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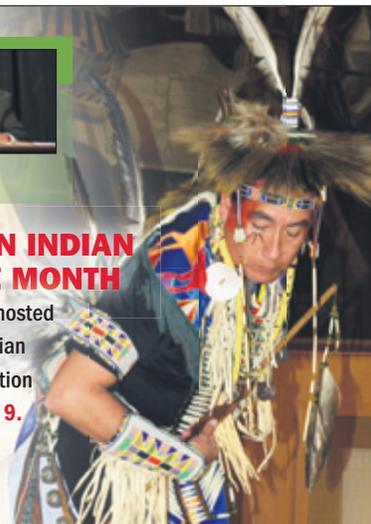
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Milk chocolate art takes center stage at Tübingen's chocolate festival – Pages 12-13

A "Maitre Chocolatier" works on edible chocolate creations at the "chocolateRoom" during last year's International Chocolate Festival. This year's festival, which features a wide variety of chocolate and chocolate-inspired products, will run Dec. 2-7 throughout Tübingen's downtown area. – *Photo by Alexander Gonschior*

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Accidents will happen, being prepared is the key



Commentary by Bryan Gatchell
USAG Ansbach Public Affairs Office

Time does not slow down. The auto accident felt exactly like it was ... sudden, swift and brutal.

My reactions must have been quicker than my experience, however. I had turned to the left to either avoid or ameliorate the impact with the other vehicle as it entered the priority road from a side road. Because of this split-second move, my compact smashed its front passenger corner against the other vehicle, which spun the back passenger end of my car into the vehicle before the impact knocked both our vehicles off the road.

Smoke rose from the driver's side airbag. Glass from the rear window had spilled itself into the cabin. My view out the windshield was of a weedy embankment somewhere between the two kasernes I had been traveling between.

“ The best that we can do is have an emergency plan in place — even if this is something as simple as a printout of convenient contacts — and do our best to manage in the wake of the random.”

None of the pain I felt was excruciating. I stepped out of the car. I was sore and a little dazed. My back and hips hurt from the shock of the impact, but not so much that I could not walk.

My front bumper lay in a side street the other vehicle was originally driving into. A part of the strut had sprung

into a ditch. Scraps of glass and metal from my car had been strewn liberally over the intersection.

German citizens working or living close by began rushing toward the accident.

Upon reconstructing my state of mind during the actual impacts — initial contact, sidelong smash, sudden stop into an embankment — my head was ablaze in a surge of shock, fear and anger. Underneath this flush of animal emotion, however, there was one tiny panicked thought: “This might throw off the rest of my day.”

CALLS AND ASSISTANCE

As the several local nationals approached to render aid, I brought out the best German I could muster with my current clarity of mind.

“Entschuldigung, aber meine Deutsch ist nicht zu gut,” I said, which effectively excused me from trying too hard to carry on a conversation while I set out a warning triangle from my emergency bag.

I checked my cellular phone, which still worked, and called a coworker to let him know that a.) I had been in an accident and b.) I probably wouldn't make it to my assigned location. Wisely, he offered c.) to come out to the accident and help if he could.

Our offices weren't too far away and he was there in a matter of minutes.

My coworker parked a moderate distance away from the accident so as not to cause a secondary accident. As to my car, I took a photo of the bumper in the road with my cellular phone and then moved the bumper off the road so as not to obstruct traffic. Neither of the accident vehicles obstructed traffic as both had left the road during the impact.

While the local nationals called the Polizei, I asked Stephen to call our military police while I got on the phone with my insurance company.

Any garrison community member — Soldier, civilian, Family member

— should call the military police in case of an accident, whether on or off post. The Military Police, much like any other police force, are open for business 24 hours a day, and they are more than happy to assist.

Besides this, notifying the MPs is a legal requirement. Not notifying them within 72 hours can mean you are titled with either “failure to report a traffic accident” or “fleeing the scene of a traffic accident.” Furthermore, companies that insure American motorists working for the Department of Defense typically require the MP report before processing a claim.

For any emergency in Germany, dial 112 from any phone. For the German Polizei, dial 110. Preprogramming these numbers can save time and unnecessary and costly mental exertion in the heat of the moment. Find USAG Stuttgart emergency numbers at www.stuttgart.army.mil/phonebook.html. In case the phone does not work, and in case your memory is jarred by the accident, it is worthwhile to have this document printed out.

While I was on the phone with my insurance company reporting the accident and getting a tow truck arranged to haul away the wreckage that used to be my car, the MPs had arrived and had begun coordinating with the local Polizei. The German Polizei handed me a form they had filled out on the accident. The MPs gave me some documents to look over, confirm and sign.

An ambulance had also arrived. The driver and the passenger of the other vehicle were being taken away. The MPs and the Polizei asked whether I needed to go to the hospital. I said I should get checked out, but whatever wounds I had sustained were not life-threatening and I was still mobile, despite my stiffness and soreness. The MPs wanted to debrief me after the accident, which is standard

Timeline for Operation United Assistance depends on international Ebola trend

By Nick Simeone
DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20, 2014 – The U.S. military effort to help prevent the spread of Ebola in West Africa could be extended beyond its six-month mission if there is a surge of new cases of the deadly disease, Pentagon Press Secretary Navy Rear Adm. John Kirby said Nov. 20.

Despite a reported drop in new cases in hardest hit Liberia, Kirby said it's too soon to determine whether this trend will hold. "We have to be prepared for this to go longer than six months," he said, "which is why the secretary authorized the call-up of more than 2,000 reserves and guard."

More than 2,500 U.S. military personnel are in West Africa as part of

Operation United Assistance, helping U.S. and international agencies battle the world's worst Ebola outbreak by providing logistical support and training for health care workers, as well as testing fluid samples and building emergency treatment units.

"As construction gets completed, the requirement for those types of troops may decrease," Kirby said, at which time Army Maj. General Gary J. Volesky, the commander of the mission, may decide to reduce troop levels.

The World Health Organization says Ebola has killed more than 5,400 people in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea since March. None of the American military personnel deployed as part of Operation United Assistance is involved in the direct treatment of Ebola patients.

IMCOM implements Enhanced Placement Program

By Amanda Kraus Rodriguez
U.S. Army Installation Management Command

A new U.S. Army Installation Management Command policy will open development doors to its general schedule employees in grades nine and above by reducing a backlog of employees past their five-year overseas tour rotations and placing them in stateside positions to create a leadership development cycle.

The IMCOM Enhanced Placement Program policy 690-15, which went into effect Nov. 3, uses the Priority Placement Program mechanism to rotate overseas civilians past their five year tour into positions stateside, opening overseas tour development positions to others.

The policy's outcome equates to

growth, development and advancement opportunities that shape IMCOM careers and support the re-shaping of America's Army, according to IMCOM Director of Human Resources, Ms. Karen Perkins.

"This initiative supports the Department of Defense five-year tour limitation policy by enhancing placement opportunities of IMCOM overseas talent who have been extended beyond five years," Perkins said. "It provides placement assistance to positions back in the continental U.S."

As part of this strategy, the OCONUS vacancies created by the program will open up additional opportunities for our CONUS employees who wish to obtain experience in the

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DECA offers scholarships for military children

By Cherie Huntington,
DeCA public affairs specialist

As the Scholarships for Military Children Program enters its 15th year, more than 8,000 students have shared nearly \$13 million in scholarships. Applications for the 2015-2016 school-year awards become available starting Dec. 15 at commissaries worldwide or on the Internet at www.militaryscholar.org.

As one of last year's recipients said, the scholarship will help her fulfill her dream of becoming a surgeon. "Receiving your scholarship makes me more determined to attain high academic standards and accomplish my dream," the student wrote in a letter to the Defense Commissary Agency. "Thank

you again for your generosity and believing in me."

Starting last year, each award amount rose to \$2,000 from the previous \$1,500, and the program awards at least one scholarship at each commissary with qualified applicants.

An applicant must be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 — or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university — of a service member on active duty, Reserve or Guard member, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty, or survivor of a retiree.

Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 13, 2015. Packages must be hand-delivered or shipped via U.S. Postal Service or other delivery methods, not

emailed or faxed.

Applicants should ensure that they and their sponsor are enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database and have a military ID card. The applicant must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2015 or be enrolled in studies designed to transfer to a four-year program.

Applicants who are awarded a full scholarship or receive an appointment to one of the military academies or affiliated preparatory schools are not eligible to receive funds from this program. A full scholarship is usually defined as one that provides for payment of tuition, books, lab fees and other expenses.

Fisher House Foundation, a non-profit organization that helps service

members and their families, administers the program. Scholarship Managers, a national, nonprofit, scholarship management services organization, manages and awards the scholarships.

Commissary partners and the general public donate money to the program; every dollar donated goes directly to funding scholarships. Supporters are recognized at four levels of donations, with Four Star business partners contributing more than \$50,000 annually, and One Star donors giving between \$2,000 and under \$10,000.

For more information, students or sponsors should call Scholarship Managers at (856)-616-9311 or email them at militaryscholar@scholarship-managers.com.

News & Notes

Army Post Office holiday mailing season hours Patch Barracks:

Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., closed on Sunday

Panzer Kaserne: Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., closed on Sunday

Kelley Barracks: Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Saturday and Sunday

Robinson Barracks: Tuesday and Thursday 1 to 4 p.m.
All will be open Nov. 22 and 29; Dec. 6, 13 and 20. All APOs will be closed

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Sundays.

Community Mail Room holiday season hours

In addition to regular posted hours of operation Mondays through Fridays, CMR customer service windows will be open Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the holiday mailing season. Those dates are Nov. 22 and 29; Dec. 6, 13, 20 and 27.

All CMRs will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Sundays.

2014 Holiday mailing season deadlines

Parcel Air Lift: Dec. 3

Priority parcels, 1st Class letters

and cards: Dec. 10
Express Mail: Dec. 17

Average mailing time, Stuttgart APO to U.S.

Express Mail: 2 to 5 business days, or longer due to U.S. customs inspection

Priority Mail/1st Class mail: 4 to 10 business days

Partial Air Lift parcels: 2 to 4 business weeks

Space Available Mail: 4 to 6 business weeks

Appointments for holiday mailing: Customers may make appointments for holiday mailing by calling their servicing Army Post Office, (APO):
Kelley APO: 421-2542
Panzer APO: 431-2563

Patch APO: 430-7226

Appointments will be made for the 1 hour period before the APO normally opens for business. Customers must call for appointments during the hours that the APO is normally open for business.

Get To Know Your SLO

The School Liaison Office will be conducting informational meetings for families of the Stuttgart Community to discuss their roles in the community, educational opportunities, and answer questions of in-processing families. The SLO will be available on Dec. 2 at the Panzer Main Exchange from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. For more information, call 430-7465/civ. 0711-680-7465.

Students smash pumpkins for science

Story and photos by Megan Brown
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Students smashed pumpkins for science during the 12th annual Pumpkin Drop held at Patch High School Oct. 27. PHS physics students teamed up with Patch Elementary School for this event, which is a yearly project in which students must design and build some sort of protection mechanism for a pumpkin, which will then be dropped from a height of 50 feet.

“It teaches the kids how to work on a deadline, leadership skills, how to build and test designs, and how to teach the concepts to younger kids,” said physics teacher Brad Raywald.

Working on the project since the first week of school, students were given cardboard boxes, and tape, and the rest of the design was up to them. The only rule was; don't let the pumpkin break.

Students then used their creativity to put things such as marshmallows, air mattresses, garbage bags with paper shreds, rolls of paper towels and sleeping bags in the box to break the pumpkin's fall.

Each physics group comprised



One Patch elementary class, representing Colorado, erupted in cheers as they watched a pumpkin fall into their box. The class screamed even louder when the fully intact pumpkin was pulled from the box.

of two to three people had a class it worked with, and was assigned a state. Once the designs were done, the boxes went to the elementary school where the students decorated the box based on their assigned state. Some classes even dressed as people from their states, like cowboys from Texas or cheese-heads from Wisconsin.

Watching the 10-12 pumpkins drop from the top of a cherry picker, elementary and high school kids stood in awe as the pumpkins plummeted over 50 feet.

Once the pumpkins hit the ground, the mood was suspenseful as the students, teachers, and parents waited for

the revelations of whether each pumpkin had cracked or not.

Most of the pumpkins did not survive the fall, but when they did, the crowd erupted with cheers.

One of the pumpkins that did survive was engineered by physics student, sophomore, Christopher Cheadle. Cheadle won second place overall in the competition, beating most of his junior and senior classmates. His favorite part he said was “The anticipation of when the pumpkin was falling, where you just didn't know what was going to happen.”

Working with Mrs. Lussier's class, and representing Delaware, the box

he designed with his partner was successful because they used plastic cups, shredded paper in bags, and “a lot of bubble wrap!”

Regardless of the outcome, the experiment served its purpose; to teach Newton's second law, force equals mass times acceleration, in a fun and interesting way, according to Raywald.

The event was “the perfect way to get people excited about science!”, said Raywald.

Editor's note: Megan Brown is a Patch High School Career Practicum student working with the USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office.

WINTER

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procedure, but they wanted to make sure I received medical treatment first. After the tow truck arrived and cranked the bulk of my vehicle up into its flatbed and swept the remainder into a dustbin, my coworker drove me to the on-post clinic.

ACHES AND PAINS

It was February, and the 2014 Winter Olympics out of Sochi, Russia, were on in the clinic's waiting room. After I had spoken to the receptionist, I divided my attention between watching curling and notifying loved ones in the U.S. that I had been in an accident but was fine.

After I got called from the waiting room, the medic made a cursory examination, attempting to determine whether I had been the victim of shock. I wasn't. The doctor saw me not too long afterward, asked a few questions concerning the level of pain I was feeling, prescribed some anti-inflammatory medication, and ensured there was nothing wrong with my hips, ribs, back or shoulders, where most of my pain was due to seatbelt placement.

Likely I would have been fine attending a German hospital or clinic, but having on hand an English-speaking staff seemed preferable to me at the time. I had already been through the Army clinic on another matter, knew they had all my information, and knew getting checked out would not require registration.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

As directed by the military police at the scene of the accident, my coworker drove me to the provost marshal's office following my medical examination. After a little waiting, I was seen by an MP, who asked me questions, which she wrote down on the report. I wrote the answers down and initialed my statements.

This process went quickly and, aside from the persistent ache in my shoulder and hips, painlessly. When answering the questions, I wrote down full narratives of what had happened, including a few standard questions such as whether I had been wearing my seatbelt or not during the accident, whether I had been speeding, so forth.

The provost marshal's office logs the case, and, if I'm interested, I can request a copy of the report a week later.

AFTER-ACCIDENT REVIEW

In the comfort of retrospect, I see that despite the loss of a dependable automobile the accident was not cataclysmic, tragic nor any other hyperbole. It was merely a thing that happened.

Since the accident, I have been coordinating with my insurance company, a third-party law firm, vehicle registration, an auto dealership for a new car, and my bank to pay off the old loan and begin a new one. All this combined has been a mild headache despite the relative smoothness with which the coordination has gone. In regard to this, it is always a good idea to keep all your documents handy in case they are ever called upon.

Without always actively thinking about it, I had in place a lot of things that I needed in case of an accident. Although I personally did not have the military police's number preprogrammed into my phone, I did have it

memorized. Now, realizing the necessity of having it, I have a copy of the emergency numbers in my phone and printed out in my car.

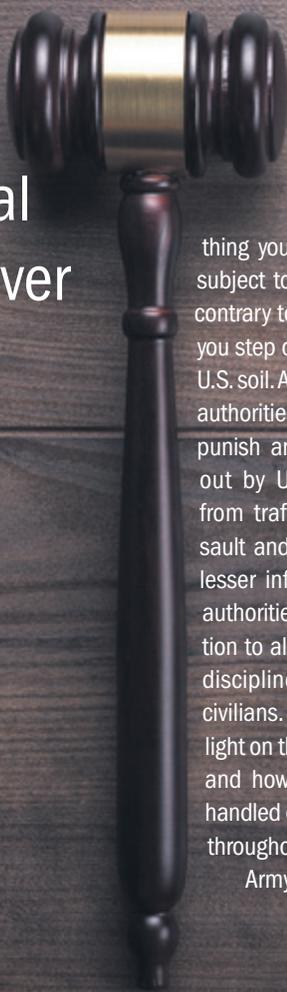
In case of an accident of this nature, where a car is totaled, it is exceptionally important to have a friend to call to help out.

It's also a good idea to have a list of local hospitals, their contact information and their numbers on hand. I did not have that then, but I have that now. Not all accidents and illnesses occur during duty hours, so even if the Army is a preferred medical provider, having other options open and easily accessible is crucial in the heat of the moment.

The inopportune, the absurd, the accidental and the improbable wait in the periphery of our existence, ready at any moment to thwart the comfortable regularity with which we conduct our lives. The best that we can do is have an emergency plan in place — even if this is something as simple as a printout of convenient contacts — and do our best to manage in the wake of the random.

Ask a JAG: Civilian Misconduct

Question: Who has legal jurisdiction over U.S. civilians on-base?



Answer:

You may be surprised to find out that as a civilian, anything you do on or off post is subject to German law. In fact, contrary to popular belief, when you step on post you are not on U.S. soil. As a result, the German authorities have jurisdiction to punish any illegal acts carried out by U.S. civilians ranging from traffic infractions to assault and murder. However, for lesser infractions the German authorities may waive jurisdiction to allow the U.S. Forces to discipline the misconduct of civilians. This article will shed light on the civilian misconduct and how such misconduct is handled on U.S. Army Garrisons throughout Europe.

Army in Europe Regulation

27-9 states that the garrison commander of every U.S. Army garrison in Europe is the Civilian Misconduct Action Authority which means he or she has the power to investigate civilian misconduct and take administrative action to correct misconduct.

Here's an example: if the CMAA decides by a preponderance of the evidence (51% or more likely to have committed the misconduct than not) that an individual committed misconduct like shoplifting at the exchange, the CMAA will issue a letter. If the CMAA intends to only issue a warning or counseling then that is the end of investigation. However, if additional action is to be taken, then the CMAA will issue a Notice of Intent to take action and state the intended action. The recipient has three days to respond. The recipient may view the case file but certain items may be withheld for good cause and the three-day response time will not be increased to allow for file review. After reviewing any response, the CMAA may issue a Notice of Adverse Action.

There are limits to adverse action. The action must bear some relationship to the seriousness of the misconduct, the offender's prior record, the age and maturity of the offender. It is within the discretion of the garrison commander to bar an individual from post permanently or temporarily or from certain parts of post. The garrison commander can even send someone back to the states.

It is important to note that the civilian misconduct process is not a criminal proceeding, but rather an administrative proceeding. Therefore, the burden of proof is by a preponderance of the evidence, not beyond a reasonable doubt. If you have additional questions consult AER 27-9 or your local legal assistance office.

Editor's note: This issue we are featuring both an Ask a JAG, and a blotter because these features were omitted for last issue's special edition.

IMCOM

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overseas environment. This facilitated mobility of the IMCOM workforce is a key component of LOE1 and the strategic human capital plan to facilitate talent management and leader/workforce development."

Beginning Nov. 3, IMCOM non-displaced overseas employees registered in PPP will be matched to state-side placement opportunities within the command and receive increased

priority. The combination of strictly adhering to five-year overseas tour limits and increased placement opportunities for OCONUS employees in PPP will create succession for leadership professional development facilitating talent management throughout the command, according to policy proponents.

To take advantage of the opportunities, said Perkins, IMCOM employees,

supervisors and leaders should immediately familiarize themselves with the policy and procedures, available on IMCOM Sharepoint at https://home.army.mil/sites/operational/g1/ASD/docs/PolicyMemo_690-15_IMCOMEnhancedPlacementProgram.pdf. Employees should carefully review and update resumes and, in overseas locations, work with local Civilian Personnel Advisory

Centers staff to ensure proper coding and registration is completed.

IMCOM developmental assignment programs, Department of the Army career programs and specified garrison key leader selection processes remain in place.

For general information about IEPP, contact the IMCOM Human Resources at (210) 466-0416 or local CPAC.

On the Blotter

Although blotter entries for inattentive driving (and related acts such as failure to clear the rear or failure to yield) don't usually make it into this article, the community should be aware that there are dozens of such incidents on a weekly basis. While not particularly interesting to read about, these incidents should not be taken lightly. Inattentive driving is easily avoidable and costs community members thousands of dollars a year in insurance premiums, deductibles, law suits and even injuries and death in the event of a more serious accident. Also, keep in mind that inattentive driving may impede the ability to avoid accidents. At the end of the day even if an accident is

not your fault, it is in your best interest to avoid collisions. Attentive driving is defensive driving.

Nov. 9

- An Airman was apprehended for damaging a hotel wall after an altercation. Alcohol is believed to have played a role in the incident.

- A Soldier was apprehended by German police for acting disorderly and flipping off the Polizei. Displaying of the middle finger in Germany, unlike in the US, is illegal.

- Sometime between August and Oct. AFRICOM mess coffee funds were stolen from a collection receptacle.

Oct. 2

- An individual was caught shoplifting from the PX. In this particular instance the individual was spotted concealing cosmetics and then proceeding past the point of purchase without rendering payment. After being apprehended the individual and in accordance with US Army Garrison Stuttgart policy, the individual's full privilege identification card was confiscated. Her sponsor was also advised of the suspension of privileges.

- Under US Army Garrison Stuttgart Policy Letter #50, when a dependent's privileges are suspended it is the sponsor's responsibility to make alternate accommodations for the period of suspension regarding use of Exchange facilities.

July 24

A Civilian was cited by German Police for failing to possess a UBahn ticket while using the train system. Please remember that the Stuttgart UBahn and SBahn systems work on the "honor" system. That is, it is the individual responsibility of the rider to ensure that they have purchased a ticket and that their ticket is properly validated before or upon boarding the trains.

June 20

A Civilian driver was detained by German Police during a routine traffic stop because Police detected alcohol emitting from the driver.

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In addition to the regular worship schedule, the following special holiday services will be offered:

- Nov. 29 Robinson Barracks Chapel, 9:00 a.m. Greening of the Chapel
- Dec. 8 (Immaculate Conception) Patch Chapel 11 a.m. Catholic Adoration Patch Chapel 11:45 a.m. Catholic Mass Panzer Chapel 6:30 p.m. Catholic Mass
- Dec. 15 Advent Reconciliation, Patch Chapel- 5-7 p.m.
- Dec. 19 Chanukah, Patch Religious Education Center 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 24 Catholic Christmas Eve Masses: Panzer Gym 5 p.m., Patch Chapel 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, Patch Chapel, 6 p.m., RB Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 25 Catholic Christmas Day Mass, RB Chapel, 10 a.m.
- Dec. 31 5 p.m. Catholic New Year's Eve Masses: Panzer Chapel 5 p.m., Patch Chapel 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 1 Holy Day of Obligation, Catholic New Year's Day Mass RB Chapel 5 p.m.

AG REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION CHAPTER BREAKFAST

The US Army Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association Stuttgart Chapter Breakfast will be held Dec. 4 from 8-9 a.m. at the 1-10th Dining Facility, Bldg. 2963 on Panzer Kaserne.

This is open to any Human Resources professional from any service to include officer, enlisted, and civilian

employees. Guest speaker will be the U.S. European Command J-1.

Due to limited space, there will only be 25 seats available. To RSVP email marco.minte.mil@mail.mil.

PANZER OPTOMETRY OPTICAL CENTER 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 have free Glaucoma screenings until 1 p.m. The optical center will have a Trunk Show (Modo and Zac Posen), free cleaning and eyewear adjustments and giveaways.

Attendees to the open house will have the opportunity to tour the facilities, meet the staff and have cake to celebrate the center's fourth year in the Stuttgart community. For more information, contact the center directly at civ. 07031-2042350.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Come out to the tree lighting at the RB Club on Robinson Barracks and enjoy Christmas carolers from Robinson Elementary Middle School and take pictures with Santa Dec. 6 from 6 - 9 p.m. After the tree lighting and photos with Santa, warm up with some hot chocolate or kinder punch and finger foods. Watch a Christmas movie with family and friends in the theater room. For more information, call 420-6037 or civ. 0711-819-6037.

BACKLOT BAR ENDS LUNCH SERVICE

Starting Dec. 1, the Backlot Bar at the Patch Community Club will no longer offer lunch. The Backlot Bar will now focus on night time activities such as variety of televised sports games,

evenings with karaoke and a DJ variety throughout the month. Finger foods and beverages will still be available in the evenings. Alternative lunch options are available at Java Café, as well as Patch Garden in the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks. Java Café's enhanced lunch program offers new sandwiches and wraps prepared fresh every day, in addition to freshly brewed Starbucks coffee. The Patch Garden restaurant provides a lunch and dinner menu sure to satisfy any palate with an international menu option, also available for takeaway. For more information, call 430-5433/civ. 0711-680-5433.

HOHENZOLLERN CASTLE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Travel to the Royal Christmas Market held at the Hohenzollern Castle Dec. 6. Price includes transportation and entrance ticket. Bus departs Outdoor Recreation at 10 a.m. and departs from Hohenzollern at 6 p.m. For more information, call 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774.

JINGLE BELL JAM

Try out two free fitness classes on Dec. 6 from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Robinson Fitness Center on Robinson Barracks. Each class is 45 minutes. Open to all ID card holders, 18 years and older. For more information, call 430-6317 civ. 0711-819-6317.

MOBILE REGISTRATION AT KELLEY SAC

Child Youth and School-age Services patrons will have the opportunity to register or re-register for CYS Services programs, summer camp and enroll in CYS Services SKIES, Sports & Fitness, EDGE, and more during our mobile registration Dec. 9, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. An appointment is required to utilize this service and must be made two days prior to any scheduled mobile registration date. To make an appointment, call 430-7480 or 7488/civ. 0711-680-7480 or 7488.

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Dec. 9 at 6 p.m., a collection of African and Caribbean folk tales, each featuring an African American woman or girl as the main character. As part of Black History Month, the theater is searching for a multi-racial cast. Auditions will take place Dec. 9 & 10 at 7 p.m. at the Stuttgart Theatre Center on Kelley Barracks. For information on, call 421-3055/civ. 0711-729-3055.

AUTOMOTIVE CLASSES

Learn how to maintain your vehicle with auto classes Dec. 11 from 1-4 p.m. at the Automotive Skills Center on Panzer Kaserne. Topics will cover shop orientation, seasonal safety inspection, rotation and balancing of tires, checking wipers, belts, hoses and heaters. For more information, call 431-2555/civ. 07031-15-2555.

LEARN WITH ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE!

Army Community Service (ACS) offers dozens of free classes on topics such as stress management, scream free parenting, conflict resolution, special needs, financial forums, healthy cooking for diabetics and German immersion. ACS also offers support groups and community information. Visit www.stuttgart.armymwr.com for featured classes or for more information, call 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.

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Get a lift from Automotive Skills! Tow Truck operation hours are, Wednesday - Friday: (12 p.m. - 8 p.m.), Saturday - Sunday: (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.). For more information, call 431-2555/civ. 07031-15-2555.

GOLF PRO SHOP HOLIDAY SALE

Need a new set of clubs? Take advantage of this sale Dec. 13, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. where all pro shop merchandise at the Stuttgart Golf Course will be 10 to 50 percent off. Demo clubs and bags will be offered at rock-bottom prices! A drawing for free golf merchandise will be held, no purchase necessary.

Free finger food and soft drinks will be offered. This is also a chance to meet the new manager, Marco Spellacy, Pro Golf Association. For more information, call civ. 07141-879-151.

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Be a part of this fun class that encourages art exploration Dec. 17 at the Patch Arts & Crafts Center on Patch Barracks. Ages 3 - 5, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., all ages, 1 - 2 p.m., ages 5 - 9, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., ages 10 - 18, 5 - 6 p.m. Age 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Class size is limited to 16 people. For more information, call 430-5270/civ. 0711-680-5270.

MONTHLY BOSS MEETINGS

Be a part of the Better Opportunities for Single Service Members (BOSS) program and get involved with community events, discounted travel and meet new friends while living in Europe! BOSS meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of every month, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. at the Warrior Zone, Patch Barracks, Building 2505 (Swabian Special events Center). For more information, call DSN 430-7135/CIV 0711-680-7135.

CHAPEL SEEKS CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Paid Child Watch Care

providers are needed for Sunday chapel services and programs during the week. Applicants will need to complete background checks and CPR training. A Child Watch Care Coordinator is also needed. Please contact the Religious Support Office at 07031-15-3079, Building 2948 on Panzer Kaserne for details.

NO SURGERIES AT VETERINARY CLINIC UNTIL JANUARY

The Stuttgart Veterinary Clinic's surgical suite will be

undergoing a renovation and update in equipment Nov. 27 to Jan. 6. For this reason there will be no surgical appointments until January; please seek a Host Nation Veterinarian for any of your pet's surgical needs during this time.

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Stuttgart's award-winning Theatre Center offers ticket to imagination



In their roles as charity workers, Joe Holder and Charity Stone interact with Scrooge played by Max Heidt. This interaction of shared emotion is the power of live theater according to Richard Roberts, the artistic director for the Stuttgart Theatre Center.

Story and photo by Beth Bellizzi

A play based on a book that was once deemed beneficial to an entire nation is coming to the Stuttgart Theatre Center located on Kelley Barracks.

For passionate theatergoers that review may be enough enticement to purchase a ticket. Others may be surprised that this play is the holiday classic A Christmas Carol.

The theatre center offers a unique presentation of this world-renowned play. The patrons who will fill the blue fabric cushion seats are offered something rare in today's world of sophisticated theatrical special effects: a chance to imagine.

Part of the theatre's success emanates from a minimal approach to set design according to the theater's Artistic Director, Richard Roberts. "We do what we need to do to create a mood and give the audience a sense of

where they are."

"For example, even if we do an old-style play there are no walls," said Roberts. "We will do doorways, but there will be no walls. But what happens is the audience fills it in. That's what theater should do. That is what theater is about," said Roberts.

Every cast is comprised solely of volunteers, and still the theater has been recognized for its high-quality performances with Topper Awards. The awards, which are judged by professionals from the New York theater community, recognize outstanding military community theater.

At a recent Christmas Carol rehearsal, Roberts' guidance to the actors revealed that each performance is much more than just memorized dialogue.

"You need to set the mood of this world. Remember, we are in the Industrial Revolution. Machines

started taking the jobs of human beings. People were begging constantly. You all need to feel this quite deeply. Those are the things that drive this play; the engine that makes it work."

While the mood of each play might be the engine it is the actors who start that engine.

One Christmas Carol actor is Elise Wimmer, a senior at Patch High School. She also acted in the theater's Topper Award-winning performance of Carrie the Musical. Wimmer plans to study theater arts in college.

"Everyone in the show is so committed that the show turns out even more amazing than I could have possibly imagined," said Wimmer. "I feel that I have learned and grown so much just by being here that I feel that I'm ready to pursue whatever passion I want."

The growth and professionalism formed between the actors is

not limited to Americans. "Part of our mission statement is cultural exchange," Roberts stated. "It is a big part of what we do. The local nationals are both audience members and English-speaking actors. It's fascinating working with this melting pot on stage," said Roberts.

In A Christmas Carol, Ebenezer Scrooge's former partner turned ghost, Jacob Marley, tells him, "Look, so you may remember what has passed between us."

The emotion that passes between the audience and the Stuttgart Theatre's actors is also something to remember.

The Stuttgart Theatre Center performances of A Christmas Carol are December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 7:30 and December 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 3:00 p.m. For tickets call the Theatre Office at DSN 421-3055 or CIV 0711 729 3055 Tuesday through Friday.

2014 TOPPER Awards:

Best Featured Actor in a Play:

Michael Quantrell as George Martin, "84 Charing Cross Road"

Best Featured Actress in a Play:

Jeanne Ragonese as Maxine and Megan, "84 Charing Cross Road"

Best Sound Design for a Musical:

Felix Loewy, "Carrie the Musical"

*Best Orchestra:

Carrie the Musical"

Best Instrumentalist:

Steffen Muenster, Lead Guitar, "Carrie the Musical"

Best Supporting Actress in a Musical:

Denise Woodmansee as Margaret White, "Carrie the Musical"

*"Carrie the Musical" - Orchestra members:

Alan Buxkemper: Conductor/Piano One

Birgit Stefan: Piano Two

Steffen Muenster: Guitar

Jeff Basgall: Bass

Felix Loewy: Drums

NOMINATIONS:

Best Lighting Design for a Play:

Holger Schroeder,

"84 Charing Cross Road",

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Alan Buxkemper,

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Best Featured Actor in a Play:

Richard Ranum as William Humphries,

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Nicole Soren as Cecily Farr,

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Best Set Design for a Musical:

Richard Roberts, "Carrie the Musical"

Best Musical Director:

Alan Buxkemper,

"Carrie the Musical"

Best Ensemble for a Musical:

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Best Chorus Member:

Aidan Payette, George,

"Carrie the Musical"

Best Featured Actress in a Musical:

Rebekah Church as Norma,

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Best Featured Actor in a Musical:

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"Carrie the Musical"

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Laura Killles as Sue Snell,

"Carrie the Musical"

Best Actress in a Musical:

Sara Dotson as Carrie White,

"Carrie the Musical"

Best Actor in a Musical:

Tim Bacskai as Tommy Ross,

"Carrie the Musical"

Best Musical:

"Carrie the Musical"

Health Beat: The facts about e-cigarettes

By Angela Hunter
USAG Stuttgart Health Promotion Officer

With the rapidly growing popularity of e-cigarettes, research into the subject is still lacking, though what there is so far indicates these are not a safe alternative to smoking.

Electronic cigarettes, more commonly known as e-cigarettes, and also known as personal vaporizers or Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems, are battery operated devices that deliver nicotine, flavor and other chemicals into the body.

Through the activation of a heating element, known as an atomizer, they turn

chemicals, including highly addictive nicotine, into an aerosol that is inhaled into the body. Most electronic cigarettes look like regular cigarettes, cigars, and pipes; however others resemble writing pens, and USB sticks, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

Electronic cigarettes have been on the market for approximately 10 years, and thus studies regarding the harmful impacts and benefits

are inconclusive at this point. A report by the World Health Organization found insufficient evidence to determine the effects of electronic cigarettes on the ability to quit smoking.

People turn to e-cigarettes for two main reasons. First they seem to help reduce tobacco cravings and withdrawal symptoms, and also they reduce the amount smoked and are used as a tobacco cessation aid.

Data on the impact of secondhand aerosol emitted from electronic cigarettes is growing, and does indicate significant

health risks. Secondhand electronic cigarette aerosol contains nicotine, ultrafine particles, and low levels of toxins that are known to cause cancer. Propylene glycol is used as a base in e-cigarettes and short term exposure causes eye, throat, and airway irritation; long term inhalation exposure can result in children developing asthma.

Electronic cigarettes have not been approved for smoking cessation by the FDA, and thus current smokers should be encouraged to use approved methods for smoking cessation. The military offers a number of resources for those who wish to quit smoking. For more information on how to quit smoking and/or smokeless tobacco products, contact: The Stuttgart Health Clinic, Public Health and/Community Health Nurse at 590-1602 or 590-1659 or Civ. 06371-94641713.



STUTTGART CELEBRATES AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE

Kendall Old Elk, a member of the Apsaalooke tribe of Montana, performs a traditional American Indian dance at the USAG Stuttgart American Indian Heritage month celebration Nov. 19 at the Panzer Fire House. November is celebrated as American Indian Heritage month, and the observance by USAG Stuttgart included a musical and dance performance, guest speakers and a food sampling of traditional American Indian style foods. Old Elk's comments focused on the contributions American Indians have made through military service over the years, recounting stories of Apsaalooke tribal members who served in the military and 'earned their feathers,' an Apsaalooke warrior tradition. — Photo by Greg Jones, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs.

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Gobbler Safety for Thanksgiving and Christmas

Roast Turkey is a very popular choice for many Americans both at thanksgiving and Christmas. Taking some of the following steps can help reduce the risk that your holidays may be marred by food-borne illness.

Purchase: If you choose to buy a frozen bird you may do so at any time, but make sure you have adequate storage space in your freezer. If you buy a fresh turkey, be sure you purchase it only one or two days before cooking. Do not buy a pre stuffed fresh turkey.

Thawing the Turkey:

In refrigerator - Place frozen bird in original wrapper in the refrigerator 40 degrees Fahrenheit - be sure to place the turkey in a pan to prevent any of the juices from

dripping onto other surfaces or foods in the refrigerator. Allow a thawing time of approximately 24 hours per five pounds of turkey. After thawing, keep turkey refrigerated for only a couple of days.

In cold water - If you forget to thaw the turkey or don't have room in the refrigerator for thawing, do not worry. You can also defrost the turkey by submerging it in cold water and changing the water every 30 minutes. Allow about 30 minutes defrosting time per pound of turkey.

Preparing the Turkey:

Use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature of the turkey. A good indication of the turkey being cooked thoroughly is when the temperature of the bird (as measured in the thigh) has reached

180 degrees Fahrenheit. The stuffing, whether cooked inside the bird or in a separate dish, should reach 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

When turkey is removed from the oven, let it stand 20 minutes. Remove stuffing and carve turkey.

Storing Leftovers:

Cut the turkey into small pieces; refrigerate stuffing and turkey separately in shallow containers within 2 hours of cooking. Use leftover turkey and stuffing within 3-4 days; gravy within 1-2 days; or freeze these foods. Reheat thoroughly to a temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit or until hot and steaming.

Although safe food handling rules should always apply, extra precautions are necessary during the holidays to prevent food borne illness. To make sure everyone can enjoy the holiday season, be sure to keep food safe and avoid illness by following the basic food safety steps:

Clean: Wash hands and food-contact (cutting boards) surfaces often. Bacteria can spread throughout the kitchen and get



onto cutting boards, knives, sponges, and counter tops.

Separate: Don't cross-contaminate - don't let bacteria spread from one food product to another. This is especially true for raw meat, poultry and seafood. Keep these foods and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods.

Cook: Cook to proper temperatures. Foods are properly cooked when they are heated for a long enough time and at a high enough temperature to kill the harmful bacteria that cause food-borne illness.

Chill: Refrigerate promptly. Refrigerating foods quickly keeps most harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying. Refrigerators should be set at 40 degrees Fahrenheit and the freezer at 0 degrees Fahrenheit, and the accuracy of the settings should be checked occasionally with a thermometer.



Less trash, more giving for the holidays



This year's festivities don't have to negatively impact our environment. Here are some easy tips to help keep the holiday season green, in more ways than one.

- ★ Create holiday decorations from old greeting cards or cookie dough, and garland from strung popcorn or cranberries.
- ★ Turn off or unplug holiday lights during the day. Doing so will not only save energy, but will also help your lights last longer.
- ★ Try to buy items with minimal packaging and/or made with recycled content.
- ★ Look for gifts that embody the concept of reuse, such as swings made from used tires and wooden toys made from scrap wood.
- ★ Wrap gifts in recycled or reused wrapping paper or newspapers. Also remember to save or recycle used wrapping paper.
- ★ Bake cookies or other goodies for friends and love ones and package them in reusable and/or recyclable containers as gifts.

- ★ If you host a party, set the table with cloth napkins and reusable dishes, glasses, and silverware.
- ★ Compost leftover food scraps and leaves.
- ★ After parties, fill your dishwasher to capacity before running it. You will run fewer cycles, which saves energy.

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



What's happening in FMWR

HOLIDAY SEASON MINI SESSIONS

Send greetings to your family back home with a holiday family photo from the Photo Studio on Patch Barracks from Dec. 1 - 15! With this 20 minute mini-session you will get one 8x10 print of your choice, three digital images and one flattened holiday card image that can be printed or emailed. For more information, call 430-2328/civ. 0711-680-2328.

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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Treat yourself to a night out Dec. 5 from 6:30 - 11:30 p.m. at Kelley

CDC/SAC. Childcare is available for children 6 weeks to 5th grade. Sign up the Wednesday prior. For more information, call 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL" PERFORMANCES

Come watch this fresh adaptation of the Dickens Classic which follows the magical journey of Ebenezer Scrooge Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 & 20 at 7:30 p.m and Dec. 7, 14, & 21 at 3 p.m. at the Stuttgart Theatre Center on Kelley Barracks. The minimum age to attend any performance is 5 years old. For more information, call 421-3055/civ. 0711-729-3055.

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

COMING TO PATCH THEATER

November 27 – Penguins of Madagascar in 3D (PG) 6 p.m.

November 28 – Penguins of Madagascar in 3D (PG) 6 p.m., Horrible Bosses 2 (R) 9 p.m.

November 29 – Penguins of Madagascar (PG) 3 p.m., Gone Girl (R) 6 p.m., Horrible Bosses 2 (R) 9 p.m.

November 30 – The Book of Life in 3D (PG) 4 p.m., Horrible Bosses 2 (R) 7 p.m.

December 1 – The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 (PG-13) 6 p.m.

December 2 – Closed

December 3 – Horrible Bosses 2 (R) 6 p.m.

December 4 – The Best of Me (PG-13) 6 p.m.

December 5 – The Best of Me (PG-13) 6 p.m., Nightcrawler (R) 9 p.m.

December 6 – Penguins of Madagascar (PG) 1500, Nightcrawler (R) 6 p.m., The Pyramid (R) 9 p.m.

December 7 – The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 (PG-13) 6 p.m., The Pyramid (R) 7 p.m.

December 8 – The Best of Me (PG-13) 6 p.m.

December 9 – Closed

December 10 – Nightcrawler (R) 6 p.m.



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The Book of Life

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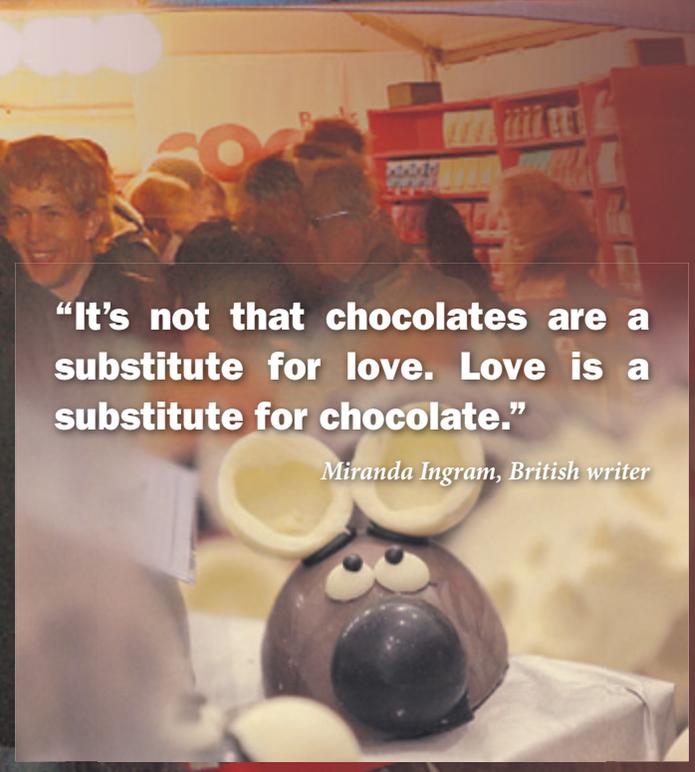


Tübingen's feast for cho



Tübingen's historic half-timbered houses are festively illuminated during the International Chocolate Festival, or "chocolART," the largest chocolate festival in Germany. This year's festival will run Dec. 2-7 throughout Tübingen's downtown area. Chocoholics may be happy to hear that chocolates can be sampled throughout the event. — Photo courtesy of Tübingen Erleben GmbH

chocololics



“It’s not that chocolates are a substitute for love. Love is a substitute for chocolate.”

Miranda Ingram, British writer

“Chocolate is consumable, tangible, and mainly edible happiness.”

Wim Wenders, German movie director



By Carola Meusel
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Those who cannot resist the sweet and delicate taste of chocolate or are simply looking for a savory gift, may want to head to Tübingen for the International Chocolate Festival, or “chocolART,” the largest chocolate festival in Germany.

The festival, which runs Dec. 2-7 throughout downtown Tübingen, features more than 100 skilled chocolatiers from Europe, South America and Africa who offer a variety of fine chocolates.

“Most people think of chocolate in a positive way. Some even think of it as a staple,” said Stefanie Stauf, event coordinator of this year’s festival.

During the festival, visitors will find chocolate creations that differ from products typically offered in a supermarket, according to Stauf.

“We have more than one hundred vendors offering products from about 20 countries. This includes small and individual chocolate producers as well as large companies, such as Ritter Sport,” she said.

Visitors can experience chocolate in many ways throughout the festival, since the chocolatiers play with exotic ingredients and offer various chocolate and praline compositions that make for a different taste.

Another unique treat is chocolate beer, a dark beer with a hint of cocoa. This year, chocolate beer from Belgium

and France will be featured at the event, according to Stauf.

The chocolate festival also features chocolate massages, hands-on classes on making pralines and truffles, chocolate art, chocolate menus in restaurants, chocolate tastings, chocolate exhibitions, a seminar on chocolate and wine, and a class on painting with cocoa.

“The diversity truly is what makes the chocolate festival such a memorable event,” Stauf said.

A highlight is the “chocolateRoom” at Tübingen’s market square. Chocolatiers will create chocolate art in two transparent tents. While watching the “Maitre Chocolatiers” work on their pieces of chocolate art, visitors can breathe in the sweet smell of cocoa. Better still, all of the chocolates can be sampled on the spot.

The “Tübinger Schoko-schaumkuss” (chocolate foam kiss), or “Chocolino,” is a chocolate-coated marshmallow treat also produced at the chocolate room. Chocolatiers typically add honey to the creamy filling and the chocolate shell is made of 60 percent cocoa.

According to Stauf, the festival also aims to promote fair trade and fair trade chocolates and cocoa products can be found throughout the festival.

Children can also create their own chocolate at the Ritter Sport “Kinder-SchokoWerkstatt” located at Holzmarkt.

In addition to the festival, Tübingen has another historical connection to the world of

chocolate.

According to Tübingen’s city archives, the famous SchwarzwälderKirschtorte, or Black Forest cake, was invented in 1930 in Tübingen by the confectioner Erwin Hildenbrand.

This year, a treat was created especially for the chocolate festival: a Black Forest cake made out of high-quality ingredients served in a small glass. A chocolate praline with a creamy Black Forest cake filling will also be available. The cake and praline can be found at the “Tübinger Zuckerbäcker” at Marktplatz.

For those looking to donate some of their purchased chocolates with the needy in the region, the “Tübinger Tafel,” a charitable organization, will set up a collection stand at the event information booth located at Holzmarkt opposite of “Stiftskirche,” or Collegiate Church. Here patrons can drop off chocolates that will later be delivered to families and children in need.

The festival will be open Tuesday from 1-8 p.m., Wednesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A long shopping night will be offered Dec. 6. All stores will be open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

According to the event organizer, the chocolate festival typically is very crowded on weekends. Therefore patrons are advised to travel to Tübingen with public transportation.

For more information, visit www.chocolart.de.

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Hambüchen will have plenty of competition in Stuttgart, which is becoming known as the Capital of Gymnastics. In addition to Whittenburg Yusuke Tanaka (Japan) and Iordache (Romania), last year's champion Oleg Verniayev (Ukraine) and the gold medal winner at London's 2012 Olympics, Aliya Mustafina (Russia), are also expected.

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The Team Challenge, which will already start attracting visitors to the Porsche-Arena on Friday, will take place for the 4th time and help the big party started in earnest. It has developed into a meeting point of international gymnastics stars. Male gymnasts will be from China, UK, **USA**, Brazil, Russia, Japan, Bulgaria, France, Azerbaijan, Switzerland and, of course, Germany. The ladies' teams so far are from Russia, Azerbaijan, Switzerland, Romania and Germany.

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Friday, November 28, 2014

9.30 a.m. -- Hall opens

Morning -- Team Challenge Qualification, Men

Afternoon -- Team Challenge Qualification Women

Saturday, November 29, 2014

11.30 a.m. -- Hall opens

12.30 p.m. -- FIG World Cup All-Around, Women followed by Team Challenge Finals, Men

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