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news briefs

Border orientation tour

An East-West German border orientation tour is scheduled for June 12.

The tour is offered once a month to 50 soldiers, family members, and Department of Defense employees of the GSMC.

Anyone interested in taking the border orientation tour should contact Staff Sgt. Andino, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS), 4282-892/554.

DRMO retail sale

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office Ludwigsburg, located on Osterholzallee, near Coffey Barracks, and the commissary will hold a large retail sale of excess personal and government property June 16 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The sale is open to everyone and is for cash. Non-U.S. personnel must pay customs on purchases before they may be removed.

For more information, contact the DRMO at 4282-892/554.

Holiday shopping

The Robinson Barracks shopping center will be open regular hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 29. The Burger King will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The RB shoppette will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the filling station will be open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Kelley Main Exchange will be closed but the Kelley shoppette will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Patch Main Exchange will be open regular hours, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the Patch shoppette will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Telephone change

Effective immediately, the GSMC Command Section has a new telephone extension: 420-6448.

All staff sections and subcommunities are encouraged to call in on either this line or the other local extension, 420-6026.

Special olympics

The GSMC Special Olympics will be held May 31 at the Stuttgart American High School at Pattonville from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteer huggers are asked to assist for the event. Sign-up is requested by May 22.

The BCZMSC point of contact for collection of names of huggers is Nikki Hathaway at the RB Library, 420-7385.

Army budget retains key people: 3.6 percent pay hike scheduled

Key Army personnel and quality of life programs were among those preserved in the amended fiscal year 1990 Army budget submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense April 25.

Among the programs successfully retained at current funding levels by the Army leadership during interservice negotiations were military pay, direct medical care, recruiting and retention, training, and modernization of key combat systems.

"With the amended budget the Army will remain a well-trained strategic force fully capable of carrying out its worldwide missions if deterrence fails," said Maj. Gen. Merle Freitag, director of the Army budget.

In developing the FY 90 budget initially submitted to Congress in February, the Army set four priorities: retention of essential readiness, retention of essential sustainability, a slower-paced modernization program, and minimum force structure cuts.

"We believe we met these objectives in February and again in April," Freitag declared.

Military pay raises of 3.6 percent for

FY 90 and 3.2 percent for FY 91 were part of the amended budget.

Considerable effort was made by the Army to retain training funds. "Optempo" — The intensity at which major Army combat systems are operated throughout the year and a key training indicator — will be funded at a sufficient level to ensure a high state of readiness. So too will be key equipment modernization programs.

Programs funded at the same levels in both the February and April budgets are recruiting and retention, Abrams tank, Bradley fighting vehicle, patriot missile, improved Howitzer program, and rockets for the "Multiple Launch Rocket System" (MLRS).

Programs receiving more funds in the April budget than in the February budget are in the anti-armor weapons system-medium, (the replacement for the dragon), MLRS launchers, ground-based laser technology, "firefinder II" artillery radar, and "anti-satellite" (ASAT) kinetic energy research.

Other highlights of the amended FY 90 budget:

The amended budget will be \$1.7 bil-

lion, or 2.1 percent, less than the budget of \$80.5 billion initially submitted in February.

A reduction of 7,929 positions from the active force will require the elimination of one active duty brigade from the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo., by Dec. 31. Currently, the 4th Division is the only "heavy" division in the U.S. with three active brigades. After Dec. 31, the division will be rounded-out with a reserve component brigade like other U.S. heavy divisions.

Most of the remaining cuts will come from the inactivation of Pershing missile units being eliminated as a result of the INF treaty with the Soviet Union.

To continue funding for its LHX helicopter program, the Army will eliminate two active and five reserve component AH-64 Apache battalions from its current or planned force structure.

Army civilian personnel strength from FY 90 will be 404,225 a reduction of 645 from the original FY 90 budget submitted in February. For FY 91, Army civilian strength will be 403,985.

(ARNews)



photo by Bob Crockett

Counting sheep

Heiner (his first name, shepherds traditionally don't have last ones) tends a flock near the Pattonville Airfield. The sheep are among 700 owned by Gustav Simmendinger on land he rents at a minimum rate from the Army. For more than 40 years, sheep owned by the Simmendinger family have been grazing near the airfield and shepherded by members of Heiner's family (and others). The land was given to the Army for training purposes after World War II under the NATO Status of Forces Agreement. But Uncle Sam has a heart and, respectful of local traditions, continued to make the land available to the people who love it. Simmendinger reseeds the area at his own expense and is also required to have a veterinarian check his flock to prevent the spread of disease.

Commander's comment

Unit sponsorship: paving the way to excellence

During the past several months you probably have been hearing a great deal about Stuttgart's commitment to the Army Community of Excellence (ACOE) program. The program's title refers to its objective to foster excellence in facilities and services for Army communities. However, the method of implementing ACOE is made according to local needs and priorities.



We have already begun our progress toward excellence within the Greater Stuttgart Military Community. But with budget limitations we are having to look for new ways to accomplish these necessary improvements. We can accomplish a great deal through an aggressive self-help program and by harnessing community initiative and talent.

Facilities and services are being improved daily through the cooperative efforts of soldiers, family members, private organizations and our German hosts. From office space to family quarters to community support activities, working together we are changing for the better. This teamwork engenders pride and community spirit which in turn enhances military readiness.

Presently we are in the process of implementing a program of unit sponsorship. Unit sponsorship provides a valuable link between community services and the population they serve. Under this plan military units are matched up with local activities. This provides the activity with customer feedback and the community with a channel for their comments.

Through the unit sponsorship program we can set community standards at a higher level and work together to maintain this level of quality. Sponsorship serves as a bridge between readiness and the community since it supports readiness by creating an environment conducive to achievement. Those who defend America's freedom, soldiers and their families, deserve the best community possible, a community of excellence.

In addition the sponsoring units may assist the activity in pursuing self-help projects to better their facility. Many times there are individuals living within our community who have skills or qualities which can be used to improve the quality of life for all of us. By working together we can develop better esprit de corps and a sense of unity and belonging with our community.

How does unit sponsorship work? Firstly, the unit, through its commander, volunteers to sponsor a particular activity such as the local club or youth services center.

The next step is opening an avenue of communication between the facility manager and the unit representative. They get together and assess the

current status of the activity. Is it meeting the needs of soldiers and family members? Are there some programs or activities which are not working according to plan?

This opening dialogue also provides an opportunity to define the role of unit sponsorship. Though the unit may make suggestions and recommendations, the facility manager remains responsible for the program and its implementation. Naturally the manager will want to be responsive to the suggestions passed on by the unit. Sponsorship equates to advice and assistance offered in an effort to benefit the activity.

Accordingly the sponsoring unit should not be asked to accomplish routine tasks or daily operations. These tasks remain the responsibility of the activity manager and employees. When there are special events or projects to be developed, this is the time to encourage the participation of the unit sponsors.

Unit sponsorship is not new to GSMC. We have seen it with the renovation of the Flak Community Club, the Boeblingen Community Club, the Kelley Recreation Center, and countless other examples. Most soldiers already feel a close bond with their installation and its facilities. When we build upon this foundation, we will be able to make great progress.

The Greater Stuttgart Military Community and its family are proudly moving toward an Army Community of Excellence, for all of us.

Take care of soldiers
Maj. Gen. James B. Allen, Jr.

chaplain's corner

Faith a search, not an escape

by Ch. (Maj.) Michael D. Mantooth
Pattonville Protestant Chaplain

It is early evening in the Pattonville American Housing Area, and the neighborhood children are playing hide-and-seek among the shrubbery on the chapel grounds. How long since I played hide-and-seek? Thirty years; maybe more. I remember how I could become part of the game in a moment, if invited. Now you and I know that adults don't play hide-and-seek. Not for fun, anyway. Too bad.

Did any of you have a kid in your neighborhood who always hid so good, nobody could find him? I did. After a while we would give up on him and go off, leaving him to rot wherever he was. Sooner or later he would show up, all mad because we didn't keep looking for him. And we would get mad back because he wasn't playing the game the way it was supposed to be played.

There's hiding and there's finding, we'd say. And he'd say it was hide-and-seek, not hide-and-give-up, and we'd all yell about who made the rules and who cared about who, anyway, and how we wouldn't play with him anymore if he didn't get it straight and who needed him anyhow, and things like that. Hide-and-seek-and-yell. No matter what, though, the next time he would hide too good again. He's probably still hidden too good somewhere, for all I know.

This evening, as I write this in Pattonville chapel, the neighborhood game goes on, and I can't help but notice a kid under a pile of leaves in the chapel lawn just outside my office window. He has been there a long time now, and all the other players have been mostly found. I think they must be ready to give up on him over at the base camp. I considered going out to the base and telling them where he was hiding. Finally, I just yelled, "Get found, kid!!!" out the window. This scared him so bad he probably wet his pants and

started crying and ran home to tell his mother. It's real hard to know just how to be helpful sometimes.

In a prior assignment at Brooke Army Medical Center, a patient I knew found out he had terminal cancer. He was a doctor. He certainly knew about dying, but he didn't want to cause his family and friends to suffer through that with him. Thus he kept his secret . . . and died. Everybody said how brave he was to bear his suffering in silence and not tell everybody, and so on and so forth. But privately his family and friends said how angry they were that he didn't need them, didn't trust their strength. It hurt that he didn't say goodbye.

He hid too well. Getting found would have kept him in the game. Hide-and-seek, grown up style. Wanting to hide. Needing to be sought. Confused about being found. "I don't want anyone to know," we say. "What will people think," we say. "I don't want to bother anyone," we say.

I want to recommend a new game. It's better than hide-and-seek and it's called sardines. In sardines, the person who is it goes and hides. Then everybody else in the game goes looking for him. One by one, as each person finds him, they get in his place and hide with him. Eventually everybody is hiding there together, stacked like puppies in a pile. Then pretty soon somebody giggles and somebody laughs and then everybody gets found.

Did you know that medieval theologians even described God in hide-and-seek terms? They called him "Deus Absconditus." As for me, I suspect old God is a sardine player from way back. He will most likely, I think, be found in the same way everybody gets found in sardines . . . by the sound of laughter from those heaped together at the end. "Olly Olly Oxen Free." Here in Pattonville, the kids out on the lawn are shouting the cry that says, "Come on in, wherever you are." It's a new game. And so say I. To all of you in GSMC who have hid too good, "Get found, kid!!!" Olly Olly Oxen Free.

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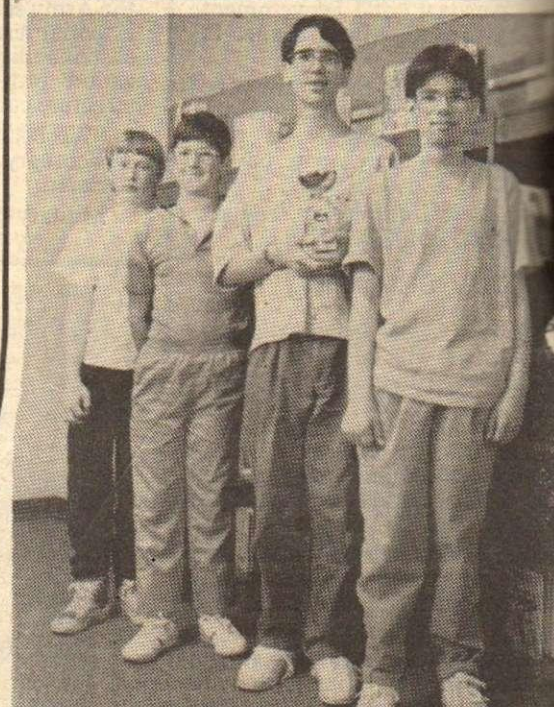


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The interscholastic Academic Games, or Brain Bowl champs are (left to right) Joe Hildebrandt, Chris Ward, Alex Bueno-Edwards, and Bryan Weirs of Ludwigsburg Middle School. The fourth annual competition, which Ludwigsburg won last year, included eight schools and consisted of 28 games on a double elimination basis. Each team scored 10 points for each of the 13 questions answered correctly in areas of host nation, math, athletics, music, art, earth science, computer science, English, current events, geography, history, and literature.

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Statistics show decline in energy consumption; current reduction rates more than double the goal

by Lois R. Giovacchini
Command Information Officer

At a recent meeting of the Greater Stuttgart Military Community Energy Conservation Council, mid-year statistics were released concerning energy consumption by the community. The statistics, compiled by the Energy and Environmental Management Office of the Directorate of Engineering and Housing (DEH), revealed that the energy consumption rate for Oct. 1988 through March 1989 was 12.47% lower than the same period last year.

This percentage decrease represents a great improvement in GSMC's energy conservation program. The community commander, Maj. Gen. James B. Allen Jr., set an overall energy reduction goal of 5% during this fiscal year (Oct. 1988 through Sept. 1989). Obviously the community's performance to date has far outpaced this established goal. As a matter of fact, the actual reduction is more than double the goal.

This in turn means that GSMC may have an excellent opportunity to receive a portion of the USAREUR or Department of Army monetary awards given for excellence in energy conservation. This community has competed for such awards in the past, but has not won any yet. However, if energy conservation efforts and awareness continue to improve, this may be Stuttgart's year.

Energy conservation became a fact of military life in the late 1970s, following the Middle East oil embargo. To gain independence from foreign oil sources, the Department of Defense set long range goals for marked reduction in energy usage by the turn of the century. The Army energy conservation program has been instituted in support of these goals and uses a variety of means to encourage limiting energy consumption.

One of the ways that the Army promotes conserva-

tion is through its awards program. Army communities compete against one another and are evaluated according to their energy conservation performance compared with other communities of similar size. These awards, on both the Army and USAREUR levels, may range up to half a million dollars. Furthermore, once awarded, the funds are totally discretionary and can be spent by the community according to its own priorities.

Locally the community's conservation program is coordinated by the Energy Conservation Council. The council is a board composed of representatives of the six GSMC subcommunities, local tenant activities such as the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Commissary and Department of Defense Dependents Schools, and community staff personnel. During its quarterly meetings the council reviews energy use statistics and develops conservation initiatives for implementation throughout the community.

Michele Levine, chief of the Energy and Environmental Management Office of DEH, coordinates meetings and activities for the Energy Conservation Council. According to Levine, "The community (GSMC) has a better chance this year for an energy conservation award than ever before."

Levine added that this year's percentage decrease in energy use is due in large part to the "district heat" program. Under this program heating facilities within the Stuttgart area have been modernized and upgraded in a cooperative effort between GSMC DEH and local German utility contractors. "District heat" facilitates the purchase of heat from the German contractor, which is far less costly and more environmentally sound than the old system of using coal boilers fueled by coal imported from the United States.

Another factor in the conservation program is increased awareness throughout the community. Energy conservation is discussed at town hall meetings, build-

ing coordinators, trainings, and commander's conferences. The command emphasis is simple — save energy by wasting less.

According to Levine, an invitation has been issued to USAREUR energy conservation experts to view Stuttgart's progress in this area. By showing that energy conservation is alive and well in GSMC, the community may better its energy record and its chances for an award. Funds generated by energy savings and/or awards can be used for community improvements.

Energy conservation savings of \$131,000 realized last year are already being channeled into local projects. The community commander in coordination with subcommunity commanders has directed that these dollars be used for upgrading of bus stops throughout GSMC. Currently many bus stops are eyesores which offer little respite from inclement weather. The new bus shelters will be German-style offering a bench roofed with metal and enclosed on three sides by plexi-glass. GSMC Director of Engineering and Housing, Lt. Col. James Galloway, said that the contracting process for acquiring the shelters is under way. Galloway predicted that the bus stops will be in place by the end of summer.

The bus shelters will be placed throughout GSMC according to the following plan: six to the Bad Cannstatt-Zuffenhausen subcommunity; three to the Boeblingen-Sindelfingen subcommunity; seven to the Ludwigsburg-Kornwestheim subcommunity; two to the Nellingen-Esslingen-Echterdingen subcommunity; five to the Moehringen-Degerloch subcommunity; and three to the Vaihingen subcommunity.

Reducing energy consumption in GSMC for the rest of the year will require effort and teamwork from all who live, work and play here. But if the efforts succeed in decreasing the amount of energy used by 12.5% or more, the Greater Stuttgart Military Community will be the real winner.

New Army policy ends confusion over use of award numerals

The Army will no longer use the numeral one device awards and decorations. The policy went into effect March 30. Numerals starting with numeral two (2) will be used to denote second and subsequent awards of several service medals, ribbons, and level of NCO military education. Numeral two will also be used to designate the second award of the Air Medal, multinational force and observers medal, overseas service ribbon, and the Army Reserve Components overseas training ribbon.

The bar ribbon device will represent the first award of these honors. The NCO professional development ribbon emblem (bar ribbon device) will denote primary (PNOC) level.

The numeral two used on the NCO professional development ribbon will reflect completion of PNOC. Numerals three and four on the NCO professional development ribbon will reflect advanced (ANOC) and senior (SGMACAD) levels respectively. The numeral five will no longer be used with the SPDR to depict Sergeants Major Academy graduates.

Soldiers have until June 30 to comply with this changed policy.

The rationale for the change is that the current policy is confusing if not incoherent.

The change in numeral policy, then, will align personnel records entries with devices worn on the uniform.

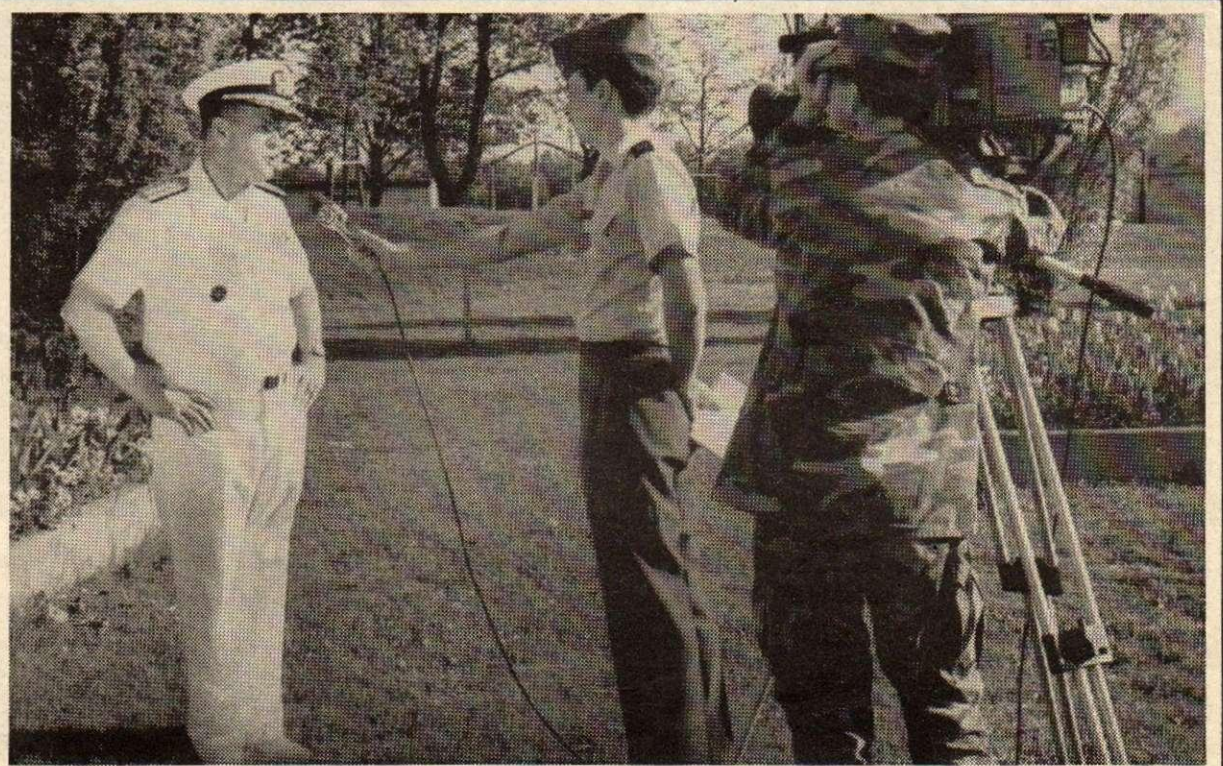


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Navy Interview

Director of Operations, Rear Admiral R.A.K. Taylor (left) is interviewed by Sgt. Brian Scott and Staff Sergeant Alan Estes of AFN Stuttgart. The senior naval officer at Headquarters, EUCOM was on hand for an award ceremony and inspection of the 180 Navy personnel assigned there.

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Pet birds

All pet birds are strictly controlled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) when you take them to the States, even if they came from the States originally. Procedures are complicated, so plan ahead to avoid problems.

Because birds are a persistent source of disease outbreaks in the States, fines are severe for trying to smuggle them into the States, warned T.H. Russell, USDA advisor to the U.S. European Command.

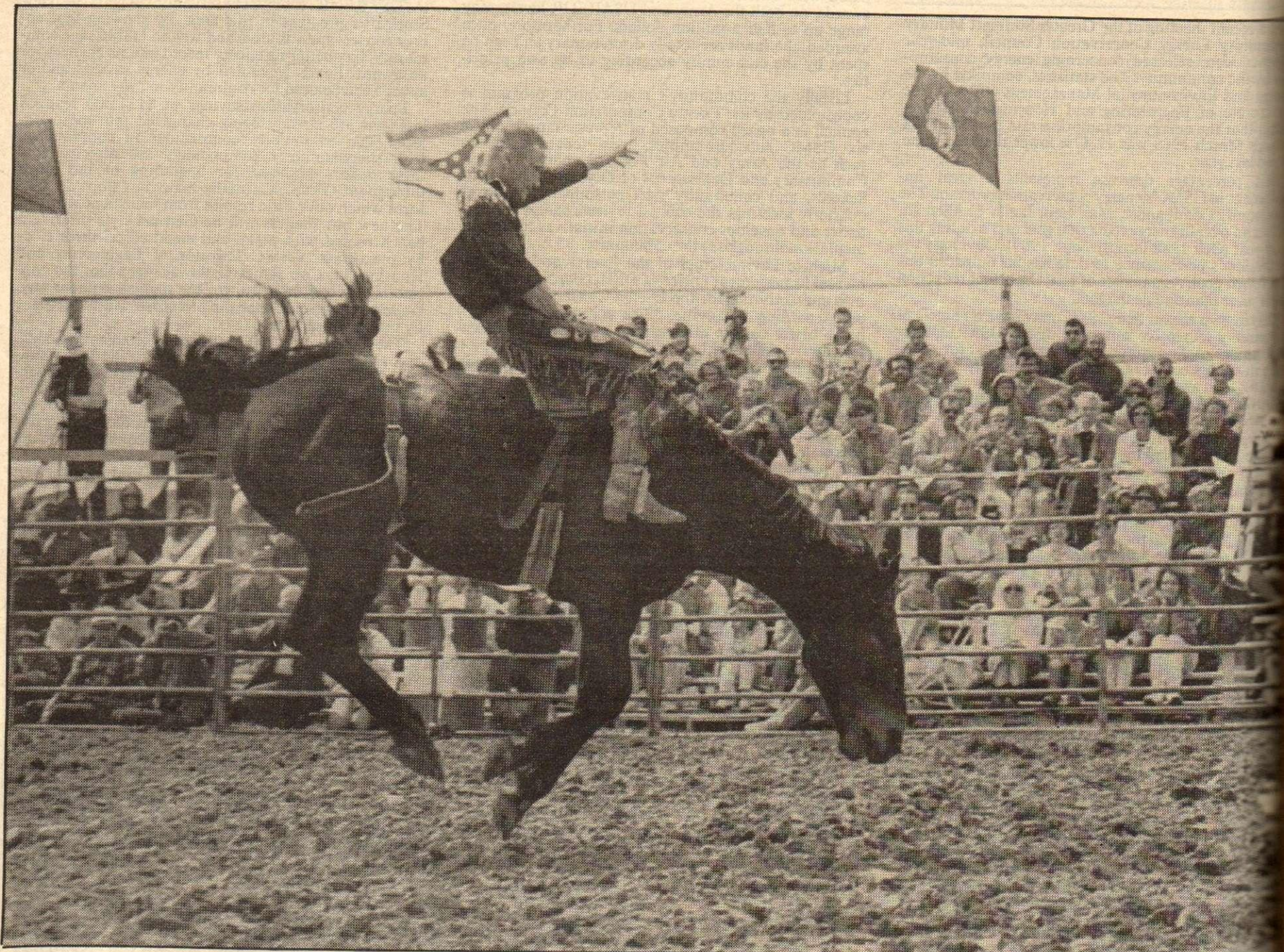
Birds must be quarantined at your expense for at least

30 days in one of only six USDA facilities. You must reserve quarantine space in advance with a deposit of \$40 and VS Form 17-23 (available at USDA offices, US consulates or embassies). Take the health certificate on VS Form 17-23 to your local military veterinarian and have him examine the bird. The certificate must accompany the bird and the signature must be less than 30 days old on arrival in the U.S. Also, the Fish and Wildlife Service requires permits for live or dead migratory birds (including feathers, parts and mounted specimens) and for live injurious or endangered birds.

Get the "Importing a Pet Bird" pamphlet from your local 42d MP Group field office.

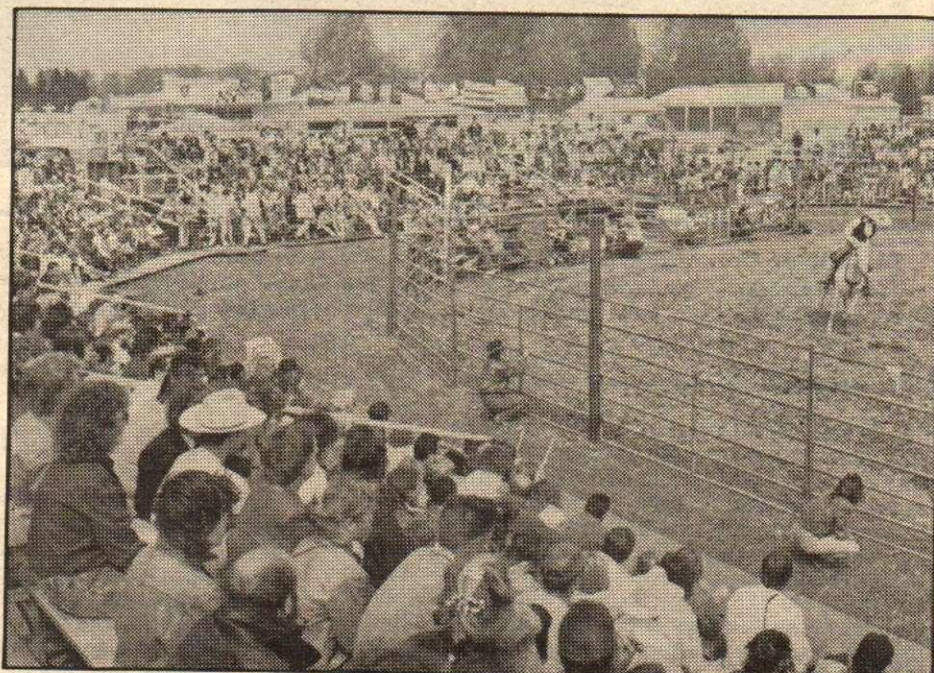
Income tax check

Normally, you will receive your refund of overpaid federal tax about six weeks after you file your return. If you have not received your refund in eight weeks after mailing your return, you may check on it by writing the Service Center where you filed your return. Be sure to include your name, address, and social security number. You will receive interest on any income tax refund delayed more than 45 days after the later of either the date you filed your return or the date your return was due. For additional information, contact your Unit Tax Advisor.



A bronc-buster demonstrates the classic cowboy form as horse and rider leave the ground in one of many exciting events at GSMC's rodeo.

photo by Bob Crockett



Fans were treated to some fancy trick riding and roping, Western-style.

photo by Bob Crockett



Roping a rampaging steer is not as hard as it looks. It's harder!

photo by Bob Crockett

Wild West returns to Nellingen

Stuttgart was treated to a slice of Americana May 6 and 7, as German and American rodeo fans moseyed on down to Nellingen Barracks for the Greater Stuttgart Military Community South Rodeo.

Held in conjunction with Nellingen Barracks — 35th German-American Friendship Volksfest, the rodeo drew in approximately 10,000 spectators during two days of competition.

Cowboys from military communities throughout Germany thrilled the capacity crowd as they pitted themselves against beasts, during the bronco busting and steer roping events, while vying for prizes and top cowboy honors.

Organized by Rodeo USA and the GSMC special activities branch, the GSMC South Rodeo offered both Germans and Americans alike a glimpse of the Old West and some good ol' cowboy hospitality.



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A wrangler tightens his reigns before jumping out of the chute.



photo by Bob Crockett

Gabi Lee and her pup, Archie, enjoy the excitement.

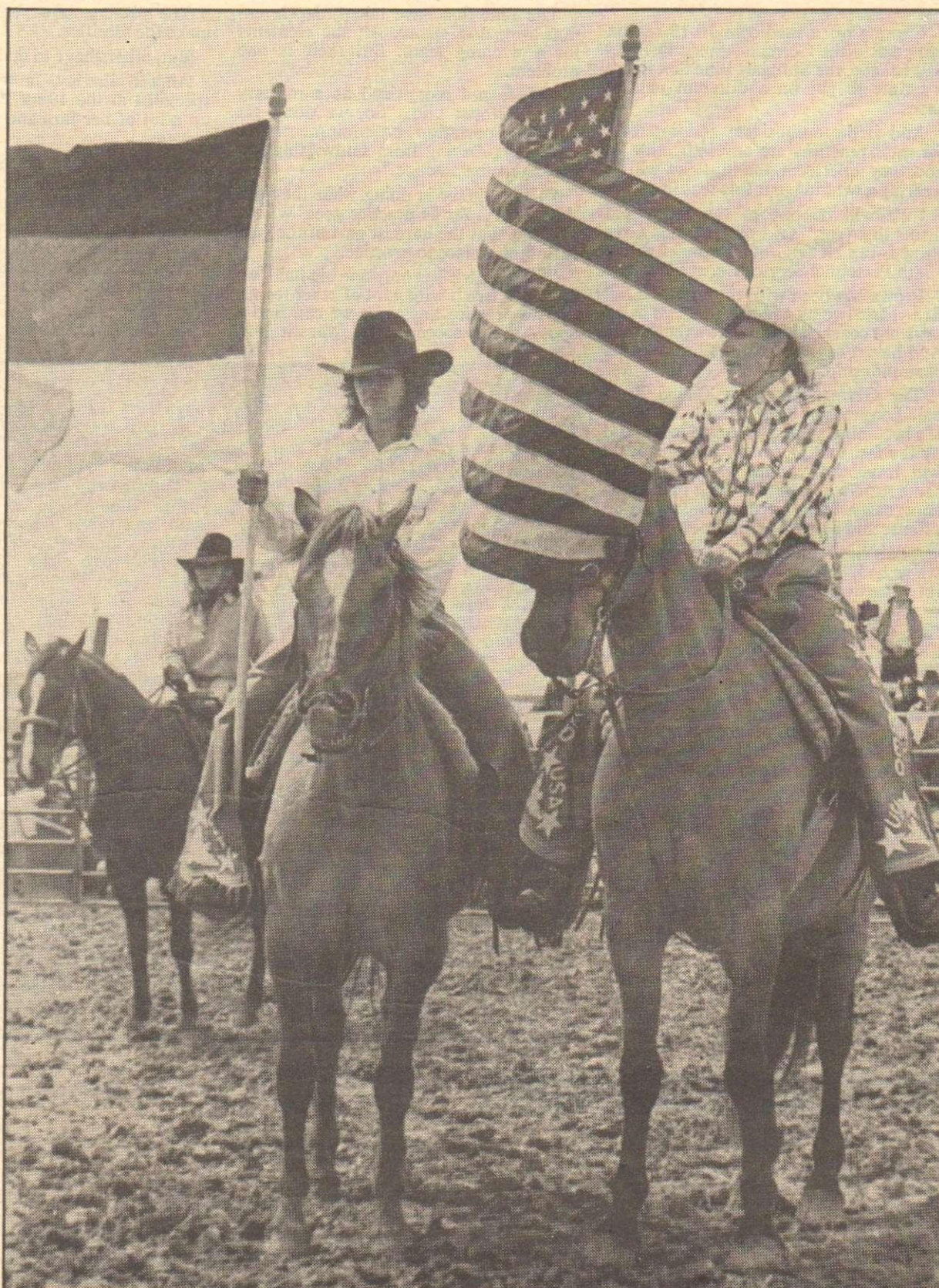
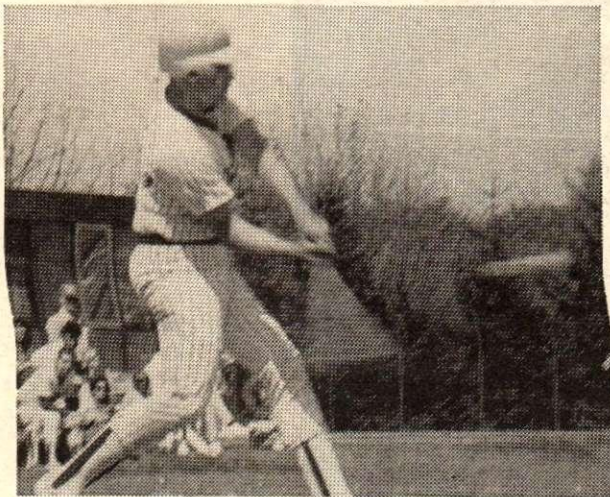


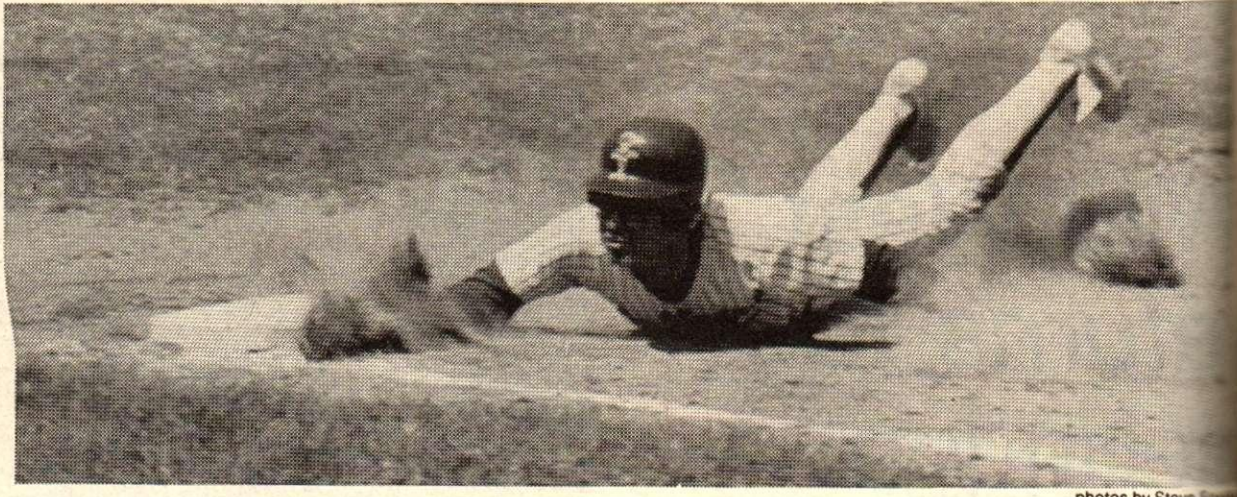
photo by Bob Gonsalves

Riders open festivities at the GSMC rodeo held at Nellingen Barracks.

Sox not expecting to sing Blues this season



The Blue Sox provide fans with outstanding hitting.



photos by Steve Smith

The Blue Sox "have a burning desire to play" emphasized by determination and hustle.

by Lionel R. Green
Stuttgart Citizen sports writer

Coming off a mediocre 10-10 season last year in the German-American Baseball League, the Stuttgart Blue Sox figure it's time to put on a different pair of shoes.

And if the enthusiasm and intensity for their practices are any indication of how they'll perform, the Blue Sox will be wearing a winning pair this season.

"We will be one of the prominent teams this year," said player/coach Greg Brown, the NCOIC of Personnel at the 198th Personnel Service Co. at Flak.

Brown has been with the team the last five years: two as a player and two as an assistant coach. This year he's the leader. And he's ready to lead the Blue Sox to a championship.

The German-American Tele 5 Baseball League has been around 10 years. It's becoming a popular league evidenced by the fact that German cable television will broadcast various games. It's the same American pastime with one difference: at least two Germans must play on offense and defense at all times.

"This has been the best spring practice we've had," Brown said. "There's been a lot of participation."

The Blue Sox have 29 Americans and four Germans on their roster with two assistant coaches, Gary James and Charlie Wilbur.

Wilbur, operations and training officer at Kelley Barracks, said, "All of our players have a burning desire to play, and I have to literally throttle them down because they're so excited."

The team's sponsor, Cars International, played a major role in giving the Blue Sox a chance to play.

"This season would not be possible without Cars International," Brown said. "They gave plenty of support."

There are advantages of playing for the Blue Sox other than just getting in shape or playing the game.

"One of the main reasons we play is to get the single soldier out of the barracks," Brown said. "Plus the players get a lot of good traveling experience and see

a lot of Germany."

But, with the advantages comes disadvantages.

The Blue Sox have talent, depth, enthusiasm, and desire. All the elements for a winning team. But their is one problem.

"We're not recognized as a military sport," Brown said. "So, we don't get any transportation or equipment. We have guys driving from Ludwigsburg to Patch just for practice."

"The military is doing what they can though." As far as practice goes, Wilbur explains that the hardest part of the year is finding a place to practice.

"Since Patch has only one big field, we have to share it with a lot of other teams. So, we practice anywhere we can find a spot — old soccer fields, vacant lots,

anywhere."

None of these guys are getting paid either. It's all volunteer, Brown said.

The players, however, are willing to make the sacrifice.

But, others have to make sacrifices.

Angela Fairley, a communications specialist at the 198th PSC, has to give up a lot of her husband during baseball season.

"I have to give up my husband for practice and games," she said. "But, I do get to meet people and go places."

Fairley added that even though she never gets tired of watching her husband play, she does get tired of going to all the games because they seem to have one every week.

Her husband, Joseph, a civilian work-

ing at Kelley Fitness Center and plays shortstop for the team, realizes it's rough for his wife because he comes out and plays baseball. He does appreciate her presence at the games.

"It's a great feeling when she comes out and supports me."

The players themselves are experienced ball players.

"The players are above average," Brown said. "Most have played above the high school level and in college. Coach Brown himself has played two years at the junior college level and two at the college level."

"We also have two senior team members from the Youth Services playing on the team," Brown said. "They are better players and have increased their abilities immensely."

With everyone from the YS to the college-level, it seems only appropriate that the team has an international flavor with German team members.

The camaraderie and team spirit reaches the international level, too.

German Danny Kleinbub is working an apprenticeship as an industrial machanic and is an outfielder for the Blue Sox. This is his second year with the team, and he shares in the anticipation of this season.

"We're a lot more motivated than last year, and we've trained a lot," Kleinbub said. "We've had a good spring training."

The first-year players are just as fired up as the veterans of the team.

Second baseman Jason Baker voiced the opinion for all the rookies when he said, "We expect to win the league."

Catcher John Kyte looks at each game with added emphasis saying, "We need to win every game, so we can get more support."

These guys have baseball fever, and it's contagious. They must pay a price for the fever though. And this price is etched in Coach Brown's words: "The price of our games is good sportsmanship."

Sounds like a price that the Blue Sox players are willing to pay.

The Stuttgart Blue Sox offer fans quality baseball. So, come on out and spend Sunday afternoon with the Blue Sox.

Sox stone Masons in opener

The Stuttgart Blue Sox swept a doubleheader over the Heilbronn Masons in the season opener for both teams in the German-American Tele 5 Baseball League May 7.

In the opener, Wendell Griffin pitched a two-hitter and Jake Williams drove in four runs on a double and a single to lead Stuttgart to an 11-1 victory.

Griffin, a supply specialist for the 589th Signal Bn, allowed only two singles while striking out 10 batters.

"This is the first year I played, so this is the first time I've seen them (Heilbronn)," Griffin said. "I kept them off balance with the fastball and the curveball. The defense really helped me out a lot."

Griffin also said that everybody was hitting — especially Greg Brown, Wally Shankovich, and Jake Williams — and that allowed him to pitch comfortably and "let it all hang out."

Coach Charlie Wilbur, said his team performed the fundamentals and everything fell into place.

"We just did the right things at the

right time," Wilbur said.

The nightcap was riddled by errors, but the Blue Sox ended up winning a wild one over Heilbronn, 15-14. Stuttgart led 9-1 early in the game, but Heilbronn came back to take a 14-13 lead in the top of the seventh inning. The Blue Sox rallied to score twice in the bottom of the seventh to win the game.

Brown, Shankovich, and Williams came through in Stuttgart's comeback thriller with singles to pull the game out in the final inning.

Coach Wilbur said that after getting the early 9-1 lead, "We went flat and started making some mistakes at the wrong times."

"That second game was a good learning experience for the team, but it was nerve-racking for me," Wilbur said. "We just tightened our belts and showed everybody what we're made of."

Stuttgart heads to Bad Toelz to play May 21, and follows that with another away game May 28 at Gies-sen. The Blue Sox have a home game against defending champion Mannheim June 4 at Patch.

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Men's tryouts

Men's community level slow pitch softball tryouts will be held at Krabbenloch Kaserne softball field on May 15, 17-19 from 6-8 p.m.

For more information, contact Larry Keen, 4222-606/867/754.

Volunteer drivers

We are looking for volunteer drivers to transport community sports teams.

For more information, call the GSMC Sports Office, 420-6315/7055.

GSMC softball

The GSMC Community Women's softball team will be practicing Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Coffey Barracks.

For more information, contact SFC Shepard, 4212-395, or the GSMC Sports Office, 420-6315/7055.

Karate classes

Summer will soon be here, school will be out and your children will be looking for something to do.

Wouldn't it be nice if they were already involved in an activity?

Taekwon-do is a sport that offers discipline, camaraderie, a sense of achievement, and it is enjoyable. The instructor, Lesek Krusink, is a second degree black belt holder.

Classes are held at the Pattonville YS on Monday and Wednesday, and the RB YS on Tuesday and Thursday. There are classes offered for children 8 years of age, and adult classes, also. The cost is \$20 a month.

For more information, call Pattonville YS, 420-550, or RB YS at 420-6140.

Stepping Out with Evi Hofielen

May 15-May 21

DAILY HORTICULTURE SHOW

—
Bietigheim-B-
insingen,
County of
Ludwigsburg.

Monday, May 15
Whit Monday
(German Holi-
day)

BALLET NIGHT

— Poeme de
Textase,
Wuerttemberg
State Opera
House, 7 p.m.,
also Wednes-
day, May 17 and Friday, May 19.

"MOON OVER PARADOR" — Feature film in En-
glish, Kino Atelier 2, Kronprinzstr. 6, 5:15 p.m.,
7:30 p.m., 9:45 p.m. thru Wednesday, May 17.

NIKKI SUDDEN — "Roehre", Wagenburgtunnel,
Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16

BILLY'S HOT JAZZ — Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3,
7:30 p.m.

FIDELIO — Opera by Beethoven, Wuerttemberg State
Opera House, 8 p.m.

"TANGO" — Concert, City Hall Leonberg, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17

STUTTGART PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA —
Works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Lie-
derhalle, 4 p.m.

OLD FASHION JAZZBAND — Dixieland Hall, Mari-
enstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

THE CURE IN CONCERT — Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-
Hall, 8 p.m.

SOCCER — VfB Stuttgart vs SSC Naples, Neckarsta-
dion, 8 p.m.

HAPPY WINE CRUISE ON NECKAR RIVER — De-
parture: Across from Wilhelma, 6:30 p.m.

"BOCCACCIO" — Operetta by Franz von Suppe,
Schwablandhalle, Fellbach, 8 p.m.

"BONDAGE" — de "Roehre", Wagenburgtunnel,
Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 18

"A FISH CALLED WANDA" — Feature film in En-
glish, Kino Atelier 2, Kronprinzstr. 6, 5:15 p.m.,
7:30 p.m., 9:45 p.m., thru Wednesday, May 24.

"LAT FOOT STOMPERS" — Dixieland Hall, Mari-
enstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

JAMSESSION — de "Roehre", Wagenburgtunnel,
Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

Friday, May 19

"FLASHDANCE" — Feature film in English, Amerika
Haus, Friedrichstr. 23A, 6 p.m.

BELLARD-ENSEMBLE, LONDON — Stiftskirche,
Stiftstr., 7 p.m.

HELVIA DROSTE'S VOICINGS — Dixieland Hall,
Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

ANITA TIKARAM — Liederhalle, 8 p.m.

SOCCER — SV Stuttgarter Kickers vs Waldhof Mann-
heim, Neckarstadion, 8 p.m.

ROBERG SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA — Forum
an Schlosspark, Ludwigsburg, 8 p.m.

"GIZEN AND THE LOST CONTROL" — de
"Roehre", Wagenburgtunnel, Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 20

ALCANTARA — Opera by Richard Strauss, Wuerttemberg
State Opera House, 7:30 p.m.

BOAT PARTY ON NECKAR RIVER — Depart-
ure: Across from Wilhelma, 7:30 p.m.

ANDREW LUDWIGSBURG — Dixieland Hall,
Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

"UNDER" — de "Roehre", Wagenburgtunnel,
Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

Sunday, May 21

OPEN-AIR CONCERT — Killesberg, Open-Air Thea-
ter, 3 p.m.

CONCERT — Works by Schubert, Dvorak, Janacek,
Liederhalle, 7 p.m.

"WE WIZZARD" — de "Roehre", Wagenburgtunnel,
Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

VOLKSMARCH

Monday & Sunday: KLEINGARTACH, Heilbronn
County, POC: Norbert Richter, Dornweg 6, 7103
Kleingartach, tel: 07138-6460.

Monday & Sunday: SALACH, Goepfingen County,
POC: Rudolf Bender, Reuschstr. 19, 7326 Heining-
en, tel: 07161-41503.

ALL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE!



Schwabian Alps hike

All United Methodists are invited to take part in a Schwabian Alps hike May 21. Meeting point is the entrance of the 5th General Hospital, Bad Cannstatt.

For further information, call 0711-6877709 before Tuesday.

Mom's & Dad's outreach

The Patch Army Community Service is planning a Mom's and Dad's Outreach the first and third Thursday of the month. The second meeting for May will be on Thursday at the Recreation center from 10 a.m. to noon.

Sign up is necessary. For more information, call 430-7176.

Women's support group

An on-going Women's Support Group meets each Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Robinson Barracks Community/Chapel Annex, bldg. 118.

The meeting is open to all interested women, and babysitting is available.

For details, call the Chaplain Family Life Center, 420-7022.

Memorial Day picnic

Join the Krabbenloch Community Rec center on May 29 for a memorial picnic in Bad Cannstatt's May-Eyth-See Park. Transportation will leave the center at 11 a.m.

Sign up NLT May 25, by stopping by the center, or calling 4282-553.

'Wild West carnival'

Come on down to Stuttgart Elementary Jr. High School May 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a wild-west carnival. There will be plenty of food, games, and prizes for all ages, clowns, balloons, and tons of fun.

The event is open to ID card holders only. For more information, call 4222-740 or 0711-853335.

RBYS flea market

Now is the time for spring cleaning! Get rid of all those old clothes, shoes, and other unwanted items at the Robinson Barracks Youth Services flea market May 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at bldg. 120.

Tables are \$15 each; for further information, call 420-6140/6016.

'Alice in Wonderland'

Rehearsals are now in progress for the upcoming production of "Alice in Wonderland", the classic fantasy novel by Lewis Carroll.

Alice will be presented as a co-production of Stuttgart American High School and the Stuttgart Entertainment Branch at the Theatre Center, Bad Cannstatt, on June 9, 11, 16, 17, and 18.

For tickets, times and reservation information, contact the Entertainment Branch at 420-6148 or 0711-8196148.

Patch orientation program

Patch Elementary School invites you and your child to attend an orientation program Wednesday at 9 a.m. Due to limited space, we request you do not bring younger siblings.

For additional information, contact 430-7296.

Kelley lunch & learn

The Kelley ACS is sponsoring a lunch'n learn Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. in conference room 6, bldg. 3317. Advance sign-up is necessary.

Call to make reservations now, 4212-600 or 0711-7292600.

Choral music evening

The Choral Arts Society of Patch Barracks announce an evening of fine choral music May 23, featuring the Patch Community Chorus, the OCWC Choraleers, and the EUCOM Harmonizers. The performance will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Patch High School Forum, and the public is welcome to attend. Donations will be accepted at the door.

For more information, contact 0711-6877878.

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Patch bar-b-q

On June 3, all United Methodists are invited to a bar-b-q at Patch Barracks, bldg. 2514-A6, Vermontstr., at 5 p.m.

For reservations, call Ginny or Charlie Canon at 0711-6877817.

WOA meeting

The Warrant Officer Association, Stuttgart Silver Chapter, will hold a meeting May 23 at 7 p.m., bldg. 161, "B" stairwell, top floor at Robinson Barracks.

The upcoming fund raiser will be discussed. The booth at the Harley-Davidson Rally opens May 26. All Army Warrant Officers are invited to attend.

For further information, contact 4282-595.

1989 Army ball

Excitement '89, a European Command formal military ball saluting the 214th birthday of the U.S. Army is slated for the evening of June 17.

Providing the excitement for this gala event will be the U.S. Army "Soldier Show" from Washington, D.C. The show features the top entertainers selected each year from throughout the U.S. Army singing and dancing in an exciting stage production.

Bus transportation will be provided from Patch Barracks to the hotel for the ball.

Ticket prices are prorated based on rank or grade. For ticket information, contact your local ticket representative or call 430-5468.

GSMC raft race

The Community Recreation Centers present GSMC Neckar River Raft Race July 15 at 9:30 a.m. at Poppenweiler locks, Ludwigsburg.

Registration starts June 12, the cost is \$40 or DM 80 per team (10 people per team); registration after July 7 will be charged \$50 or DM 100.

For more information and registration call: Kelley Rec — 0711-721311 or 421-2743/2611; Krabbenloch Rec — 07141-82301 or 4282-553; Kornwestheim Rec — 07154-29244; Nellingen Rec — 0711-3482093 or 421-6234; Patch Rec — 0711-6877234 or 430-5559/8276; Panzer Rec — 07031-25015 or 431-2760/2540.

Absolutely no charcoal, open fires, barbecues, or camping allowed.

10 K run

On May 21, a 10K run and fun run will be held in the field across from Pattonville Theater to benefit Special Olympics. Pre-registration is \$5 and \$7 on the day of event. The fun run is free, but registration is required.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with the fun run starting at 12:30 p.m., and the 10K run at 1 to 3 p.m.

Look for pre-registration forms at your local gymnasium, recreation center, library, ACS office, or contact 4282-550/788/457.



"Honey, guess how many years we've been married?"

