



Photo by Bernd "Bernie" Mai

Squaring off

Scott Reahay, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1/6 Infantry Battalion and Kirk Passle, Bravo 4/27 Field Artillery, square off in a light middle weight boxing match during the recent Baumholder boxing night at the Hall of Champions. Sixteen matches were scheduled for the evening in what continues to be a well attended sporting event on Baumholder. Coming up are the U.S. Forces Europe Boxing Championships May 3 through 5. Baumholder's Hall of Champions will also host this event in which competitors from all U.S. military services in Europe will compete.

Diversity celebration set

If you're looking for free food and entertainment on a Saturday afternoon then head to the Rheinlander May 11 from noon to 6 p.m. when the 222nd Base Support Battalion and the rest of the Baumholder community celebrates America's diversity and beauty with a community wide party.

Party organizers have lined up a variety of food entrées to include a pig roast, chili cook-off and potluck style cultural dishes.

The entertainment includes DJ music, Piñatas for the children, a video game competition for teenagers and a newlywed game for the older crowd.

There will also be a variety of door prizes given away throughout the afternoon.

To register for the chili cook-off, video game and newlywed contest call Norm Estrada at 485-7450/7118. There will be prizes for the participants.

Stage set for 'Buc' Night

The Baumholder American High School needs white elephant and craft items that are in good condition to sell during Buccaneer Night, May 10 at the Rheinlander. Buccaneer Night is the school's annual scholarship fund raiser.

Persons may take donations to the Thrift Shop between now and May 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays, or between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Thursdays. Items also may be taken to the high school gym between May 6 and 9 or to the Rheinlander from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 10, the day of

the event. Clothing items will not be accepted.

Baumholder community organizations and individuals are invited to donate theme baskets for Buccaneer Night.

Proceeds from the basket auction will be added to the school's senior scholarship fund and distributed to high school seniors who continue their educations after graduation.

For more information or to donate theme baskets contact Diane Rose civ (06783) 980127 or by email at bucnight@hotmail.com.

Spotlight on workforce



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Siegfried Schmitt puts the finishing touches around a heater in the 222nd Base Support Battalion Headquarters building. Schmitt has worked with the military for 18 years as a painter for the Directorate of Public Works.

Employee has 'no complaints'

Siegfried Schmitt - painter

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After working for the 222nd Base Support Battalion Directorate of Public Works for almost 18 years, Siegfried Schmitt has no complaints. "Work is good, it varies and I like it. I worked on a room before for the Westfall construction company, also for the Americans, and I enjoyed that as well,"

Dipping his paint brush into a bucket of paint he adds, "I like it here you know, it's my job, it's what I learned and I've been

doing it since I was 16. I'm 47 now and I'll be 48 on the 21st of this month."

He turns his attention back to applying a coat of dark brown paint to the baseboard in one of the rooms under renovation at the 222nd BSB headquarters building.

If you do your math, Schmitt actually started working at Baumholder when he was about 29 years old. "I was unemployed at the time.

"I had worked for a construction company as a painter and in winter I was receiving unemployment. That was normal during winter. And then the unemployment office noti-

fied me that the U.S. forces were looking for painters so I applied and I've been here since then."

Schmitt admits his English is not very good. "I'm trying to learn but it's not very good," he said. In spite of that he's been toting a paint brush and bucket around Baumholder for 18 years. "I have not had any difficulties working with the Americans," he said. "No complaints."

The Hoppstädten resident, who has a birthday in five days, has three children and spends his off-duty time working around the house or bike riding. "Alles gute zum geburtstag."

News briefs

DPW helps schools celebrate Earth Day

Baumholder's Neubrücke and Wetzel Elementary Schools have a variety of activities lined up for Earth Day, April 22, with the help of the 222nd Directorate of Public Works and local environmental organizations.

With the use of games, Belinda Barowski from the 222nd DPW environmental office will teach students at Neubrücke and Wetzel Elementary schools about recycling, forest and water conservation. "Videos with environmental themes have also been purchased by the 222nd DPW for donation to both school's libraries," said Barowski.

Field trips to the forest in Hunsrückhaus and Neubrücke are planned for Neubrücke students. An Environmental field trip through the forest near Wetzel is planned for Wetzel students.

They will help clean and save the vegetation in the area. During this field trip the students will learn about the forest and how to take care of it.

Neubrücke students will go on a field trip to the Neubrücke Environmental University where some of the personnel will guide the students through the different environmental programs and projects currently underway. "While there a partnership will be established between Neubrücke Elementary and the Environmental University in hopes to instill in the students the desire to maintain a beautiful and well kept environment for the generations to come," said Barowski.

"We are also purchasing book marks for both school libraries with an environmental theme for the students' use," she said.

Students at both schools will draw environmental motives in recyclable grocery bags from the commissary. Groceries will be packed in these decorated bags during Army Earth Day and Week.

For Neubrücke, the 222nd DPW Environmental Office will donate a fruit tree and small plants and flowers to decorate the school. Wetzel will receive gardening supplies, flowers and small plants to decorate the school.

Promotion board convenes for NCOs

A Department of the Army centralized promotion board convenes May 29 to consider eligible staff sergeants for promotion to sergeant first class, for attendance at ANCOG and separation under the Qualitative Management Program. All staff sergeants must contact their battalion S-1 for a records review. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Atkinson at mil 485-6453 or visit the personnel command web site at www.perscom.army.mil

Retiree forum focuses on health benefits

The Baumholder Retiree Forum and the Baumholder Health Clinic in conjunction with Landstuhl Regional Medical Center sponsors a Retiree Activity Day at the Baumholder Health Clinic May 14 at 6 p.m. in the ITC classroom number one.

There will be classes on nutrition education, TRICARE Plus, benefits, health evaluation assessment report forms, enrollment, TRICARE Online, physical exams, wellness issues, requirements/frequencies, scheduling appointments and using your primary care manager (PCM) effectively.

Side tables will offer blood pressure checks, glaucoma exams, foot pressure evaluations and educational pamphlets.

For more information call Bill Kalavsky at mil 485-6080/7255.

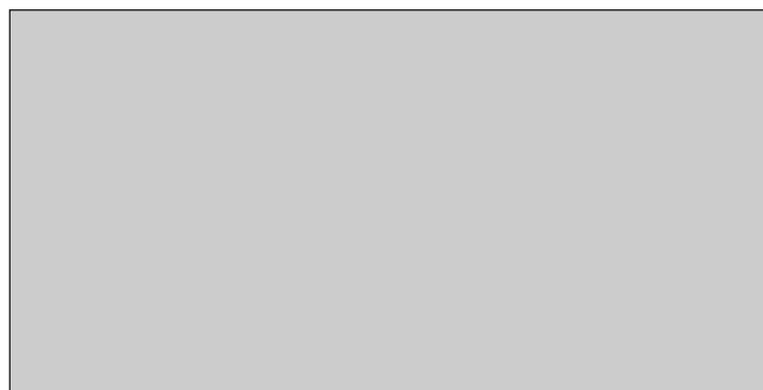
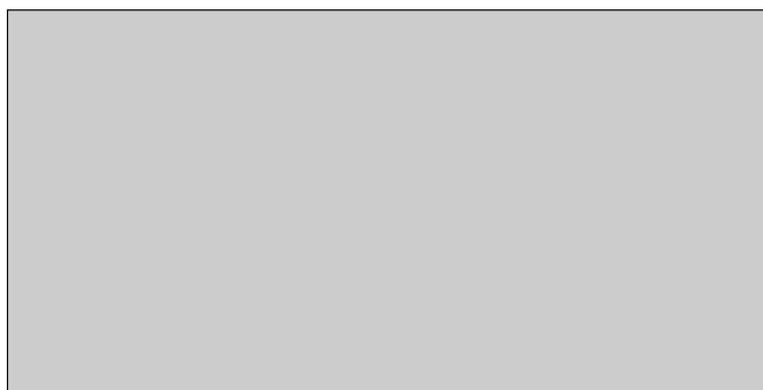
Claims closes for German labor day

The field claims office in the Baumholder Legal Center, Building 8222, will be closed May 1, in observance the German labor day. Walk-in service will be available May 3, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to file small claims or turn in your pink form with less than eight damaged items. For more information, contact the claims office at mil 485-6507.

MWR job fair

Opportunity awaits you at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Job Fair the second Wednesday of every month at the Baumholder Rod and Gun Club.

The doors open at 9 a.m. You will learn of open MWR positions, have an opportunity to fill out applications and receive interviews on-site. For more information, call mil 485-1550.



It's a fun fest

Celebrate the Month of the Military Child at the annual fun fest April 20 from 1–4 at the Rheinlander. Come join the activities, get information and enjoy free food. This event is free and open to all families.

Golf tourney

It's spring and that means golf. Rolling Hills Golf Course holds its annual Spring Tee Off April 20 at 9 a.m. The cost is \$25 for members or \$25 plus green fees for non members. Play is shotgun format for this scramble tournament. For more information call mil 485-7299.

Go shopping

Youth Services has scheduled a shopping trip to downtown Mannheim May 2. Sign up now to enjoy this trip. For more information contact your Youth Services center.

Let's dance

Dance the night away. In honor of the month of the Military Child, Youth Services will hold two dances. The middle school dance will be April 19 and the high school dance will be April 27. For more information on these dances, please contact your Youth Services Center.

Paintball

Let out your aggression. Baumholder Outdoor Recreation has paintball games every Saturday. For more information call mil 485-7182.

Spouses Club

Army Community Services restarts the International Spouses Club in May, which is open to all military and civilian spouses. The club provides an opportunity for spouses from various countries to share in cultural and social activities, while gaining support and building relationships. For more information, call mil 485-8188 or civ (06783)6-8188.

All can give blood

The USAREUR Blood Donor Center and Baumholder Health Clinic are holding another blood drive May 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Hall of Champions. All soldiers, adult family members and civilians are encouraged to participate.

"Many people are under the impression that if they were sent 'down range' they will not be able to donate blood," said Sgt. Anika Anderson, Baumholder Health Clinic. "That's not true of the military program. Those personnel cannot give through the Red Cross program but they can give within the military system," said Anderson. "Last time we only had 40 units taken because so many people were misinformed, so we are encourag-

Post notes



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Shopping for deals

Customers examine jewelry at one of the booths during the recent spring bazaar held at the Rheinlander and Hall of Champions. The bazaar brought in at \$25,000, about \$4,000 more than last year's bazaar. There was also an increase in vendors over last year. There were 86 vendors compared to last year's 52. Attendance was steady throughout the four days but definitely more than last year, according to Bazaar coordinators.

ing everyone to come out and participate," Anderson said. For more information, call mil 485-6357.

ATM down

The Baumholder Community Bank ATM machine located in Bldg. 8218 opposite Burger King will be out of operation for approximately four to six weeks beginning April 22 due to construction work. Other ATM machines are available at the Community Bank building and in front of the AAFES Main Store. For more information call Andrew Harper at mil 485-7575.

Deli, bakery hiring

Looking for a job? The Baumholder Commissary's contracted bakery and deli departments are hiring for bakery and deli workers. The pay is great and the hours are flexible. For more information, visit the bakery or deli departments or call mil 485-7148/6666.

Commissary closes

The Baumholder commissary will be closed April 24 for inventory. For more information call 485-6666

AFN expansion

Customers with AFN decoders may have noticed what may appear to be two new programs on chan-

nels 8 and 9. The AFRTS Broadcast Center is inserting variations of the current Spectrum channel on these two channels. This is in preparation for future channel expansion tentatively scheduled for this summer when the current Spectrum service splits into children and adult oriented programming.

Channels 8 and 9 contain current Spectrum channel programming as technicians at the Broadcast Center test the equipment for this future service expansion scheduled for later this year.

Red Cross tourney

Baumholder's American Red Cross invites everyone to their Memorial Challenge Golf Tournament fund raiser May 24, at the Rolling Hills golf course. There will be awards and raffle prizes as well as great fun for everyone. For more information stop by the Baumholder Red Cross office or call civ (06783)6-1760.

Hip hop pool party

A hip hop, soul and Rhythm and Blues Wet N' Wild pool party is scheduled at the Cascade Erlebnisbad in Bitburg April 19 starting at 11 p.m. Admission is \$15 or •15. The information and ticket hotline is civ (0179) 115-9189.

NOW is culture

Baumholder's Newcomers Orientation and Welcome, or NOW, is a cultural awareness and adaptation tour of Baumholder and the local German community specifically for spouses new to Baumholder and Germany. Spouses who have been here for a while are also welcomed to attend. Child care is free and on a first come, first served basis. Orientations are scheduled May 6–8, June 10–12, July 8–10 and Aug. 5–7. For more information or to sign up for this orientation visit Army Community Services or call mil 485-8188 or civ (06783)6-8188.

Aquatics Academy

The 17th annual Aquatics Academy Course is schedule from May 5 through 17 at the Baumholder pool. The following is a schedule of events and classes offered:

- May 5, registration, pretest,
 - May 6-9, lifeguard training, lifeguard instructor training, lifeguard instructor trainer training
 - May 11, registration, pretest, fundamentals of instructor training
 - May 12-17, water safety instructor training, water safety instructor trainer training
- Course fees are:

Fundamentals of instructor training, \$10
Lifeguard training, \$150

Lifeguard instructor training, \$175

Lifeguard instructor trainer training, \$125

Water safety instructor training, \$225

Water safety instructor trainer training, \$125

Candidates for water safety instructor must be at least 17 years old and life guarding candidates must be at least 15 years old.

ADHT support group

An Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder support group meeting is scheduled for April 18 from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the ACS conference room. The session is open to all families interested in learning more about ADHD. Child care will be provided by Community Youth Services for all registered families during this event. For more information call mil 485-8188 civ (06783) 6-8188.

Job assistance

Job assistance workshops and counseling to help with the transition from the military to the civilian job market are offered by Army Career and Alumni Program.

Workshops are offered by formal instruction every other Wednesday. The next workshops are April 24 and May 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Call to schedule an appointment, or drop by any afternoon to work with ACAP's computer-based job assistance tools. For more information, contact ACAP at mil 485-6741/6330 or civ (06783)6-6741/6330.

Preseparation brief

Soldiers are required to complete a mandatory Preseparation briefing at ACAP no later than 90 days before their estimated separation date. Appointments are available every day at 9 a.m. and require approximately an hour and a half.

Field rep visits

The University of Oklahoma field representative from Ramstein Air Base will visit the Baumholder Army Education Center May 1 from 11 a.m. to p.m. Persons wishing to discuss Oklahoma's graduate degree programs are invited to meet with the university's representative. The representative may be reached daily at mil 480-6807.

See your VA rep

The next Veterans Affairs briefing is April 23 from 10 – noon at ACAP. A VA representative will address questions about VA benefits, claims filing and home loan guarantees. Call mil 485-6741/6330 or civ (06783)6-6741/6330.

Rod and Gun Club is sure to satisfy all

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The smell of freshly grilled burgers and fries wafts in the air as you walk through the doorway and the jingle of a slot machine paying off a jubilant customer echoes in the distance. In the room you see several people sitting at tables enjoying their dinner meal while at the bar a waitress serves up a cool beer and a handful of customers trade war stories about work.

A young man wearing a Stetsen that easily doubles as an umbrella sidles up to the bar. His coordinated western attire includes a tablecloth pattern shirt with snaps instead of buttons, tight blue jeans, a 12-pound belt buckle and rattle-snake boots. Someone feeds quarters into the jukebox and country music begins to pour into the room.

No, this is not a bar somewhere south of the Mason Dixon Line. It is however west of the 2nd Brigade and its western décor coupled with its deep red and black diner style seating can send you on a trip down stateside memory lane. It's Friday night and you're in Baumholder country, at the Rod and Gun Club.

But the club is not just about pointy boots, flashy belt buckles, outlaw music or southern rock. The various activities it offers can appeal to everyone from single soldiers to family members, regardless of regional orientation.

On the recreational side, the Rod and Gun Club offers two pistol ranges, a trap and skeet range and a fishing pond. Shooting enthusiasts can also safely store their weapons at the Rod and Gun Club. Since personal transport of weapons is not possible, the club offers free transportation of weapons to the ranges whenever members wish to shoot.

"They don't even need to come to the club. All they have to do is call us and let us know when they want to shoot and we'll transport the member's weapons to the range in a locked case. Use of the ranges is free for members. The only thing they need to pay for is their ammo, which members can buy from us right at the ranges," said Mary Jane Spreier, Rod and Gun Club manager.

The two pistol ranges are geographically separated from the club but it's trap and skeet range is directly behind the club building.

On the "rod" side, the Rod and Gun Club pond, scheduled to open this month, is stocked every spring

with rainbow trout. Those who wish to test their fishing lines should call the Rod and Gun Club for a run-down on all that is required by German and American fishing regulations.

Turning to the club's entertainment offerings, its diverse program includes country and western music, techno sounds and comedy nights. "Comedy nights is the latest addition to our entertainment lineup and usually features two to three stateside comedians that bring adult humor to the stage," said Spreier.

Rounding off the entertainment is a game room that features slot machines and a pool table.

There's also food to be had at the club. "You can even have your lunch or dinner delivered to your home as long as you live in the Smith, Wetzel or Champion housing areas," said Spreier. Delivery is also available to offices or dormitories on post. Special dinner menus are offered periodically during holidays like Valentines Day and Mother's Day.

Lunch is Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and dinner is Wednesdays through Sundays from 5 to 10 p.m. Home delivery is available throughout the lunch and dinner hours.

"Speaking of Mother's Day, coming up in May we're offering a Mother's Day learn how to shoot event," said Spreier. Moms can come in and have lunch and then go out and receive hands-on shooting instructions.

"Our membership of about 200 includes a few women and we have good participation from them but we'd like to get more women interested in coming out and becoming active members," she said. She added that you have to be at least 18 years old to be a Rod and Gun Club member.



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Jodi Birdwell, operations assistant, serves up lunch for a couple of customers at the Baumholder Rod and Gun Club. The club offers daily lunch specials from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

The club can also accommodate persons looking for a place to hold a unit function. "Our ample ball room is often used for parties, meetings or conferences," said Spreier. "We also have a picnic area out back," said Spreier.

Whatever your taste or needs, the sights and sounds of the Rod and Gun Club are sure to satisfy. "We're here to serve," said Spreier.

