

Community dishes out Buccaneer support

By Diane Rose

Buccaneer Night publicity

Buccaneer Night, the 11th annual college scholarship fund-raiser for Baumholder American High School's graduating seniors, is May 10 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Rheinlander Convention Center. All proceeds from the pirate-themed evening go into a scholarship fund to be distributed among this year's seniors who continue their education after graduation.

According to Joy Magowan, BAHS teacher and senior class sponsor, all members of the Baumholder community—from young children to adults—will find something to do at Buccaneer Night. Live entertainment, a children's game arcade, a basket and quilt auction, food sales, and

raffle giveaways are just some of the activities taking place.

Throughout the evening, dozens of items contributed by local merchants and organizations will be raffled.

Entertainment will include performances by the BAHS jazz band, a choral group from Wetzel Elementary School, and a gospel choir. Face painting, digital photos and games with prizes for small children will be in the "Kiddie Game Arcade." Pony rides and Burger King's Whopper Hopper will be available on the field behind the building.

One of Buccaneer Night's most popular events is the auction, during which elaborate, theme gift baskets and handmade quilts donated by community organizations and

groups will go to the highest bidder.

In addition, the Ship's Brig will be available so pirates can toss unsuspecting shipmates into the jail. The Ship's Hold, a "garage sale" room, will sell an extensive assortment of donated items such as plants, knickknacks, toys, household items, books and more.

There is no charge for admission to Buccaneer Night.

Magowan said that although the evening is designed to be fun for everyone, the real reward of Buccaneer Night takes place in early June at a school ceremony when BAHS seniors who have applied to attend a college or vocational-technical school after graduation—even part-time—are told how much they will receive from the scholarship fund.

All qualified seniors who put in an application to the scholarship committee are guaranteed to receive some financial assistance.

Last year, proceeds from Buccaneer Night added more than \$15,000 to the school's scholarship coffers, and individual grants ranged from \$300 to \$3,000.

Organized primarily by the seniors' parents and sponsored by the high school's PTSA, Buccaneer Night also receives assistance from a number of different groups that contribute to help make the evening a success. BAHS students, members of the local military community, teachers, on-post vendors and local German business owners all find ways to show support by either volunteering their time or providing items for the raffle.

"I don't think any other military community does anything like Buccaneer Night for its kids," Magowan said. "The support for our youngsters is amazing."

Magowan said that for many BAHS students, the money raised by Buccaneer Night is the only outside help they receive toward financing their education. In fact, she has seen instances where the promise of scholarship money has been just the encouragement needed for some students to make the decision to attend college.

"Obviously, any motivation we can give our seniors to continue school after graduation is a good thing," Magowan said. "Buc Night is sometimes just the encouragement they need to take that first step toward an independent future."

Officer school

The 222nd Base Support Battalion will conduct an Officer Candidate School interview session May 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the training support division small classroom, Building 8475.

The interview session is open to any qualified enlisted soldier who is interested in becoming a commissioned officer. Information packets for all interested soldiers must be completed and turned in to the 222nd BSB adjutant office by May 20.

For more information contact Sgt. 1st. Class Bertrane J. Jennings at the 222nd BSB headquarters, Building 8698, or call mil 485-7255.

Flea market

The Baumholder Area Education Association is holding an antique and flea market on May 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wetzel Elementary School. Profits from this event will benefit the high school scholarship fund.

Yard sale

One person's junk is another one's treasure so if there's something you really gotta have, find it at the 222nd Base Support Battalion semiannual post wide yard sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 11 in all of

Baumholder's housing areas. All sales are for U.S. identification card holders only and all property must be removed by 6 p.m. For more details, call Bill Kalavsky at mil 485-7255/6080.

Smoking freedom

A tobacco cessation class begins May 2 at the Baumholder Health Clinic. The class consists of six sessions, one hour per week. For more information call mil 485-7312.

Bank closes

The community bank will be closed several days during May. The bank closes May 1 for the German labor day, May 9 for Ascension Day, May 20 for Whit Monday and May 30 for Corpus Christi. The ATM machines will be available on these days.

School registration

School registration for all students is currently under way. The following documents will be required for new students starting the 2002-03 school year.

- Sponsor's orders (orders assigning sponsor to Baumholder)

Post notes

- Travel orders with student's name

- Assignment of family housing letter indicating the housing area.

- Passport and birth certificate
- Social security card of student(s)

- Original shot record
 - School records if hand carried
- Kindergarten and first grade requirements include:

- Birth certificate
- Shot records
- Social security card

Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before Oct. 31, 2002. First grade students must be six years by Oct 31, 2002.

Officer briefing

A Department of the Army secretariat briefing on officer selection boards for officers assigned to the 104th Area Support Group is scheduled May 15 in Wiesbaden. All commanders are encouraged to release available commissioned and warrant officers to attend this briefing. The time and exact location will be announced once they are confirmed. The briefing is for all commissioned and warrant officers interested in learning more about the officer selection board process. A two-person team from the secretariat will conduct the information briefings.

Let's go shopping

Youth Services has scheduled a shopping trip to downtown Mannheim May 2. Sign up now to enjoy this trip. For more informa-

tion contact your Youth Services center.

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.

Blood drive

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 mili-

Celebrate America's beauty

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.

tary 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 encouraging everyone to come out and participate," Anderson said.

For more information, call mil 485-6357.

Need a job?

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.

Claims closes

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.

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.

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Spotlight on workforce



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Bernhard Schön chips away at a door frame to prepare it for plastering and a new door frame.

20 years of service

Bernhard Schön, carpenter

"It's a very good job. Prima." That's what Bernhard Schön has to say after working as a carpenter for the U.S. Military at Baumholder for the past 20 years. The 52-year-old carpenter started working for the U.S. military on Jan. 18, 1982. He and his wife Manuela are residents of Altenglan and have a 20-year-old son, Marco.

"I don't understand much English but we can always communicate with hand and feet," he said. "Sometimes there are (communication) problems but we have people in our shop that know English well, like the estimators, that go with us and they can see what the problem is so we can fix it," he said.

Schön found work with the U.S. military through a friend of his who used to work for the U.S. military. His friend, who eventually became his supervisor, lived in Tahlischtenberg and Schön lived in nearby Ruthweiler. They knew each other well and one day his friend said there was a vacancy for a carpenter with the U.S. military and asked him if he would like to come and work for the Americans.

Schön agreed, applied and the rest is history.

TKS previews new channels

Subscribers to TKS cable service on Smith Barracks recently started receiving four new cable channels at no extra cost, Avante, Expo, Extreme Sport and TV Club.

To give non-TKS subscribers the opportunity to see what is available as a subscriber, TKS will connect free of charge all of the family housing and single soldiers quarters at Smith Barracks through 9 p.m. May 2.

Avante is a science and technology channel showing the latest documentary films with wide ranging themes from the history of space flight and life on Mars, to spying and insider stories from the FBI.

Expo covers the world of art and design with themes including painting, architecture, design, fashion and sculpture.

Extreme Sports is nonstop action around the clock offering surf-

ing, body boarding, mountain biking, in-line skating, skiing and motor sport with reports, interviews and portraits from the sport stars.

TV Club is a varied mix of house and garden including cooking, beauty and life-style, show business, court cases, fashion and erotic.

To receive the cable channels it will be necessary to connect the cable outlet (usually located in the living room) to a television. It may also be necessary to do a channel

search (auto program) so that the television recognizes the new channels.

TKS has distributed channel selection guides to assist viewers during this free promotion. Those who wish to subscribe to the service thereafter will be able to do so by visiting the TKS Shop located next to the service counter in the Baumholder main exchange or any TKS Shop. The regular cable fee is •20,45 per month.

AFN tests equipment for new channels

Customers with AFN decoders may have noticed what may appear to be two new programs on channels 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.

Retiree activity day has medical info

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.

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 mil485-6080/7255.

Kentucky Guard protects the force

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

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Taking a break from his force protection duties at Iron Crossing Gate, a National Guardsman from Kentucky pulls out his billfold and begins leafing through the vinyl covered photographs of an eight month old child. A proud smile crosses his lips as he points to the infant and says, "This is the reason I'm going back home in May. It's my grandson. I haven't seen him in about four months," he says.

Staff Sgt. William Willis is part of the contingent from the Kentucky National Guard, about 100 strong, that arrived in Baumholder earlier this year to undertake the force protection mission for the post. They were alerted in December 2001 of their eminent deployment and after a few weeks training, they took up the force protection mission in February and are scheduled to stay through August.

Back home, Guardsmen usually serve three to four days a month on weekends plus a two-week stint per year with their Guard unit so it's no surprise that after almost four months away from home some may start to feel a little nostalgic about

family members.

The Guardsmen assigned to Baumholder belong to Echo Company, 1-149th Infantry Battalion, Mechanized. The rest of the Kentucky National Guard unit is scattered throughout the 104th Area Support Group. In all, about 400 guardsmen make up the 104th ASG's current force protection mission.

Their presence here allows the soldiers of the 1st Armored Division and 2nd Brigade to maintain their deployable status by continuing with their readiness training.

Willis, a 42-year-old native of Revenna, Ky., continues leafing through the photos and pauses at one of a middle-aged woman, "That's my boss," he says jokingly. The photo is actually that of his wife. "She's very supportive of what I'm doing right now. We talked it over before I volunteered and she was all for it. I wanted to do my bit for the country and she was very supportive the whole time."

"It's great to receive so much support here," said Capt. James Sutter, company commander for the Guard unit here. "We have less to worry about and therefore more time to think about family back home," He said. Sutter himself has three



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Staff Sgt. William Willis checks the paperwork of a motorist entering Baumholder at Iron Crossing Gate. He is part of the contingent from the Kentucky National Guard that arrived in Baumholder earlier this year to undertake the force protection mission for the post.

children, one only six months old.

Willis' regional dialect surfaces gradually as he explains that this is his first deployment in his 21 years with the Guard. He's assisted with things like national disasters and emergencies in the states, but this is his first actual overseas deployment.

"Like I said, the post has been great to us. They treat us good. We got a good place to stay, plenty to

eat. You couldn't ask for no better."

"And the people coming through the gate, the Germans, they're friendly, you know. They stop and talk to you. They ask you how you're doing.

"The American are also very cooperative. They've got a lot of patience, especially when it's raining and their vehicle must to be searched. They don't give us any problems. It's a lot of help to us and we really appreciate it," he said, as he turns to check another vehicle as it approaches the gate.

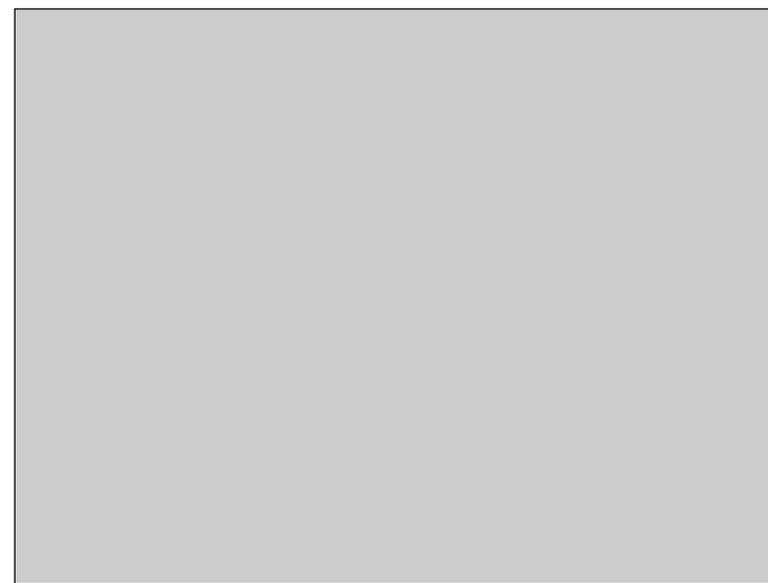
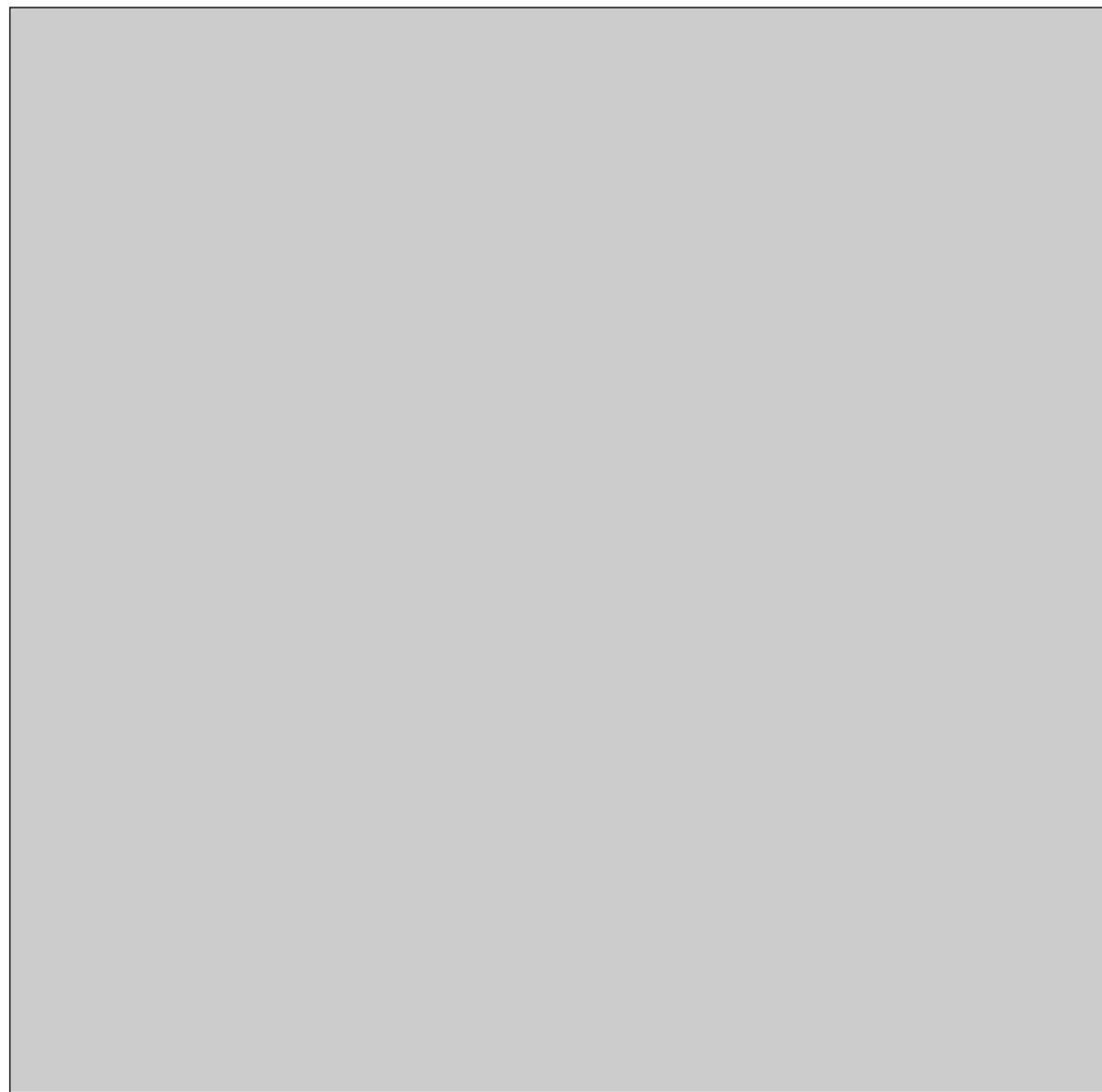
Willis added that he was very excited when he learned that he was coming to Germany. "When I found out I was coming to Germany I knew it would be a chance to get out and see the countryside. I went to a couple of cities already like Idar-Oberstein and places like that but I'm going to try and get out to a couple more places."

However, Willis still plans on going back to Kentucky to visit his family for a while. "A lot of the guys in the unit are having their families come to visit and to support this,"

Willis smiles again and says, "My wife, you know, she don't like the flying deal so she decided to stay in Kentucky and let me come over there."

Controlling the other side of Iron Man Crossing Gate is Spec. Michael Bartelme. A German military vehicle approaches the gate and Bartelme greets the driver, in German. Bartelme has been with the guard only three years but he lived in Germany for ten years as a military dependent and has German ancestry. "Most of the German people coming through the gate are a little surprised when I talk to them in German," he said. Like Willis, this is Bartelme's first deployment but he is really glad to be back in Germany. "I feel great about it. I'm enjoying every bit of it," he said.

But for now, Willis, Bartelme and the rest of Echo Company are working side by side with the Ponds Security force and doing their part in ensuring the safety of U.S. interests overseas by keeping a vigilant eye on Baumholder's security, 24-hours a day.



Fashion show features musical experience

The recent Morale, Welfare and Recreation spring fashion show featured more than just spring fashions modeled by volunteers from the Baumholder, Vogelweh and Sembach communities.

The more than 100 people who attended the two-hour show were treated to a variety of musical performances, a modeling of the latest spring fashions, a special Moulin Rouge scene and a grand finale that was a tribute to the heroes of Sept. 11, 2001.

Carolyn Gilford was escorted by Sgt. Russel Kaser of the 222nd Base Support Battalion Provost Marshal's office and Hans Kuhn, 222nd BSB fire department chief while she sang "God Bless America." Gilford also rendered her version of "Wind Beneath My Wings."

Other musical performances featured Jason Little and Keith Murphy who sang a four part medley.

A gospel mime was performed by Rozena "Misty" Gilford.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, ChrisDo Mode and Mode-Ladchen provided the spring fashion collection. Theatrix of Darmstadt provided the costumes for the Moulin Rouge performance.

Auditions for the show began in February. Six weeks of intense weekend and often evening rehearsals followed.

All 28 models, children and adults were volunteers. The show featured eight different clothing scenes, each with accompanying music.

The creative talent behind the show was Nikki Burden, fashion show coordinator. Daria Gray was the MWR producer that brought everything together and made it happen.

Together, Burden, Gray, the volunteer models and supporting cast gave Baumholder an entertaining musical experience and look at the latest spring fashions.



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Lady Marmalade comes to Baumholder as volunteer performers and models act out a "Moulin Rouge" scene for the audience at Baumholder's Spring Fashion Show. At left, a young model displays a junior spring ensemble.

Magic is in the air

The Rick Moore Magic Show comes to the Baumholder high school theater May 4 at 2 p.m. This is a free show for all ages. For more information call mil 485-6115.

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, contact mil 485-6566.

Mother's Day

Keep Mom out of the kitchen and take her to the Baumholder Rod and Gun Club for a Mother's Day breakfast special, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. May 12. Enjoy blueberry and strawberry pancakes and much more. After brunch let Mom learn to shoot Skeet/Trap on the ranges from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Spouses club

International Spouses Club Army Community Service will restart the International Spouses Club May 14. It is open to all military and civilian spouses. For more information call mil 485-8188.