



## Troop commander, gunner's lives celebrated

Story and memorial photo by Sandra Wilson

Community members gathered Wednesday morning in the Ledward Chapel to celebrate the lives of Capt. David Boris, commander of Anvil Troop, and his gunner Sgt. Adrian Hike.

Both were assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 91 Cavalry Regiment, 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Combat Team, and were supporting Operation Enduring Freedom when they died of wounds suffered when their vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device Nov. 12 in Bermel, Afghanistan.

"This squadron with all its success is due in large part to the wisdom and insight of Capt. Boris," said Capt. Joey Hutto, relayed by Staff Sgt. Patrick Potts.

Hutto and Boris became best friends, inseparable to the point that, "Our wives would always joke we were cheating on them with one another," Hutto said.

But truly nothing could come between Boris and his wife.

"I don't know if two other people could have been more perfect for one another. Jaime and Dave made the perfect unity," he said.

Lt. Col. Christopher Kolenda, squadron commander, recalled Boris's humorous side.

"With a commander like Boris, you can expect a lot of wise-

cracking and back-slapping to reduce the level of stress," he said in remarks relayed by Capt. John Opladen.

Opladen personally remembered how Boris cared so much about people that he would always close his laptop when someone came to speak to him, "Like you were the only person he was talking to," Opladen said.

In the field, Boris chose Hike to be his gunner and everybody seemed to know exactly why.

"(Boris) could always count on Adrian, and he always delivered," said Kolenda.

"Adrian was a professional warrior. He was an expert in everything he did. He was a creative planner, a tactician, and made smart decisions," he said.

"Hike was one of those leaders that when he had his hand on the weapons system, you had a sense of security," said Staff Sgt. Bradley Shadden, through remarks read by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Smith.

From childhood, Hike imagined himself serving in the U.S. Army, and his family members all agreed that he was someone on whom people could always depend.

"He was ready and willing to help others in need. It was not like him to back down from any challenges, but instead he did what he had to do and always gave a hundred percent," they said in a group statement.



Boris



Hike

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## Commander reflects on Dagger Brigade mission in Iraq

By Mark Heeter

Shortly before leading his staff and about 200 other Dagger Brigade Combat Team (BCT) Soldiers into Finney Fitness Center for their welcome home ceremony Nov. 20, Col. J.B. Burton reflected with reporters on the brigade's 15-month mission to Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Burton

"We're coming home. Fifteen months of hard fighting. Fifteen months of positive and measurable change across everywhere that a Dagger Brigade Combat Team formation was located," Burton

said, detailing a few of the accomplishments of his subordinate battalions' task forces.

Task Force 1-77. Ramadi. "The Anbar Awakening" that garnered worldwide attention. Task Force 1-26.

"They went into an area of Baghdad that hadn't seen thick presence of coalition forces in maybe about a year. They went into a very difficult area of operations," and succeeded at establishing stability on dangerously violent streets, he said.

West Rasheed and Task Force 1-18. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team.

"We were effective in stopping Shia extremist expansion out of the northeast of our area of responsibility," Burton said.

While the 9<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion and 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery were detached from the Dagger Brigade in Iraq, Burton still maintained a watchful eye on them and their missions. Meanwhile, the 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT

was supported by a vast support structure from other units.

"We ended up with five task forces from five brigade combat teams from five different installations in the continental United States, all working under the Dagger Brigade Combat Team," he said.

"You're going in with formations you just didn't know," he said. "But the integration went very easy."

One reason.

"A tremendous, tremendously capable brigade combat team was formed because we had fantastic American Soldiers that were grounded in the United States Army values," he said.

As the deployment wound down to a close, Burton pondered the difference that his Soldiers made in all the corners of Iraq

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## News Briefs

### Russian performance

“Ivushka,” a Russian Christmas Revue will be performed at the Schweinfurt city theater, Rosbrunnstrasse 2, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. To reserve tickets, call 09721-51475.

### Finance section moving

In order to provide the best possible customer service to the community, Delta Detachment, 106th Financial Management Company’s Customer Service, Travel, and Central Processing Center (CPC) sections will be relocated to Conn Barracks, Building 40 on Monday. For any questions or concerns, please call 354-6315.

### Leighton holiday bingo

Wuerzburg High School PTA invites the community to play bingo, eat dinner, have fun, and win prizes at the school cafeteria on Friday. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m. Single packs cost \$10, double packs cost \$15, and kids play for free. The grand prize will be an iPod.

### Christmas concert

The “Kreuzchor” of Dresden will perform a festive Christmas concert at the Schweinfurt city theater, Rosbrunnstrasse 2, on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. To reserve tickets, call 09721-51475.

### USO New Year’s trip

Join USO for a New Year’s trip to Weimar, Buchenwald, Berlin and Leipzig December 30 – January 1. Registration deadline is tomorrow. €290 includes two overnights, guided tours, transportation, and half-board at the hotel. To sign up, call 354-6711 or 09721-96-6711.

### Scrapbooking class

The Army Community Service’s (ACS) “I can do it” Success Series will hold a scrapbooking class at the Ledward Craft Studio on Tuesday at 1 p.m. Document precious memories to enjoy for years to come! Materials and instruction are free of charge. For more information, call ACS at 354-6933 or 09721-96-6933.

### Kid friendly trip

Join Army Community Service (ACS) for a kid-friendly trip to the Christ Kindl Market in Wuerzburg tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m or on Sunday from 4-6 p.m. Meet at Leighton Barracks ACS and travel together to the market. To sign up, call ACS at 0931-889-7103.

### Spouses dine out

The “Leighton Lingerers” invite the community to dine out at Backofele tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a time of fellowship and great food at one of Wuerzburg’s finest restaurants. To make reservations, call 0931-299-5648.

### Donate gifts to orphanage

The Schweinfurt Teen Center is collecting gifts for the youth orphanage and the senior citizen group homes in Poland. Donations can be dropped off at the Ledward Chapel or the Schweinfurt Teen Center before Dec. 14. Suggested donations include toiletries, school supplies, inexpensive jewelry/watches, candy, stationery, perfume, toy cars, gloves and knitted hats. For a more extensive list of donations, call 354-6732 or 09721-96-6732.

### Leighton AAFES food court changes

The last day of business for Charley’s Steakery, Anthony’s Pizza, and Burger King at the AAFES food court on Leighton Barracks will be Saturday. AAFES “American Eatery” will open on Sunday, offering breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus.

### Clothing drive

HHT 1-91 CAV is sponsoring a clothing drive to benefit the people of Afghanistan. Drop boxes for used clothing are located at 1-91 CAV headquarters, building 74, Conn Barracks; Schweinfurt Middle and Elementary Schools; the Commissary; the ACS building; the Commons; and the Askren Manor recycling center. Donate used clothes to a good cause and help the people of Afghanistan in 1-91’s area of operation.

## Schweinfurt Dispatch



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This address can also be used to submit community slides or information on upcoming events, or you can reach the USAG Schweinfurt public affairs office by calling 354-1600/6381 or (09721) 961600/966381.



- 30 NOV --Wuerzburg Christmas Market opens 10 a.m. Runs through Dec. 23 on the Marktplatz.  
--Teen girls retreat for ages 14-17 thru Sunday, Schweinfurt Teen Center. Call 09729-90-7099.
- 1 DEC --MWR Family Friendly Trip to Bad Wimpfen Christmas Market, free trans. Call 350-6305.
- 2 DEC --Saxophone ensemble, youth brass orchestra, & brass band perform between 2 and 5:30 p.m. at Schweinfurt Christmas Market. Call 354-1600 for exact times.
- 3-7 DEC --Schweinfurt Elementary Winter Shoppe, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call for more info. 354-6734.
- 4 DEC --Parcel Air Lift mail deadline for Christmas delivery to the United States.
- 6 DEC --Nikolaus (Santa Claus) arrives in a carriage and hands out sweets, market square, 3-4 p.m.
- 7 DEC --Leighton Barracks Christmas tree lighting, 4 p.m., Victory Garden.  
--ACS "Winter Holiday Around the World," Schweinfurt Yellow Ribbon Room, 6-9 p.m.
- 8 DEC --Super Saturday. CYS care facilities open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 354-6517 to sign up.  
--Youth & Teen "Shop 'till you drop," 1-3 p.m. Ledward ACS. Call 354-6933.  
--Free photo shoot with "Saint Nick" on stage at the market square 2:30 - 4 p.m.
- 11 DEC --"Wee can do it" Christmas Candle Shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., meet at Leighton ACS. 350-7103.  
--Priority parcels and 1st class mail deadline for Christmas delivery to the United States.  
--Santa Claus hands out sweets to children at the Schweinfurt market square, 3-4 p.m.
- 12 DEC --PWOC (Protestant Women of the Chapel) winter program at Ledward Chapel, 9 a.m.  
--AAFES / DECA forum, Commander's Conference Room, Bldg 206 Ledward, 1-2:30 p.m.
- 13 DEC --B.O.S.S. "This One's for You" program, 3-7 p.m., Finney Fitness Center. Call 354-6270.  
--Ledward Lunch Bunch, meet at ACS 11 a.m., or DJK Speisegastaette at 11:30 a.m.
- 14 DEC --CMRs, In/Out processing, and all DHR offices will close at noon.  
--Transportation Motor Pool, CIF, and all DOL offices will close at 11:30 a.m.
- 14-16 DEC --Zugspitze Ski trip to Garmisch with Outdoor Rec. Call 353-8080.
- 15 DEC --MWR Family Friendly Trip to Erfurt Christmas Market, free trans. Call 350-6305.
- 16 DEC --"Sing Noel," children's Christmas program at Ledward Chapel, 9 a.m.  
--Ledward Barracks Christmas tree lighting, 4 p.m., Andrus Garden.
- 19 DEC --Leighton Lingerers dining out, Waldhaus Restaurant, 6:30 p.m. Call June at 0931-2995648.
- 20 DEC --Express mail deadline for Christmas delivery to the United States.
- 23 DEC --Traditional Protestant Service begins again at Conn Chapel, 11 a.m.
- 25 DEC --Christmas Day, all MWR, AAFES, & Commissary facilities closed except 24 hour Shoppette.
- 31 DEC --New Year's Eve party at the Leighton CAC, starts at 6 p.m.
- 9-10 JAN --Community theatre casting call for "Bus Stop" at Abrams Center, 6 p.m. Call 0162-296-2776.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



# Know customs rules when separating, retiring in Germany

By Mark Heeter

With a large number of Soldiers and Families expected to be leaving the Schweinfurt community in the coming months, local customs officials offer advice about keeping, shipping, selling and transferring property.

“They can buy as much as they want to. Going back to the States, they don’t have a problem,” said Sonja Logan, customs representative with the U.S. Forces customs office in Schweinfurt.



Marianne Boehm

The rules get a bit more involved for people who plan to retire or separate from the military and remain in Germany.

“They can buy as much as they want to. But they have to make sure that those items are at least six months old, and they have to keep those items a minimum of one year; otherwise German taxes will apply,” Logan said.

Local commanders may offer a 90-day extension of individual logistical support in the case of an eligible Soldier or civilian whose Family wishes to stay in Germany past the permanent change of station (PCS) date.

“If that’s not approved, that means their personal property, their POV, and anything that they bought while they were here has to clear German customs,” Logan said.

This applies to all non-expendable property purchased off-post while employed with the U.S. Forces in Germany, according to Marianne Boehm, also a customs representative in Schweinfurt. Some of the more common examples are privately owned vehicles, firearms, or electronics equipment.

“Everything that has a serial number is non-expendable. The other things that you cannot identify anymore is an expendable item,” Boehm said.

And Logan and Boehm warn people against the pitfalls of offering their items to non-eligible persons, friends or relatives.

“They are not authorized to give away something like this, a non-expendable item. They must sell it, they must go through this process to transfer it. It’s a must,” Boehm said.

“If you are planning to stay in Germany and have purchased a vehicle from Military Car Sales or from a German vendor with the Value-Added Tax (VAT) relief program you have to be in possession of the vehicle for six months to clear German customs without paying tax and duty,” according to a customs official in a recent release.

For more information on this and other customs related issues, contact the Schweinfurt U.S. Forces customs office at 353-8348, 09721-96-8348 or online at [www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/customs.htm](http://www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/customs.htm).



Sonja Logan

## Sweet reunion

Julie Provost greets her husband, Benjamin, of 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, with their youngest son, Drew, at the welcome home ceremony in Schweinfurt’s Finney Fitness Center Nov. 21.

Provost, along with many others from 2nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT), just returned home after serving 15 months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The remaining Soldiers of 2nd BCT will continue to return throughout the month of December.



Sandra Wilson



# Pilot brain injury testing aids physicians

**Story and photo by Kimberly Gearhart  
First in a series**

Mild traumatic brain injury, or mTBI, has been called the signature wound of the war on terror. Identifying and treating that injury has become a priority for Army medical commands the world over.



**Col. Mary Lopez, project officer in charge of the mTBI testing project, and Robert Robinson, one of the IT managers helping launch testing, review equipment used to screen Soldiers for mTBI.**

A pilot mTBI testing program, utilizing Automated Neuropsychological Assessment Metrics (ANAM), has been developed to identify affected Soldiers. Here in Schweinfurt, the first ever post-deployment screenings are being conducted as part of the reintegration process for Dagger Soldiers.

“The screening is intended to take pre-deployment measurements for a

baseline, then retest after the deployment to measure for differences,” said Lt. Col. Daniel Duecker, Schweinfurt Health Clinic commander.

In the case of the Soldiers of the Dagger Brigade, however, no baseline reading was taken prior to their deployment. As such, Col. Mary Lopez, project officer in charge of the testing project, was unsure what kind of results, if any, her team would uncover.

Lopez added that the range of results considered normal is broad, and of all the pre-screenings performed, “we’ve not found anyone that legitimately fell below the norms.” This is why having a baseline for comparison is more precise, as it allows us to compare the Soldier’s performance to his or her own norms.

What they found in testing Schweinfurt Soldiers, however, surprised Lopez and her team.

Thanks to key questions imbedded in the ANAM tests, Lopez and her team were able to identify Soldiers at risk for mTBI and recommend follow-up through the Schweinfurt Health Clinic.

The key factors in a case of mTBI include an injury event—such as a blow to the head—which causes an alteration of consciousness. This “alteration” can be losing consciousness, seeing stars or simply being temporarily disoriented.

“Compared to those who reported no

injury, we found significant differences in reaction time, concentration, and short term memory” in Soldiers reporting at-risk incidents, Lopez explained.

Results from the first groups to complete mTBI screening were provided to the local medical command.

“Col. Lopez’s team was able to... let the providers here know what they can expect to see in Schweinfurt, so that we can channel our resources in the best way to help these Soldiers,” said Col. Theresa Schneider, Bavaria MEDDAC commander.

Once the pilot program is fully tested, Lopez hopes to push it out to medical facilities in theater, where Soldiers can be tested and their recovery tracked by the doctors downrange.

“Soldiers (with mTBI), like football players on the field, look physically normal, but they’re different. Their reaction time is off, concentration is off, and in a war-time environment, that’s very dangerous,” Lopez said. With the ANAM tool, doctors will be able to monitor recovery in such a way as to insure Soldiers are not returned to the fight until their recovery is complete.

“It is a treatable condition. They do recover and improve,” Lopez said, noting that patience, time, and understanding are keys to coping with and treating mTBI. If Soldiers or their Families have concerns or notice signs, contact the Schweinfurt Health Clinic for additional assistance.

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where they “put their boots down.”

“We leave with a sense of accomplishment, but one that is extremely fragile. There’s got to be some very difficult decisions on the part of the government of Iraq, and we know that,” he said, noting that the integration of all Iraqis into the political and security solutions will further advance the work and improvements left behind by the Dagger Brigade Soldiers. Then he turned his eyes toward home.

“This great community in Schweinfurt, this little community at the end of the railroad tracks, I think is bustling, ready for Soldiers, their Families and friends to be reunited after what I personally believe has been a decisive time in Operation Iraqi Freedom. These great Soldiers have made a difference,” he said.

“They’re ready for a well-deserved break. You can see it in their eyeballs right now,” Burton said, before leading his Soldiers back to their Families on the other side of Conn Barracks.



**Mark Heeter**

**Col. J.B. Burton, Dagger Brigade Combat Team commander, leads his formation into the Finney Fitness Center for their welcome home ceremony Nov. 20.**



# Learn to invest for future wealth

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

“There are no secrets to getting wealthy. If you invest, and invest consistently, your money is going to grow,” said Darryl Jones, Army Community Service (ACS) financial readiness program manager.

Redeployment has brought home many Soldiers with extra cash on hand, and instead of buying all of the electronics available on the market, Jones suggests learning how to invest.

“Our future is uncertain because of the many things happening in the world. It’s important to invest,” Jones said.

Tuesday morning, community members gathered at ACS for Jones’ class, “Investing for future wealth.” It’s best to start when you’re young, he said, but if you’re not in your 20s anymore, the time to invest is now.

“I want to save for retirement and not have to work when I’m 65,” said Sgt. John Barclay of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 77<sup>th</sup> Armor Regiment.

And that was Jones’ first piece of advice. Investing for the long-term is the first, most important step. Long-term includes retirement accounts like the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) or Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA).

After that is taken care of, the next step is to invest for the short-term in Certificates of Deposit (CDs), mutual funds, stocks, and more.

“The mutual funds market is doing incredibly well and is a very popular choice,” Jones said.

The question may remain of how to get started. Many people delay beginning to invest because of a tight budget. Jones recommends paying yourself first— investing— out of each paycheck. If you spend according to a prepared budget, pay your debts on time, use credit only in emergencies, and learn how to distinguish between needs and wants, investing ten percent of your income should not be difficult.

“I have a baby on the way, I just got married, and (living) paycheck to paycheck isn’t cutting it,” said Sgt. Steven Haesler of Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 77<sup>th</sup> Armor Regiment, explaining why he attended the class.

In addition to basic investment information, Jones frequently holds free classes at ACS about managing finances, home and car loans, dealing with credit and checkbooks, and more. The next class, “Saving & investing: avoiding holiday overspending” will take place at Ledward ACS Dec. 12 from 9 to 10 a.m. Jones is also available for individual appointments by calling 354-6933 or 09721-96-6933.



**Darryl Jones, Army Community Service Army Community Service (ACS) financial readiness program manager explains how and where to start investing money in the ACS class Tuesday. The next class, “Saving & investing: avoiding holiday overspending” will take place at Ledward ACS Dec. 12 from 9-10 a.m.**

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He was remembered by his high school friends as non-traditional, and identified himself as a “Batman” character, committed to protecting his fellow citizens.

Downrange, both men did their duty gallantly and through their sacrifices, their lives are celebrated, said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stevan Horning Wednesday morning.

“On that tragic day, Anvil performed like champions... Let us cherish how (Hike and Boris) touched our lives,” said Kolenda downrange.

Boris is survived by his wife, Jaime; parents, Albin and Diana; and his sister, Jennifer Possinger.

Hike is survived by his mother, Kimberly Bird; stepfather, Robert Bird; brothers, Robert Jr., Martin, Jon, and Aaron Bird; grandmothers, Delores Bird and Pat Stout; and great-grandmother, Daisy Hyland.

## Whoa, Christmas tree



**The BIG! Christmas tree arrived on Ledward Barracks Monday morning in preparation for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Andrus Garden scheduled for Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. Come out and enjoy carols, free refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus. (Photo by Miranda McLean)**



# Leaving early? Be sure to inform DoDDS

By Mark Heeter

Going somewhere? Don't forget to tell the schools.

With a community full of Soldiers and families who are headed to the airport for a permanent change of station (PCS) or leave for the holidays, Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe officials advise parents to let the schools know about it.

"We want parents to know that it would be very helpful to us if they know that they're going to be PCSing or going on a family vacation, to let us know as soon as they know," said Dr.

George Carpenter, Schweinfurt Middle School principal.

"They need to inform the schools if they're going on block leave and their kids are going to miss any days. If they are PCSing, they need to come into the school and get the withdrawal forms," said Damon McGiboney, USAG Schweinfurt schools' liaison officer.

DoDDS-Europe has made two special considerations that apply to Schweinfurt schoolers.

First, to accommodate PCSing Soldiers, schools are allowing students to finish the

semester on an acceleration program, whereby they can complete their first-semester coursework by Dec. 13 and depart with complete grades.

"If they stay here through the (December) 13<sup>th</sup>, they get a grade. Say, if they leave Dec. 5, 6, 12, they get a withdrawal grade," Carpenter said.

Due to attendance policies, some states do not recognize withdrawals may have students repeat the entire semester, according to Carpenter.

"It's not consistent, and it's not always the same calendar," he said.

The second program allows

children in this community to pick up assignments a few days prior to the end of the semester and turn them back in on

"That (winter break exception) begins Dec. 17. That's five days before the start of the winter break," which begins Dec. 22, Carpenter said. "Of course, parents must let us know, in writing, that they plan to leave before the break."

The bottom line, according to McGiboney and Carpenter, is that parents ought to let the schools know as soon as possible if they plan to PCS over the holidays or take an extended break with their children.

## Music: creativity booster, stress reliever

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

Nothing may calm the nerves more than music. Students at Schweinfurt Middle School say it does.

"(Music) takes away from the stress that I have from the school day. I like to let my mind wander around the music and notes," said sixth-grader Devin McRee.

But relaxing the mind isn't the only reason why these kids play. Most of them participate in the school band and have fun learning their instruments. Out of the 105 who play in the beginner or advanced band, 15 of them choose to spend time in Rebecca Brashier's afterschool music program.

"Music is awesome... and it's really fun," said eighth-grader Telly Brand who plays the alto saxophone. "When you have a great teacher, even when it's hard, you don't want to stop."

"For me, music is something that really boosts my creativity, and I like drums. I like to make noise, so it really suits me," said sixth-grader Brennan Booker.

Walking into Brashier's classroom on one of those days can bring a burst of sound to one's ears as the students practice their own songs all at the same time.

"These kids are used to

distractions," said Brashier, when asked how they concentrate with all of the commotion.

Many students use the afterschool program as their required practice time for their instrument. They can play their choice of music or practice for their band performances.

"If you practice 20 minutes faithfully each day, you will see progress," said Brashier.

Now, after practicing vigilantly, the students are gearing up for their winter concert at the middle school Tuesday at 6 p.m. Holiday tunes will be played, and the students hope to show off their musical abilities to the community.



Jewel Caruso (left) and Elizabeth Murray, both sixth-graders, practice the flute and clarinet.

## Kids visit clinics



Children as young as two should receive a dental exam every six months, and adults need a check-up on an annual basis. Cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants and healthy snacks help prevent tooth decay and ensure long-lasting beautiful smiles, said Lt. Col. Minaxi Patel, officer in charge.

This was the information taught to the kindergarten class of Wuerzburg Elementary School when they were invited to tour the Wuerzburg medical and dental clinics on Leighton Barracks Nov. 14.

Capt. Judy Elsbury, chief nurse at the health clinic, reminded the students that hand-washing is essential to prevent spreading germs, including the influenza virus. Children may be susceptible until April 2008, she said. Prevention is the best idea, and a trip to the clinic for the flu vaccine is essential. To make an appointment at the Wuerzburg dental clinic, call 350-6125 or 0931-889-6125. For the health clinic call, 350-7787 or 0931-889-7788. Flu shots are done on a walk-in basis during regular hours. (Photo by Travis Gibson)