

## Long-standing Members honored

**Kirchheim.** The Nürtingen /Kirchheim district group of the Württemberg Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired held its annual general meeting in the Kirchheim Citizens' Office. After the official part and the discharge of the members, district group leader Ewald Löw honored long-standing members: Jörg Riedel was honored for 40 years of membership , and Zdenka Gabaj for 25 years.

After a musical contribution and subsequent snack , the afternoon ended comfortably.

## Day hike of the Albverein Kirchheim

**Kirchheim.** On Easter Monday, 25. April, the Kirchheim local group of the Swabian Alb Association offers a circular hike near Bad Niedernau. The total walking time is approximately four and a half hours. Departure is at 9:30 a.m. from the Konrad Widerholt Hall. Ride sharing is available.

## Nordic Walking for beginners

**Weilheim.** On Saturday, May 7, the Weilheim Association for Health and Rehabilitation Sports is offering a three-hour Nordic Walking beginners course. The meeting point is at the Limburghalle parking lot at 9 a.m. Exercise poles are available . Individual instruction is also available upon request . Please register by calling 07023/72203.

## With the DRK to Federal Garden Show

**Esslingen District.** Seats are still available for the German Red Cross (DRK) Nürtingen-Kirchheim trip to the Moselle, to Andernach, and to Koblenz for the Federal Garden Show. The bus trip runs from Sunday, May 29, to Wednesday, June 1. All senior citizens who enjoy traveling are welcome to join.

Membership in the German Red Cross is not required. To register, please call 07022/7007-36.

## The DRK requests about blood donation

**Neidlingen.** The DRK blood donation service requests donations on Thursday, May 5, between 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

A blood donation will be held at the Reußensteinhalle in Neidlingen. The German Red Cross (DRK) is urgently looking for first-time donors. Therefore, everyone who brings a new blood donor will receive a backpack as a thank you. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 71 can donate blood , but first-time donors must be no older than 64. The DRK advises that you should bring your ID.

## 25 years of the Max Eyth School Friends Association

**Kirchheim.** At the general meeting, the Association of Friends and Supporters of the Max Eyth School was able to look back on 25 years of successful work . 150 members and 15 companies currently belong to the association, which has set itself the task of supporting the Max Eyth School in its educational mission . Staub thanked the eight founding members for their pioneering work and presented the first members present with a small gift. A total of more than €600,000 has flowed to the school over these years, primarily for equipment and teacher training, emphasized the second chairman and head of school.

Erich Zeh, the head of the Max Eyth School . This is a proud sum that the association has earned mainly through course fees. For the next year alone, investments of around 70,000 euros are planned for the benefit of the

School planned. The venue of the event was appropriate for the celebratory occasion : At the invitation of Norbert Kugel, the honorary chairman of the historical fire brigade friends and former teacher at the Max Eyth School, the general meeting took place in the beautiful fire brigade museum on Henriettenstrasse .

# Unvarnished truth

## Isabelle Müller read from her autobiography to the Hepsisau rural women

**Isabelle Müller never tires of raising awareness about the issue of sexual abuse.**

**For the first time, the author read from her autobiography "Phoenix Daughter – Hope was my Way" to the rural women in Hepsisau.**

**Weilheim.** "Society must finally address the issue of sexual abuse properly ," explained Isabelle Müller.

By this, she meant not only that the media should continue to report extensively, but also that the topic should be removed from the family's stigmatization.

"From every stone they throw in our path, we will build our way." That is Isabelle's defiant life motto. From Loan, her resilient Vietnamese mother, she inherited the will to always find courage and look forward, even when life seems almost unbearable. "Phoenix Daughter" tells the story of a remarkable woman who refuses to be overwhelmed by misfortune, who masters life, and ultimately—despite all the blows of fate—becomes a successful entrepreneur in Germany.

The circumstances in which the 46-year-old grew up left no misfortune untouched: exclusion, racism , poverty, violence, loneliness, oppression, sexual abuse. She experienced all of this firsthand for years. But she endured all of these blows, refused to let them get her down, and took her life into her own hands. Today, she lives as a successful, happy woman with her husband and two children.



After the reading, many visitors had Isabelle Müller sign a copy of her autobiography "Phoenix Daughter."

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Isabelle Müller was born in 1964 in Tours in France as Isabelle Gauthier. From 1985, she worked in Germany as an interpreter and translator. In 1990, she became self-employed as an art dealer and, on numerous trips to Asia, became acquainted with her Vietnamese roots and most of the locations from the eventful life of her mother, Dau-Thi-Cuc, known as Loan .

For the first time in their more than 30 years of existence, the Hepsisau Country Women's Association hosted an author reading. "We had a completely new event with you, at times one had to hold one's breath ," said the Country Women's Association chairwoman, Irmgard Braun, addressing the petite author. She thanked her for the unvarnished truth, which she presented to the audience without any frills.

The visitors listened in complete silence as she recounted her eventful life. "I come from the very bottom and know what others think and feel," explained Isabelle Müller.

She is now a sought-after interviewee on television and radio when it comes to the topic of sexual violence and taboos.

After the reading, there was prolonged applause.

# “The program offers something for everyone”

## Annual General Meeting of the Dettinger “kultur ecce” in the fire department training room – 165 members

**The Dettinger “kultur ecce” recently invited members and interested parties to its annual general meeting in the fire department training room.**

**Dettingen.** Chairwoman Nadine Heinel-Wölflé welcomed those present and informed them about past and future events. In a small but fine association like "kultur ecce," which is known even beyond the borders of Dettingen , there is something for everyone . For example, the three cabaret artists from the "Erste Deutsches Zwangsensemble" shone a year ago on the stage of the Schlossberghalle in Dettingen. There was also an exhibition debut in the town hall featuring paintings by Gabriela Hol-

the one titled "Divergent".

The weather on the last Friday in July 2010 let down the planned "Classical Night." In the evening, the members of "kultur ecce" saw

in many disappointed and angry Faces. However, it must be noted that within 13 years, only three events were canceled .

The "Children's Creative Workshop" in the summer holiday program made headlines, and in the "hot autumn," "Mr. Stumpfes Zieh- und Zupfkapelle" stormed the stage of the Schlossberghalle . A few weeks ago, Uli Keuler also enlightened visitors about the adversities of everyday life – the hall was packed, and the audience was highly satisfied.

Secretary Dagmar Thaer informed those present about the The number of members currently stands at 165. Because she is giving up her position for personal and professional reasons , she asked for understanding for this step.

This was followed by the cash report from treasurer Achim Böbel. Overall, "kultur ecce" had a good year financially, which, after a "weak" year in 2009, allows for a hopeful outlook into the future.

The auditors certified that the treasurer had managed the accounts with great care and enthusiasm, and that they had been well-managed. Discharge was proposed, which was unanimously approved by those present.

Nadine Heinel-Wölflé bid farewell to three members of both the Management Board and the Committee with a quote from the former CEO of Deutsche Bank, Alfred Herrhausen: "No one is irreplaceable , but everyone is unique."

Gudrun Offerdinger, who served on the committee for five years and established many valuable contacts with musicians and painters, was bid farewell . Dagmar Thaer is also relinquishing her position as secretary, which she held for nine years . Hannelore Sokolowski is handing over her press relations duties, which she has also performed for the association on the committee for nine years . The chairwoman presented all three members with a bouquet of flowers.

Then Mayor Rai-

Mr. Haußmann spoke about the development of "kultur ecce" and expressed his delight at the financial independence the association has achieved over the course of 13 years . During this time, the association has developed an event program that offers something for everyone. For example, with "Mr. Stumpfes Zieh- und Zupfkapelle," they can reach and delight many people with cheerful music, although for excellent artists like "Gogol und Mäx," they sometimes have to "court" visitors for a bit longer. This begins a long, nail-biting wait until the event actually takes place.

Art and economic viability don't always go hand in hand. But one can only congratulate the association as a whole . The members don't give up and are always looking for something new.

The municipality of Dettingen provides a beautiful location for the "Classic Open Air" in the summer – and a hall whose simplicity and elegance remain timeless and which is suitable for small and large events.

## Only a few teams came through

**Kirchheim.** Eleven human-dog teams faced fair assessment by judge Jörg Klebig at the spring trial.

Alfred Herzog and Takko the German Dream (VPG 2 ) and Jutta Kiessling and Labrador Elmo (VPG 1) excelled in the versatility test for working dogs . Michael Glensk and Yours Kira passed the tracking test in VPG 1, and Gisela Stippel and Shila were successful in tracking and obedience in VPG 2.

After all teams performed well in tracking, the obedience section presented the stumbling block of the day for some teams. This was also the case for the young dogs Sabrina Ulbrich with Finja and Miriam Ulbrich with Sina. Hartmut Weber with Rottweiler Chica vom Hårdtenbühl VPG3 and Claudia Nothwang with Nixe von der Eiselburg VPG1 also failed to achieve the minimum score of 70 in obedience . Since at least 70 points must be achieved in all three sections of the VPG, even the good performances in protection work didn't help.

Three teams competed in the companion dog test . Liliana Donescu and Jack vom Königsbusch also failed the obedience test. Annemarie Hörz with Martha vom Auental and Tamara Halbhuber with Ronja demonstrated their skills in obedience and in the test of composure in everyday situations and are now certified companion dog teams.

Now there is enough time for both humans and dogs to improve and to compete again until the autumn test. to start.

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# Variety, dance and sports acrobatics

## Annual celebration of the Bissingen Gymnastics Club 2011 with a varied program – honoring long-standing athletes

**The athletes of TV Bissingen conjured up a colorful program of variety shows, dance, and sports acrobatics at the 2011 annual celebration. In addition to the entertainment, the celebration of athletic achievements played an important role.**

**Bissingen.** Club chairman Ralf Schröpfer opened the event and looked back on an eventful year for the club. Suse Bernauer-Gölz was responsible for the sporting portion of the evening. In addition to performances by individual sports groups, the focus was on honoring many successful athletes.

The guests of the annual celebration were offered a varied program with plenty of sports, dance, and sports acrobatics. The program was presented in the time-honored manner by the

Wolfgang Schneider. The artistic gymnasts, Silke Kanz and Anika Schauler, transported the audience to the realm of variety shows, before Davina Burkhardt and Lisa Braun performed a perfect dance alarm with their girls . Best con-

Condition and a lot of training are necessary for the rope skippers to be able to easily jump over different ropes.

With "Let's Rock" and "Cotton Eye Joe," the audience was already in the mood for the dance music that followed . Hanna Lehmann, Lena Krug, and Nina Hartmann were responsible for these impressive performances . "Waka Waka " brought an African touch. Margret Baur provided the successful choreography for the "Women's Fitness" sports group.

The guests were naturally excited about the fistball players, as there had been a rumor beforehand that there would be no performance this year. But the fistball players are always Reliable. Marcel Braun, Christoph Dangel, and Patrik Eitel, as the three tenors, tickled the laughter muscles with the song "But there's only one of you for me . "

Finally, a seven- member group from TV Ebersbach, the German and Württemberg champions, demonstrated sports acrobatics at the highest level and thrilled the audience.

Afterwards the group "Soundcheck" played for dancing.



The excellent group from TV Ebersbach demonstrated sports acrobatics at the highest level.

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