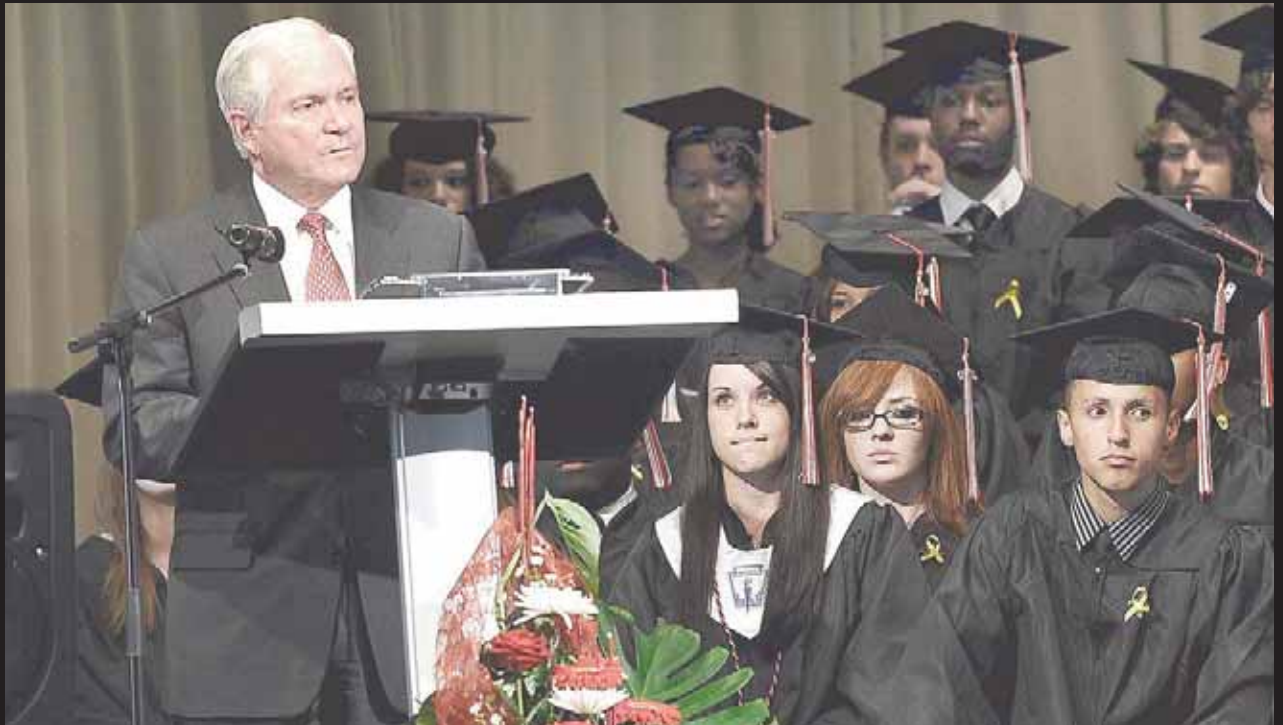


# HeraldPOST

Serving the communities in U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg

## A word from the top



Air Force Master Sgt. Jerry Morrison

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates gives the commencement address to seniors of Kaiserslautern High School at the Fruchthalle in Kaiserslautern Friday.

## *Gates speaks at Kaiserslautern graduation, visits wounded warriors at Landstuhl*

By John Banusiewicz  
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

**D**efense Secretary Robert M. Gates shared insights Friday from his own life as a student

"It has been my privilege, and the honor of my life, to give something back in service. And so for all of you, tonight, with this graduation, the door to opportunity opens – for you to serve and to lead."

## LEGAL ASSISTANCE

## Moving company's bankruptcy may affect service members, civilians

By Sgt. Michelle Lathe  
PATTON LAW CENTER

In a troubled economy businesses often fail and file for bankruptcy, moving companies are not immune from this problem.

Recently, the U.S. Army Claims Service, Europe was informed that one of the German moving companies, H.T.O. Möbeltransport out of Hockenheim, has started proceedings for bankruptcy.

The bankruptcy will affect service members and DA civilians who have had their property packed by this company, sustained damages to their property, and are attempting to seek payment under full replacement value.

A bankruptcy administrator has been appointed to administer the company's estate.

Therefore, by law, H.T.O. can neither be the recipient of household good claims anymore nor can H.T.O. pay any of these claims.

Service members whose household goods were transported by this company and have a claim for loss or damage to their goods should file their claim directly with their military claims office rather than the company.

If a claim has already been filed with this carrier we suggest withdrawing the claim and filing it with

the local military claims office.

As H.T.O. Möbeltransport has declared bankruptcy, claimants are being asked to take the steps above so that the military services can assert these claims on their behalf in the bankruptcy proceedings.

Claimants will not lose their entitlement to full replacement value if their goods were shipped under that program, even if the company is excused from paying all claims by the bankruptcy court provided the claim is filed within nine months from the date of delivery.

The military claims office will pay claims on the basis of the depreciated replacement or repair value, whichever is less.

USACSEUR will then attempt to recover the difference between depreciated replacement and full replacement value from the cargo liability insurance company that insured the shipments.

The cargo liability insurance company remains liable for the full amount of shipment losses despite the fact that the company, their insured, filed for bankruptcy.

If USACSEUR recovers the full replacement value, they will send an additional payment to the claimant for the difference between depreciated replacement value already paid on the initial claim and the full replacement value.

## COMMENTARY

## Tick season begins

By Lt. Col. Kenneth R. McPherson  
U.S. ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND REGION-EUROPE

Entomologists at the U.S. Army Public Health Command Region-Europe are reporting an early season for ticks this year. They are already seeing significant numbers of ticks in the field. The USAPHCR-Europe laboratory has received specimens submitted from several medical treatment facilities throughout Europe.

Ticks present the greatest vector-borne disease risk in Europe. They carry and can transmit a host of diseases to people and animals. Since 2001, the incidence of Lyme disease, the most common disease reported, has been on a steady increase in Europe.

While summer in Europe lends itself to outdoor activities with great bike trails, volksmarches and weekend camping trips, one little blood-sucking tick can spoil it all. Though the risk of being bitten by a tick doing normal outdoor activities on military installations is low, the risk of encountering a tick increases as people and pets get further off paved trails and mowed parks into tall grass and brushy vegetation.

In areas where ticks are prevalent, these precautions are advised:

- ♦ Avoid waist high vegetation and wild game trails located in and near forested areas. People are most likely to come into contact with ticks dur-



## BLOG ROLL

**Find out what your garrison commanders and m community are saying in the BWnow virtual com**

**Question: If the city of Heidelberg put a public bus stop in the park and ride area just outside the commissary gate to Patrick Henry Village, would you use it and how often?**

have to catch the community shuttle over towards the shopping center and walk over to the train stop, not always convenient or time-efficient, particularly with kids. My other less green option is to drive, dealing with traffic and parking. I hope this is something that

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## Program helps customers tap into savings on u

By Dijon Rolle

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For the many civilians and Soldiers residing off-post in German apartments and houses, understanding your monthly utility bills can sometimes be confusing or even costly if you're not careful.

That's where Susan Fortmeyer comes in. For the past 10 years, the Darmstadt native has helped many Heidelberg residents sort through and save on their utility bills.

Fortmeyer is the Utility Tax Avoidance Program coordinator at the Heidelberg Tax Relief Office on Patrick Henry Village. She's responsible for helping customers enroll into UTAP.

The Finance Ministries of Europe and NATO Forces created UTAP in 1990 to provide authorized customers tax-free utility bills.

"The billing for utilities is different here in Germany," Fortmeyer said. "For one it doesn't start until you are in the house ... we want to make sure people understand how their billing works and how they can save money on their utility costs."

Fortmeyer says they currently have about 3,000 customers participating in UTAP, and their office is also responsible for assisting residents from the Mannheim community.

She admits that number would probably be a lot higher if more people knew about the program and understood how much it money it could really save.

The German government places a sales tax on all utilities except for trash and sewer services, and many companies require a security deposit to set up an account.

"People think it's a 19 percent sales tax, but it's really 30 percent for electricity and 26 percent for gas and 7 percent for water, and that's quite a lot of the big bill," Fortmeyer said.

"A lot of people receive living quarters allowance, and they should sign up so the government does not have to pay more ... 30 percent of anything adds up," she said. "Everyone should take advantage of UTAP since we are entitled to have it."

Dara Stoner supervises the Heidelberg Tax Relief Office and says she too would like to see more people taking advantage of the program.

"It saves the customer money, and it also saves the government money and helps to foster good relations with our host nation," Stoner said. "I think when people are coming over here, they are not in-

formed about it ... we are all part of the government, and it's very important to save money where you can, especially at this time."

Stoner says their office also tries to explain to customers another difference they may notice when it comes to their utility bills.

"As Americans we are a little bit spoiled with our electricity and heating usage, and we tend to use more than the Germans do," she said. "And when you sign up for the program, we try to explain to the customers that things are done a little bit differently in Germany and to keep that in mind," Fortmeyer said.

"Since we like to use our washers and dryers and things a little more frequently, the customer needs to know that even with the savings, it's still a high rate of usage especially for electricity and their bills

## 21st TSC medics compete for coveted expert field medical badge

By Sgt. Fay Conroy

21ST TSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BAUMHOLDER, Germany – Twenty-one medics from the 21st Theater Sustainment Command competed for the notoriously difficult Expert Field Medical Badge qualification badge June 7 through Saturday at the Baumholder Training Area here.

One of the hardest badges to earn in the Army, the EFMB's average pass rate is 10 to 15 percent. As of day four, the 21st TSC had a pass rate above 40 percent, said Master Sgt. Michael Binosa, the senior medical noncommissioned officer from the 21st TSC Surgeon's Office. Binosa was also one of the board members who oversaw the set up and valida-

navigation portion or the road march, they are immediately disqualified from earning the EFMB.

"It's not difficult tasks. It's tediousness that you have to do everything in a specific sequence, and if you miss one tiny step – one task could have 160 sub tasks – you miss the whole thing," said Spc. Dayna Taylor, a medic with the 529th Military Police Company, 95th MP Battalion, 18th MP Brigade, 21st TSC.

Despite the grueling ordeal, the right to wear the EFMB is something all of the Soldiers felt was worth it.

"I already have good faith in my medicals skills, but with the EFMB, I can put faith in other people that I will be there when they need me the most"



# Historic 28th Trans. closes chapter on 74 years

By Sgt. Adrienne Killingsworth

18TH MP BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The griffin mascot and the gold and buff colors of the 28th Transportation Battalion have long been a common fixture in Germany as the unit's trucks have logged thousands of miles across the country's roads and autobahns. Now after 74 years of service, the 28th is closing the chapter in its history and saying its final farewell to Germany.

The 28th Transportation Battalion cased its colors June 4 at an inactivation ceremony in front of the battalion headquarters on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim. A legacy of dedication and service to the Soldiers of Europe and their communities has come to an end.

Reaching Europe in 1944 between the shores of Toulouse and Nice, France, the battalion has called Mannheim its home for 57 of the 66 years it has been in Europe. In fact, much of the battalion's history is intertwined with Germany's history.

The crowd of guests who gathered to send off this historic battalion included Maj. Gen. Patricia McQuiston, commanding general of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Col. Thomas Evans and Command Sgt. Maj. Brenda Curfman, commander and command sergeant major of the 18th Military Police Brigade, officials from the city of Mannheim, former 28th Transportation Battalion commanders Col. Stephen Farmen and retired Col. James Veditz, former 28th enlisted leader, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur F. Peete, along with Soldiers, family members and friends of the battalion.

Evans expressed his pride in being a part of the En Temps history and noted the inactivation of a unit as exceptional as the 28th Transportation Battalion touched not only the battalion, its Soldiers and the community, but that it

would impact the transportation corps and the Army as a whole. Yielding his speech to former battalion commander, Col. Stephen Farmen, the praise for the battalion and its Soldiers continued.

"From pre-World War II to present day, the En Temps battalion has served with a high level of honor, courage, character and distinction in every major campaign and war," Farmen said, adding that, "you can see that clearly in the Soldiers on parade here today."

The battalion has earned multiple campaign streamers and served with distinction throughout Europe.

In one of its most notable missions in Germany, the battalion supported one of the biggest operations of the Cold War, and one of the largest humanitarian missions the world has ever seen – the Berlin Airlift, or "Operation Vittles" as it was commonly referred to. In an operation that saw U.S. forces deliver more than 1.7 million tons of food and coal to Berlin, the 28th Transportation Battalion was a vital part of that success, working with local nationals unloading and distributing vital supplies to the citizens of Berlin.

The partnership between the battalion and its host nation is a tradition that has flourished during the battalion's tenure in Germany. Mannheim has been the home of the battalion since 1964 and the bonds it has with the community here were evident at the ceremony.

Erwin Feike, city counselor of Mannheim, spoke for the citizens and lord mayor of Mannheim and offered a thank you on their behalf for the decades of friendship the U.S. forces have extended to the city and its citizens.

Feike expressed his appreciation for all the support the battalion has rendered, and noted specifically, "to the Soldiers and your families, we wish you, personally, the best of luck and



Maj. Nicole Heumphreus, commander of the 28th Transportation Battalion, acting command sergeant major of the 28th Transportation Battalion, cased the colors of the 28th Transportation Battalion with 1st Sgt. Jade James, acting battalion command sergeant major, while the guidon of the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment was simultaneously furled.

all the best for your future endeavors, but most of all, good health and God speed."

Maj. Nicole Heumphreus, commander of the 28th Transportation Battalion, cased the colors of the battalion with 1st Sgt. Jade James, acting battalion command sergeant major, while the guidon of the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment was simultaneously furled.

For Heumphreus, the inactivation was something she said she always knew was coming, but that she had been in denial about for the past year – having the day finally arrive was seeing her fear realized, she said.

"To be the 28th's final commander is an honor and privilege – one that I cannot fully put into words," Heumphreus stated.





*Heidelberg 2010*  
**4<sup>th</sup> of JULY**  
*Celebration*

**Party starts at 4pm  
 at the PHV Park!  
 (behind the Library)**

- **Live music from Jimmy's Soliquity, the Battle of the Bands Winner and the USAREUR Chorus**
- ★ **Food & Beverage Booths, or Bring Your Own Picnic**
- ★ **Beach Volleyball Competition (Call DSN 373-6110 to sign up!)**
- **Pie Eating Contest & Games for Kids**
- ★ **BOSS Dunk Tank**
- **Huge Fireworks Display at Dusk**
- **Salute to the Fifty States**
- ★ **Prize Giveaways**

# HHS student reaches 'the limit does not exist'

*Junior to attend MIT's Research Science Institute*

By Jonathan Ochart  
 HERALD POST INTERN

A small percentage of students can say they received the highest score on every science-oriented advanced placement test by the end of their sophomore year.

Such a student is Heidelberg High School junior Kevin Burdge, and after coming to school wearing a Darth Vader costume and conducting countless scientific experiments, he has the chance to build upon his diverse interests this summer as he participates in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Research Science Institute.

While Burdge will make up 1.25 percent of students attending the intensive and competitive summer-program in Boston, being one of the 80 students chosen worldwide will result in much more than a simple statistic.

After lectures from renowned scientists and professors, students conduct research projects for six weeks in Boston. Once students complete their examinations, they reveal their findings through written and spoken reports.

Burdge, who will partake in the physics department, plans to study superconducting.

In other words, the aspiring student's summer will consist of discovering how to create a conductor, or a material that

transfers electricity that lacks resistance.

"High-temperature superconductors would be huge because right now our electricity is lost to resistance in power lines, and if we figure out a way to implement superconductors, energy usage would probably half," the student said.

Ray Smola, who teaches advanced placement chemistry and physics at HHS, believes Burdge will "do great. He's already done research up at the Max-Planck Institute, which deals with atomic physics. He'll be one-on-one with a professor and maybe work with a small research group."

After years of teaching and completing objective science experiments in class, Smola has subjectively seen Burdge's multifaceted personality.

"He's got a dry sense of humor, and he asks good, deep questions. I don't think he plays practical jokes, but he likes other people to," Smola said.

Similar to germinating seeds in an experiment, Burdge has grown throughout his years at HHS.

"(Burdge) is much more thorough now," Smola said. "He's definitely much better at thinking about other issues, like emotional aspects and more of the whole problem. He was a totally math-science person as a freshman, and now he's trying to do everything."

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- ◆ Share your opinion with others in the community and find out what they think in the discussion boards
- ◆ Let the command group know your thoughts on hot topics through the Question of the Week, and you might see your answer in the Herald Post

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**  
If the city of Heidelberg put a public bus stop in the park and ride area outside the commissary gate to Patrick Henry Village, would you use it and how often?

## Faces of the community Heidelberg Tax Relief



Dara Stoner, manager of the Heidelberg Tax Relief Office, prepares a value added tax form. The office is located on Patrick Henry Village inside of the Village Pavilion. Customers can purchase a 7 percent German sales tax on purchases made off-post. The office is open Monday, Wednesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. DSN 370-1780, civ. 06221-571780.

## TLSC-E employees receive top notch arms

By Sgt. Frank Sanchez III  
21ST TSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Maintenance personnel from various Army installations throughout Germany who are assigned to the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's

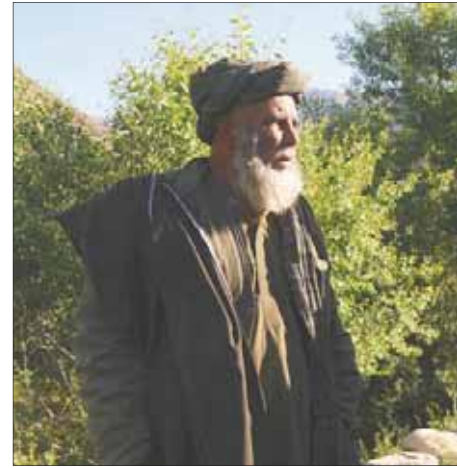
the small arms maintenance shop in Kaiserslautern, works directly with Soldiers in the arms rooms to help repair broken weapons.

He said he believes this course will help all the participants in small arms maintenance support within the 21st





Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Kim Williams  
 Navy Capt. Kurt Hedberg, mission commander of Southern Partnership Station 2010, talks with Army Maj. Daniel Castro and members of the Nicaragua Volunteer Firefighters in Nicaragua June 8 about fire trucks donated to the country through Project Handclasp. SPS is aimed at promoting information-sharing with navies, coast guards and civilian services throughout the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility.



First Lt. Daniel Meegan, platoon leader of 1st Platoon, 1st Infantry Regiment, U.S. Army Europe, and an Afghan man talk about Taliban activity outside of Forward Operating Base Chapman, Afghanistan Saturday.

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## SECDEF

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easy one – I can attest to that myself.

"Some of the uniformed parents of today's graduates are deployed and cannot be here today," the secretary continued, "while some of you have just returned or are getting ready to leave. We're all grateful for the sacrifices you make on behalf of all of us."

In commending Kaiserslautern's faculty, Gates noted he still remembers the names and faces of high school teachers who made a difference in his life.

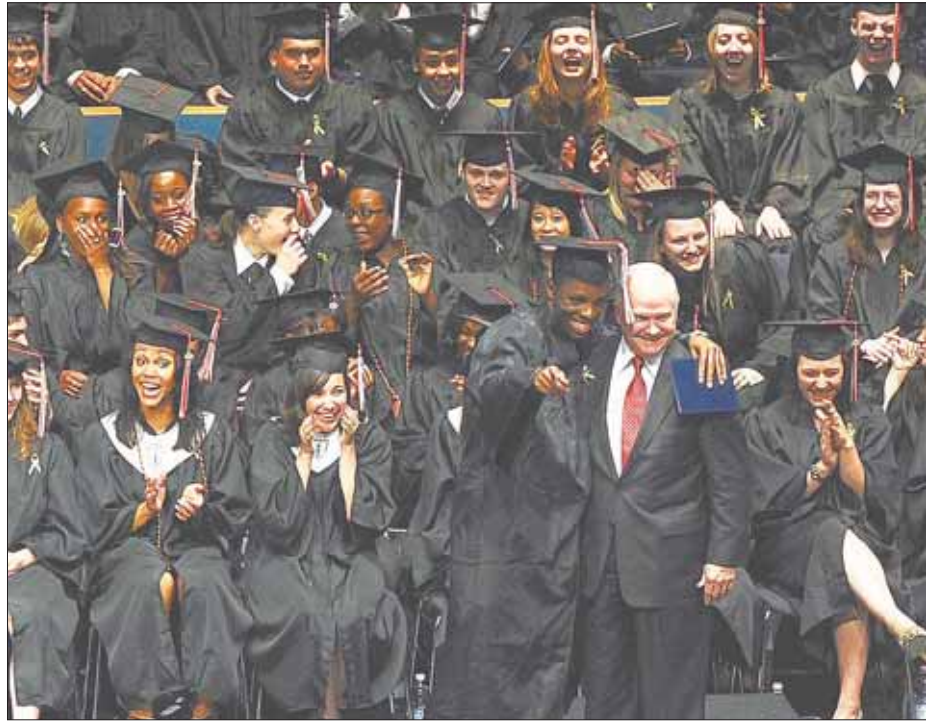
"They opened my eyes to the world and to the life of the mind, and they were role models of decency and character," he said. "I only hope that half a century from now, these graduates will look back on their time here with such fond memories and, above all, remember the role you teachers played in their lives."

Calling the graduating class "a remarkable bunch," Gates told the students he knows life hasn't always been easy for them, as they've been subjected to frequent moves and sometimes-absent parents.

"Some of your parents have been gone over extended periods," he said. "Many have moved multiple times. New faces, new curriculums, new teachers, new friends: None of this is easy. I am impressed by the way that you all, much like your parents, have risen to the challenge and excelled."

Despite the challenges their parents' careers have posed for them, the secretary told the graduates, they've managed to exceed academic expectations, with 90 percent of them going on to college. In addition, he said, they've given of themselves while making the most of their circumstances.

"Your community service programs such as Soles 4 Souls and your Haiti fundraisers put others before yourselves in their time of utmost need," Gates said. "Through your travels and experiences, you have learned about your host country and familiarized yourselves with its culture. And, the whole while, you've maintained your faith and your



U.S. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates receives a hug from a graduate during Kaiserslautern High School graduation in Kaiserslautern Friday.

don't work hard. Second, I am standing proof that you can survive a 'D' as a freshman and still go on to make something of yourself."

If they find college tough at first, the secretary told the graduates, they should remember to work harder, improve their study habits, and reach outside their comfort zones to consider new subjects or try new things.

But regardless of whether they go on to college or not, Gates told the graduates, they should be prepared for their lives to turn in unexpected directions. At a time when he thought he was going to be a history professor, he said, he encountered a CIA recruiter and chose that path, though he hadn't considered that career before.

"Now, at first, CIA tried to train me to be a spy," Gates said. "However, my efforts were less James Bond and more Austin Powers – and I don't mean that in a good way."

He told the graduating class about one of his first training assignments, in which he and two fellow trainees

ing class. "But keep at it."

In the nearly 45 years since he joined the government, Gates said, he has learned about service and leadership.

"Many of you probably already have found opportunities, even at a young age, to exercise leadership in different ways – in athletics, extracurricular activities, student government, your church or wherever you happen to have a part-time job," he said. "These opportunities have placed you in a position to show responsibility or influence others. Above all, you are fortunate to have parents who, in carrying out their duties in America's military, provide sterling examples of leadership and service on a daily basis."

Gates said his experience has shown him that leadership in any career entails three important qualities.

"One of those things is integrity – I'm talking about honesty, telling the truth, being straight with others and with yourself," he said.

Courage, he told the graduates, is an important quality because it requires

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# Happy 235th Birthday Ar



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Spc. Matthew Hendriks and Spc. Calvin Parker prepare a fruit tray while teaching people how to properly cut fruit during a culinary arts demonstration at the Heidelberg Commissary Saturday. Members of the USAREUR Culinary Team demonstrated various dishes June 10 through Sunday in celebration of the Army's 235th birthday.



Members of the Heidelberg community start a 5 K parking lot Saturday in celebration of the Army birth participated in the event.

## Military police warn that summertime scams prove 'all that glitters is not gold'

By Robert Szostek  
OPM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

People can run into bad luck while they are on the road and become legitimate candidates for charity. Unfortunately, others are

town where vehicles must move slowly.

Sometimes the scammers offer drivers what appears to be gold jewelry as "collateral" so they can pay a "loan" back later, OPM officials said, but the rings and chains

Someone talking to you on the driver's side of the car could be trying to divert your attention while a buddy steals your purse or wallet from the other side.

•Offers that sound too good to be true usually are.

## Let the jud



# PLAY IT SAFE

*Drink water, not alcohol or soda, during outdoor summer activities.*

# STAY HYDRATED



# MANNHEIM SUMMER FEST



Community members ride the "Revolution" at the 2009 Mannheim German-American Summer Fest on Benjamin Franklin Village. The fest runs July 2-11 and attendees can enjoy karaoke, variety music, various bands, food, rides and more.

## *Live broadcasts of the FIFA World Cup games scheduled for this year's fest*

**By Jacqui Haggerty**  
USAG MANNHEIM FMWR

Mannheim Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host its annual

forgotten are the fireworks on Independence Day, and live broadcasts of the FIFA World Cup soccer games on multiple large screens inside the fest tent.



## GERMAN COOKING

### German Meat Balls (Koenigsberger Klops)

Servings: 6

#### Ingredients:

- ◆ 1 pound beef, ground
- ◆ 1 pound pork, ground
- ◆ 1 medium onion, chopped
- ◆ 1/2 cup bread crumbs, dry
- ◆ 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- ◆ 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- ◆ 1 dash nutmeg, ground
- ◆ 4 eggs, separated
- ◆ 1 can broth, beef, condensed
- ◆ 1 cup water
- ◆ 1 large onion, peeled and quartered
- ◆ 1/4 cup vinegar, cider
- ◆ 1 tablespoon sugar
- ◆ 1 teaspoon pickling spices, mixed

#### Directions:

- ◆ Combine ground beef and pork, chopped onion, crumbs, one teaspoon of salt, pepper and nutmeg in a medium size bowl until blended.
- ◆ Separate eggs, putting whites into a large bowl and yolks into a small bowl.
- ◆ Cover and refrigerate the yolks. Beat whites until they form soft peaks; fold into meat mixture.
- ◆ Shape into one-inch balls and place in an electric slow cooker. ◆ Combine beef broth, water, quartered onion, vinegar, sugar, pickling spices and remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt in a small saucepan.
- ◆ Bring to boil, lower heat and simmer 15 minutes; strain into slow cooker; cover.
- ◆ Cook on low for five hours; remove meat balls to a heated deep platter and keep warm. Turn heat control to high.
- ◆ Combine all-purpose flour with two tablespoons cold water in a cup; stir into liquid in cooker until smooth; cover. Cook 15 minutes.
- ◆ Beat the saved egg yolks with a fork; beat in one cup of hot sauce; return to cooker; cook five minutes; then pour over meat balls.
- ◆ Increase heat, add flour and water mixture and simmer until thickened.

SOURCE: [www.mygermanrecipes.com](http://www.mygermanrecipes.com)



DEAR MS.  
**Vicki**

Vicki Johnson is a military spouse and clinical social worker with more than 12 years experience working with families in crisis. To contact Ms. Vicki, e-mail her at [dearmsvicki@yahoo.com](mailto:dearmsvicki@yahoo.com).

#### Dear Ms. Vicki,

*My 7 year old is really missing her daddy. This is his third deployment, but this is the first one she really remembers.*

*She cries a lot and says she wants him to walk her to school and misses all of the other activities they use to do together like play games together, etc.*

*My husband is really a hands on type of dad. He is very interactive with her. I know my daughter is truly a daddy's girl. What do you recommend to try and make her feel like she still has a close connection with her dad?*

*From: My Daughter is a Daddy's Girl*

#### Dear Daddy's Girl,

I totally understand what you are saying. Let me first say that taking care of yourself will help your child tremendously.

The emotions your child is experiencing are normal. Deployments are tough for all family members and sometimes we can forget about what our children and teens are experiencing.

There are many ways to keep

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in touch and to make things as normal as possible for you and your daughter. For example, keep routines; don't over extend roles or activities for either of you. Remember, children are tangible. They respond to what they can see, hear and touch.

Keep a picture of your husband in your child's backpack and in her room.

This would be a great time for her to start journaling and writing down her feelings, writing poetry, and even doing art in her journal. Of course, this will be done according to her abilities, so there is not a wrong or right way to do this. Let her do whatever comes natural.

Use Webcams and allow her to send cards and even hard copy letters to her father. You and your daughter may experience some "up and down days," this is normal.

Again, it's important for you to take care of yourself because children will most certainly pick up the emotions of their caregiver. Here are some good books I would recommend and some online support:

- ◆ "Deployment Journal for Kids" by Rachel Robertson (ages 5 and up)
- ◆ "We Serve Too! A Child's Deployment Book" by Kathleen Edick and Paula J. Johnson (ages 3-8)
- ◆ "The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn (ages 4-12)
- ◆ [www.deploymentkids.com](http://www.deploymentkids.com)
- ◆ [www.nmfa.org](http://www.nmfa.org)
- ◆ [www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org)

#### Responses to previous columns:

*Dear Ms. Vicki,*

# GET OUT!

## area events

More events online at <http://myBWnow.ning.com>

### June 18

**Megan Mullins Concert** - Country music's newest singer, songwriter and instrumentalist, Megan Mullins, will perform live in concert, 9 p.m. at the Kazabra Club, Bldg. 2057, Vogelweh. DSN 489-7261, civ. 0631-536-7261.

### June 19

**Fun Shoot** - Test your skills at the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club 25-meter range fun shoot 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Prizes awarded for male, female and youth categories. Visit the club's pro shop for more details. \$25 entry fee. Must be at least 14 years of age. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Bike from Mannheim to Heidelberg** - Bike along the Neckar River and enjoy the scenic route to Heidelberg. Spend the day in Heidelberg's old city. \$15 for bike and guide. DSN 381-7215, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**R&B Night** - Armstrong's Club invites you to dance all night to their live Disc Jockey and all the hottest music 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Bldg. 1036, Vogelweh Housing, DSN 489-6000, civ. 0631-354-9986.

### June 21

**Salsa Night** - Learn to salsa dance or show off your dancing skills with free salsa lessons, a live disc jockey, finger foods and a margarita bar 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at Armstrong's Club, Bldg. 1036, Vogelweh housing. DSN 489-6000, civ. 0631-354-9986.

### June 26

**Disney Express** - Experience the magic kingdom right here in Europe as your favorite Disney characters come to life at Disneyland Paris. Tour includes round-trip

### July 2

**Berchtesgaden Hut Hike** - See the German Alps from a whole different perspective and enjoy a great day of hiking in the beautiful Berchtesgaden region. Stay three nights in the mountain huts. Hikers must be able to carry a 25 pound backpack for five to six hours. Registration deadline is June 21. DSN 388-9282.

**Berlin** - Berlin, the former divided city and beautifully refurbished capital of Germany, beckons to you to visit on this Fourth of July weekend. Throughout the centuries, Berlin has frequently been a focal point of Germany's major historical events. Join us as we travel the sites of German history. <http://affiliates.uso.org/Kaiserslautern>.

### July 3

**Escape to Brussels** - Enjoy a weekend in Brussels. Cost is \$169 and includes transportation, lodging and breakfast. Contact your local BOSS representative. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Rhine River Cruise** - Sign up early for this unforgettable one of a kind Rhine River spectacle - Rhine Aflame. Enjoy the annual spectacle of the "Night of the Magic Lights." <http://affiliates.uso.org/Kaiserslautern>.

### July 5

**Holiday Park** - Enjoy a trip to Holiday Park with the Kaiserslautern Army Outdoor Recreation. DSN 493-4117, Civ. 0631-3406-4117.

### July 8

**USAREUR Concert** - The U.S. Army Europe concert band and chorus will host a summer concert 6:30 p.m. at the Heidelberg Castle courtyard.

Army Outdoor Recreation will host a two day weekend bike race at Schopp Mountain Bike Park and Rhine Ordnance Barracks in Kaiserslautern. Registration: DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.

### Dachau and Schleissheim Palace

- The name Dachau is synonymous with the horrors of World War II. During this tour, you will view a short documentary film in English and tour the museum, reconstructed barracks, and the memorial built to honor those who sacrificed their lives in the camp. After the tour the next stop will be the Schleissheim palace complex. This beautiful complex that was founded by Duke William V of Bavaria. <http://affiliates.uso.org/rheinneckar>.

### July 16

#### Karaoke Best Singing Competition

- Bring your best singing talent to Armstrong's Community Club on Vogelweh Housing in Kaiserslautern. Bldg. 1036. Competition begins at 11 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place. DSN 489-6000, civ. 0631-354-9986. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Heidelberg Historic Rally** - Enjoy the sights and sounds of classic cars during this annual rally. Catch the action at the Heidelberg Market Square outside of the Heidelberg Rathaus. [www.heidelberg-historic.de](http://www.heidelberg-historic.de).

**Flame Concert** - The group Flame will perform a free concert at Ludwig-Wagner Strasse 17 in Wiesloch 69168. Purified and S.O.C.O.M. will also perform. Civ. 0160-98524792.

### July 24

**Holland Sailing Adventure** - Set sail for a nautical adventure on Holland's inland coast between Amsterdam and Volendam. During the cruise, you can relax and enjoy

## THEATRE

### THE KARATE KID

(Jaden Smith, Jackie Chan) 12-year-old kid in Detroit, but his mother's latest boyfriend who is secretly a master of kung fu. Dr. Dre directs the fight of his life. Rated PG-13 (bullying, mild language) 132 minutes.

### DATE NIGHT

(Steve Carell, Tina Fey) Dragged down by a date who tries to put the spark back in their marriage. They get more than they bargained for when they turn them into an incredible adventure involving a cab driver. Rated PG-13 (sexual and drug violence and a drug reference) 88 minutes.

### PLAYING THIS WEEK

#### Heidelberg, Patrick

June 17 - MARMADUKE (PG) 7 p.m.  
June 18 - THE KARATE KID (PG) 7 p.m.;  
June 19 - THE KARATE KID (PG) 4 p.m.;  
DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 9 p.m.  
June 20 - THE KARATE KID (PG) 4 p.m.;  
June 21 - DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
June 22 - THE KARATE KID (PG) 7 p.m.  
June 23 - THE LAST SONG (PG) 7 p.m.  
June 24 - THE KARATE KID (PG) 7 p.m.

#### Mannheim, Schuh

June 18 - MARMADUKE (PG) 7 p.m.  
June 19 - MARMADUKE (PG) 4 p.m.;  
CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG-13)  
WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG-13)  
June 20 - MARMADUKE (PG) 4 p.m.;  
DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 9 p.m.

#### Vogelweh, Galaxy

June 18 - THE LAST SONG (PG) 3 p.m.  
June 19 - MARMADUKE (PG) 3 p.m.;  
DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
June 20 - MARMADUKE (PG) 3 p.m.;  
DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 7 p.m.

#### Ramstein, Gateway

June 17 - CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG-13)  
WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG-13)  
THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) noon, 2:30 p.m.  
June 18 - THE KARATE KID (PG) 11 a.m.;  
DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m.;  
IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m.  
June 19 - THE KARATE KID (PG) 11 a.m.;  
DATE NIGHT (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m.;  
IRON MAN 2 (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m.

# Tennis instructor shares lifelong love of game

By Dijon Rolle

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

“Come to the ball. Move your feet. Now for your backhand. Good.” five-year-old Hannah Ismail is in top form on this cloudy and unseasonably cool June morning. She follows her father’s instructions precisely, hence a stray tennis ball, which narrowly missed making contact with the side of this reporter’s head. The pair dart up and down the clay courts of the Heidelberg Tennis Center on Patrick Henry Village practicing.

Adel Ismail is Hannah’s father, and he is also the manager of the Heidelberg Tennis Center. Only moments after meeting him, one can safely assume this is a man who has found his true passion in life.

His animated gestures, youthful energy and infectious smile are also further proof of his love affair with the sport of tennis.

“I enjoy this,” Ismail said. “My dad was a tennis coach, and I grew up playing on clay tennis courts in Egypt. I love the game, I love to work with tennis, and I love to be outside.”

Despite the long hours and a grueling seven-day work week schedule, Ismail says he enjoys his job.

Originally from Egypt, Ismail has been a fixture of the Heidelberg community since 1986 teaching, coaching and mentoring legions of players.

When the center was in danger of closing in 2000, Ismail agreed to take over the day-to-day operations and manage it. A decade later the doors are still open thanks to Ismail and his dedicated staff that includes little Hannah.

Ismail’s wife Wafaa, 11-year-old daughter Yasmin and his 13-year-old

son Karim all work together to keep the center running. They do everything from cleaning the courts to rounding up stray tennis balls.

“I am a lucky guy because that’s the way I grew up, and I want my kids to be here to do the same,” Ismail said. “I don’t ever want to feel like I’m not making time for them. I also work very long hours, so it’s very important I have my wife with me here helping me and my kids with me. I don’t like going home, and they didn’t see me all day. They are always with me, and I like that.”

Naturally every member of the close-knit clan can backhand with the best of them, especially Karim.

The teen won the adult men’s championship in the Heidelberg Spring Open last year and routinely plays against adults in tournaments across Germany. He’s the third generation of Ismails to play the sport competitively.

Ismail was on the Egyptian National Tennis Team and says he’s a staunch advocate of teaching tennis to young people.

“I used to come from school, do my homework at the club and then go play,” Ismail said. “That was a nice environment. Nowadays it’s different ... computers and things. The tennis club was something very special for us.”

Ismail says playing tennis has taught many of his young students lessons they can carry into adulthood.

“Tennis is a gentleman sport, as I like to say,” he said. “We don’t have bad language or somebody screaming. It’s good behavior here. There is respect here. My goal is to make sure the kids understand the rules and that it remains a gentlemen’s sport.”



Adel Ismail warms up at the Heidelberg Tennis Center. Ismail and his family manage the center from April-October. Ismail has been in the Heidelberg community since 1986 teaching tennis to residents.

“People come to the Tennis Center to have fun, and I am going to make sure they have fun.”

When asked who his favorite professional tennis player is, Ismail’s face lights up instantly before he offers his answer.

“Roger Federer,” he said. “He’s a super star. He lost in the French Open, who cares. I say that happens sometimes. That’s OK. He’s cool on the court ... and he’s good for the kids to watch to learn how he handles the pressure of the game.”

As Hannah scurries to pick up the last of the remaining tennis balls from their practice session, Ismail and the rest of his family finish up the last of their individual duties before heading out to watch Karim play in his latest tournament.

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# Heidelberg girls win 2010 Softball Championships



Linda Steil

Michaela Steil makes the play at second base to get the base runner from Mannheim out during the fifth inning of the Heidelberg Child and Youth Services 2010 Softball Championships for girls ages 12-16. Heidelberg won the tournament undefeated after two days of play. In the championship game, Heidelberg beat Mannheim 19-3, to stay undefeated and win overall. Mannheim came in second, Stuttgart third and Kaiserslautern and Landstuhl tied for fourth.

## Last games of the season



### Bodybuilding

Kaiserslautern Sport... women's bodybuild... the Kaiserslautern H... 2001. DSN 493-208... many.com.

### Army 10-Mile

The qualification rac... U.S. Army Europe 10... Garrison Grafenwöh... in the men's and wo... represent U.S. Army... in Washington, D.C... webtrac.mwr.army.m... 379-7667, civ. 06202

### Swim Camp

The Heidelberg Sea... summer, July 12-16... The swim camps are... swimming experien... heidelbergsealions.co

### Golf Survey

Family and Morale W... their golfers. Take a... feel about your local... and events and prog... surveymonkey.com/s

### Golf Scramble

Every Wednesday th... scramble at 6:30 p.m... at 4 p.m. and is limit... annual green fee pat... DSN 379-6139.

### Tennis Tourna

Registration is throu... Championships July... Categories are men's... DSN 388-9037. www

### Bowling

The Heidelberg Bow... Patrick Henry Village

## community HIGHLIGHTS

### Load Security Awareness Briefing

Do you or your unit transport material, equipment or goods? There will be a load security awareness briefing 9-11:30 in English and 1-5 p.m. in German June 29 on Tompkins Barracks in Heidelberg. The course focuses on the importance of securing loads during vehicle operations, to include privately-owned vehicles. Reservations: DSN 373-8189

### Q Fever Outbreak

There is an outbreak in the Netherlands of Q fever, an animal disease that could be passed on to humans. Although the risk is low and no infections have been identified in military beneficiaries in Europe, travelers to the Netherlands are advised to avoid farms in affected areas, eat only pasteurized milk and dairy products, wash hands frequently and to inform their health care provider if they become ill 2 - 4 weeks after exposure or travel. Acute Q fever can have symptoms similar to the flu, pneumonia or hepatitis.

### University of Phoenix

The University of Phoenix's graduate degree program of the month for June is Masters of Arts in education in curriculum and instruction. The program is 31 semester hours, six week long classes, no internship, no student-teaching and no application fee during the month of June. Civ. 06221-588-0492.

### Mailing Hazardous Materials

There are many household items that are dangerous to ship and are not permitted in the mail. Persons who knowingly mail items or materials that are dangerous or injurious to life, health or property may be liable for a civil penalty of at least \$250, but not more than \$100,000 for each violation. Visit [www.usps.com/aviationsecurity](http://www.usps.com/aviationsecurity) for more information on mail safety and prohibited items.

### Primary Elections

The following states will hold primary elections during the months of May, June and July.

June 22: Utah

July 20: Georgia

July 27: Oklahoma

The FPCA ballot application and instructions for the above states are available at [www.fvap.gov/FPCA](http://www.fvap.gov/FPCA).

# EMPLOYMENT

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## KAISERSLAUTERN

### Education

♦ **Scholarships** - The KMC Air Force Communications and Electronics Association awarded college scholarships to five local students; Janice Cunningham \$5,000; Ryan Jarnagin \$4,000; Robert Findley \$4,000; Louis-Daniel Scott \$2,000 and Alexandria Gagnon \$1,000.

♦ **Educational Grants** - The Army Emergency Relief Office offers educational grants for active-duty, retirees and dependents that qualify. DSN 493-4221, civ. 0631-3406-4221.

♦ **Army Traffic Safety Program** - 26-and-under intermediate driving classes are held 1 p.m. every Thursday at the Kaiserslautern In-processing Training Center, Bldg. 3109 on Daenner Kaserne. Family members are welcome to attend. DSN 483-8805.

### Community

♦ **Airport Shuttle** - The Kaiserslautern airport shuttle program has ceased operations. The reservation desk will remain open until July 1 to provide alternative shuttle services to customers. The program is still honoring previous reservations. DSN 493-4115, civ. 0631-3406-4115.

♦ **AGBC Meeting** - The Kaiserslautern American German Business Club will host a presentation and workshop event 6:30 p.m. June 22 at the Hacienda Mexican Restaurant in Einsiedlerhof's Midway Plaza. The theme will be: "Starting a business in Germany."

♦ **Motorcycle Safety Day** - The 21st Theater Sustainment Command will host a Motorcycle Safety Day 9 a.m. June 25 starting at Kapaun Air Station on Vogelweh. All motorcycle riders, both civilian and military from the 21st TSC and the Kaiserslautern, Mannheim and Heidelberg military communities are encouraged to attend. The event will include welcoming remarks by 21st TSC Deputy

Miesau and Pulaski will remain open. DSN 483-1780, civ. 0631-411-1780.

♦ **Vacation Bible School** - The chaplain's office will host Vacation Bible School 9 a.m.-noon July 19-23 at Landstuhl Elementary and Middle schools. DSN 493-4098, civ. 0631-3406-4098. Registration: <http://vbs2010.eventbrite.com> Password: kaiserslautern.

♦ **Quilt Guild** - The Rhineland Pfalz Quilt Guild meets 9:30 a.m. every third Thursday of the month at the Ramstein North Chapel and 6 p.m. every fourth Thursday of the month at the KLSA building in Pulaski Barracks.

♦ **Warrior Zone** - This facility features the latest in gaming and digital entertainment, four flat-screen TVs and surround sound system and DVD capabilities. The Warrior Zone is located inside of Java Café on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Bldg. 273. Free for all Soldiers and their guests 18 and over. DSN 493-2623, civ. 0631-3406-2623, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com)

♦ **Lending Closet** - If you are new to Germany or leaving Germany and need to borrow some household items, stop by Army Community Service on Pulaski Barracks in Bldg. 2891 and visit the lending closet. They have everything from kitchenware to cribs to hot water heaters. DSN 493-4057, civ. 0631-3406-4057.

## HEIDELBERG

### Education

♦ **ACS Classes** - The following classes are available at Army Community Service: Intro to MS Word, 9 a.m.- noon June 21 and 23; Scream-Free Parenting, 2 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. June 21, 23, 28 and 30; Anger Management, 1-3 p.m. June 22; Checkbook Management and Smart Banking, 9-11:30 a.m. June 24 and Coping with Divorce, 1-3 p.m. June 24. DSN 370-6975. [www.mwrgermany.com/hd/acs](http://www.mwrgermany.com/hd/acs).

Henry Village Theater.

♦ **Women's Health Week** - HM DAC is hosting a Women's Health Week June 21-25. The Women's Health Clinic will provide hypertension screening, same-day mammograms, same day pap smears, metabolic screening, cholesterol, diabetes and thyroid screening. Appointments: DSN 371-2622, civ. 06221-1722622.

♦ **Lion's Den Summer Activities** - Join the Lion's Den for some summer fun. Sign-up is available now for the following activities; June 23, swimming at Bellamar; June 29, shopping in Ramstein; July 10, swimming barbecue; July 13, barbeque with City Cult; July 14, fishing; July 17, rollerskating; July 21, Phantasia; July 28, Alpine Towers and Aug. 4, visit World War II sites with City of [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Summer Reading Program** - The PHV Library presents the 2010 Summer Reading Program June 21-July 27. Registration is open. Grades 1-5 will meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays at the PHV library, preschool ages will meet at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays at the PHV library. The program's closing celebration for grades 1-5 will be July 27. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Teen Summer Reading Program** - The PHV Library presents the 2010 Teen Summer Reading Program on Book Island. Teens can earn prizes for reading. Kick-off is 2 p.m. July 1. Closing celebration is 2 p.m. July 28. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Tax Relief Office Hours** - The Heidelberg Tax Relief Office has new operating hours. It is now open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesdays and special early hours 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fridays. The Heidelberg Tax Relief Office is located inside the Village Pavilion on Patton Henry Village.