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*Dear readers,
dear Hummel fans!*

On August 8, Hummel CEO Bernd Förtsch is a guest at Bayerischer Rundfunk (Bavarian Radio). In a two-hour program he will talk about topics related to Hummel. Should be fun for all German-speakers.

We are in the middle of summer and all of us here at the Hummel Manufaktur are working feverishly on our new annual angel, which should make you happy when the next cold season arrives. We also introduce our second figurine of the Skrobek series.

On the 1st of September, for many children, school will be starting for the first time, maybe even for your children, nephews, nieces or grandchildren? We have ideas for an encouraging gift. The "Postillion" has also received a first letter to the editor: A couple from Pirna, Germany, wanted to say, "thank you" and to wish us luck for the future. We hope you enjoy the excerpts.

With a renowned pastry shop in Coburg, we have found a partner, which will in the future crown delicious festive cakes with Hummel figurines. There are also holiday tips, so that the most beautiful days of the year are successful for all.

Have a wonderful August!

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Design

Hummel fans enjoy showing their treasures. Diane Hewitt is a "Design Concierge" and owns an interior decoration studio in Marietta, Georgia. On Instagram she shows us how modern a Hummel collection can be presented: She uses white displays on a white wall. Applause, applause! We think that's very fresh and modern!



Portrait

Christian Dotterweich stands his ground



He is a journalist and, since the spring, is now social community manager for the Hummel Manufaktur. At the same time, the specialist for social networks not only concerns himself with everything related to "Hummel" and the "World Wide Web". He supports the small Hummel team, which consists primarily

of women, wherever he's needed: Whether he's a street sweeper cleaning the steps in front of the Hummel shop, assembling shelves or unceremoniously functioning as a "guinea pig" as he slips into a costume as the "Merry Wanderer."

The 47-year-old lives in Bamberg, is a passionate Harley-Davidson fan and enjoys traveling to the USA on vacation. His wife Anschyla, whom he married in 2017, was his childhood sweetheart and classmate. At a class reunion it "sparked" between the half-Italian and the friendly young man from Bamberg. Incidentally, his wife works in the market town of Buttenheim, Germany, the birthplace of Levi Strauss who invented jeans. There's even an interesting museum to visit. So, last year's honeymoon not only went to Hawaii, but also to the Levi's jeans' brand headquarters in



San Francisco, where he was personally received by Vice President James „JC“ Curleigh (photo).

What connects him to "Hummel"? "I was about eight or ten years old," recalls the journalist, "when a neighbor gave me the figurine "Merry Wanderer." His mother advised him to handle it with care: "They are valuable," she told her son. He followed her advice and gave the figurine a place of honor: "I've already moved at least eight times," he says, "but my first Hummel figurine was always there with me." Today, the little hiker stands on Christian Dotterweich's desk at the Hummel Manufaktur.

Famous Birthdays in August



Johann Wolfgang von Goethe:

The German poet ("Faust", "The Sorrows of Young Werther") saw the light of the world 269 years ago, in the year 1749, on the 28th of August in Frankfurt am Main in the Holy Roman Empire (today Germany).



Mother Teresa:

The Yugoslav-Indian nun, who ran social welfare centers and "last residence" homes in Calcutta, was born 108 years ago, on August 26, 1910, in Skopje, Macedonia. In 1979 she received the Nobel Peace Prize.



Psst, strictly confidential!

The second figurine of the Skrobek series has arrived



You won't say anything, right? This is strictly confidential!" That could be the way the little boy in the short leather pants may have spoken with his best friend. What secret were the two young boys sharing? We'll probably never know, but our imagination can run rampant: Are the boys on a joint mission to steal the best corn apples from farmer John, to then

eat them smacking and giggling behind the hedge? But maybe they also want to build a secret camp in the forest or to go skinny-dipping at night in the lake? Or is their poor teacher going to find a live frog in her desk? Who knows?

In 1973, when master sculptor Gerhard Skrobek formed Hummel figurine with the number 400, he succeeded in creating a small masterpiece. He captured a special moment between two good friends – one almost thinks they can hear them murmuring and whispering. Take a moment to look at the loving details: the mischievous smile of the boy



Well Done!

Gerhard Skrobek

1973

HUM 400

6.25 in., \$ 590

Order Hum 400

online now!

with the stick in his hand, his green felt hat with its swinging feather and the cheeky locks of hair that stick out from underneath. His best friend is wearing a scarf, typical Bavarian leather pants and a white shirt with blue dots.

"Gerhard Skrobek sculpted a highly detailed figure," says decor designer Sabine Tzscheuschner. "In the painting phase of production, each figurine has to be turned upside down because of its complexity." As the second figurine in the series – following the popular opening figure "Summertime Surprise" – we introduce "Well Done!" Further figurines will follow until the year 2022, the 100th birthday of the sculptor.

The "mother model" is carefully kept under lock and key by decorator Nicole Stöbel. It bears the inscription



"1976" and, owing to its old age, is correspondingly sensitive. The model comes from the archives of our Manufaktur and has been closely guarded as a possible future edition.

"Older original models are treated with resin to preserve and harden them," she says.

Therefore, the plaster molds are not white, and easily recognizable to all: namely by its yellowish-brown coloration. The working molds are created from the "mother model" for the casting department. Like the mother model, the molds' detail also washes out with each casting process. To meet the high-quality standards, therefore, only a few figurines can be produced from each working mold. Then new molds are again required: an elaborate and expensive procedure, in which each step is carried out by hand.

Poem to August

One could almost imagine that poet Theodor Storm had our two boys in mind when he wrote this poem:

*I would kindly ask the respectable boys,
who this year intend to steal my apples and pears,
to confine themselves to this pleasure,
as far as possible, so as not to crush
the roots and peas in the beds.*

Theodor Storm (1817-1888)

Messengers from Heaven

Our annual angels tell of love and faith

As heavenly messengers and little soul comforters on earth, the angels from our workshops delight Hummel lovers around the world. For many years, the Manufaktur has been introducing lovingly-created annual angels. The tradition continues in 2018 with the "Angel of Love".

Now, in summer, the production of our new annual angel is in full swing. The little bearer of hope gets its expression and angelic look in the decoration department. The painter must take special care. Ingrid Träger, who has been working as a painter for 44 years, applies a golden shade of brown to the hair. With the help of a brush made of pig bristles, she shades and "distorts" the individual hair strands and with a cloth removes color where lighter areas are to be created. With this technique she creates a vibrant light-shadow effect. The annual angel receives its final touch in the painting department with Stefanie Schumann. The skilled ceramist provides the wings gold bronze shimmer. Before that, the little messenger from heaven was already fired in the kiln. However, since the gold is so sensitive, the bronze decor cannot be placed in the heat.

The Annual Angel 2018, "Angel of Love" joins the "Angel of Faith" from the year 2017. Together with the

"Angel of Hope", which will be introduced in the coming year, the three figures symbolize the well-known Bible verse from the Song of Solomon in the 1st Corinthians Letter. It is often chosen as a wedding verse:

*"So now faith, hope,
and love abide, these three;
but the greatest of these is love."*

(1 Corinthians 13:13)

Angel of Love, Annual Angel 2018

Tamara Fuchs
2018, 5.25 in., \$ 225

HUM 2385

Delivery includes a
high-quality heart pendant
Order Hum 2385
online now!

Angel of Faith, Annual Angel 2017

Tamara Fuchs
2016

5.25 in., \$ 220

HUM 2384

Order Hum 2384
online now!



The hottest time of the year

The "dog days"

The vernacular describes a good weather period, which usually begins around the 23rd of July and ends with the 23rd of August as "dog days". It received its name from the constellation "Canis Major", with Sirius as the brightest star, which is closest to the sun during this period and rises with it at the same time.

The rising of the constellation to its complete visibility takes around 31 days. This period brings us the hottest temperatures, as there is often an area of high pressure over the center of Europe.



Weather Proverbs

*Are the dog days full of sunshine,
the year will be quite fruitful.*

Before the harvest

*Now a soft breath
disturbs the ears in the field,
If one bends,
the others tremble too.*

*It's as if they all knew
The sickle cut –
The flowers and foreign stalks
Tremble too.*

Martin Greif (1839 – 1911)

The Florist
Gerhard Skrobek
1957
HUM 349/0
5.25 in., \$ 300



In The Meadow
Gerhard Skrobek
1984
HUM 459
4.00 in., \$ 260



New Phase of Life

On the 1st of September many children begin their school life

School enrollment begins a new, exciting phase in the life of a child, but also for parents, siblings and grandparents. From now on, the former kindergarten children are among the "big ones". To ensure a successful start, children in Germany and some other countries receive a colorful, often self-made, "school cone" as a gift. Filled with all sorts of useful things, such as a pencil case, gym bag, paint box, pencils and small treats, the cone sweetens the first day for the newcomers to the school.

Who doesn't remember his first day of school and the exciting first days with the new schoolmates? In fine clothing, unruly girl-hair braided by the mother or smoothed with pomade for the boys, many "ABC scholars" could hardly sit still with expectation. Impatiently, they were already eying their classmates. Who

*How much is one plus one, is here
conceived with wisdom,
The solution is still there: For so
many minds, so much sense!*

would be suitable as a friend and playmate?

Our tip for starting school: The two – individually personalized – Hummel figurines "School Girl" and the smart scallywag "School Boy" are ideal gifts for parents and grandparents.



School Girl
Arthur Möller
1937
HUM 81 2/0
4.25 in., \$ 220



School Boy
Arthur Möller
1938
HUM 82 2/0
4.50 in., \$ 245

Your advisor

Good reminder for anytime in the summer: whether on the beach or in the mountains, by car or plane, at home or far away – here's how you start unencumbered on vacation.

Nobody likes to get sick on vacation. Therefore, plans should be made, because many things can be considered in advance.

For a trip abroad, special vaccinations are often required. Which in detail they might be, are known your health insurance or your family. Some medical institutes keep a current online vaccination calendar available. Backpackers faced with a lack of sanitation face different risks than people staying in a four- or five-star hotel. Good to know: Once a year, for example, some medical insurances cover around 80 percent of the costs for malaria prophylaxis, the

yellow fever vaccine or the hepatitis A and B vaccine.

Many medical institutions provide useful tips online for holidays with children or for the chronically ill. There you will also find advice on how to avoid thrombosis, nutrition tips, information on a useful first-aid kit and more. Risks when traveling abroad can best be covered by a travel health insurance. Simple models are available at low monthly cost. Various Internet portals offer price comparisons.

Even those staying at home are not immune to accidents: But a membership in an automobile club can not only be valuable for car travelers on

the road. In case of emergency, return trips from any place in the world are organized. Online you can find a lot of information about tolls, traffic and street information, legal and travel check lists and medical tips. Travel by car is supported with maps, vacation guides and country information.

Important: In any case, visit the website of the State Department early before a (foreign) vacation. There you will find up-to-date travel and safety information, information on travel medicines as well as visa and entry requirements that can be accessed specifically for many countries.

Have a great vacation!



Herbalist Angela Schult recommends:

Meadowsweet – The unknown wild herb!

Although one of the less-known wild herbs, this beautiful plant is easy to spot thanks to its height. The tasty flowers are a delicacy! Substances in the plant include vanillin, citric acid and silica.

The passionate herbalist and cook Angela Schult combines game with regional market vegetables and oriental spices. Her recipes are available on her German-language blog www.wildeschote.com.

My delicious wild herb recipe:

Meadowsweet in beer batter

10 meadowsweet flowers

200 g spelt flour

1 tbs rapeseed oil or
sunflower seed oil

125 ml beer

5 tbs milk

2 eggs

A pinch of sea salt

A pinch of vanilla

Rapeseed oil or sunflower
seed oil for frying

Agave syrup

Optional: sage or comfrey
leaves

Spread the flowers on a board for one hour to allow small animals to get away. Then mix milk, beer, oil and flour into a smooth dough. Add the eggs, the vanilla and the salt and stir again. Heat plenty of oil in a frying pan, dip the flowers into the beer batter one at a time and place in the frying pan. After 2 minutes, turn the flowers, slightly flattening them. Serve warm with agave syrup – a tasty treat!



Letter to the editor

On June 12th, the editors received a very special letter to the editor: The family of Regine and Dieter Oeser from Pirna in German Saxony encouraged us and said, "thank you". Here excerpts from their letter.

Dear Ms. Nauer,

I think it is time to say thank you very much for producing the newsletter "Hummel Postillion", which I have regularly received since your restart with Mr. Bernd Förtsch, although I no longer belong to the Hummel-Club (...) I am more than happy "Hummel" is being brought back to life.

These most charming figurines bring back memories of our own childhood and, later, of our children. We look at our figurines often and appreciate them very much. My passion for collecting Hummel has also transferred to my husband and so now we can call a "Hummel treasure" of 156 pieces our own (...) This has, unfortunately, exhausted our available space, but our interest in information and news is still there and wants to be stilled.

My joy was very great, as in the last edition there was a reunion with Mr. Nelson because he was (as you also mentioned) a competent and amiable contact person. Now we would like to wish all the best to your entire team, a lot of enjoyment at work, success and many continued good ideas.

Our response:

Oh, does that feel good! We have butterflies in our stomach! Thank you both for your encouragement. We from the editorial staff and everyone in the Hummel team were very pleased by your positive feedback and are happy to print these excerpts here in the new "Postillion". We wish you good luck and happiness with our favorite "Hummels" and will gladly continue to provide you with news about our Manufaktur.



Vision Of Hope

Anette Barth
2016

HUM 2374

3.50 in., \$ 180

Order HUM 2374
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A "Hummel" (bee) on your cake

New service: The café and pastry shop Feiler in Coburg now crowns your holiday cake exclusively with a Hummel figurine on request

Master baker Udo Feiler was enthusiastic about the idea: "A wedding couple made of high-quality ceramics on our cake creations," he explains, "we've not had that yet. It's a great idea and creates a wonderful memory."

The family-run company Feiler, which consists of a café, bakery and pastry shop and employs more than 50 people, has been around since 1903. The four shops in Coburg are now managed by the fourth generation. "We see ourselves as hand-craftsmen," says Udo Feiler, who holds the reins along with his brother, pastry chef Jürgen Feiler and Jürgen's wife Melanie, as well as the parents. "Just like the Hummel Manufaktur, our products are lovingly made in traditional handcraftsmanship. The raw materials come from local Franconian production and are fresh. And you can taste that, too!"

Udo Feiler took the Hummel figurines on board exclusively for his shop in the Creidlitz district of Coburg: "At a wedding, it's important that everything is of the highest quality," he says, "and that's the case with our cakes and Hummel figurines. The experienced master baker finds: "As a crowning decoration, the wedding cake should not be topped with a cheap plastic bride and groom, but with a high-quality figurine that can be admired. "A handcrafted, high-quality Hummel and an experienced confectioner's traditionally-prepared wedding cake complement each other perfectly: "You are the ideal duo," he explains.



Master baker Udo Feiler presents a wedding cake with „Hummel“ bride and groom on top

Not only the bride and groom, but many other figurines that are suitable as a cake-topper can be found in the Hummel assortment.

"Hurray, our Herbert is 60.", for example, is on the Hummel 2095, "Proclamation", a little boy who announces the latest news with a bell.



"This figurine is something very special for a milestone birthday," says the master baker.

For his customers, it's been made very easy: Udo Feiler has had a cake created by his pastry chef, on which the bridal couple can be admired. In addition, there are other figures that have been personalized as examples by Hummel master painter Sabine Tzscheuschner. The customer can see the writing right there in the shop or try out the desired figurine directly on the cake. A folder contains pictures of suitable figurines, information on size, topics and price, as well as information on the website of

the Hummel Manufaktur and the free service hotline for additional personal advice.

"With a cup of coffee and a piece of delicious cake in the café one can conveniently browse through the portfolio and select the desired figurine," says Katja Nauer, the editor of the Hummel newsletter "Postillion", who supervises the project. "For the start of school in September, we also

have appropriate figurines in our program."

Good to know: "We need a week for the individual decoration of a figurine" explains sample painter Sabine

Tzscheuschner. She personalizes

the figures as desired also with an artistic flower, tendrils or a little heart.

Then the decorated Hummel wanders into the kiln one more time.

"This bonds the writing to the figurine," she says, "so

the customer has lasting pleasure in his personal figurine."

*"We need
a week for
the individual
decoration of
a figurine"*

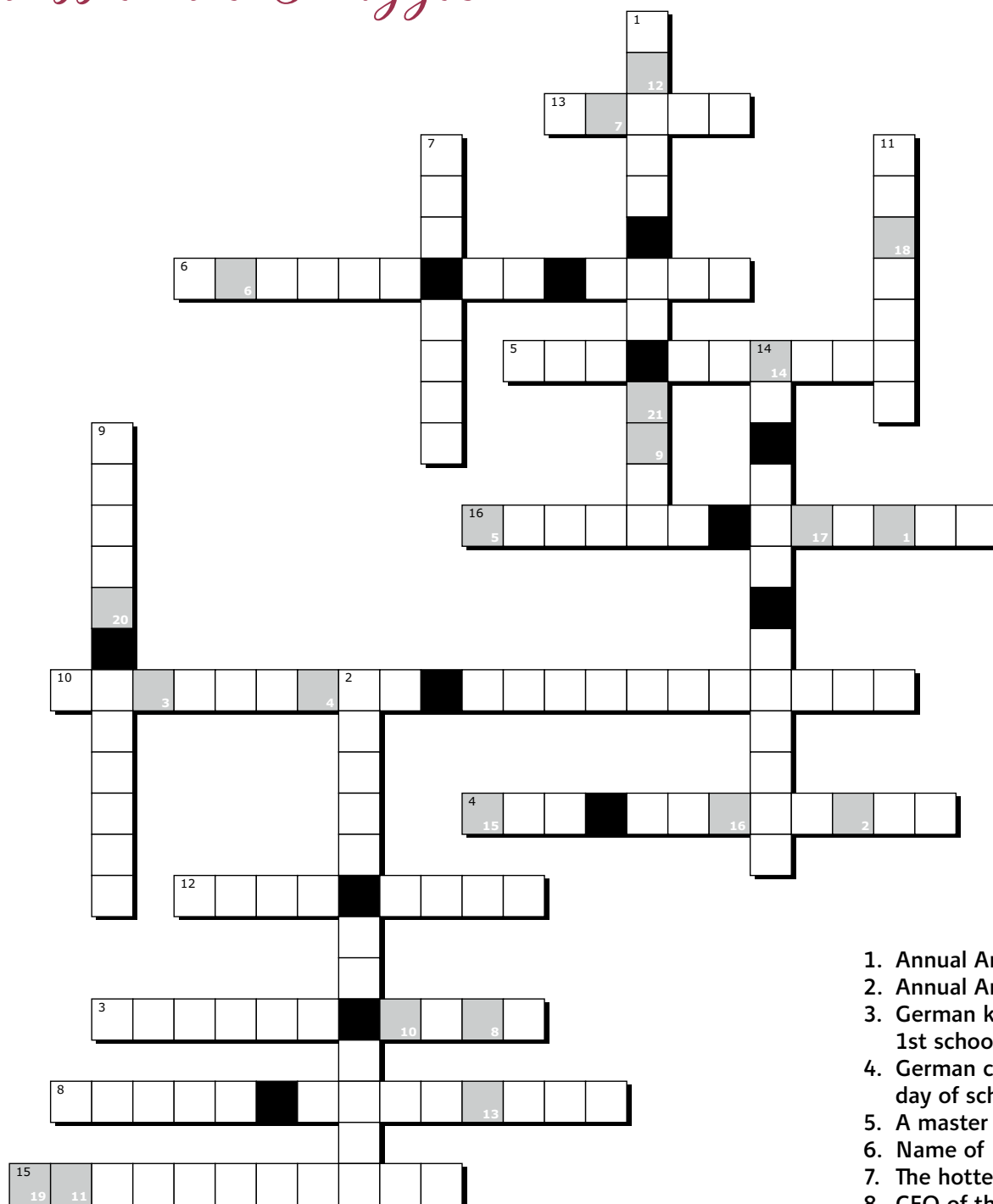
Proclamation
Helmut Fischer
1999
HUM 2095
5.25 in., \$ 220



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Crossword Puzzle

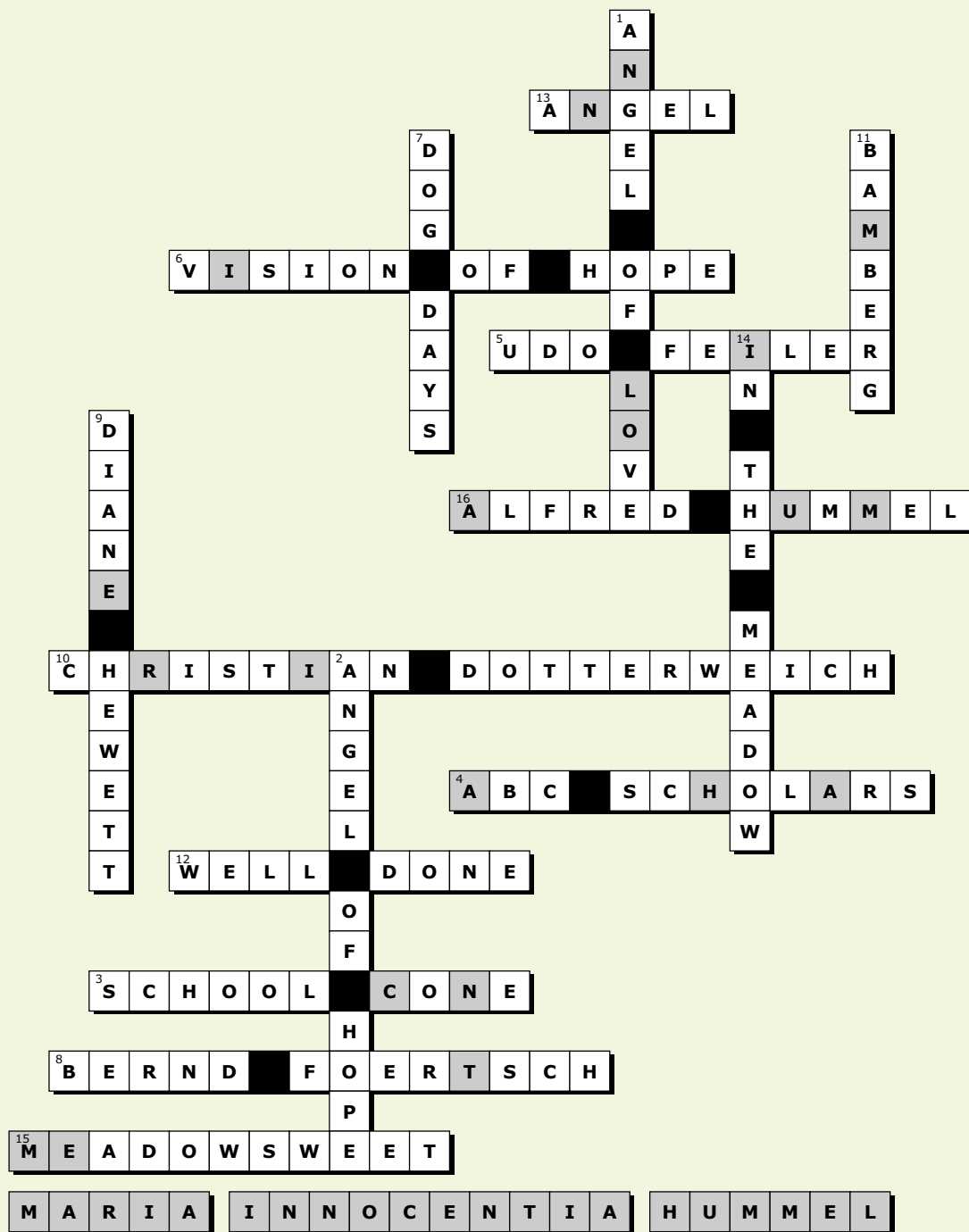


Solution:

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1. Annual Angel 2018
2. Annual Angel 2019
3. German kids receive it on their 1st schoolday
4. German children on their 1st day of school are called
5. A master baker in Coburg
6. Name of HUM 2374
7. The hottest time of the year
8. CEO of the Hummel Manufaktur
9. A Design Concierge with ideas for Hummel
10. He „stands his ground“
11. Christian D. lives in
12. HUM 400 is
13. Messenger from Heaven
14. HUM 459
15. A little-known wild herb
16. Director of the Hummel Museum in Massing

Solution Postillion No. 6



News

Not only do we present beautiful novelties, but all around our "Hummels" a lot is in change

We have already presented the new backstamp in the last "Postillion". Recently we have also begun including a revised certificate of authenticity with all our figurines, which replaces the previous leaflet. The new one is larger in format, is of higher-quality material with gold embossing, both visually and haptically suitable for the valuable contents of the carton. Only the Hummel Manufaktur is authorized to use the drawings of the Franciscan Maria Innocentia Hummel as the basis and inspiration for the well-known and popular Hummel

figurines. Production continues in the proven tradition of craftsmanship in our German factory. You can be assured of also in the future.

Your order delivery now also includes a small booklet: In German and English, Hummel fans and Club members will learn essential details about our current figurine assortment. Included are the two previously presented exclusive Skrobek editions "Summertime Surprise" and "Well Done!", the club figurines "Boy With Broom" and "Girl Washing," our novelties "Sweet Love", "In The



Orchard" and "You'll Be Fine," the zealous bandoneon player "Let's Sing", from whom we are sadly saying goodbye, as well as our very best summiteer set "Heavenly Bouquet",

"Nature's Cross" and "My Edelweiss". You'll love seeing the photos and reading the little stories about each figurine. We hope you enjoy the booklet!

Insight

The works of Maria Innocentia Hummel

Alfred Hummel, director of the Hummel Museum in Massing, will be introducing artistic work of Maria Innocentia Hummel to us in up-coming editions of "Postillion". (www.hummelmuseum.de).

The Corpus Christi procession is an early Christian and Bavarian event. Berta Hummel aptly staged the then

town council members of Massing. Of course, Berta Hummel had developed her own style and she cartooned the dignitaries accordingly: "The sanctimonious brothers" follow behind the Corpus Christi flag.

The Berta Hummel Museum submitted this picture to the Bavarian Ministry of Finance and the State

Ministry of Science and the Arts for the competition "100 Homeland Treasures". It was selected and presented as one of the 100 art objects. On Friday, July 13, Veronika and Alfred Hummel received the award from the Minister of Finance Albert Füracker and Minister of State for Science and Art, Prof. Dr. med. Kiechle.



Corpus Christi procession in Massing, 1931, colored pencil and lead pencil, 210 x 220 mm

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