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The world is safer because the international community has made it harder than ever for terrorists to acquire nuclear weapons, President Barack Obama told students at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, South Korea, Monday. The president – who is in South Korea's capital city to attend the Nuclear Security Summit – cited nuclear terrorism as one of the greatest threats to global security. "Here in Seoul, more than 50 nations will mark our progress toward the goal we set at the summit I hosted two years ago in Washington – securing the world's vulnerable nuclear materials in four years so that they never fall into the hands of terrorists," he said.

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Donna Walker

Traffic accident investigations supervisor Staff Sgt. David Crocket holds the stop sign he will mount Sunday to replace the yield sign on Little Big Horn Street on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg in front of the elementary school.

Drivers beware: Stop sign added to elementary school area

By Donna Walker
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Traffic in front of Patrick Henry Elementary School in Heidelberg will soon have to slow down when the intersection at Little Big Horn and South Gettysburg changes to a three-way stop Sunday.

"This is purely for safety at the request of the community. They told us through ICE and that's why we're doing it," said Staff Sgt. David Crocket, traffic accident investigations supervisor for U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg's Provost Marshal Office. see **STOP** page 14

Program provides free training for uncertified caregivers during April

By Elizabeth Casebeer
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The garrison announces an amnesty period for uncertified child care providers April 1-30.

Child, Youth and School Services will provide free Family Child Care certification training for anyone who regularly cares for children more than 10 hours a week in government quarters. Those who aren't certified could lose government quarters, face tax liabilities or other potential repercussions.

Neighbors are permitted to care for a child less than 10 hours a week on a consistent basis or temporarily in excess of 10 hours (such as for temporary duty, overnights and weekends), said Silvestre Guerrero, U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg CYSS Family Child Care director.

A child who receives care from a babysitter or nanny in the child's home is not considered unauthorized by Army Regulation 608-10. Occasional child care between friends and neigh-



Amnesty for Care Providers

Elizabeth Casebeer

Lindsey Bogacz, a Family Child Care provider, holds her daughter Katelyn, 9 months, as she encourages her son Caleb, 2, center, and Tyler Vining, 4, right, to draw on a playground mat March 20 on Mark Twain Village in Heidelberg. Bogacz typically cares for six children per day, two of whom are her own, from 5:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and for longer times as needed. Typical days include two recess times (one in the morning and one in the afternoon), a walk, nap time, lunch and structured activities that revolve around a weekly theme. Bogacz became an FCC provider in November 2010.

bors is not regulated by either the Department of the Army or community policy, Guerrero added.

Caregivers who contact

FCC during the annual amnesty period that starts Sunday and goes through the end of April may be see **AMNESTY** page 14

Thrift Shop scheduled to move or close by May 31

Staff Report

The Thrift Shop on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg is scheduled to relocate or possibly close by May 31 so the building can be converted into a consolidated postal service center.

Some renovation is neces-

sary, and that work must begin by June 1 to be finished in time for the holiday mail season.

The garrison has offered other locations to the Heidelberg Community Spouses Club to continue Thrift Shop operations. HCSC is currently looking at options,

and its members will make the final decision.

"The garrison will continue to support them and the wonderful work they do for the community," said U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bryan DeCoster.

DeCoster said the Thrift



Shop location is the most suitable for renovation into a postal facility within the available budget.

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LEGAL ADVICE

Rules governing underage beneficiaries

By Capt. Sara J. Fite
PATTON LAW CENTER

Many service members want to name their children as beneficiaries of their Service member's Group Life Insurance policy.

However, minor children under the age of 18 cannot directly receive SGLI proceeds. If you name a minor as a direct beneficiary, the court will appoint a guardian or conservator.

The appointment of a guardian is often time consuming and costly and for that reason, may delay the payment of proceeds. The amount of the proceeds can be materially reduced by the payment of court costs, attorney fees and expenses incurred by the guardian.

To avoid such complications and expenses, a member can pass SGLI funds to a minor child by using the Uniform Transfer to Minor's Act or Uniform Gifts to Minors Act.

Under these laws, the custodian is chosen by the service member instead of the court.

The custodian has the discretion to make payments to the child as necessary for maintenance, educational and health expenses until the child reaches the designated age.

Most states set the age at 18 or 21. California, Nevada and Alaska can be up to age 25. When the beneficiary reaches the age of distribution, the remaining proceeds of the life insurance policy are paid out. All States have adopted UTMA or UGMA.

To pass your SGLI payment to a minor using the UTMA or UGMA, use the following language on the SGLI beneficiary designation form.

"[Name of adult] as Custodian for [name of minor child] pursuant to the [your child's state of residence] Uniform Transfers to Minors Act."

Use the following language if you are from Vermont or South Carolina.

"[Name of adult], as Custodian for each of my children, pursuant to the UTMA (or UGMA) of the state of [name of state], with distribution to each minor when that minor reaches age

[desired age, which cannot be older than the statutory maximum of your state, usually age 21]."

Using UTMA (or UGMA) may not be advisable in situations where you are worried about the maturity of the beneficiary or do not have anyone you trust to be the custodian of the life insurance proceeds.

If this is the case, another option would be to use the proceeds from your SGLI to set up a trust for your beneficiaries.

Age restrictions do not apply to trusts and other conditions can be required before the proceeds are distributed, such as graduation from college.

Trusts can be expensive to set up and maintain and have to be created in a will.

The will has to be probated which can delay the distribution of the proceeds and further deplete the SGLI proceeds.

If you have questions about this or other aspects of estate planning, please contact your local legal assistance office. The Patton Law Center is located in Bldg. 107 on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg.

Beauty in Bloom



Roland Kern

A blooming almond tree serves as a sure sign of spring's arrival for visitors exploring the grounds of Weinheim's Schlosspark or Castle Park. The park is open year-round and also houses a medicinal plant garden. Admission is free.



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DISCUSSION BOARD

Find out what your garrison commanders and members of your community are saying in the BWnow virtual community

"Has anyone used the online appointment scheduler for the DEERS or ID card office? What did you think?"
—BWnow Facebook Administrator

"I used the ID Card scheduler and had to wait a total of two minutes. There were others there that didn't and they were still waiting when I left. Definitely recommend it."

—Heather Regan, BWnow Facebook Fan

"Enjoy Easter Sunday Brunch with a carving and omelet station, a dessert buffet and more 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 8 at the Village Pavilion Community Center in Heidelberg. Reservations recommended."

—BWnow Facebook Administrator

"Are they going to have the Mother's Day Brunch again this year?"

—Simone Prellwitz, BWnow Facebook Fan

"Simone, we have not received any info on it yet. If we do we'll post as soon as possible."

—BWnow Facebook Administrator



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Rumbling Rubbish rolls on

By Dijon Rolle

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Marty Hanson is a man who enjoys saving money and for him and his team, the recycling islands scattered across the housing areas of Patrick Henry and Mark Twain Villages in Heidelberg are nothing short of a gold mine.

Each island houses four color coded waste containers used by Army family housing residents (about six families per island) to recycle glass, paper, food scraps and rubbish (items that cannot be recycled).

Since February, Hanson, an environmental specialist for U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg's Directorate of Public Works Operation and Maintenance Division, has made weekly rounds inspecting some 300 islands on PHV and MTV as part of the Rumbling Rubbish program.

He's been with the program since its creation in 2008, and he played a part in naming it.

"We kind of just put our heads together and decided to go with something that sounded like a military operation since this was a military community, and Rumbling Rubbish fit the bill," Hanson recalled.

The Chicago native expertly eyeballed piles of potato chip bags, orange peels and even dirty diapers. His job is to ensure the containers are properly sorted with the right type of waste.

When they're not, residents may receive a yellow sticker posted outside their island and a visit from Hanson, who will try to work with families



Photos by Dijon Rolle

Jasmin Weishaupl, left, University of Heidelberg academic assistant, Marty Hanson, center, a garrison environmental specialist and Marcus Ecker, right, a University of Heidelberg environmental specialist, examine the contents of one of the recycling containers located in the Patrick Henry Village housing area in Heidelberg Friday. The team conducts weekly inspections of the containers as part of the garrison's Rumbling Rubbish program. Below, a green sticker placed on the island indicates it has successfully passed its weekly inspection.

"We're working on disseminating more information so that everyone knows what we're trying to do. I think everybody has the right attitude and they want to do the right thing. It's just a matter of informing them of what the right thing is."

—Marty Hanson, DPW environmental specialist



and stairwell coordinators to fix the problem. A red sticker warrants a meeting with the garrison commander and each violation is documented in writing and with photos.

The overall goal of these inspections is to eventually reduce the size of the current 660-liter rubbish container to two 240-liter containers. Hanson said the change on PHV alone could save the garrison \$120,000.

Smaller containers have already been placed on Mark Twain Village due to the declining population, adding another \$80,000 in savings annually.

The biggest challenge the program faces is when residents use the wrong container to dump their waste, which contaminates the whole container. The garrison must then spend extra money to dispose of the contaminated waste.

"We're working on disseminating more information so that everyone knows what we're trying to do. I think everybody has the right attitude and they want to do the right thing. It's just a matter of informing them of what the right thing is," Hanson said.

Hanson recommends that residents use different containers to help pre-sort their waste before they take a trip to their recycling island.

"The key to it all is that you have to be set up in your quarters to separate your waste. If you have a trash can in your kitchen and everything's going in there, we're never going to make it," Hanson said. "It doesn't cost a lot of money to set up. You can get cardboard boxes from the commissary and line them with a plastic bag."

He also urged residents to ensure they properly dispose of their bulk items by placing them outside their residence on the appropriate pickup day and not inside the recycle islands. Hanson has been with the garrison since 1993 and now splits his time working between Heidelberg and Wiesbaden. He said despite transformation, the Rumbling Rubbish program will continue to roll on.

"We're in discussion with Wiesbaden now and we're working with them to build islands. Wiesbaden has the intention of continuing this program because they have seen the success of what we're doing here," Hanson said.

"The people who will leave here and go to Wiesbaden and think they're going to get away from this are sadly mistaken," he laughed. "This program will continue until the day Heidelberg closes and it will continue saving taxpayers' money until the end," Hanson added.

Rumbling Rubbish began as a Lean Six Sigma project that was later designated a Best Management Practice by Installation Management Command-Europe. For information, call DSN 387-3140, civ. 06221-4380-3140.

EARTH WEEK
natural wonders photo contest

Natural Wonders are nature's treasures - birds, plants, animals, landscapes, fish, everything in the universe, including people interacting with them.

Upload photos to:
<http://mybwnow.ning.com/profile/naturalwonders>

Illustration by Hannan Vieira

Enter Earth Week photo contest by April 10

Welcome to the third annual Earth Week Photo Contest.

This year's theme, Natural Wonders, should showcase nature in a way that makes the viewer say, "Wow!" Photos should portray complexity in the common, beauty in the wrath, majesty in the hidden ... or a subject that simply speaks for itself.

Upload photos to <http://mybwnow.ning.com/profile/naturalwonders>.

The winner and runner up will be published in the Herald Post April 19 during Earth Week. Submit photos by April 10. You must have a myBWN account to upload photos. See the website for information.

SOURCE: Samantha Rogers

transformation UPDATE

Frequently Asked Questions

Have a transformation-related question you'd like answered?

E-mail usaghd.post@eur.army.mil. We'll find the answer for you and share it in the Herald Post and on the garrison's transformation Web page at www.bw.eur.army.mil/transformation.

UPDATED – Mannheim PX – What will happen to the Exchange stores in the Mannheim and Heidelberg communities?

The Mannheim Exchange and food court will close June 15. In Heidelberg the proposed date is August 31, 2014. This date could change depending on future projections.

NEW – I currently do not have a transportation entitlement to the United States. Will I still be eligible for a Government-funded move to Wiesbaden?

Yes; however, the intra-theater move to Wiesbaden will not create a transportation entitlement to the United States.

NEW – I deploy this summer. My son goes to Heidelberg High School. Since he plays sports, will it have a team or will students be bused throughout Germany?

Heidelberg High School will be open for the 2012-13 school year and anticipates offering the same activities it currently has during the current 2011-12 school year.

What will happen to the students at Heidelberg High School? My son graduates in 2014. Do we know when HHS will close?

Heidelberg High School as we know it today on Mark Twain Village will close after the 2012-13 school year, but Department of Defense Dependents Schools may establish a combined high school and middle school on Patrick Henry Village for the 2013-14 school year if there are sufficient high school students remaining. Current projections of personnel remaining in the Heidelberg and Mannheim communities justify maintaining an elementary school, middle school and high school in Heidelberg through 2012-13. The determination of how the schools will be configured in Heidelberg on PHV for the 2013-14 school year will be based on the projected number of assigned personnel and school age children remaining. As we gain more fidelity on these projections, we will work closely with DODDS to determine how assigned personnel will receive DODDS school services. If there are DODDS schools on PHV for the 2013-14 school year, community members can anticipate that some schools will be combined (either elementary combined with middle school or middle school combined with high school) and curriculum, faculty and activities will be reduced given the much smaller population remaining in Heidelberg and Mannheim.

Should we expect to see a raise in COLA for the service members staying behind – maybe a COLA survey?

Military finance centers pay Cost Of Living Allowance in U.S. dollars based on the currency exchange rate. COLA is calculated by comparing the prices of goods and services overseas with average prices for equivalent goods and services in CONUS. If prices in CONUS are rising at a greater rate than those overseas, COLA will decrease. If prices overseas are rising at a greater rate than those in CONUS, COLA will increase. For information about overseas COLA, see www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/cola.cfm. COLA rates wouldn't be affected by changes in access to military facilities.

Will Patrick Henry Village be big enough to accommodate everyone from Mannheim? Housing is already quite full.

There are sufficient quarters to move everyone into Patrick Henry Village quarters. Based on the numbers for PHV, even though we are at an 85 percent utilization rate, 200 units are open. Two complete buildings are coming out of renovation by the end of March.

Any word on when Coleman Barracks (specifically the correctional facility) will be closing?

Right now we don't have a confirmed closure date for the correctional facility, but Coleman is scheduled to close in 2014.

Our child goes to Patrick Henry Elementary. When we move, do we need to re-enroll him in the new school or will his paperwork be forwarded?

Individuals who are PCSing and enrolling in another Department of Defense Dependents School in Europe can carry their paperwork to the new school. Parents must also ensure they disenroll their child from

their current school. If you are changing to a stateside school, your child's paperwork will need to be forwarded. Contact your school for further guidance.

Facilities Operations Changes Mannheim

NEW – Barber Shop – The Mannheim Barber Shop will close April 30 due to low customer usage. Customers may use the Coleman Barber Shop 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. However, the Coleman Barber Concessionaire has agreed to remain open until 5 p.m. after April 30 if customer traffic increases.

Base Operations – For assistance, residents should contact Sgt. 1st Class Damien R. Hunt, who is now the Base Operations noncommissioned officer in charge located in Bldg. 245 on Sullivan Barracks, DSN 385-1610, civ. 0621-730-1610, civ. 07622-70-0535, damien.r.hunt.mil@mail.mil, or Bob Isbell, Mannheim Base Operations Manager, DSN 385-3944, civ. 0621-730-3944, robert.n.isbell2.civ@mail.mil.

Chapel Closure – The Benjamin Franklin Village chapel will now close in May. The last Catholic service will be 5 p.m. March 31. The last Protestant service will be May 6.

NEW – Coleman Clinics – The Coleman Troop Medical Clinic will cease full patient care services June 1, to include pharmacy services, and will transition to sick call support beginning June 4. In addition, all dental support at the Coleman Dental Clinic, to include dental sick call services, will cease May 1. Dental services for the Mannheim-Coleman Soldier population will transfer to the Patrick Henry Village Dental Clinic in Heidelberg. The sick call sign-in hours at Coleman TMC beginning June 4 will be 8-9:30 a.m. Sick call service will be reassessed on a monthly basis to determine continuation based on use. DSN 371-3130, civ. 06221-17-3130.

UPDATED – Commissary – As part of the drawdown of forces in the area, the Mannheim Commissary will adjust operating hours beginning April 18. The new hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. The commissary is slated to remain open through August. DSN 385-3940, civ. 0621-728-3611.

Community Bank – The Community Bank (Sullivan branch) is now closed Mondays. It is open 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Gas Station – The Gas Station on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim is closed on Mondays to coincide with the operating hours of the Exchange, which is also closed Mondays. There is no access to BFV South (PX gate) on Mondays.

Postal Office Hours Change – Mannheim postal facilities have changed their operating hours. The finance window at Postal Service Center 418 on Coleman Barracks is now open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The community mail room is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and closed Tuesdays and Thursdays. At Postal Service Center 437, finance is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. The community mail room is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and closed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Saturday Shuttle Service – The Baden Württemberg Family and MWR Saturday shuttle bus service has been discontinued. The garrison shuttle service continues Monday-Friday including German holidays but not U.S. holidays. DSN 373-8350, civ. 062201708350.

SORT Center – The SORT Center, Bldg. 804-806, on Funari Barracks accepts hazardous waste turn-in 10 a.m.-noon on Mondays and Wednesdays. If Monday is a German or U.S. holiday, turn-in days are 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays and Thursdays. Email environmental@eur.army.mil. Normal SORT Center hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday and closed holidays. DSN 380-4242, civ. 0621-730-4242. **Heidelberg's Recycling Center** is open for household hazardous waste turn-in 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, Bldg. 4830, on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9321, civ. 338-9321.

Self-Help – The Self-Help Store on Funari Barracks at the recycle center

compound is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays and closed German and U.S. holidays. DSN 380-4435, civ. 0621-730-4633.

Sullivan Gym Hours – The Sullivan Fitness Center is open 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. federal and training holidays.

Tax Relief Office – The Tax Relief Office on Sullivan Barracks has the following hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, closed Tuesdays, Thursdays, weekends and U.S. holidays. DSN 385-1780, civ. 0621-730-1780.

WIC Office – The Womens, Infants and Children Overseas office has reduced office hours due to transformation and reduced base population. The office is open 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Work Orders – All Star no longer responds to service order calls in Mannheim. Customers should call the Directorate of Public Works service order desk in Heidelberg at DSN 387-3310/3311, civ. 06221-4380-3312. After duty hours, call DSN 115, civ. 06221-17-115.

Veterinary Treatment Facility – All records from the Mannheim clinic have been transferred to the Heidelberg Veterinary Treatment Facility on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9469, civ. 06221-338-9469.

Heidelberg

Airport Shuttle Buses – The free shuttle bus service for service members, DOD civilians and their families departing Germany from Ramstein Air Base on the recently announced Patriot Express channel flight now departs Heidelberg **4:20 a.m.** every Tuesday from the Patrick Henry Village Guest House, Bldg. 4527, Grasweg, 69124 Heidelberg. The chartered bus includes a toilet and makes no rest area stops during the one hour, 45 minute drive. Travelers should arrive 15 minutes prior to bus departure with military identification cards and copies of permanent change of station or temporary duty orders. Service members on orders have priority, but other ID card holders can ride if space allows. For information or to sign up, contact the USAG Baden-Württemberg Central Processing Facility in the Community Support Center, Room 180, Bldg. 3850, at the Heidelberg Shopping Center. DSN 370-7343/6711, civ. 06221-57-8399, usarmy.badenwurttemberg.usag.mbx.cpf@mail.mil. **The shuttle bus to the Frankfurt Airport** departs Heidelberg 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday from the PHV Guest House. It returns to Heidelberg 11 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and approximately 11 a.m. Saturday if there are Soldiers traveling to Heidelberg. Frankfurt Gateway Reception Center in the Shelton Hotel: DSN 334-6903/6905, civ. 069-6959-73803.

NEW – Pharmacy Hours – The Heidelberg Health Center Pharmacy will change its operating hours beginning April 16. The pharmacy will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed weekends and federal holidays.

Postal Office Hours Change – The Heidelberg Army Post Office on the Shopping Center is now open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday and closed Mondays. The post office on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg is now open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and closed Tuesdays, Thursdays and weekends.

UPDATED – Tompkins Gym – The Fitness Center on Tompkins Barracks in Schwetzingen will close on or about July 12. Hours are 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed Saturdays, Sundays and U.S. holidays and open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. training holidays. DSN 370-9193, civ. 06221-57-9193.

UPDATED – Wood Shop – The Wood Shop on Patton Barracks will no longer close May 29. The facility is scheduled to remain open until the garrison deactivates. DSN 373-5195, civ. 06221-17-5195.

Shooters Bar and Grill – Shooters Bar and Grill in the Rod and Gun Club in Oftersheim is closed due to a decline in patronage. It will be re-designated Shooters Club House and will be available for private events, parties and other group activities.

Faces of the Community: High School Attendance



Donna Walker

Heidelberg High School Attendance Clerk Leslie Hogue, left, assists high school junior Chantel Sampson, right, as she signs in for school. Hogue said she keeps busy at the school receiving calls from parents and signing students in or out when they have appointments that don't allow them to arrive or leave school during regular arrival and dismissal times. Hogue works 7 a.m.-4 p.m. on school days. Civ. 06221-57-8356.

Earth Hour: Reduce power one hour Saturday

Worldwide observance shows earth dwellers care

Staff Report

How much energy could you save in just one hour? Members of U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg are being asked to promote conservation by powering down for the garrison's Earth Hour event 8:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday.

"The goal is to raise environmental awareness and to show your family, neighbors and the community that you care about the future of our planet," said Samantha Rogers, USAG BW Directorate of

Public Works Environmental Division.

"The visual effect of many places going dark at the same time will raise the awareness of the need for conservation," she said.

The Earth Hour is just one of several events Rogers and the other members of the garrison's Environmental Division have planned to highlight this year's upcoming Earth Week scheduled for April 16-22.

During Earth Hour, participants are asked to turn off all unnecessary lights and unplug anything that draws power while plugged in such as cell phone chargers or any items with a remote control or electronic display.

The garrison participated in Earth Hour last year and the event is open to anyone who wants to show their support.

Millions of people around the world will also be flipping their switches off at the very same time in a global effort to conserve energy.

Earth Hour was originally started in 2007 in Australia by members of the World Wildlife Fund, and last year more than 5,200 cities and 135 countries worldwide took part in the annual event.

Garrison officials urge residents to participate in Earth Hour every day by using energy wisely and turning off appliances and lights when they're not being used for continued conservation year round.

For information on Earth Hour and the garrison's energy program visit www.earthhour.org or www.bw.eur.army.mil/About/documents/policies/13C_Energy_Conservation_DPW.pdf.

Army names best print, broadcast, public affairs specialists

USAREUR Public Affairs

The Department of the Army, Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, recognized public affairs specialists, print and broadcast journalists for excellence in their career field during the Army-wide 2011 Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware public affairs competition.

The competition salutes excellence among Soldiers and civilian employees who produce broadcast programming, print articles, photographs, graphic art, Web-based products and community relations programs to inform and entertain the Army audience.

Christian Marquardt, with the Joint Multinational Training Command, was selected as the Army's Civilian Broadcast Journalist of the Year. He also won second place for Radio News Report, "USAREUR Best Officer Competition," second place for Television Feature Report, "Trauma EX," and third place for Television News Report, "EFMB Ruck March."

The annual contest is named for Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware, a World War II Medal of Honor recipient and former Army Chief of Information who was killed in action in Vietnam.

The U.S. Army will compete with its sister services in the Department of Defense Thomas Jefferson Awards Program later this year. The program recognizes military and civilian employee print and broadcast journalists for outstanding achievements in furthering the objectives of the DOD internal information program.

In Europe, winners include:

- ♦ Radio Entertainment Program – first place: Staff Sgt. Frank Brown, Eagle Afternoon Show, AFN Bavaria
- ♦ Television Information Program – first place: Full-Spectrum Training Environment, 7th JMTC
- ♦ Television Sports Report – first place: Sgt. El-

liot Valdez, Hockey Duo, AFN Bavaria

- ♦ Television Newsbreak – first place: Staff Sgt. Lucas Hoskins, Guten Appetit Soltana, AFN Heidelberg
- ♦ Magazine-Format Publication – second place: Millrinder, 21st Theater Sustainment Command
- ♦ Command Blog – second place: Task Force Bayonet Blog, 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team
- ♦ Personality Feature Article, Military – second place: Spc. Adam Garlington, How I became a Muslim chaplain, USA-REUR
- ♦ Personality Feature Article, Civilian – second place: Crystal Smith, World War II veteran, USAG Wiesbaden
- ♦ Stringer Writer – second place: Tanya Fogg Young, Battle Buddies For Life, USAG Stuttgart
- ♦ Stringer Photojournalism – second place: Joseph Mancy, Soldier Show Highlights Army Talent, Teamwork, USAG Stuttgart
- ♦ Radio Feature Report – second place: Staff Sgt. Michael Cox, NATO Flags, AFN Benelux
- ♦ Command Information Campaign – third place: Rapid Trident 2011, USAREUR
- ♦ Community Relations Program – third place: Communicating Wiesbaden Transformation, USAG Wiesbaden
- ♦ Deployed Photo – third place: Staff Sgt. Christopher Klutts, Hold the Line, 170th IBCT
- ♦ Deployed B-Roll Package – third place: Sgt. Sarah Goss, 1-181 Presence Patrol, AFN Heidelberg
- ♦ Web-based Publication – Honorable Mention: First in Support, 21st TSC PAO
- ♦ Tabloid-Format Newspaper – Honorable Mention: Herald Post, USAG Baden-Württemberg
- ♦ Photojournalism – Military – Honorable Mention: Staff Sgt. Christopher Klutts, Avengers Run Supplies, 170th IBCT

Bear-y Excited About Reading

Patrick Henry Elementary School students Joelli Jackson, left, and Sergi Egland, center, work with PHES Principal Allison Peltz in the school's media center March 22 as part of the Be Excited About Reading, or BEAR, afterschool reading program for kindergarten through second-grade students organized by the school's media specialist Marge Roehl.



Linda Steil

In Sembach, chefs serve tasty food hot off grill

Bowling Alley cooks learn tricks of trade at culinary school

By **Mindy Campbell**
USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

During the lunchtime hustle, two cooks act out a culinary choreography of sorts – as one slides up to a sizzling grill, the other drops fries into bubbling oil and sets lettuce and tomatoes on waiting buns.

Tony Burks and Eric Shepherd, cooks at Sembach Bowling Alley, don't consider themselves to be chefs. But, they will argue that they grill some of the best burgers in U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern.

Sembach Kaserne, previously a U.S. Air Force base, became an Army post in 2010. Since then, garrison leaders have worked to improve Soldiers' quality of life. Better food for Soldiers and family members is part of that effort.

That's how Burks and Shepherd recently found themselves at the Culinary Institute of America's San Antonio campus, taking a one-week course on quick food service.

"I never claim to be a chef, but my skills have greatly increased," said Burks, who has worked at Sembach since 2005.

Last year, the Army began a chef development program to improve food quality at Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation eateries. Training included classroom and hands-on experience.

While Burks was at first unsure of the Army's reasoning – sending short order cooks to a stateside culinary school – he found the class intense and rewarding.

"After going to the school and coming back, I think it has helped both of us a lot to make it easier here and to give better quality service to our customers and a more tasty product," Burks said.

Beforehand, Shepherd was not enthusiastic about cooking, he said. Now, he thinks differently.

"It was intense at times, but it was a great, great learning experience," Shepherd said. "Now, I am not a chef. But, I love to cook and I am a good cook."

The men came back with great new skills, said Leo Kosley, the bowling alley manager.

"I see a marked difference from before they went," said Kosley, who noted the training increased speed and bettered food preparation.

During a recent commu-



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nity radio broadcast, USAG Kaiserslautern Commander Lt. Col. Lars Zetterstrom announced that Sembach's bowling alley will also start offering new menu items on April 2.

"They will have daily specials that will have low cost and healthy meals options," Zetterstrom said.

As Sembach doesn't have a dining facility, many Soldiers, like Spc. Marcus Burks of the 230th Military Police Com-

pany, often eat meals at the bowling alley.

"I pretty much have eaten everything on the menu," Burks said.

"My favorite is the biscuits and gravy for breakfast. Then, the burger and fries will get you through the rest of the day. I love it," he said.

Brian Davis, whose wife works at the 212th Combat Support Hospital on Miesau, also eats at the bowling alley regularly.

"It has a great atmosphere here," Davis said. "They also have a great variety on their menu. I can't believe more people don't utilize it here."

Lt. Col. Jeffrey J. Giannola, the 18th Military Police Brigade chaplain, also enjoys the service at the bowling alley. He thinks the cooks make all the difference.

"They are very good cooks and they are nice people and that's important," Giannola said. "It means a lot."

Hands Across the Sea



USAREUR Band and Chorus
Sgt. Stacey Wilson, left, performs a saxophone solo while Lt. Col. Beth Steele, U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus commander, conducts the band during the Hands Across the Sea concert earlier this month. Steele invited guest conductors and asked them to choose a musical selection that represents their nation's musical heritage.

Guest conductors bring messages of friendship through music

By Sgt. Kailin Eskander
USAREUR BAND AND CHORUS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus "Hands Across the Sea" concerts brought together guest clinicians and conductors from Germany, Great Britain and the United States as well as a soloist from the U.S. Military Academy Band.

The concerts were likely the last performances in the communities of Eppelheim and Oftersheim. The crowds and city mayors expressed gratitude for the music that has come to their concert halls over the years while the USAREUR Band and Chorus called Tompkins Barracks home. The band will be relocating to Sembach this summer.

The concerts held March 1-2 celebrated the long standing bonds of friendship between the home countries of the guest conductors.

Lt. Col. Beth Steele, Commander of the USAREUR Band and Chorus, was inspired by the concept of reaching across national lines and forging friendship through music and came up with the "Hands Across the Sea" series. She asked each conductor to choose musical selections representative of their nation's musical heritage. The conductors rehearsed with the Soldier musicians for three full days before the concerts.

"Receiving professional musical training from musicians of another country is an opportunity for growth that is highly sought after by professional musicians ... Not only was their expertise enlightening, but their varied, genuine personalities shone through and really endeared them to our band members," said Sgt. Benjamin McMillan, a trumpet player for

the band.

Steele led the band in Leonard Bernstein's quirky tune, "The Wrong Note Rag" from the musical "Wonderful Town." A poignant moment in the program came when the band played the theme song from the HBO miniseries "Band of Brothers" to remember those military members who are serving in harm's way. The solo performances by Staff Sgt. Stacey Wilson, a saxophonist from the U.S. Military Academy, dazzled audiences with her virtuosic technique and tone. She played the theme music from the movie "Catch Me if You Can," composed by John William's and "Carmen Fantasie" by George Bizet, a medley of tunes from the opera "Carmen." Wilson received standing ovations in both Eppelheim and Oftersheim.

The program began with the jubilant, flourishing piece, "Exultate," written by Samuel R. Hazo, followed by "Suite of Old American Dances," a five movement work by American composer Robert Russell Bennett. Dr. Eric Hinton conducted the quintessentially American pieces. Hinton is Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands from Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa.

German conductor Lt. Col. Christoph Scheibling, chose the classic Bavarian "Izonso March" by Georg Fürst. While rehearsing, he encouraged the Army bandsmen to depict a bustling open air market with a woman and man conversing in the first strain and a bräuhäus with clanking beer steins during the second strain. Next was "Tannhauser Overture" by Richard Wagner. This epic opera overture arranged for wind symphony by Mark Hindsley, tells a beautiful musical story of redeeming love. Scheibling serves as the Deputy



USAREUR Band and Chorus
German conductor Lt. Col. Christoph Scheibling, one of three guest conductors at the concerts in Eppelheim and Oftersheim, conducts the U.S. Army Europe Band. The concerts were likely the last in those communities before the band relocates to Sembach this summer.

Inspector of German Military Music Service in Bonn. He has served as a military musician with German Federal Armed Forces since 1989.

Representing Great Britain, Dr. Graham Jones conducted a work that he had commissioned from British composer Martin Ellerby, "The Cries of London." Jones recently retired as the senior director of music, household division and director of music, Coldstream Guards where he served nearly 40 years. "The Cries of London" was commissioned for the band of the Coldstream Guards.

The movements paint a picture of London. "Dawn Watch" paints pictures of rustling wind down empty London streets at dawn with bugle calls coming from antiphonal trumpets calling Londoners to awake. The sound builds to a climax as the "Westminster Chimes" second movement takes over with none other than the famous bell tones of the West-

minster Abbey. The third movement, "A Dream or Two," is a love song to London wrapped up in the familiar tune and lyrics of "London Bridge is Falling Down."

Sgt. Alan Page sang the song with tenor tones. The fourth movement, "Catch that Catch Can," was a jig that layered instrument upon instrument in a musical round.

"Having lived in Berlin during the waning years of the U.S. Army base there, I recognize the importance of this mission and the value placed on that mission by the host nation. It is obvious how much the German people appreciate the work that they do and what they bring to the communities they visit. I think the work they do with regard to reminding us what is best about our armed services is invaluable and they are truly inspirational figures in Germany and around the world," Hinton told the band during a rehearsal.

GERMAN NEWS

Strike Strands Commuters

Commuters were left stuck at train stations and parents at home with their children on Monday as tens of thousands of public sector workers went on strike ahead of talks with employers this week. This is the latest round of strikes organized by Verdi, Germany's leading service industry trade union, which is demanding a 6.5 percent pay raise for the 2 million public sector employees in Germany.

Twitter Builds Nest in Berlin

Twitter is setting up a German headquarters and has chosen to base it in Berlin – despite Chancellor Angela Merkel's recent rejection of a personal invitation to join the microblogging network. Focus magazine reported Sunday that the cities of Hamburg and Munich had been considered as Germany's new tweeting hub, but that the capital city had won out. Until now the German side of the business has been run from London. A Germany-based head has already been found, the magazine said. Hamburg is already home to important bases for Google and Facebook, while the Munich area hosts regional headquarters of Apple, Microsoft and Amazon. Berlin is keen to strengthen its reputation as a center for internet-based businesses, particularly start-ups and creative new companies. Merkel turned down a personal invitation to join from Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey.

SOURCE: www.thelocal.de

Long Night of Museums April 21 includes Turley Barracks

Once every year and for only one night, Mannheim, Ludwigshafen and Heidelberg become the stage for a unique festival of culture and art.

The night of April 21, the city threesome show off a dazzling variety of performances, concerts, exhibitions and presentations revolving around art, history and architecture.

This year's Long Night of Museums is the 14th iteration of the event and – as usual – it features much more than just museums.

Visitors can take in more than 200 venues, including art galleries, studios, churches, theaters, a tunnel and other places of interest beckon visitors from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

For the first time on this occasion, the former Turley Barracks in downtown Mannheim will be open to the public, featuring a light and sound installation, a photo exhibit with contributions from former Soldiers stationed there, American style food and entertainment as well as guided tours.

Tickets (adults €14, children €5) are on sale now. They include free public transportation throughout participating cities on a special schedule. A special series of events for children is also available.

For details, ticket reservations and outlets and a "night planner," visit <http://langenacht.meier-online.de> (German language only).

TRANSLATION: Thomas Heiss



DEAR MS.
Vicki

Vicki Johnson is a military spouse and clinical social worker with more than 13 years experience working with families in crisis. Contact Ms. Vicki by e-mail: dearmsvicki@yahoo.com, follow her on Twitter @dearmsvicki, or visit www.dearmsvicki.com.

Dear Ms. Vicki,

How can I be more supportive when my husband says that he has to go away for whatever time, even when it is during a bad time?

We have to move in one and a half months, and he said he would postpone his two week training during the month of April because it would cause a financial hardship and we have to find a place to move and get moved.

Now he is telling me he is going on the two week training, which leaves us with 10 days to move and possibly find a place to move to if we do not find anything this month. I am ready to throw my hands up and walk away.

Ready To Give Up

Dear Give Up,

There are so many military spouses, both male and female,

who understand what you are experiencing right now. You can't simply throw your hands up and walk away because of this.

I understand, and your feelings are universal. You would like for your husband to be home so that he can help you with this transition.

That's what I would want, too.

However, I know many spouses whose husbands were not home for the birth of their first child, to help with major moves overseas, for birthdays or their anniversary.

I know it's tough, but I think you should continue with the move and try to involve your husband as much as possible.

You must feel free to make some decisions, and try to depend on close family, friends and military resources to help you.

Please keep in touch and let me know how you are doing. I know this is stressful, but what you are experiencing is something you will mostly likely experience again as a military spouse.

Dear Ms. Vicki,

I'm not sure that you can help me, but I thought I'd give it a try anyway.

I am searching for my half-brother who was placed for adoption at the District Court in Mannheim in 1956. There were three of us siblings born to a German woman in the late 1950s. We were all given up for adoption.

I have found my half-sister and my birth mother and now I would like to find my half-brother, but I need more information in order to search for him.

I know the name she gave him at birth, his birth father's name (U.S. Army, also), birth place, date

of birth and his adoptive father's name. We were all adopted by U.S. Army Soldiers and their wives while they were stationed in Mannheim.

It is believed the adoption took place at the Amtsgericht (District Court Division FG-3) and copies sent to the Census Register and the City Juvenile Administration in Mannheim. My mother believes that the family left Germany and moved to California.

I wondered if you might be aware of addresses or resources that I might be able to contact to try and find my brother. I appreciate any assistance that you can give me in this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Searching

Ms. Vicki forwarded this letter to the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Public Affairs Office which provided the following information.

Normally, birth certificates and adoption paperwork are destroyed after 30 years (although this has recently changed to include a longer period of time).

The youth office in Mannheim handles these issues.

The address is Stadt Mannheim, Jugendamt – Pflegekinderdienst und Adoptionsvermittlung, Kaiserring 10-16, 68161 Mannheim, civ. 0049621-293-6274.

The office will not provide the address of the adoptive family.

However, a Jugendamt representative will get in touch with them to inquire about their interest in being contacted. Once an adoption occurs, ties are cut to the birth family, and it's up to adopted individuals to decide if they want to learn the details of the adoption.



Fine Arts

Heidelberg Middle School student Justyna Julia Hinz uses a video camera to record footage for a Reflections contest submission. Nearly 40 HMS students participated in this year's Reflections Fine Arts Competition. Reflections is a nationally recognized Parent Teacher Association sponsored competition where students compete in the categories of literature, visual arts, photography, film production, dance choreography and music composition. Students may enter an original work in any or all of these categories, but works must be based on the theme. This year's theme was "Diversity Means."

GET OUT!

area events

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

March 29

Art Exhibit – The Malik and Areta Mayfield art exhibition is on display at the Heidelberg Arts and Cultural Center on Patrick Henry Village. The exhibit is open to the public through March 31. www.mwrgermany.com.
Hip-Hop Concert – Tickets are on sale at the Vogelweh Community Center in Kaiserslautern for the Watch the Throne European tour. The rap duo featuring Jay-Z and Kanye West will perform June 5 at the Frankfurt Festhalle. Ticket price includes transportation to and from the concert. DSN 489-7626, civ. 0631-536-7626.

March 30

Military Music Show – International military orchestras from around the world take the stage during the annual International Military Music Show in the Saarlandhalle in Saarbrücken. Tickets are €29 - €45. www.bundesmusikparade.de.
Jazz Fest – Enjoy the International JazzArt Festival in Schwäbisch Hall, about an hour northeast of Stuttgart. Festival runs through April 1. To purchase tickets visit. www.jazzart-hall.de.
Frankfurt Spring Dippemess – Take in Frankfurt's Spring Dippemess open air fair on the Festplatz am Ratsweg. Visitors can enjoy fireworks displays, amusement park rides and more. The fair is open daily 2 p.m. - midnight through April 22. Free admission.

March 31

Mannheim Easter Egg Market – The city of Mannheim will host an International Easter Egg Market at the Baumhainhalle Luisenpark 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. through April 1. More than 40 artists from across Europe will showcase unique egg painting techniques.
Easter Egg Hunt – The Trowel Lodge #80 and Stars of Orion #43 will host its fourth annual Easter egg hunt and barbecue at the Patrick Henry Village park (behind the library) 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Heidelberg. Enjoy food, prizes and games.
Nürnberg Easter Market – Each year at Easter time, a large Easter market is held on the main market square in Nürnberg. Visitors can find household goods, pottery, textiles, sweets, books and everyday items. <http://affiliates.usa.org/theinmain>.
Wiesbaden Easter Market – During the Easter Market Wiesbaden, some 90 stands will display their Easter goods in the pedestrian zone of Wiesbaden around Mauritius Square. Browse for products such as painted wooden eggs, Easter eggs, wine presents, herbs, oils, Easter dishes, candles, beekeeper products, jewelry, Easter cutlery, flowers and window pictures. There will be children's games, marching bands, street theater and a visit from the Easter Bunny. A wine auction will also be held in cooperation with the Geisenheim University

of Applied Sciences. www.buzzoffbase.com.
Prague Easter Markets – The Easter Markets in Prague run daily through April 15 in the heart of this historic city at the Old Town Square and Wenceslas Square. More than 100 stalls will stock a variety of handcrafted products such as wooden toys, Czech crystal and glassware, jewelry, metalware, candles, embroidered cloth and beautifully dressed puppets and dolls. Marvel at the bright, hand-painted Easter eggs and enjoy barbecued sausages and ice cold beer. There will also be folk music and dancing by groups who travel from all over the Czech Republic to perform. www.buzzoffbase.com.
Free Admission – The Landesmuseum Württemberg in Stuttgart offers free entrance to the museum through April 1. Visitors can enjoy exhibits on display in the Fruchtkasten and the Roman Lapidarium in the Neue Schloss. The museum is open 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

April 1

Shopping Sunday – Schwetzingen business owners will open their shops from 1-6 p.m. for Shopping Sunday. Shoppers can also attend an energy fair providing information on the latest in energy efficient technology. Enjoy free parking on all public parking lots that day.
Rock Climbing – Enjoy a taste of adventure at the RockTown Boulder and Bistro am Betze. The bouldering gym features a variety of walls to challenge climbers of all ages and skill levels. There's also a bistro where visitors can feast on burgers, pizza and pastries. RockTown is open 1-11 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 9 a.m. - midnight Friday-Saturday and 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday. Kantstrasse 38, Kaiserslautern. Civ. 0631-8929-0850. www.rocktown.eu.

April 2

Bruce Springsteen Concert – Tickets are on sale for the Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band concert 8 p.m. May 24 in Frankfurt's Commerzbank Arena. www.worldticketshop.com.

April 3

Heidelberg Spring Music Festival – The annual Heidelberg international Spring music festival (Heidelberger Frühling) features numerous concerts from renowned classical artists, including international soloists, ensembles and orchestras and new musicians. Festival runs through April 29. Kongresshaus Stadthalle Heidelberg, Neckarstadt 24. For ticket information and locations visit www.heidelberger-fruehling.de.

April 4

English Language Stammtisch – The

English Language Stammtisch will meet 6:30 p.m. at the Zum Guldernen Schaf. The topic will be contemporary influence of English, French, Italian and Colonialism in the Middle East and the special relationship between England and the United States. Hauptstrasse 115, Heidelberg Altstadt. Civ. 06221-20-879.

April 5

Heidelberg Zoo Easter Event – The educational department (Zooschule) at the Heidelberg zoo offers its popular Easter event 2:30-5:30 p.m. Children 5-12 can act as Easter bunnies and hide tasty snacks for zoo animals. During the afternoon children will also visit the animals, play games and participate in other activities. Tickets are available for €15 at the box office. located at Tiergartenstrasse 3, 69120 or at civ. 06221-3955713 (Monday and Thursday 2-4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 10-12 a.m.). www.zooschule-heidelberg.de.

April 7

Medieval in Mainz – Travel back in time at the largest medieval spectacle in the Rhine Main area. Held on the riverfront (Reduit) in Mainz-Kastel, the event features a medieval market place with vendors, performances and an Easter Sunday children's treasure hunt (ages 6 and up). See jousting, knights, archery and falconry through April 9. Civ. 06131-286-2124, www.prohistory.de.

April 8

King Tut – The exhibition Tutankhamun: His Tomb And His Treasure shows the world's only museum-quality replica of humankind's most fascinating tomb and treasures and the opportunity to visit the tomb three-dimensionally in its original state 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday-Sunday through June 24. Mainzer Landstrasse 124, Güterplatz, D-60327 Frankfurt am Main, www.tut-ausstellung.com/en/frankfurt/the-great-tutankhamun-must-see-exhibition.html.

April 28

Maimarkt – The Maimarkt, or May Fair, in Mannheim is one of Germany's largest and oldest attractions. More than 1,400 vendors will fill the fairground near Mannheim's SAP Arena offering a variety of tools, livestock, farm supplies, office equipment, and sporting goods. Fairgoers can also feast on food and drinks from all over the world and enjoy amusement park rides, a horse riding competition, live entertainment in the glass cupola in the fairground's center and a daily live radio broadcast. The fair is open daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. through May 8. Tickets can be bought in advance at the box office. www.maimarkt.de/index.php?id=139&L=0%2Fpm%2Ffileadmin%2F (German language only).

coming to THEATERS

THE HUNGER GAMES

(Jennifer Lawrence) Every year in the ruins of what was once North America, The Capitol in the nation of Panem forces each of its 12 districts to send a teenage boy and girl to compete in the Hunger Games. The Hunger Games are a nationally televised event in which Tributes must fight with one another until only one survivor remains. Katniss, a contestant in this year's games, is forced to rely upon her sharp instincts as well as the mentorship of a drunken former victor to survive and return home to her district. (Rated PG-13 for intense violent thematic material and disturbing images) 122 min.



PLAYING THIS WEEK

Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

March 29 - EXTREMELY LOUD & INCREDIBLY CLOSE (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 March 30 - THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 7 p.m.; UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING (R) 10 p.m.
 March 31 - RED TAILS (PG-13) 4 p.m.; THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 7 p.m.; HAYWIRE (R) 10 p.m.
 April 1 - RED TAILS (PG-13) 4 p.m.; THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 April 2 - UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING (R) 7 p.m.
 April 3 - HAYWIRE (R) 7 p.m.
 April 4 - THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 April 5 - UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING (R) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy

March 30 - 21 JUMP STREET (R) 7 p.m.
 March 31 - EXTREMELY LOUD AND INCREDIBLY CLOSE (PG-13) 4 p.m.; THE DEVIL INSIDE (R) 7 p.m.
 April 1 - HAPPY FEET 2 (PG) 4 p.m.

Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

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 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIPWRECKED (G) 2 p.m.
 April 4 - THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.; RED TAILS (PG-13) 11 a.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m., HAYWIRE (R) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; ZOOKEEPER (PG) 2 p.m.
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THEATER INFORMATION

Patrick Henry Village, Heidelberg, 06221-27-238
 Galaxy Theater, Vogelweh, 0631-50017
 Gateway Cineplex, Ramstein, 06371-47-5550
 Visit www.aafes.com for updated listings and more movie descriptions
 Mannheim Cineplex (P4 13), CinemaxX (N7, 17), Mannheim, civ. 01805-625466, www.cineplex.de

Mannheim, CinemaxX, Cineplex - English Language movies

March 29, 30 - THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 5 p.m. at CinemaxX
 March 31 - April 4 - THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 2 p.m. at CinemaxX
 March 30 - 31 - PIRATES BAND OF MISFITS 3D (PG) 10 p.m. at Cineplex

community HIGHLIGHTS

Voting Workshop

USAG Baden-Württemberg will host a Federal Voting Assistance Program workshop 9 a.m. April 4 on the Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, Room 231, in Heidelberg for Heidelberg, Mannheim and Kaiserslautern voting assistance officers. The workshop will provide critical information, resources and tools for the successful performance of VAO duties and ultimately the success of the voter in participating in our electoral process.

NAF Furniture Sale

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will sell guest room furniture, paintings and refrigerators 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 14 in Bldg. 1509 on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim. Other FMWR items will be sold in Bldgs. 518 and 1523. The sale is open to ID card holders, and buyers must arrange for removal of their items on the same day.

Tournament Of Plays

The Roadside Theater will host the Tournament of Plays "Topper" Awards at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion Community Center in Heidelberg 7:30 p.m. April 21. This evening of song and dance celebrates U.S. Army theater productions from across Europe, Tony Awards style. Heidelberg and Mannheim community members may make reservations April 3. Others must contact the local entertainment director by April 10. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020, www.roadside-theater.com.

Straight From CSM

U.S. Army Europe's senior enlisted advisor, Command Sgt. Maj. David S. Davenport Sr., takes to the air waves with "Straight from the CSM," a two-minute prerecorded radio show on AFN's Morning News Watch and throughout the day every Wednesday on AFN's PowerNet. Davenport - sometimes along with a guest - addresses hot issues for USAREUR Soldiers. Upcoming topics include personnel matters, retention changes and sponsorship. The show is also on AFN's web site, www.afneurope.net; Davenport's Facebook site, www.facebook.com/USAREURCSM; and his blog site, www.eur.army.mil/leaders/csm.

Family and MWR Services Survey

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation recently sent a survey in the mail to determine which FMWR programs and services are most important and vital to community quality of life. If you receive the survey, please take 15 minutes to complete it.

Army Homefront Fund

The Army Homefront Fund provides financial aid to wounded warriors and their families. It partners with the Warrior Transition Command and non-profit agencies to provide grants for emergency financial assistance, food, shelter, emergency repairs and critical items. Apply for assistance at www.armyhomefrontfund.org/Mafa.aspx.

Sexual Assault Reporting

A revised Department of Defense directive allows dependents 18 and older who are eligible for military system health care to report sexual assault under the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Restricted reports allow victims to confidentially seek help and only report to selected individuals without starting an investigation. Unrestricted reports follow the same procedures, but a full investigation will be launched.

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♦ **The Foreigner** - KMC Onstage presents *The Foreigner*, a comedic play set in rural Georgia at a fishing lodge, 7:30 p.m. March 30, 31 and 3 p.m. April 1 at KMC Onstage, Kleber Kaserne, Bldg. 3232. For advance tickets, contact One Stop Shop, Landstuhl Post, Bldg. 3810. DSN 483-8146, civ. 06371-86-8146.

♦ **A Screaming Man** - The Kleber Branch Library presents the film *A Screaming Man* by Mahamat-Saleh Haroun 5:30 p.m. April 4. DSN 483-1740, civ. 06371-411-1740.

♦ **EDGE! T-shirts** - Youth ages 6-12 and enrolled in Child, Youth and School Services can make their own T-shirts April 4, 11, 18 and 25. Registration required by the Friday prior. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4516.

♦ **Food Safety Class** - The Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Environmental Health Branch hosts Food Safety for Volunteers 5-6:30 p.m. April 5 and first Thursdays at the Learning Resource Center, Bldg. 3718. Registration is required. DSN 486-8489, civ. 06371-86-8489.

♦ **EDGE! Academic Today** - Child, Youth and School Services-enrolled youth in grades eight-12 can work on team building, learn mutual respect, build a desire to learn at a higher level and identify college and career opportunities 5-6 p.m. April 5, 12, 19 and 26 at Landstuhl Youth Center, Bldg. 3819. Registration is required by the Friday prior. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4516.

♦ **Eggstravaganza** - A free egg hunt for children ages 12 and under will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 7 at Pulaski Park on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.

♦ **BOSS Car Safety Day** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts a free spring safety check 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 20 at Pulaski Auto Skills, Bldg. 2859 for all ID card holders. DSN 489-6162, civ. 0631-536-6162.

♦ **MOMC Celebration** - The Month of the Military Child celebration includes live entertainment and face painting 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 28 with free refreshments noon-2 p.m. at Pulaski Park on Pulaski Barracks. Parent Central Services: DSN 486-4515, civ. 0631-3406-4515.

♦ **Lactation Training** - Mom2Mom will host a 40-hour Healthy Children Project certified training for lactation counselors to provide current, research-based information on lactation and the art of counseling for hospital staff, midwives, doulas and others who assist new mothers June 25-29 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Civ. 0173-743-3016.

♦ **Children's German Classes** - Children ages 3 to 18 registered with Child and Youth Services can learn basic vocabulary, sentences and

common German phrases at locations throughout the Kaiserslautern Military Community. Register at Parent Central Services or the One Stop Shop. DSN 493-4156, civ. 0631-3406-4516.

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Education

♦ **University of Oklahoma** - Enrollment is open for the University of Oklahoma Master of Human Relations and Master of Arts programs with emphasis in international relations. Courses are taught on-site, online and through independent study by campus professors. DSN 373-7919, civ. 06221-17-7919, aphedelberg@ou.edu.

♦ **ACS Classes** - Three Cs of Communication, 10-11:30 a.m. April 5, Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3622, Warriors in Transition Conference Room. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.

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♦ **Cooking Class** - Treat your taste buds and let your senses take over in a free hands-on international cooking class 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. March 30 at the Patrick Henry Village Commissary. Registration is required. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.

♦ **Volunteer Of The Year** - Volunteer ID card holders and guests are invited to a volunteer recognition ceremony 6-8:30 p.m. April 26 at the Village Pavilion Community Center. This year's theme is Resilient Volunteers Make A World Of Difference. Reservations required by March 30. DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6883, www.mwgermany.com.

♦ **The 39 Steps** - The Roadside Theater on Patton Barracks will present a comedic Hitchcock thriller 7:30 p.m. March 30, 31, April 6, 7 and 3 p.m. April 1. Children under 5 not admitted. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020.

♦ **BOSS In Prague** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers goes to Prague, Czech Republic, March 31. DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282.

♦ **Airboarding** - Army Outdoor Recreation sponsors an airboarding trip to Lengries March 31. Airboards are inflatable sleds easily steered using fins. Bus leaves 3 a.m. from the Park and Ride lot outside the Patrick Henry Village Commissary gate and is expected to return about 11 p.m. DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282.

♦ **Gaiberger Weg** - Workers will cut trees along Gaiberger Weg between the Blockhaus parking lot and Unterer St. Nikolausweg (toward Gaiberger) with occasional short closures of Gaiberger Weg 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. until March 31.

♦ **Kids' Choice Book Party** - Children in grades 1-5 can vote for their favorite book during the Kids' Choice Book Party Election April 1-15 at the Patrick Henry Village Library. The

Kids' Choice Book Party is scheduled 3:30 p.m. May 23. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.

♦ **Lent and Holy Week Services** - Seven Last Words of Christ, 7 p.m. April 1 (Palm Sunday), Mark Twain Village Chapel; Holy (Maundy) Thursday, April 5: Lutheran, noon at the Patrick Henry Village Chapel, Catholic, 6 p.m. at the PHV Chapel (no 12:05 p.m. Mass); Good Friday (April 6): Lutheran, noon at the PHV Chapel, Catholic Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m. at the PHV Chapel, Catholic Liturgy of Good Friday, 6 p.m. at the PHV Chapel; Holy Saturday (April 7): Catholic Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. at the PHV Chapel (no 5 p.m. Mass); Easter Sunday (April 8) Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. at the MTV Chapel. DSN 373-6190, civ. 06221-57-6190.

♦ **MOMC Opening Walk** - In recognition of the Month of the Military Child, children will walk from the Patrick Henry Village Child Development Center to Patrick Henry Elementary 9:30-10 a.m. April 2. Garrison Commander Col. Bryan D. DeCoster and Command Sgt. Maj. Annette Weber will read the Month of the Military Child Proclamation. www.mwgermany.com.

♦ **Story Time** - The Patrick Henry Village Library hosts story time for parents and their preschoolers 11 a.m. April 4 and every Wednesday. Children under 3 can enjoy a story 11 a.m. April 5 and every Thursday. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.

♦ **Book Group Discussion** - The Patrick Henry Village Library book group discusses "Would It Kill You to Stop Doing That: A Modern Guide to Manners" by Henry Alford 7 p.m. April 5 at the library. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.

♦ **Family Movie Day** - Army Community Service will present the movie *Happy Feet 2* and offer snacks and treat bags during a family movie day for all ID card holders 2 p.m. April 6, with registration starting 1 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Village Theater. The event is in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.

♦ **Community Bank** - Due to the upcoming Easter holidays, all Community Banks will be closed April 6-9. Automatic Teller Machines and online banking will remain available.

♦ **Easter Sunday Brunch** - Enjoy Easter Sunday Brunch with a carving and omelet station and a dessert buffet 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 8 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion Community Center. Reservations recommended. DSN 388-9098, civ. 06221-338-9098.

♦ **Easter Egg Hunt** - The Easter Bunny will be at a free Easter egg hunt for children 12 and under 12:30-1 p.m. April 8 at the Village Pavilion Community Center. Children

will receive a chocolate egg, and prizes will be awarded for the most eggs found by each age group. Special awards will also be given for mystery eggs.

♦ **Wine Tasting** - The Abrams Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will host a wine tasting of Heidelberg red wines and a winery tour 7-9 p.m. April 27 at Weingut Clauer. Proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Program. Reservations are recommended. Civ. 0171-4963564.

♦ **Toad Migration** - Rising temperatures have triggered toad migration season in Ziegelhausen, Schlierbach, Emmertsgrund and around Kohlhof. Since many are endangered, the city of Heidelberg will post speed limits and close certain roads during the night (7:30 p.m.-6:30 a.m.) This affects portions of Am Schlierbachhang near the Rondell, Wolfsbrunnensteige and Klingelhüttenweg near the forest edge. Drivers should use caution, particularly during dusk and dawn, when volunteers pick up the toads and carry them to safety.

♦ **AER Campaign** - Contribute to the Army Emergency Relief campaign to help fellow Soldiers until May 15. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.

♦ **Am Schlierbachhang** - Due to construction work, the Am Schlierbachhang road will remain closed to through traffic until July. Residents will be able to access their property, and pedestrians and cyclists will be able to bypass the construction site.

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♦ **ACS Classes** - AER Commanders and First Sergeants Briefing, 10-11 a.m. March 30, ACS, Sullivan Barracks, Bldg. 246, Room 105.

Community

♦ **BV Catholic Supper** - The Catholic Community in Mannheim will honor parishioners at a supper in the fellowship hall following the last Catholic Mass to be held at the Benjamin Franklin Village Chapel 5 p.m. March 31. Civ. 0162-423-0126.

♦ **Story Time** - Parent to Parent and the Mannheim Library Support Office have partnered to offer toddlers and preschoolers stories and a craft 10:30-11:30 a.m. April 4 and first and third Wednesdays in the ACS satellite office, Bldg. 246, on Sullivan Barracks. DSN 385-2688, civ. 0621-730-2688.

♦ **BOSS Meeting** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will meet 3:30 p.m. April 4 at the Warrior Zone on Coleman Barracks.

♦ **Community Bank** - Due to the upcoming Easter holidays, all Community Banks will be closed April 6-9. Automatic Teller Machines and online banking will remain available.



Rick Scavetta

Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Troy Saunders sets a military record during a squat competition during the National Military Powerlifting Championship at Miesau Army Depot March 17.

National military powerlifting championships see records broken

By Rick Scavetta
USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BRUCHMÜHLBACH-MIESAU, Germany – The squat bar before Master Sgt. Timothy Andrews was loaded with 473 pounds – one of many heavy lifts he would complete during the National Military Powerlifting Championship at Miesau Army Depot.

A 22-year Air Force veteran from Spangdahlem Air Base's weapons safety office, Andrews remained focused as he stepped under the bar, eased the weight onto his shoulders and began lowering himself.

"You have to be thinking about what you're getting ready to do – your form, your technique and the way that you trained," Andrews said. "Yes, it's a competition. But also, know your limits."

Powerlifters pushed their limits during the March 17 competition sponsored by U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation program.

They competed in squats, bench press and dead lifts. Some lifters were from the Kaiserslautern Military Community.

Others, like Tina Robinson, flew from the states to take part.

Robinson, a former Army truck driver once stationed in Schweinfurt and now serving as an Air Force first sergeant at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., squatted 330 pounds – a military record for a lift without equipment and in her age division. Robinson's come a long way since 2001, when friends encouraged her to take up power lifting, she said.

"Being prior Army, we used to work out a lot, before dawn we're doing (physical training)," Robinson said. "When I was at Keesler Air Force Base, some guys I worked out with told me I had the genes to do it, to compete. So, why waste it?"

The competition gave Robinson a chance to return to Europe, see the sights and reunite with fellow power lifters, she said.

Well-known among military power lifters is Chief Master Sgt. Troy Saunders, captain of the U.S. Air Force Powerlifting Team.

No stranger to the KMC, Saunders was stationed for several years at Ramstein Air Base and was previously named U.S. Air Force in Europe Athlete of the Year. Currently assigned to

Scott Air Force Base, Ill., on the Air Mobility Command headquarters staff, Saunders serves as the functional chief for the vehicle management career field.

Saunders broke more than one record – some were his own – during the competition. His lifts included: squat, 535 pounds, bench press 353 pounds and dead lift 650 pounds.

But more important than records is the camaraderie shared between military competitors, he said.

"It was an honor to get to lift with some of the best powerlifters in the Air Force," Saunders said. "They were a great bunch of lifters and positive examples of what hard work and determination can do."

Powerlifting is a great sport for competitors and spectators, said Thomas Dennis, U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's chief of sports and fitness. The event offered an opportunity for Americans in the KMC to try something different, he said.

"It's a great sport, plus we're taking care of Soldiers and family members," Dennis said. "Besides powerlifting, everyone came out today and had fun, that's number one."

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PGA Pro Sought

The Heidelberg Golf Club is looking for a PGA-certified golf instructor. Interested professionals must be language proficient in both English and German. Interested individuals should call civ. 06202-53767.

Sergeants Major Bowling Tournament

The Heidelberg Sergeants Major Association's Annual Bowling Tournament takes place March 31 at the Heidelberg Bowling and Entertainment Center on Patrick Henry Village. Check-in is at noon, lunch is 12:30 p.m. and tournament starts 1 p.m. Proceeds support Easter and Christmas programs for the Mannheim Children's Hospital. DSN 370-3303, civ. 06221-57-3303.

Rod and Gun Club

Rod and Gun Club offers a revolver shoot 1 p.m. March 31, a trap shoot 1 p.m. April 7, a hunters meeting 8 p.m. April 11 at the club, Bldg. 4130, Oftersheim an der Bundestrasse 291. DSN 06202-51193, civ. 06202-605644, www.mwrgermany.com.

The Masters Golf Tournament

Register by April 2 for the Masters Golf Tournament that will take place 8 a.m. April 8 at the Heidelberg Golf Club an der Bundestrasse 291, Oftersheim. This is an 18-hole stroke play event, open to all eligible patrons with verifiable handicap. Civ. 06202-53-767, www.mwrgermany.com.

Intramural Golf

Register by April 5 for the Intramural Golf Program April 12-June 28. Play will be 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Heidelberg Golf Course. The Intramural Golf Program is open to the first 20 two-player teams that register. All units located in USAG Baden-Württemberg are eligible to participate. Each unit can enter two two-person teams. The organizational meeting is 4 p.m. April 12 at the Heidelberg Golf Course. Open to ID cardholders age 18 and older. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032, www.mwrgermany.com.

Sullivan Fitness Center Cleaning

Sullivan Fitness Center (Bldg. 237 only) will be closed 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 14 for deep cleaning and sanitation. It will reopen at 2:30 p.m. The gym (Bldg. 237a) will be open all day April 14. DSN 385-2001, civ. 0621-730-2001.

Beginner Bike Maintenance Workshop

The Beginner Bike Maintenance Workshop will be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 15 at the Patrick Henry Village Activity Center (Village Pavilion) for beginners and all types of bikes. Receive information on bike safety, roadside repair, tire and tube changing and rules of the road. A bike ride takes place after at 2 p.m., weather permitting. Payment required by April 1.

Community Volleyball

Unit Volleyball games take place 6-9 p.m. through May 7 at the Patton Fitness Center in Heidelberg. Competition is open to all military units or components assigned to the Heidelberg military community. Participants must be at least 18 years old and authorized to use Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032, www.mwrgermany.com.

Coleman Bowling Center

Coleman Bowling Center close at 1 p.m. April 30 p.m. for inventory processing. The regular schedule resumes May 1.

Patton Fitness Center Kids Area

The Kids Area in the Patton Fitness Center along with numerous cardio machines occupy a spacious room separated from the general weight room and gym. Children can play while parents work out during regular hours of operation 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. DSN 373-6110, civ. 06221-17-6110.

Kaiserslautern business students rack up medals

By Chris Jastrab

KAISERSLAUTERN HIGH SCHOOL FBLA

The Kaiserslautern High School Future Business Leaders of America chapter attended the state leadership conference in Garmisch March 6-9.

FBLA faculty advisor Debra Hipes and president of the board of advisers for FBLA-Europe, took 20 students to the annual conference to compete.

Every student who partici-

pated and competed brought home a medal. In total, the KHS FBLA chapter brought home 43 medals, nine of which were first place gold.

Bringing home the most medals were Danielle Holland, Victoria Dropps and Rebecca Ford with four medals each, followed by Jayrett Mason, Ryan Parkinson, Tiffany Ford and Sharon Valverde Vargas with three. The honor of most first prize medals went to Victoria Dropps, who

brought home two gold medals.

Chris Jastrab, Tiffany Ford and Jana Cain, who were on the FBLA student state board, also played key roles helping organize the conference. Additionally, Sharon Valverde Vargas and Danielle Holland were selected to join the FBLA student state board for the 2013 conference.

This year's theme was Building Bridges. Throughout the conference, students were

able to attend workshops and compete in events ranging from tests of individual skills, such as public speaking, business ethics and marketing, to larger team events, such as developing a business plan and the Virtual Business Challenge.

The Kaiserslautern High School FBLA chapter is open to all KHS students. Participating students attend meetings, raise funds, participate in club activities and, of

course, prepare for the leadership conference.

The conference was held at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Its purpose is to foster the development of basic business skills and to help students interested in studying business prepare for college and future careers. Future Business Leaders of America is the largest and oldest student business organization in the world.

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"The benefits to this move will be that the new postal facility on PHV will provide the same or better quality postal service to everyone through the garrison's closure and it will last through the 2015 closure," he said.

The postal consolidation plan will combine four other postal facilities into one on PHV and will save the gar-

rrison and the Army approximately \$1.4 million. It will also allow customers from Campbell Barracks, Patton Barracks and the CSC to keep their same mailing addresses when they transfer to the PHV facility.

"In order to be beneficial to the community, we need something of a similar size," said HCSC President Sarah Raney. "We are working with the garrison to find other lo-

cations to move to."

The Thrift Shop is no longer accepting consignments, Raney said. "Because we don't know if we'll find a location, we don't feel comfortable taking items ... If we get another facility, we'll take consignments as soon as we get over there."

In the meantime, the Thrift Shop will reduce its stock so there will be fewer items to transport to a new location.

For families needing to dispose of belongings during summer months, typically peak season for moves, several options remain.

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host more community flea markets and yard sales at the Village Pavilion Community Center to provide opportunities to buy and sell items.

Also, the garrison will continue to staff the Reuse

Center where items can be donated for free reuse among ID card holders.

In addition, the Thrift Shop will continue to accept donations of items through the month of April.

"Money from donations goes into the welfare fund," Raney said. "We want to do what's best for this community," Raney said.

Its last open day in the current location is May 24.

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Comments from community members through the Interactive Customer Evaluation, ICE, system resulted in changing the yield sign on Little Big Horn Street to stop sign. Stop signs were already in place in both directions on South Gettysburg Avenue. The military police are observing a 72-hour grace period to allow drivers to get used to the new pattern.

"It's a high volume area," Crocket said. "We're already out here with the barriers and the school usually has a representative who observes in the

mornings. Once the barriers are removed the problem comes."

On school days, the military police place orange barriers to block the crosswalks that children use to get to and from school. Crocket said those who don't need to drive near the school take other routes to avoid the area at school start and end times. When traffic control is removed, drivers move faster, and Crocket and his colleagues have observed as much.

"We live on PHV and have children, and on our time off, we see people flying up and down these roads," he said. "This will make the

environment safer."

The PMO conducted a traffic survey in coordination with the safety office before recommending the change to the garrison commander, Col. Bryan DeCoster, whose ultimate goal was to enhance safety on PHV during and after school hours.

"It's a great thing," said PHES principal Allison Peltz. "That intersection is where the main body of our students cross the street in the mornings and afternoons."

The sign changes Sunday and military police will be present Monday through Wednesday to issue fair warning to drivers in the area. After

that, however, Crocket said police will begin to ticket violators.

"If we see them blow by or doing a California roll, it's an issue of them being noncompliant," he said.

A California roll, he said, is when a driver rolls through a stop sign.

"An individual comes up to a stop sign and the wheels never actually stop," Crocket explained. "If the wheels never stop turning, then you never stopped at that stop sign."

The speed limit is 30 kilometers an hour on post. The fine for running a stop sign is four points. If drivers receive 12 points in a year or 18 points in two years, they lose their licenses.

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allowed to continue caring for the children while actively completing the certification process.

"CYSS does not assume the non-certified caregiver is providing bad care; however, child care provided on the installation that exceeds the 10 hours rule must be approved by the garrison commander to avoid legal recourse. Consequences to the sponsor may include termination of government quarters, financial liability for injury or death to the child as well as German and U.S. tax liability," Guer-

rido said.

According to its website, FCC is a child care option provided to military family members, Department of Defense civilians and DOD contractors by military family members or civilians working as independent contractors in individual housing units located on a military installation, in government-controlled housing off the installation or civilian housing off the installation.

Most homes offer full-day, part-day and hourly care and include unique services, including care for special needs or mildly ill children or care

while the parent is deployed or on a training exercise, all in a comfortable home-like setting.

Parents can expect the same quality care as in an Army Child Development Center or School-Age Program, because FCC providers receive the same training and support as CYSS staff.

FCC-certified providers are divided into groups of 25 and 40 on the FCC Network with their own directors and trainers. They must meet specific requirements related to health, fire prevention, safety and child development programming that is certified by

the garrison. Providers also must pass background checks and inspections, and the homes are regularly visited and inspected by FCC, CYSS and garrison representatives.

The certification process is free to qualified applicants.

"Certified FCC providers receive financial benefits like tax-free income, eligibility for no-cost liability insurance and partial reimbursement start-up cost and food. The certified provider has access to an FCC lending library with equipment and resource material. Professional benefits include ongoing training and assistance from the FCC staff

who are dedicated to helping each FCC provider succeed. Being an FCC provider is a career that transfers with few additional requirements from post to post," Guerrido said.

Those non-certified providers who care for children in quarters for more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis may take advantage of this amnesty period to become a Family Child Care Professional and receive the benefits and recognition for the services provided.

For information, call DSN 388-9400, civ. 06221-338-9400 or visit www.armyfcc.com.