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Repairing a vehicle at the Automotive Skills Center. Photo left: Taking aim on the greens at the Rheinblick Golf Course.

Taking steps to reopen safely while serving patrons

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A s this issue went to press in early June, Wiesbaden Family and MWR program managers were continuing to look for ways to better serve patrons with a mix of virtual and real-time events and services while ensuring everyone's safety.

Working closely with U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden health and safety officials, several Family and MWR programs and facilities joined already open MWR facilities to offer additional options.



With a diverse range of food and beverage delivery opportunities available during the COVID-19 response, Wiesbaden MWR added several Grab and Go

options and began accepting cash at local food emporiums. In addition to the Bamboo Asian Restaurant, Little Italy Restaurant and Catering Center, Dagger Cantina and Wiesbaden Entertainment Center, MWR reopened the Shali Java Café, Latin Street and Java Express.

While the Automotive Skills Center and

Outdoor Recreation Center, both located on Clay North, have been offering a range of services including emergency repairs, oil change and tire rotation, bike maintenance, equipment rental, storage unit rentals and more — MWR also worked ways to safely offer Value Added Tax and Utility Tax Avoidance Program services, a Wiesbaden Library Request Pickup Service, Arts and Crafts Center sales, Parent Central Services' registrations and re-registrations, and fun on the greens at the Rheinblick Golf Course.

The Outdoor Recreation Center's Facebook page has continued to feature videos on everything from hunting and fishing to mountain biking, European travel to extreme sports. Patrons also have the opportunity to challenge themselves in the center's Hiking and Biking Clubs — keeping track of the kilometers logged to be recognized for their efforts.

While fitness officials were getting ever closer to reopening the Wiesbaden Sports and Fitness Center, they continued to deliver a healthy mix of online training opportunities, virtual competitions such as the Virtual Memorial Day Murph and almost daily virtual classes. These have ranged from yoga to mobility training, meditation to quick workout routines, Biggest Loser to Boot Camp workouts. Additionally Sports and Fitness programmed several other virtual events including a Tie Dye Color Run (on June 20), Four-Day Volksmarch (July 3-6), Half Marathon (Aug. 8) and a Fitness Resolution (Sept. 19).

Wiesbaden Child and Youth Services has likewise stepped up their game to offer a rich mix of fun, educational and recreational resources. Their popular After School videos — everything from dog treat recipes to fitness fun, Minute to Win It challenge, video crafts classes and Spring Basket Drive were all aimed at providing younger Wiesbaden military community patrons with diverse options.

While still in the planning stages in late May, officials were looking at ways to celebrate the July Fourth holiday with fireworks, a live stream and more.

Wiesbaden community members can get the latest information on Wiesbaden Family and MWR by regularly checking the Wiesbaden Family MWR Facebook and Web pages. In addition to details on upcoming live and virtual events, patrons can

take part in challenges, giveaways and competitions, and find updated health and wellness resources.

