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NEW TRAFFIC CIRCLE NEARS COMPLETION

Construction continues on the new traffic circle into the northwest-expansion area here March 26. The main gate will be closed for construction to the traffic circle until April 5. The South Gate will be open for inbound and outbound traffic until construction is complete. Gate 2 will be open Monday through Friday to inbound traffic 6:30 – 8:30 a.m. and outbound traffic 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. from Memorial Drive only. Inbound traffic will flow past Gate 2 to the B-50 traffic circle and re-route back to Gate 2 via the access road to the right of the main road. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

Base theater reopens April 4

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The base theater is scheduled to reopen April 4. Ceremonies begin at 5:15 p.m. with the first movie showing of "Wrath of the Titans" in 3-D at 7 p.m. and the second showing at 9:30 p.m.

The theater has been closed for nearly three months for renovations and upgrades. Some of the upgrades include a remodeled entryway, new auditorium seating, a digital projection and audio system, new paint, updated snack bar and a new theater screen.

"With these updates, it gives Airmen the opportunity to not have to drive to Ramstein [Air Base] or Luxembourg to get a quality theater experience," said Michelle Hetcher, Exchange food court manager. "Sometimes, the base movie theater can be an Airman's only form of entertainment, so it was

vastly important to upgrade this for them."

The renovation project cost more than \$700,000 with the burden shared between the military Exchange service and Spangdahlem's 2011 Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence award money.

"The upgrades were well-deserved," said Bobby McNaire, Spangdahlem Exchange store manager. "The community worked so hard to get these updates, and they're going to see a big difference."

"From the concession to the seating, everything is better," he continued. "The new theater is unbelievable."

Some of the updates make Spangdahlem's theater one of a kind, Hetcher said. This is the first military theater in Germany to have both the digital projection and sound system, and it is the only military theater in the world to have 3-D capability.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123295651>.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Staff Sgt. Jason E. Ermish, 52nd Fighter Wing Protocol NCO in charge, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of March 29 – April 4. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123295872>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Toon/Released).



Senior Airman Kyle Kottas, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, simulates robbing Senior Airman Serge Exume, 52nd Communications Squadron postal clerk, during an anti-robbery exercise inside the post office here March 23. The exercise tested the anti-robbery skills of postal workers, security forces members and military working dogs by ensuring Airmen are prepared to protect people and resources during real-world situations. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/Released)

Putting crime on 'paws'

Military working dogs save post office from simulated robbery



Above: Master Sgt. Blair Kelley, 52nd Security Forces Squadron flight chief, points out the position of a suspect to Tech. Sgt. Michael Thomas, 52nd SFS military working dog handler, during an anti-robbery exercise outside the veterinarian clinic here March 23.

Left: Tech. Sgt. Michael Thomas, 52nd Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, and his dog, Sonna, apprehend simulated suspect Senior Airman Kyle Kottas, 52nd SFS, during an anti-robbery exercise outside veterinarian clinic here March 23.

Airman reunites with family

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An Airmen from the 52nd Force Support Squadron reunited with her family March 26 after returning three weeks early from a deployment to south-west Asia.

Staff Sgt. Emma Hicks deployed with the 332nd Expeditionary Force Support Squadron Lodging Flight and had been scheming for almost six months on how to surprise her mother, Constance Besaw, and daughter, Zoe.

Besaw works with the base's information, tickets and travel office and had stayed with Zoe throughout the deployment. Zoe, 9, is enrolled in Spangdahlem's School Age Programs.

Hicks found out she would return three weeks earlier than expected, so she convinced the SAP staff to hold a meeting upon her return between Besaw and Zoe as a practical joke. Hicks' plan called for the meeting to discuss fake artwork supposedly drawn by Zoe. When Zoe denied drawing the artwork, Hicks would enter the room to complete the surprise.

"Zoe's such a jokester," Hicks said, "so when I found out I was

coming home, I thought it would be neat to play a trick on them."

The day of the surprise, the SAP staff called Besaw during lunchtime to request her presence at the meeting. The staff didn't explain the intent of the meeting, just that it was important.

"I had no idea what this was going to be about," Besaw said. "I didn't know if Zoe was in trouble or had done something bad."

During the meeting, the staff passed around the pages of artwork. Besaw was surprised. Zoe was indignant. Hicks walked into the room and said, "Is there a problem?"

Screams, tears and hugs followed. Someone affably shouted "I hate you!" Hicks laughed and started identifying all of the people who made the surprise possible.

"Our Airmen are special to me," said Maj. Cat Logan, 52nd FSS commander and one of the people involved in the plot. "We do fantastic things every day, and having one of our own coming home from a deployment is an awesome event in any case."

"But this time, it's a dual FSS family," she continued. "I appreciate what they both ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123295438>.



BEEs ENSURE BASE MEMBERS ARE PROTECTED

Staff Sgt. Eva Doty, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron water protection program NCO in charge, uses a black light to check a water sample at Bldg. 175 here March 20 for florescence to ensure no harmful bacteria is in the base water system. Samples are taken at 21 different locations around base every month. The amount of samples taken per month is based on governing standards as well as the base population. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Toon/Released)



MILITARY.COM SELECTS 3 BHS FOOTBALL PLAYERS FOR ALL-DOD TEAM

Randy Plunkett, Military.com director of community and government outreach, congratulates, from left, Colton Engelmeier, Darian Billups and Matthew Flood on their selection to the Military.com All-Department of Defense Team at Bitburg High School here March 27. The team is made up of 24 football players who are children of service members stationed throughout the world. Military.com is a military and veteran membership organization that connects service members, military families and veterans to all the benefits of service. The BHS football team members received a certificate and a team jersey, and will attend an upcoming invitation-only 2012 Football University Camp, taught by NFL coaches and players. The team members will find out at a later date which one of the 45 camps they will be invited to attend. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

What's happening?

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Jazz concert

A jazz concert by Thomas Bachmann and Brazilian Songbook takes place 8 p.m. March 30 at the Haus Beda festival hall in Bitburg. Tickets are 12 Euros and can be obtained via Bitburg city hall at 06561-6001-225 or via boehm.m@stadt.bitburg.de.

German/U.S. friendship night

The Host Nation Council invites base members to a friendship night 7 p.m. March 30 at a local beer tent at the former Bitburg Flugplatz, located next to the Bitburg Annex. The event is free.

Dracula musical

A "Dracula" musical takes place March 31 at the Trier Europa hall and April 13 at the Bitburg Stadthalle, or city hall. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 0651-9790777 or visit <http://www.dracula-dasmusical.de>.

AC/DC tribute concert

A "Hole Full of Love - Tribute to AC/DC" concert takes place 8:30 p.m. June 6 at the festival tent of the Alte Gymnasium in Bitburg. The cost is 10 Euros. For more information, call The Bitburg Cultural society at 06561-6001-225/220.

Eifel Spring Bazaar

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club's Eifel Spring Bazaar is noon - 7 p.m. March 30, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. March 31, and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. April 1 in Hangars 1 and 2. More than 100 vendors will attend selling items like cheese, wine, toys, and furniture. Strollers are permitted. This event is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders.

DoDDS wrestling, cheerleading, basketball championship

AFN Europe is re-airing the Department of Defense Dependents Schools high school wrestling championship at noon March 31 on the Pentagon Channel, cheerleading championship at 2 p.m. March 31 on the Pentagon Channel and all six DoDDS Europe Basketball Championship games from noon - 7:45 p.m. April 1 on the Pentagon Channel.

US Forces Basketball Championship

The Spangdahlem Lady Saber Basketball team will travel to Ramstein Air Base April 5 - 8 for the 2012 U.S. Forces Basketball Championship. The opening ceremonies take place 8 a.m. April 5 at the Ramstein Fitness Center with the first game to follow at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6634 or 06565-61-6634.

April 6 family day

April 6 is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe family day.

Youth Spring Break trips

The Youth Programs office sponsors five Spring Break trips in April. An ice-skating trip takes place 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. April 9 for \$20. A Cascades swimming trip takes place 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. April 10 for \$25. A trip to Luxembourg castles takes place 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. April 11 for \$30. An Eifel Zoo trip takes place 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. April 12 for \$30. A Ramstein Air Base mall trip takes place 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. April 13 for \$30. Participants should bring Euro for food and shopping. For more information, call DSN 452-9206 or 06565-61-9206.

Easter Sunday chapel schedule

Protestant services are:

A SONrise service 7 a.m. at Spangdahlem Chapel lawn; traditional service at 10:30 a.m.; gospel service at noon; and a contemporary service at 4 p.m.

Catholic services are:

Palm Sunday mass at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. April 1; Holy Thursday mass at 6 p.m. April 5; Good Friday mass at 6 p.m. April 6; Easter Vigil mass at 8 p.m. April 7; and Easter Sunday mass at 9 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

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