCT mission: "the development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts," according to the official website.

"Using the arts helps them socially to interact with each other," Heuchert said. "They've gained not just social interaction, but friendship and trust ... a sense of accomplishment."

The visit to USAG Stuttgart, sponsored by Child, Youth and School Services, was only one stop of a 30-installation tour which was contracted by the Department of the Army.

The European leg of the tour

includes USAG Kaiserslautern, Mannheim, Schweinfurt, Stuttgart, Heidelberg and Wiesbaden.

During the rehearsals — which can last up to four hours per day — children in kindergarten through 12th grade memorize lines, cues and dance moves. "We're blown away with how quickly they're able to absorb it," Heuchert said.

In the process, they learn the importance of commitment and dedication, he added. "A lot of what they've accomplished here shows them that they can accomplish anything in life."

Depending on their age and acting ability, the children were cast in a variety of roles, from a swarm of bats to Snow White and the wicked Queen.

Even the auditions offered opportunities for growth.

"You learn to show people what you've got in a very short amount of time," said Bekah Church, 15, who played the Queen. "You have to tap into your potential immediately."

For children who had previously participated in MCT, including Church, the production was an opportunity for them to hone their theatrical skills.

But for others, like 12-year-old Gabi Rutan, "Snow White" provided a first-time acting experience.

"I always wanted to act in the past, but I never had the chance to," said Ru-

tan, a Black Forest Creature in the show.

Trying out for MCT is a great way to get introduced to acting because everyone is assigned a role, she added.

"You actually have people teaching you how to do it correctly," she said.

Rutan plans to use her new skills to try out for larger productions in the future, like those at the Kelley Theatre. "You need the experience," she said. "It's harder than I thought it would be, but it's still fun, in that working with other people can be a really good experience."

Children who were not cast as characters were assigned the role of assistant directors: a hefty job that entailed helping characters learn lines and cues and working backstage.

It's an important job, said Joe Nunez, 11, one of the assistant directors for the Stuttgart show. "If you didn't have somebody to teach you or to guide you, you would just be completely lost," he said.

Nunez has acted in three MCT shows before, but this is the first time he has been working off stage. "I like the fact that I might not have to be in it, but I'm still learning," he said.

MCT was founded in the 1970s in Missoula, Montana, and became famous for casting local children in shows wherever the group performed. Today, MCT brings week-long acting projects

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Erik Heuchert
Missoula Children's
Theatre show director

to children in all 50 states and in military bases and international schools in 17 countries. MCT provides two tour directors, costumes and sets, and the show locations provide the actors.

In each residency week, MCT show director Calida Davis said she sees children transform in just five days.

"Every week you can see how it pays off," she said. "You kind of see somebody who grows a little bit or who didn't think they could do it, and they can."

She hopes the children will continue to achieve their goals after the show is over.

"I hope that they would think 'I can do anything: I did a play in five days. Anything is possible,'" she said.

Never a dull moment: day with installation coordinator

Story & photo by Tanya Fogg Young
Special to The Citizen

Installation coordinators in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart have to be jacks of all trades.

They are the initial “go-to” people for all activities on their respective installations — Patch, Kelley and Robinson Barracks and Panzer Kaserne. Often the first line of communication, the installation coordinators know where to find the answers if they don’t immediately have them.

Their jobs are many and varied — on-site installation energy managers and partners in coordinating community events and construction projects, to name a few.

Most of their time is spent outside of their offices, mobile phones in hand, traversing the installations to provide oversight on everything from trash collection to playground safety, and spot-checking facilities and grounds to make sure things are running as seamlessly as possible.

While the installation coordinators fall under the purview of USAG Stuttgart’s Directorate of Public Works, they help resolve issues within all of the garrison directorates, said Steve Raymond, DPW chief of the operations and maintenance division. The installation coordinators are often closely involved with numerous taskers from the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, for example.

“The ICs, in many ways, are the first responders for customers’ inquiries,” Raymond said. “They allow customers to have a visible face they can go to. They’re the action guys, always out moving around, and act as go-betweens in some really complex processes that are public works in nature on the installations.”

Dave Bowman, Patch Barracks installation coordinator, said he enjoys the myriad of challenges of his demanding job.

“There’s never a dull moment, and no two days are alike,” Bowman said during a recent workday, his comments punctuated by his ever-ringing mobile phone.

One of the first items on his to-do list for April 27 was for Bowman and his support team workers — Hasan Kuencuelue and Sezai Genc — to start moving a pile of bagged donations stacked more than six feet



Dave Bowman (right), Patch Barracks installation coordinator, and Sezai Genc (left), IC support team member, deliver mulch to a housing area April 27.

high from the Pfennig Bazaar drop-off point on Patch to a storage area inside Bowman’s offices.

It began raining as the bags were transported from one building to another, interrupting the task. “We don’t want the donations getting wet and then just sitting,” Bowman explained.

No matter — it was time for Bowman to dash over to the Patch Fitness Center to do his weekly reading of the water meters there as part of the garrison energy conservation efforts.

“We’re our installation energy managers,” Bowman said of himself and his counterparts working on USAG Stuttgart’s three other installations. “When we’re walking around our installations, we’re looking for things like lights on during the day.”

Installation Coordinators

Patch Barracks: Dave Bowman

430-5450/civ. 0711-680-5450

Panzer Kaserne: Lance Keller

431-2806/civ. 07031-15-2806

Kelley Barracks: Mac Hopkins

421-2202/civ. 0711-729-2202

Robinson Barracks: Earnest Epps

420-6033/civ. 0711-819-6033

Installation coordinators also provide oversight for seasonal road and grounds issues such as icy sidewalks and streets during the winter months and grass-cutting in spring and summer. Additionally, they help replace items such as worn and bent traffic signs and are in direct contact with building and stairwell coordinators.

The ICs also provide oversight for refuse and bulk items, Bowman said. “We get heavily involved for the sightliness [of the installation],” he said. “We notify the contractors when the containers for the bulk trash are full and sometimes we dig through them and help place things in the proper containers.”

A large task that the installation coordinators have recently taken on is actively overseeing the garrison custodial cleaning contract. As of April 15, Bowman became the contracting officer representative for the custodial service contract.

“I get the cleaning complaints now,” Bowman said. “My colleagues — the other ICs — help me with quality assurance on their respective installations. We’re always walking around checking facilities anyway, to see if floors have been mopped and trash emptied.”

For Bowman, having constant interaction with people and helping to resolve any number of varied and often complex issues are both satisfying parts of his job as installation coordinator.

“I like the variety and love helping and dealing with the people — even with the complaints,” he said, with a chuckle.

“I like the challenge.”

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U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart

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International SOS will accept collect calls and will also return calls, if requested.

The purpose of obtaining pre-authorization is to ensure that the patient can see a host nation provider who is part of the network and offers cashless and claimless services to the patient. It also provides an immediate benefits review to ensure that the care to be obtained is a covered benefit.

Pre-authorization is not required for emergencies.

Tricare defines urgent care as medically necessary services required for an illness or injury that would

not result in further disability or death if not treated immediately, but does require professional attention within 24 hours. Urgent care could be required for a condition such as a sprain, sore throat or rising temperature, as each of these has the potential to develop into an emergency if treatment is delayed.

Emergency care is defined as a medical, maternity or psychiatric condition that would lead someone with average knowledge of health and medicine to believe that a serious medical condition exists; that the absence of immediate medical attention would result in a threat to life, limb or sight; when a person has severe, painful symptoms requiring immediate attention to relieve suffering; or when a person is at immediate risk to self or others.

Such care does not require pre-authorization; however, beneficiaries may call International SOS to locate the nearest network provider or emergency room, and to obtain assistance if an admission is required.

For more information, visit www.tricare-overseas.com.



National Nurses' Week

May 6-12 is National Nurses' Week. The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart would like to recognize the nurses at the clinic and nationwide for promoting and maintaining Americans' health.

'Space A' eligibility for school immunizations

Through July 31, children of "Space A" beneficiaries can be seen at the U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart Immunizations Clinic at the same appointment priority as Tricare Prime beneficiaries. Children six years old and under must see a physician before receiving immunizations. The clinic will accept medical documentation from a local national physician within 10 business days.

The immunizations clinic is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to noon Friday.

Liaisons assist expecting parents

The patient liaisons assigned to U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart help expecting parents prepare for the birth of their child in Germany.

They provide information on what personal items to bring to the hospital during pregnancy, cultural differences, and an overview of the German administrative process during pregnancy classes offered through the Stuttgart Wellness Center.

They also offer a monthly labor and delivery tour. Patient liaisons can also assist with admissions and help to complete paperwork for a child's birth certificate.

For more information, call the patient liaison office at civ. 0162-262-2967.

EDIS offers child-development services

By Thomas Kapp

U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart

The Educational and Developmental Intervention Services Program at the U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart provides early intervention services for children under three years old and related services for school-aged children.

Services are provided for families who have concerns about their child's development in communication, physical (motor), social-emotional, cognitive, or adaptive (self-help) areas. These services are free to families whose children are entitled to attend Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

Early Intervention services include developmental screenings and evaluations, speech services, motor

services, special instruction and family training.

The EDIS Related Services staff works in collaboration with DODDS to provide educational services as well as medical evaluations to determine the impact of a diagnosis on a child's classroom performance for children ages 3 and older. RS services include occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological testing and audiological evaluations. Specialty appointments can also be coordinated with the EDIS medical consultant. All requests for RS must be initiated by the DODDS Case Study Committee directly to EDIS.

To make a referral for a child under age three, a parent can stop by EDIS, located in the Behavioral Health Clinic, Building 2996, Panzer Kaserne, or call EDIS at 431-2697/civ. 07031-15-2697. For Related Services, contact DODDS.

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RB CX to close through May 16

The commissary portion of the Robinson Barracks Combined Exchange will close for renovations through May 16. The new Defense Commissary Agency commissary will open May 17. The Army and Air Force Exchange Services furniture will open next to the commissary May 2.

See comedy at USO

The Stuttgart branch of the United Service Organizations and the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum will host a comedy night featuring Bengt Washburn May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the USO on Panzer Kaserne. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Courtesy RSVP to vol.stuttgart@uso.org.

Volunteer for VBS

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Religious Support Office is seeking volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School 2011, themed "Pandamania."

Two VBS sessions will be held July 25-28 from 9 a.m. to noon at Patch Elementary School and Aug. 1-5 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School. Volunteers are needed to work as station leaders, crew leaders, assistants, and with set construction.

Young adults who have completed the fifth grade by June 30 through seniors in high school are eligible to volunteer, along with adults. Volunteer application packets are available in all chapels and the Patch Religious Education Center, located next to the thrift shop.

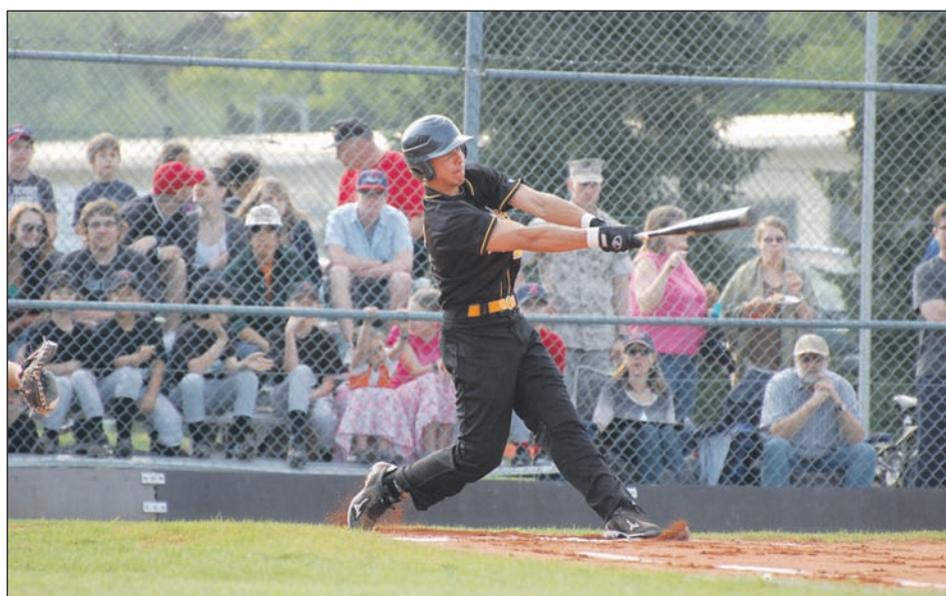
For more information, contact the USAG Stuttgart Director of Religious Education, Jim Sciegel, at 431-3078/civ. 07031-15-3078, or james.sciegel@eur.army.mil.

Sign up for USO golf tourney

Registration begins May 16 for the 20th annual USO golf tournament to be held July 23 at the Stuttgart Golf Course. For more information, call 07031-15-3345 or e-mail vol.stuttgart@uso.org.

Patch DFAC closed May 13

The Patch Dining Facility will be closed May 13 for ventilation maintenance, cleaning and organization of



Corey Knef

Play ball!

Cavan Cohoes, senior at Patch High School, bats during the annual German-American Baseball Game held April 20 on Husky Field, Patch Barracks. The PHS team beat the Sindelfingen Squirrels 17-2. The game was one of several activities held in April as part of the Month of the Military Child festivities.

the offices, kitchen and outside areas. The dining facility will reopen May 14.

AFE hosts comedy

Armed Forces Entertainment will present "No Laugh Track Required IV: Fourth Time's the Charm," a live comedy show in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Patch Community Club on Patch Barracks.

The show is free, and features Heather Marie Zagone, Rosie Tran, Justin Wade, Todd Rexx and Johnny Cardinale. This performance is for mature audiences.

Children's sports physicals available

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.

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://injobs.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.

Town Hall set

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

Are you a nurse?

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.

Swabian closed May 19-21

The Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks will be closed after lunch on May 19 and remain closed through May 21 for a special event.

ASAP training set

Annual Army Substance Abuse Program 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 on-site training for your unit, contact Dr. Howard Krout at 431-2530/civ. 07031-15-2530.

Housing office hours

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Housing Office (Building 2913 on Panzer Kaserne) has new hours. It is now open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office is closed on U.S. holidays and offers limited service on German holidays.

Donate first aid kits

Expired or current vehicle first aid kits are needed for a local Eagle Scout project. Kits will be collected from

May 15 to June 15 at the Vehicle Processing, Vehicle Inspection Point, Car Care Center and Auto Crafts, all on Panzer Kaserne. The kits will be refurbished and delivered to U.S. Africa Command, which will deliver them to locations in Africa where they are most needed.

For more information, contact joeengelbrechti@eur.army.mil.

ACAP events

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

- **Apply for a Federal Job**, May 9, 9 a.m. to noon

- **Retiree Transition Assistance Program**, May 10-12, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- **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.

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In Germany, May traditions usher in warm weather

By Carola Meusel

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Germany marks the beginning of spring during the month of May. The cold and gray winter days are sent on their way with a cheerful "Ade," or farewell.

Traditionally, May is welcomed with feasts, music and dance to celebrate the long-awaited arrival of spring. May is celebrated in many different ways throughout Baden-Württemberg.

May celebrations in Germany are called "Tanz in den Mai" (Dance into May). These include a variety of events such as setting up the "Maibaum" (May tree or May pole), as well as a number of cozy little outdoor feasts, known as "Maihocketse." Hocketse, in the Swabian dialect, means sitting down.

The little towns in the greater Stuttgart area host their "Maihocketse" starting on April 30 until the end of May, mainly on weekends. At these celebrations, you can enjoy traditional Volksmusik, hearty Swabian food, freshly brewed beer and local wine.

You may have already passed a "Maibaum" while driving through the surrounding towns and villages of Stuttgart. In general, the Maibaum is set up in the center of a town during the morning of May 1. It remains there throughout the month of May.

The Maibaum is an oak tree trunk with a green crown that symbolizes nature's fertility and new



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life. The tradition of setting up a Maibaum dates back to the 13th century and was customary as a religious practice in Austria, Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg to represent new life and the earth

awakening from winter's sleep.

The tree trunk of the Maibaum is decorated with a garland made of spruce branches, one or two wreaths, as well as blue and white bands (seen mainly in Bavaria). The hand-crafted wooden figures, guild symbols and painted pictures that decorate the trunk tell the story of the village or town in which it is located.

Another tradition that often occurs in May is Vatertag, or Father's Day. The origins of Germany's Vatertag date back to the Middle Ages when people attended a religious procession honoring "Gott den Vater" (God the Father) on Ascension Day (Christi Himmelfahrt), which is always on the Thursday 40 days after Easter. This year, Vatertag falls on June 2.

Until the late 1700s, Vatertag was considered a family day to honor dad. During the 19th century, this tradition changed. Today, Germany's Vatertag is celebrated in the fashion of a "boy's day out" or a tour with the guys (Maennerrunde).

In the Baden-Württemberg region, "Vatertagswanderungen" (Father's Day tours) are a well-known tradition. Fathers meet up with male friends and family members and walk in the local vineyards with a little toy wagon, or "Leiterwaegele," in tow, to transport the most important ingredient for a successful father's day trip: a keg filled with fresh German beer. The group stops here and there for barbecue, beer, wine and a good time.

Setting up a "Maibaum" (May tree or May pole), is one of several traditions celebrated throughout Germany which signify the start of spring.

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PHS Battle of the Bands set

The seventh Battle of the Bands will be held at the Patch High School Forum on Patch Barracks May 13.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m. and feature four student bands. Admission at the door is \$2.

Money troubles?

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Religious Support Office will host Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace Military Edition beginning June 1. The class is designed to teach financial management, from budgeting to investing for the future.

The class will meet Wednesday night for 13 weeks, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Kelley Hotel conference room.

Seating is limited. To sign up, e-mail FPUstuttgart@yahoo.com.

'Budget for Baby' class offered

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society will offer a "Budget for Baby" class for expecting and new parents on May 17 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne. All participants will receive a layette with \$120

worth of baby items. All active duty service members and their families are eligible to attend.

For more information or to sign up, contact Attiyya Ingram at 0151-43-106518 or attiyaingram@hotmail.com.

Join Galaxy Bowling Center team

A variety of regular and flexible positions are available at the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center on Panzer Kaserne, including bartender, operations assistant, recreation aid, and cashier. Visit <https://cpolrhp.cpol.army.mil/eur> for vacancy announcements.

For more information, stop by the Nonappropriated Fund Human Resources Office at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Building 2948, Panzer Kaserne, or call 431-3119/civ. 07031-15-3119.

No time to cook?

The Wellness Center Stuttgart will host a "Meals in Minutes" class May 25 from 9-10 a.m. Amy Haack, a working spouse and new mother with a master's degree in science and health education, will share quick, healthy recipes and lead a discussion on how to cook healthy meals in a pinch. Class participants can also learn which items to look for



Steve Roark

Head's off to Rob Lake

Magician Rob Lake performs a trick in which his assistant's head appears to be separated from her body during a show at the Patch High School Forum April 21, which was sponsored by Armed Forces Entertainment. More than 430 community members attended the event.

in the commissary and how to avoid processed food.

The class is free and open to all community members.

For more information, call the Wellness Center at 430-2997/civ. 0711-680-2997.

Take teen money management class

Dave Ramsey's Foundations in Personal Finance class is designed to teach high school teens how to control their financial future. The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Religious Support Office will offer the class free to teens in the Stuttgart military community

June 14 through July 28.

The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Patch Religious Education Center (next to the thrift shop).

To sign up, or for more information, e-mail FPUstuttgart@yahoo.com.

AFRICOM FRG hosts Spring Fling

The Headquarters, U.S. Africa Command, Family Readiness Group will host a Spring Fling May 20 from 4-7 p.m. on Coopers Field, Kelley Barracks (behind the Kelley Hotel).

The event is open to all families in AFRICOM. Special events include food booths, a fire truck and MP squad car exhibit, a jousting ring, bouncy castles and fishing pond.

Volunteers are needed. To volunteer, contact AFRICOM FRG Leader Jani Gamez at africom_frg@yahoo.com.

Have what it takes for FMWR Fun Day?

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a Military Appreciation Fun Day May 14 at 10 a.m. in the Patch Fitness Center gymnasium.

At least 10 teams of four will race to complete a unique obstacle course. Register by May 13 at the Patch Fitness Center.

Volunteers are needed.

For more information, call 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

Learn to Salsa

The United Service Organizations Stuttgart provides a free salsa dance class every Monday night from 7-10 p.m. at the Patch High School Forum on Patch Barracks.

Learn steps for beginners and partner work, followed by an open dance session. Singles are welcome.

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U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Child, Youth and School Services celebrated community children with Month of the Military Child activities in April. From a Springfest and egg hunt to reading activities with the garrison command group, a Kiddie Boot Camp, and various classes for parents and children, there was no lack of things to do that celebrated children and all they add to the military community.

For more photos, visit www.flickr.com/photos/usagstuttgart.

Twin sisters Alexia (left) and Alecia Dunlap, 9, pause for a photo during a game of Twister at the Child, Youth and School Services Springfest April 23 on Patch Barracks.

Susan Huseman



Susan Huseman

[Above] Mad dash: Savannah Jackson, 11, and Madelyn Richards, 11, both center, rush to fill their bags with goody-filled eggs at the Child, Youth and School Services Egg Hunt April 23 on Patch Barracks, as Corrie Schwab (with microphone) looks on.

[Right] Kathleen Cole, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart deputy to the commander, shares a laugh with Abraham Cotto, 4, at the Kelley Child Development Center after reading "ABC Jobs" to children there April 19, in celebration of the Month of the Military Child.

Birgit Thompson



The C... perform... CYS S...



Nolan Wilson, 5, dressed as "Superboy" lines up his shot at a "Superhero Bowling" event, hosted April 15 by the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center on Panzer Kaserne as part of the Month of the Military Child festivities.

Brittany Carlson



Susan Huseman



Joseph Mancy

Lance Fleming, 8, receives a snake-shaped balloon from the "balloon man" at the Child, Youth and School Services Springfest on Patch Barracks April 23.



Joseph Mancy

Child, Youth and School Services "Team Dance" performs for the community inside the Patch Hub at the services Springfest April 23.



Susan Huseman

[Above] Miranda Bartheld (from left), 13; Hannah Oliver, 13, and Tyler Trahan, 15, practice changing diapers during Child, Youth and School Services babysitter training held April 5-8 on Patch Barracks, in which teens could learn how to care for children and become first aid/CPR certified.

[Left] Natalia Battle, 3, proudly displays her loot following the egg hunt, sponsored by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services April 23 on Patch Barracks.

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Sydney Field, 4, enjoys a pony ride at the Child, Youth and School Services Springfest April 23 on Patch Barracks.



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What's happening in FMWR

Arts/Crafts contest open

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

Enter up to three works in any of the following categories: ceramics, wood, fibers and textiles, glass, metals and jewelry, mixed media 3-D, digital art, prints, water base painting, oil base painting and mixed media 2-D. Guidelines for entries are available at the Kelley and Patch Arts and Crafts Centers. Entry forms are available online at <https://artscrafts.fmwrc.army.mil>.

The exhibition and awards ceremony will begin May 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks.

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

Watch free movies

Free movies are shown every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Robinson Barracks Community Club. There are new movies every week.

Upcoming movies include Harry Potter and the Deathly Hal-

lows Part 1 (PG-13) May 11-13.

Paintball with ODR

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and MWR's Outdoor Recreation will host a Paintball Play Day May 7 and 21 at 9 a.m.

To register, call ODR at 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774.

See 'Nunsense' show

The Stuttgart Theatre Center presents "Nunsense," a musical comedy in which the Little Sisters of Hoboken attempt to raise money to bury sisters accidentally poisoned by the convent cook. The show is written by Dan Goggin and directed by Richard Roberts.

Performances are set for May 27 and 28 and June 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. and May 29 and June 5, 12 and 19 at 3 p.m. at the Kelley Theatre Center. Tickets are \$14/adults, \$12/students. Must be at least five years old to attend.

To reserve tickets, visit www.stuttgartmwr.com. For more information, call the Kelley Theatre Office at 421-3258/civ.0711-729-3258.

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

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Coming to Patch Theater

May 5 — Unknown (PG-13) 6 p.m.

May 6 — Take Me Home Tonight (R) 7 p.m., Fast Five (PG-13) 9 p.m.

May 7 — Gnomeo & Juliet (G) 4 p.m., Prom (PG) 7 p.m., Fast Five (PG-13) 9 p.m.

May 8 — Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G) 2 p.m., Prom (PG) 4 p.m., Fast Five (PG-13) 7 p.m.

May 9 — Fast Five (PG-13) 6 p.m.

May 10 — Take Me Home Tonight (R) 6 p.m.

May 11 — Unknown (PG-13) 6 p.m.

May 12 — Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (PG-13) 6 p.m.

May 13 — The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 6 p.m., Thor (PG-13) 9 p.m.

May 14 — Thor (PG-13) 4 p.m., The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 7 p.m., Hall Pass (R) 9 p.m.

May 15 — Gnomeo & Juliet (G) 2 p.m., The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 4 p.m., Thor (PG-13) 7 p.m.



Paramount Pictures

May 16 — Thor (PG-13) 6 p.m.

May 17 — Hall Pass (R) 6 p.m.

May 18 — The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Visit www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/reeltime-landing.

Family & MWR Featured Events

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FAMILY

COBBLESTONE CLASSIC

Sign up by May 17 (Patch Fitness Center) for the 5 Mile Run on the Historic Panzer Tank Trail.

May 21 10 a.m. Starts on Husky Field
DSN 430 7136, CIV 0711 680 7136

FLEA MARKET

Cobblestone Classic Flea Market. Sign up at www.stuttgartmwr.com to share your treasures or just come and buy.

May 21 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Panzer Exchange Sidewalks
DSN 430 2110 CIV 0711 680 2110



ARTS

ARTS & CRAFTS CONTEST

This is your chance to show your art and get to know local artists. Submit your artwork by May 7

May 18 4 p.m. - Viewing, 6 p.m. - Awards
Swabian Special Events Center on Patch
DSN 430 5270 CIV 0711 680 5270

COMIC BOOK DAY

Submit your artwork for display! A special visit by the 501st Stormtrooper Legion! (Star Wars). Costume contest starts at 1 p.m.

May 21 11:30 a.m. Patch Library
DSN 430 5232 CIV 0711 680 5232



GOLF

SPRING SCRAMBLE

Ready to play? Sign up as a team or individually.

May 7 9:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
Stuttgart Golf Course, Kornwestheim
CIV 0174 187 9151

3rd ANNUAL COMMANDER'S CUP
Enjoy the weather and compete in 18 Hole, 4 Golfer Team Scramble.

May 20 9 a.m. Shotgun Start
Stuttgart Golf Course,
Kornwestheim
CIV 0174 187 9151



Let the golf season begin!

Story & photo by Susan Huseman
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

In golf, the swing's the thing. Even professionals such as Tiger Woods revamp their swings on occasion.

There are all sorts of gimmicks out there to improve the games of most golfers, but perhaps the most efficient way is with the use of video swing analysis and 3-D Doppler tracking radar.

The technology is now available at the Stuttgart Golf Course.

"The video system gives golfers immediate feedback as to what their swing looks like," said Gary Groff, the club manager and Professional Golfers' Association of America teaching pro.

"When you can watch what your body is doing, it's easier to correct," he said.

Add the Doppler tracking radar, and a golfer gets precise data on the club and ball travel as a result of his or her golf swing.

It all helps golfers improve their swing mechanics, and points them to the right shaft and ball they should use, Groff added.

The "Scope House" is only one of several new additions to the golf course that golfers will notice this season.

Another is the installation of solar-powered toilets. Both projects were donated to the military golf course by the Golfclub Neckartal e.V., a German golfing association authorized to use the 7,000 yard, par 73 course.

"We're very happy to have them," said Groff. "They've partnered with us in many projects that benefit the club."

There's one ongoing project that benefits the environment.

The 18-hole Stuttgart Golf Course



Gary Groff, the Stuttgart Golf Course manager, right, "tees off" as teaching pro Mike Newell operates the course's newly installed digital swing analysis system.

continues to be one of two courses in Europe, and the only U.S. military course anywhere, certified by Audubon International, a not-for-profit organization that helps golf courses protect the environment.

"We have 300 acres of land. Everything we do has an impact. We're always trying to reduce our footprint," said Chris Konik, the course superintendent.

While golfers may appreciate the new technology and efforts to improve the environment, it's the game they're after. And tournament season starts this month.

The Spring Scramble on May 7 opens the season, followed by the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander's Cup competition on May 20.

Golfers also get the opportunity to play after work in the weekly Wednesday Night Scramble series which runs from May 25 through Aug. 17.

Upcoming Tournaments

- May 26, Stuttgart German-American Women's Club Texas Scramble
- June 18-19, U.S. Forces European Golf Championship
- July 23, USO 20th Annual Golf Tournament

The facilities, located at 975 Aldingerstrasse in Kornwestheim, include six practice greens, a driving range, fully stocked pro shop and a restaurant.

The course is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on weekends from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 07141-87-9151 or visit www.stuttgartmwr.com.

SPORTS SHORTS

Cobblestone Classic

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Cobblestone Classic, a five-mile run on the historic tank trail from Patch Barracks to Panzer Kaserne, will be held May 21. The run starts at 10 a.m. on Husky Field, Patch Barracks.

Register at the Patch Fitness Center or online at www.stuttgartmwr.com. For more information, call 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

Register for fall sports

Registration for Child, Youth and School Services fall sports will run through July 29. Register with Parent Central Services by calling 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

Volunteer coaches and officials are also needed. To volunteer, call 431-2616/civ. 07031-15-2616.

Commander's Cup

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander's Cup golf tournament will take place May 20 at the Stuttgart Golf Course in Kornwestheim.

Unit teams of four players will compete for the Commander's Cup trophy. Prizes will also be given for "closest to the pin" and longest drive.

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Patch Elementary School kindergartener Nora Hennessy, a student in Mrs. Hoffmann's class, chooses a light-air vehicle for the Kindy 500.



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Zack Tamayo (left) and Killari O'Donnel, kindergarteners in Mrs. Nettleingham's class at Patch Elementary School rev their engines in preparation for the checkered flag at the Kindy 500.



Photo by Michele Winter

Patch Elementary School kindergartener Ryann Smith is ready to begin the Kindy 500 in search of America's symbols.



Youth Activities

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



Photo by Michele Winter

From left, Kameron Sauve, Luka Webb and Payton Brickey, kindergarten students in Mrs. Hoffmann's class at Patch Elementary School, proudly show off their vehicles in the Kindy 500 parade.

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

Youth Activities

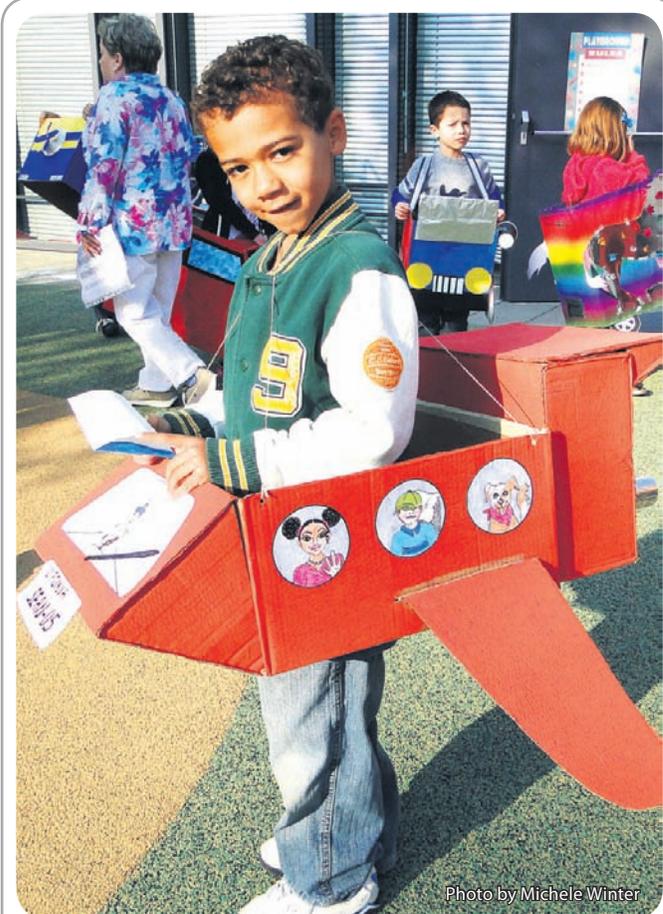


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Patch Elementary School kindergartener Sean Hall checks his map before beginning the Great American Road Trip April 20.



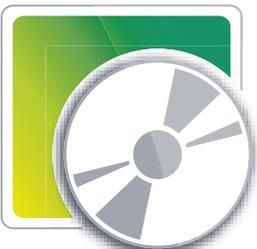
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Patch Elementary School kindergartener Callista Rasco, a student in Mrs. Nettlesham's class, drives her SMART car in the Kindy 500.



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Patch Elementary School kindergarten students in Mrs. Kloss' class eat popcorn and watch "Cars" at the drive-in movie theater after completing the Kindy 500 April 20.

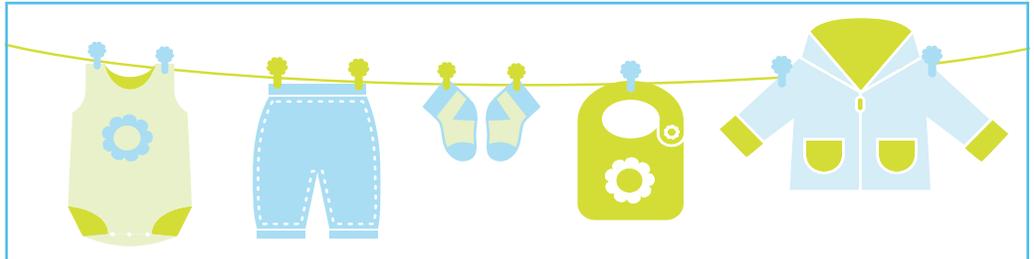


BRAIN TEASER

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. a female relative & to challenge in a mocking manner (4 letters)
2. the point where two edges meet & a person who investigates the causes of deaths (6 letters)
3. a person of low social or cultural status & a long-tailed game bird (7 letters)
4. nimble or agile & a jet of fine vapor, as from an atomizer (4 letters)




Sabrina Macie Sukman

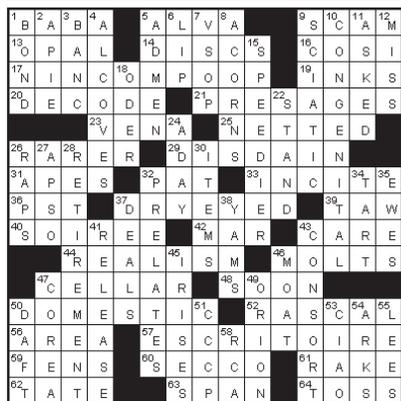
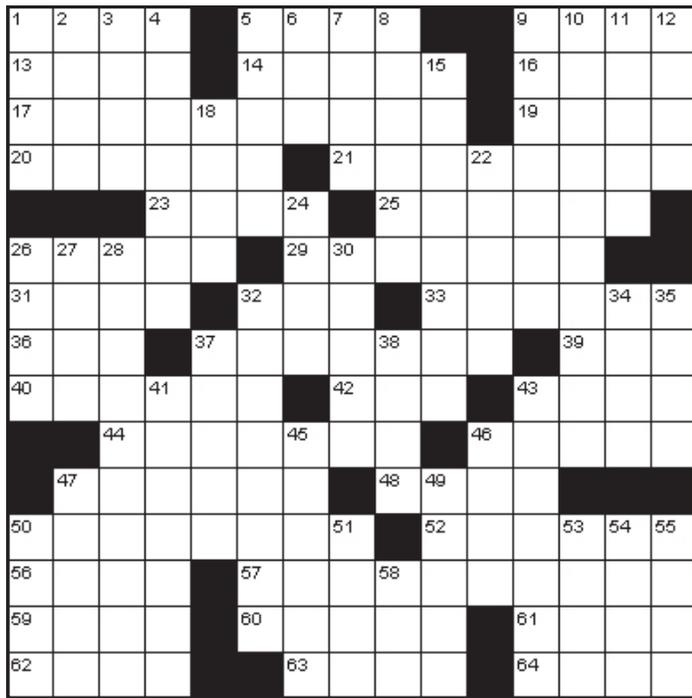
Sabrina Macie was born at 5:50 p.m. February 28, at Robert-Bosch hospital. She was 7 pounds, 7 ounces and 20 inches long. Sabrina Macie was born to Jill and Dan Sukman. The family is stationed in Stuttgart, Germany.

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Answer: 1. aunt & taunt | 2. corner & coroner | 3. peasant & pheasant | 4. spray & spray

Crossword Puzzle



This is the solution to the crossword puzzle from April 21!

DOWN

1. Ayatollahs' land
2. Funnel shape
3. Blues singer James
4. Himalayan guides
5. They're on the move
6. Raggedy ____
7. Bunny's tail
8. Celestial radio source
9. Orchestra section
10. Noble
11. Certain apartments
12. Regards
15. Display stands
18. Look like Tom
22. Actress Zellweger
24. Eliot Ness, e.g.
26. Séance sounds
27. Corporate hotshot
28. Camels etc.
30. Ropemaking fiber
32. Occult doctrine
34. Central African river
35. Former partners
37. Alma ____
38. Preschoolers
41. Pharaoh in "The Ten Commandments"
43. Ireland's patron saint
45. Be on the brink
46. Downhill runner
47. Nickname for Alexander
49. Set, as a price
50. Pianist Hines
51. Desiccated
53. Bamako is its capital
54. Burden
55. Beaks
58. ____ mode

ACROSS

1. Frozen treats
5. Shocked response
9. Bargain time
13. "Zuckerman Unbound" author
14. At the right time
16. Home of Aeneas
17. Third last syllable
19. Abounding
20. Less remote
21. Russian royalists
23. Nuisance
25. Operatives
26. News-show summary
29. Napoleonic victory site
31. Allies' opponents
32. Driver's compartment
33. Save
36. Cribbage marker
37. Sea cow
39. King in Rome
40. Egyptian sacred beetle
42. Trig. function
43. Not very bright
44. Rapper's sound
46. Fills to the gills
47. Mother of Dionysus
48. Dash in the kitchen?
50. Diners
52. Improving speech
56. Behaves
57. Flambé dish
59. First president of South Korea
60. Oberon or Haggard
61. Cudgel
62. Lad's love
63. Peruse
64. Buss



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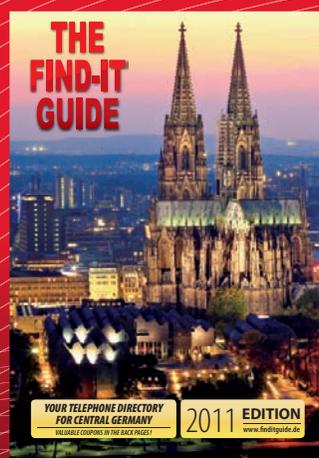
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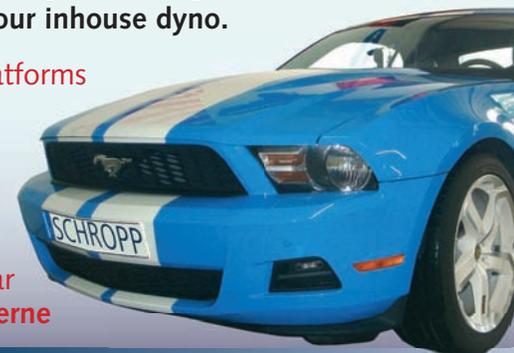
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