

ACS classes

Army Community Service is offering several classes in September. To make reservations for any of the following classes call mil 485-8188.

- Parents and Tots Playgroup (birth to pre-school), meets every Monday, 10-11:30 a.m., at the Iron Kids Play Group room, Building 8222.

- Empowering Nurturing Parenting, a support group for Nurturing Program graduates to continue the learning, meets every Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m., at the Iron Kids Play Group room, Building 8222.

- Anger, Stress and Conflict Resolution, meets every Friday, 9-11 a.m. at ACS.

- Army Family Team Building, Level I, meets Sept. 16, call mil 485-8542/8188 to sign up.

- Getting Out of Debt, meets Sept. 22 from 9-11 a.m. at ACS. Get out and stay out of debt, the quickest and cheapest way, using power payments.

- Living and Saving on a Shoestring, meets Sept. 29, 9-11 a.m., at ACS. This class offers tips on making your paycheck stretch to meet your needs.

- Boot Camp for Dads, meets Thursdays from 2-4 p.m., at the Iron Kids Play Group room, Building 8222. Learn about the new baby in your home.

- Happily Ever After -Adjusting to New Marriage, meets Wednesdays at ACS from 5:30-7:30 p.m. His Values + Her Values = Our Money is featured Sept. 22; Our Foundation – Sand or Stone, is featured Sept. 29.

- Maintaining Love in a Healthy Relationship, meets Tuesdays at ACS from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Classes are designed to help couples rekindle strong relationships that might have lost their spark. Partnering at Home is featured Sept. 21; and Love and Intimacy is featured Sept. 28.

- Families in Balance Seminars are held every Thursday at ACS from 9-11 a.m. This is a general skills class with basic knowledge for parents of children of any age.

- Divorce Support Group, meets every Monday, at ACS from noon to 2 p.m. A children's group will meet at the same time.

- Recovery from Stress, Grief or Loss, meets every Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. at ACS.

- Nurturing Parenting- for parents of children age 0-5, begins Oct. 14. Call mil 485-8188 to register.

- Pre-Natal Nurturing Parenting- for expectant parents, begins Oct. 14. Call mil 485-8188 to register.

- 10 Steps to Federal Employment, meets Sept. 21 at ACS from 10 a.m.-noon.

Baumholder happenings



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Tanks alot

A disabled Abrams tank is hoisted off a rail car by two cranes at Baumholder's railhead. The Abrams, weighing in at more than 60 tons, is the namesake of the late Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, former Army Chief of Staff and commander of the 37th Armored Battalion. It is the backbone of the armored forces of the United States military, and several U.S. allies as well. The purpose of this vehicle is to provide mobile firepower for armored formations of sufficient capability to successfully close with and destroy any opposing armored fighting vehicle in the world, while providing protection for its crew in any conceivable combat environment.

- Families Learning About Germany, formerly NOW –Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome, meets Oct. 4, 5, 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program includes information on German customs and culture, field trips to local stores and restaurants, how to buy train and bus tickets and information on local places of interest. Limited childcare may be available.

Professional help

Professional counselors are here to provide support and guidance. If you are dealing with conflict, worry, or difficulty, in or outside the home, take the time to talk to someone about it. Confidential family/life coaches can meet with you, when and where you are most comfortable. Call Army Community Services at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188 to schedule a meeting.

Olympic visit

Dara Torres visits the Rolling Hills Fitness Center Sept. 25. She is the only American swimmer to compete in four Olympic Games and is a nine time Olympic medalist. Call the fitness center for details at mil 485-6516.

Youth services

Child care for infants to kindergarten is offered at the Dispensary and Strassburg Child Development Centers. Kindergarten care is offered at Wetzels and Smith CDC. First through sixth grade care is offered at Wetzels, SAS mil 485-7475; Smith SAS mil 485-6641; and Neubrücke SAS mil 485-7731.

- A first through 6th grade summer camp is offered at Wetzels School Age Services. Call mil 485-7475 for details. Part day school begins Sept. 15.

- Smith CDC and SAS are open from 6-11 p.m. Children must have reservations.

Infants through kindergarten reservations are available by calling mil 485-6461. First through 6th grade reservations are available by calling mil 485-6641.

Golf Course

Sign up in the Pro Shop from 3-5:30 p.m. for Thursday Night Golf Scrambles. Shotgun start is at 6 p.m. and entry fee is \$10. Non-members pay green fees.

Shooters

Shooters offers breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; lunch is Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and dinner is offered Mondays through Sundays from 4:30-9 p.m.

There's music in the new night

club on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Skeet Range is open on Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Youth activities

The following activities are offered for youth in grades 6 through 12.

- Back-to-School open house, Sept. 3.

- Underground activities for 6th through 8th grade youth, 3-8 p.m.

- Teen Café is open from 4-11 p.m. for youth in 9th through 12th grade.

For more information call Steve Ferguson at mil 485-8249.

Outdoor Rec

The following trips are being offered by Outdoor Recreation:

- Sept. 18, Bad Durkheim Wein Fest, 3 p.m.

- Sept. 18, Oktoberfest, Munich, 3 a.m.

Call mil 485-7182 for details.

Team building

Army Family Team Building Level I is offered Sept. 16. Call mil 485-8542/8188 to sign up.

Strassburg team

Strassburg Family Support Center is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Free Internet access is offered and persons may sign up for classes offered by ACS.

Rheinlander

The Rheinlander Convention Center restaurant offers lunch Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dinner is offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 6-9 p.m. and Thursdays from 5-9 p.m.

Video shops

Morale, Welfare and Recreation video shops are available at three locations. Iron Video at the community mail room, Building 8661, on Smith Barracks is open seven days a week, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wetzels Video in Building 8881 is open Sundays through Thursdays from 4-8 and Fridays and Saturdays from 2-8 p.m.

Strassburg Video in Building 9032 beside Rudy's is open Sundays through Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. and Fridays through Saturdays from 2-8 p.m.

Swimming parties

Rolling Hills Athletic Club pool offers a \$50 pool-party-pack that includes up to 20 swimmers for two hours of pool time and the use of a large room with tables and chairs. Party times are on Saturdays and Sundays from noon-2 p.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m. for reservations call mil 485-6575 or civ (06783) 6-6575.

Teachers ready for academic challenges

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

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Choosing a career in education requires much dedication, patience and most importantly, a will and desire to shape a child's mind. Electing to teach for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools requires all this plus perhaps some courage, a lot of flexibility and a sense of adventure, or humor.

On top of all their academic requirements as a teacher, a DoDDS teacher has other challenges to deal with. Working for DoDDS overseas usually means every other person you deal with speaks a different language. And no matter how well a teacher knows his or her job, trouble communicating can be a humbling experience for an educator.

Working for DoDDS in Germany means dealing with ration cards that control your caffeine, nicotine and alcohol intake, gasoline coupons that curb your car's thirst for octane and of course, the many rules and regulations of the U.S. military, not to mention host nation limitations or requirements.

Regardless of how many hurdles they may face, many educators continue to join the DoDDS team each new school year and even more are choosing to stay on.

So what inspires new teachers to join the DoDDS team and inspires the veterans to stay on? Is it the basic desire to make a difference in the young minds of their students? Or is it something more challenging like the inviting ski slopes in the Austrian Alps, or the lure of extreme pottery shopping in Poland? Whatever their motivation, 20 new teachers have joined the Baumholder DoDDS team this year. Baumholder American High School has 10 new recruits; Wetzel Elementary School is taking on six new teachers; Smith Elementary School has brought three new teachers on board; and Neubrück Elementary School has added one new educator to its staff.

New teachers at Baumholder American High School include Dovie Jones, Trinh Nguyen, Lucien Lockhart, Maria Flores-Rogers, Dennis Yemma, Jule Yemma, Mandy Quevedo, John Mol, Bryan Sanchez



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Lt. Col. James E. Larsen, 222nd Base Support Battalion commander, introduces the next speaker during the annual teacher's welcome dinner.

and Tim Kelly

New At Neubrück Elementary School is Chrystal Newby, a kindergarten teacher.

At Smith Elementary School, Tabatha Ware, Kindergarten teacher; Jennifer Fabrizio, Kindergarten teacher; and Christine Anderson, learning impaired teacher, are new on the team.

Wetzel Elementary School has added Heather Bergman, third grade teacher; Debbie Obum, fourth grade teacher; Angela Robinson, fourth grade teacher; Angelica Hernandez, third and fourth grade teacher; Erin Schoenfeldt, fifth grade teacher; and Sharon Fischer, Comp Ed teacher, to its staff.

On the other side of the teaching spectrum, a few of Baumholder's seasoned educators include Pam Lehmann from Wetzel Elementary School who has been here for 22 years and Dorris Meckes, also from Wetzel, who has been here for about 17 years. Martha Sommer, fourth grade teacher at Neubrück Elementary School has worked here for eight years. Doreen Weinburg, a talented and gifted and enrichment teacher, also from Neubrück, has been teaching for seven years.

Mary Larson, who teaches social studies at Baumholder American High School, has been in the community since 1978-79. "She is also the local teacher's union representative and is super to work with," said Dom Calabria, Baumholder American High School principal. "She coaches volleyball, is very active in the school and commu-



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Some students could not wait to go back to school. Here, three students participate in a word exercise at Wetzel Elementary School during this year's summer school session.

nity, she's a score keeper at games and is directly involved in the community. She is a real plus for the school because she's a wealth of knowledge and I often utilize her expertise. She is always very supportive," said Calabria.

Bob Hartline, a music and media teacher at the high school, has also been here since the mid 80's and was recently very involved with linking up students and their deployed parents via video conferencing during the school's graduation ceremony. He also instructs a chorus and a band that are very involved in community events.

Smith Elementary School has several educators who have been expounding their knowledge on Baumholder's youth for several years. Hannelore Cook, a host nation teacher, has been teaching at Smith for 26 years. Art teacher Sue Premo has been here for 23 years. Lisa Bishop, sixth grade teacher, has been teaching for 21 years and Lee Stevens, also a sixth grade teacher, has been teaching for 15 years while Nancy Arnet, a fourth grade teacher, has been at Smith for 14 years.

Several teachers have elected

to make teaching a family affair, which is reflected in the husband and wife teaching teams that have joined the Baumholder community.

Baumholder American High School, with six husband and wife teaching teams, holds the local unofficial record of having the most husband and wife teaching teams at one school.

"It's a nice situation because in every case they are not in the same department, so they are not teaching the same thing. They are kind of separate from each other and depending on the individual personalities they may or may not sit together during meetings because some like to keep their teaching and family life separate," said Calabria.

"It's nice to have them though, especially when they attend games or other activities because it creates a family atmosphere and it adds a feeling of community," he said.

Wetzel Elementary School has the teaching team of Jim and Jacqueline Gustaferrero. "I think it's a benefit to have them. Both are strong teachers and both have a great rapport with kids. He teaches upper grade, sixth grade and she teaches primary, splitting herself this year

between first and second grade," said Debbie Brooks, Wetzel Elementary School principal.

Another group of educators will also be making a difference in Baumholder schools. They are the student teachers, most of them fresh out of college and ready to log their first classroom experiences. Baumholder's new student teachers are:

April L. Irizarry, Neubrück Elementary School

Jodi M. Worden, Neubrück Elementary School

Emily T. Huemmer, Baumholder American High School

Mathew A. Henderson, Baumholder American High School

Katie G. Robbins, Wetzel Elementary School and Baumholder American High School

Amanda J. Maynard, Wetzel Elementary School

Heather M. Davis, Wetzel Elementary School

"With all the new talent now on board and the well seasoned educators in the community, I believe Baumholder students can expect an exciting and well rounded school year," said Gene Winfree, 222nd Base Support Battalion schools officer.

CARE Fair offers community info, more

By LeAnne MacAllister
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Held on Saturday, Aug. 28th at the Rheinlander, the 2004 CARE Fair continued the success of years past while bringing forth a bundle of new offerings. The Community Activities Registration Event, known by its acronym, provided members of the Baumholder communities the opportunity to gain information, apply for jobs, and of course register for activities on post.

“We expanded the number of participating in this year’s CARE fair in order to provide the community a more comprehensive one-stop shopping opportunity for information about all that we have to offer,” said Greg Galloway, director of community activities.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department organized the event. 2004 brought forth new attractions for the family. Nearly 50 organizations were represented, including Child and Youth Services, school officials, the Health Clinic,

Legal Services, Outdoor Recreation and the 1st Armored Division Museum. The CARE Fair also hosted a job fair in conjunction with the event.

The Girl Scouts ran a hot dog fund-raiser so visitors could eat as they toured the booths. The American Red Cross made complimentary root beer floats for passers by and the Fire Department held demonstrations in the parking lot. There was something interesting for everyone.

A quiz was administered by The 222nd Base Support Battalion Safety Office that proved to be one of the most popular events of the Fair. Visitors had to inspect a designated car and decide whether or not it passed inspection. Those who completed the quiz were entered into a drawing for numerous prizes. 40th Engineers Bravo Co. Sgt. Paul Swanson won a bicycle in the giveaway.

In addition, MWR and AAFES held hourly giveaways, awarding visitors with gift certificates for



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Visitors to this year’s CARE Fair make their way amongst the numerous displays set up at the Rheinlander.

bowling, brunch and Outdoor Recreation trips, as well as AAFES products.

The CARE Fair is held at the end

of every summer to assist new and old Baumholder residents alike with registering for various organizations, learning about services avail-

able in the community and providing opportunities to get involved. For more information, contact the MWR office at mil 485-1550.

Thrift Shop finds a temporary home

New location, new boss, same great bargains

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The Baumholder Thrift Shop celebrated its grand reopening Aug. 16. Largely due to the thanks of dedicated volunteers, the thrift shop reopened in its temporary location, Building 8270, across from chapel number two.

Previously, the Thrift Shop had been located near the commissary. However, this location was needed to create a dining facility for the 1st Armored Division, Division Artillery.

The Thrift Shop staff and volunteers were worried that the shop would be closed for up to a year while waiting for a new permanent location to become available.

“Lt. Col. Todd Buchs came through for us. We thought we would have to be in a warehouse for 6-8 months, but instead we have this great temporary location,” said Sadina Hall, chairperson for the Baumholder Community Spouse’s

Club Thrift Shop.

The temporary location will be used for approximately eight months.

The Thrift Shop will then be moving into its new permanent location, the current post office at the traffic circle. The post office will be moving into the community mailroom facility.

“We’re all so excited to be here,” exclaimed new manager Tina Olsen. Countless hours of volunteers were donated in order to make the temporary location a reality.

The Thrift Shop is a non-profit organization. All earned income is donated back to the Baumholder communities. If you are interested in making a donation to the Thrift Shop, items may be left at the front door of Building 8270.

The Thrift Shop is opened on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.



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The nursery is just one of the Thrift Shop departments available for customers looking for a bargain.