



## Celebrate responsibly this Labor Day

*Make it home happy, safe, and alive.*

Story by Mark Heeter

Ken McMillan, prevention coordinator with the Army Substance Abuse Program, has a few words for the community: Don't drink and drive.

But there's more to it than that – more than just that same old logo, he said.

There are the wrecked cars that are parked near access gates on Ledward and Conn Barracks and the Askren Manor Housing Area.

"My point is to get people thinking, before they get to drinking, at things in a little bit of a different light," McMillan said.

Labor Day weekend is upon us and is traditionally the most accident-filled weekend in the United States, according to McMillan.

"And stateside, it is the most dangerous weekend for traveling. Most of your accidents, that's the time when it's going to

occur," he said.

Whether boating, barbecuing, taking a road trip or just enjoying a few drinks, people will fill the end-of-summer weekend with fun activities, and alcohol will be a part of many, he said.

"That's one of the things that makes it even more dangerous," he said.

"Don't get out there and drink and drive. For one thing, it's expensive. Another thing is it's dangerous," he said. McMillan suggested that leaders could make random – but not necessarily intrusive – visits to their subordinates over the weekend.

"They may head off something just by doing a little bit of prevention," he said, noting the effectiveness of a leadership visit.



This vehicle sits at the entrance to Ledward Barracks as a reminder of the dangers of drinking and driving. Labor Day weekend is historically accident-filled, largely due to alcohol. (courtesy photo).

It might not stop people from drinking, McMillan said.

"Does that necessarily mean they have to get behind the wheel or into some of the other things they'll probably get into? I don't think so," he said.

## Kindergarten Readiness Camp preps kids, parents

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

Preschoolers will file through the doors as elementary school

students starting Tuesday. In preparation for the monumental first day, Child and Youth Services offered a Kindergarten Readiness Camp this week,

as part of the newly formed Blue Star program, to address the fears and expectations of the children as well as their parents.

"Sometimes it's hard for the parents. Sometimes it's hard for the child," said Damon McGiboney, school liaison officer.

Over one third of registered kindergarten students and their parents participated in the three-day program. Parents attended classes addressing the importance of routine and how parental anxiety can be contagious for the child.

"It's hard for me when she cries... I think [camp] is going to help," said Mindy Kelley,

Family member of Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery, as she left her daughter on day two.

"My kids can be shy sometimes around other people, but I think this will open [my daughter] up," Kelley said.

Initially, the children broke up into five groups according to which kindergarten teacher they would have at the elementary school. Children and their group leaders discussed how to make a friend and covered school behavioral guidelines.

Children also practiced keeping their hands to



Victoria Loniewski asks for some help opening her milk carton during snack time at Kindergarten Readiness Camp Aug. 30. Jeremy Cuellar, left, and TJ Crosthwaite, right, joined her for a treat.

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## News Briefs

### Join the Ski Club

The Franconia International Ski Club will host a membership drive barbecue Wed., Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. at Kessler Field in Schweinfurt. Join the club and check out what FISC has to offer. FISC sponsors weekend ski/snowboarding trips to some of the areas top destinations, and takes care of all the reservations for you. The first trip will be over Thanksgiving to Hintertux, Austria from Nov. 21 to 25.

The first regular club meeting will be held in Schweinfurt at the Brauhaus at 6 p.m. Wed., Sept. 12, and a meeting is scheduled in Bamberg for Wed., Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. For more information call at 09721-475-8647 or franconiaskiclub@yahoo.com.

### PWOC kick-off

Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) will host their fall kick-off Sept. 5, 9 a.m. in the Ledward chapel. Free childcare provided. Come have snacks, meet some new friends, and learn about what fall Bible studies will be offered. For more information, call 09721-476-3042.

### Medieval Festival

Keep an eye out for the next Dispatch, and information on a special program for U.S. ID card holders to take in the local Medieval Festival, courtesy of the city of Schweinfurt.

### Congrats to MWR

Several Schweinfurt Morale, Welfare & Recreation Division facilities were recognized as the Best in Europe for medium sized garrisons during the Recreation Awards 2007 competition. Those programs, and the individuals responsible for making them the best, are as follows:

- OUTSTANDING GARRISON RECREATION PROGRAM (Silvia Joiner & Garland Travis)
- OUTSTANDING ARTS & CRAFTS PROGRAM (Dave Haywood)
- OUTSTANDING AUTO SKILLS PROGRAM (Tom Woditsch)
- OUTSTANDING OUTDOOR REC PROGRAM (Christian Hofstetter)

### Fingerprinting

The operating hours of the USAG Schweinfurt fingerprinting office have changed. The office, located in room 110 of building 206 on Ledward Barracks, will be open Monday and Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Those who need to be fingerprinted for official government business, such as employment with USAG Schweinfurt, DoDDS or for citizenship or VISA applications, may use these office hours. Please bring ID Card and passport for identification verification. Because this office is small, and services many people, please limit your visit to the person being fingerprinted.

### Health Clinic closed

The USAG Schweinfurt Health Clinic will be open Friday, which is a training holiday, but closed Monday, Sept. 3, Labor Day. In case of an emergency, Leopoldina should be your first option. The emergency room is open 24 hrs and is well staffed. You will be diagnosed, treated, admitted if need be, and directed to follow up with your primary care manager. They can be reached at 09721-7200.

### Vehicle registration

The Wuerzburg Vehicle Registration office will be closed until further notice. The Schweinfurt office, located in bldg. 64 on Conn Barracks, is open Mon-Wed and Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and Friday 9:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., and can be reached at 353-8201 or 09721-96-8201.

The Schweinfurt Transportation Motor Pool (TMP) and Vehicle Registration Office will both be closed Friday, Aug. 31.

### Chief of Chaplains visit

The USAG Schweinfurt Chaplain's office will host a visit from the Army Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Douglas Carver Thursday, Sept. 6. Carver will hold a community ministry visit in Ledward Chapel from 4 to 5 p.m., and Protestant Women of the Chapel will host an after-visit reception from 5 to 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The community is invited to attend.

## Schweinfurt Dispatch



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Information and photos included in this

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Dates, times, locations, and the events themselves might change or be cancelled without prior notice.

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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 AUG** --Circus Charles Knie will perform on the Volksfestplatz through Sept. 3. , performances at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. through Saturday, and 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday.
- 1 SEPT** --Concert "Pflasterklang," Gutermann promenade (On Main River), 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- 2 SEPT** --Open-air play, "The Guardian of Muennerstadt," 2:30 and 8 p.m.
- 4 SEPT** --Stress and Anger Management, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Leighton ACS. Call 350-7103.
- 5 SEPT** --Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) fall kick off 9 a.m. at Ledward Chapel.  
 --Love and Logic 7-week course begins, from 9 to 11 a.m. SAS building, Askren Manor. Call 354-6933 to register.  
 --Kitchen Passport, Russian cooking, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ledward Library.  
 --"Happiness after the Homecoming" reunion briefing, 1-2 p.m., Ledward ACS. Call 354-6933.
- 6 SEPT** --"Spouse Battlemind Training" reunion briefing, 1-2 p.m., Ledward ACS. Call 354-6933.
- 8 SEPT** --MWR Family Friendly Trip to Strasbourg, France, free transportation. Call for more info. or to sign up 350-6305. Tourist passport required.  
 --Parent's Day Out, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sign-ups begin August 27. Register in person at Central Registration in The Commons on Ledward Barracks or the Leighton CDC.
- 8-10 SEPT** --Medieval festival in downtown Schweinfurt next to the east historical city walls, Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- 9 SEPT** --Protestant Sunday School and Catholic CRE kick off, Ledward Chapel.  
 --Chapel community welcome picnic, 2 p.m., Kessler Field.
- 13 SEPT** --ACS Lunch Bunch, Schwimm Club, Italian restaurant, meet at Ledward ACS, 11 a.m.  
 --"Reunion and Children" reunion briefing, 1-2 p.m., Ledward ACS. Call 354-6933.
- 15 SEPT** --MWR Street Party on Askren Manor, noon to 8 p.m. featuring Donny Vox Band (variety rock) starting at 6 p.m.  
 --3rd annual Little Miss and Mister Schweinfurt Pageant at MWR Street Party. Applications available at Ledward Thrift Store for ages infant to 19 years old, plus a Ms. Division.  
 --MWR Family Friendly Trip to Europa Park, free transportation, entrance fee of 30 euro per adult & 26.50 euro per child. Call for more info. or to sign up 350-6305.  
 --Fall Aerobathon, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Finney Fitness Center, no cost, register day of event.
- 18 SEPT** --Civilian Fitness Program assessments, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Kessler Fitness Center. Call 354-6793.
- 19 SEPT** --Civilian Fitness Program assessments, noon to 3 p.m., Kessler Fitness Center. Call 354-6793.
- 22 SEPT** --MWR Family Friendly Trip to Oktoberfest, free transportation. Call to sign up 350-6305.
- 22-23 SEPT** --Volksmarch at Machine Hall in Kutzberg starting at 2 p.m. Saturday & 7 a.m. Sunday.
- 26 SEPT** --Kitchen Passport, German cooking, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ledward Library.
- 28 SEPT** --BOSS Meet & Greet Kick-off, 5 p.m., Finney Sports & Leisure Center/ Raemon's Sports Bar. Call 354-6051.
- 29 SEPT** --MWR Family Friendly Trip to Oktoberfest, free transportation. Call to sign up 350-6305.
- 3 OCT** --German holiday: Unification Day, German concessionaires on post will be closed.

**Community 6 week outlook calendar**



# 'Good discussion' at AAFES/DeCA Forum

By Kimberly Gearhart

Schweinfurt community members had the chance to meet with members of the Commissary and AAFES management teams as well as the garrison commander as part of an open community forum held August 28 in the Ledward Education Center.

Community members voiced concerns on issues ranging from parking issues at the Commissary to children on Heelys in the PX. A recurring theme was a perceived lack of variety and item availability.

"Everyday we're building on our variety," said Schweinfurt PX manager Linda Lowry, but went on to suggest that if a customer has a special request, they should approach customer service.

"If we can find it in Europe, we will... bring it in for you," she said.

And if your problem is just simply finding where an item is shelved in the store: "Find a floor manager," said Deputy Garrison Commander Justin Mitchell, jokingly noting that Lowry's number is in his speed dial for just such an occasion.

Lowry also announced changes to layaway policy. Layaways of 120 days are no longer available, for instance.

Commissary store administrator Carol Jeffcoat and new store director Larry Weathers (who will officially be on the job beginning Sept. 16) were on hand to answer

questions regarding their store.

Weathers took the opportunity to make a much desired, long-awaited announcement.

"After 15 long months, we've got the front end back up," he said

Effective Tuesday, the temporary commissary entrance was closed, and the original, larger front entrance has re-opened. The front end of the store now supports five registers and two self-checkouts.

"We're still working out a few bugs," Jeffcoat said, asking for patience as everyone adjusts to the new floor plan and equipment.

Like Lowry, Jeffcoat encouraged shoppers to put in special requests if there are specific items they would like to have made available. If the item is available in DeCA Europe, then chances are good that they can be ordered in Schweinfurt as well.

Commissary management also asked that shoppers who know they will be purchasing an unusually high amount of food place a special order for those items. Commissary stock is ordered in limited quantities, and unexpected drains can seriously affect availability for other customers.

The forum is sometimes seen as a complaint session but does not have to be. One forum attendee took a moment to praise local facilities.

"You guys have got great deals that I probably couldn't have found in the states," said Sherri Reveal, Family member with the Garrison Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

As AAFES and the Commissary continue to make changes and improvements, community feedback is paramount in directing change and focus.

"This is a good conversation, a good discussion.... Just being here shows that you are leaders in your community, because you come out, and you care," said Lt. Col. Anthony Haager, garrison commander.

The next AAFES/DeCA forum may occur as a part of a large community roundtable. The date is still to be announced

"Don't wait until the next forum; if you have an issue bring it immediately to [management]," Haager said.



In an effort to provide top quality service to the community, several vendors will be moving store locations or remodeling, and a few brand new services are opening as well. During the moves and remodeling, certain services may be unavailable, and we appreciate your understanding while we work to make Schweinfurt the best place for you and your family to live.

## Grand Opening

Kate's Flower Shop will open in the old Sixt Rental location in front of the Ledward PX. The grand opening will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. Regular flower shop hours will be Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Moving, temporary closure

The Schweinfurt TKS shop will move into building 224, the same building that houses Rohr's Cafe, The Commons, Tax Relief, and Andrew's Federal Credit Union on Ledward Barracks. The move will require the shop to close Sept. 3 and 4. Service will resume Sept. 5 in the new location.

## Closed for remodeling

The Conn Barber Shop will be closed for remodeling Friday, Aug. 31 through Tuesday, Sept 4. The Ledward Barber Shop will be open Monday, Sept. 3 to accommodate clients who normally use the Conn Shop.

The Ledward Barber Shop will complete its remodeling between Thursday, Sept. 6 through Monday, Sept. 10. This staggered schedule ensures that barber service is not halted in the Schweinfurt community.



Sandra Wilson

Commissary checker Bethany Byard, Family member with 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery, rings up a customer using a new register in the freshly remodeled Commissary checkout area.



# Schweinfurt skate park opens to the public

Story and photo by Kimberly Gearhart

Schweinfurt celebrated the grand opening of its newest Family-friendly project—a skate park on Kessler Field—August 23.

“There are not many garrisons that would make a skate park a number one priority on their Family housing project list,” said Lt. Col. Anthony Haager, addressing a small crowd of skate-ready Families. The USAG Schweinfurt, however, did.

Haager noted that, as a deployed community, Schweinfurt has a special duty to Families, and providing entertainment outlets for all Family members is part of that duty.

One Family member in particular had a big hand in getting the skate park idea launched and even took part in the design phase.

Nick Heikkinen is the Extreme Sports representative to the USAG Schweinfurt Youth Advisory Council, and his suggestions and persistence prompted Haager’s decision to approve the park

project.

“I’ve been talking about [the skate park] for a couple of years,” Heikkinen said.

The park has high, low, and compound ramps, slide rails, and plenty of opportunities for trick jumps, as well as benches off to the side so that spectators are not in harm’s way. Safety, as always, is paramount when partaking in any sport.

Haager called on Heikkinen to do some tricks for the crowd. After changing into his safety gear, Heikkinen took a couple of runs up the ramps before calling the other skaters present to come test it out.

Heikkinen, who began skating in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, hopes that the park will give other kids the opportunity to give skate boarding a try.

“You can have something to do other than just hang around and maybe get into trouble,” he said.

The park will be open daily from 8 a.m. to dusk. Use of the park requires the use of proper safety equipment and age-appropriate adult supervision.



Nick Heikkinen tests out Schweinfurt’s new skate park Aug. 23, which he helped design. The park is next to Kessler Field, and use of it is free of charge but requires the use of safety equipment.

## Registration checks go electronic



Spc. Christopher Najdowski, a medic with Company E, 1st Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf. Div., attached to 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf. Div., takes an electronic fingerprint of an Iraqi citizen in Baghdad’s Radwanayah neighborhood Aug. 24. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Ben Washburn, 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div. Public Affairs)

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themselves, getting in line, holding their buddy’s hand, and walking through the halls quietly. Other activities focused on learning shapes, colors, or matching names with faces of adults from the school.

“Every activity..., every interaction... was based on strong underlying early childhood education and developmentally appropriate practices,” said Beth Potter, youth education support services director.

The readiness camp focused primarily on familiarizing children with the school and helping them make friends, said McGibboney.

To that end, the children toured the elementary school, walking through the kindergarten wing and meeting their teachers. The librarian, nurse, counselor, vice principal, and receptionist introduced themselves and their roles as well.

“It’s like an adult going to a big seminar or conference— it helps to know someone,” said Peter Potter, SKIESUnlimited program assistant.



# Numbers down, spirits up in Wuerzburg schools

Story and photos by Roger Teel

Wuerzburg American Middle School teacher Bill Kowalski spent several days over the summer moving classroom materials and school memorabilia from the now vacant middle school on Leighton Barracks to classrooms and hallways in Wuerzburg Elementary School.

"I wanted kids who were returning to our school to see something familiar, to have something to identify with," Kowalski said.

Middle school classes are now held in the north hallway of the elementary school. The former Wuerzburg middle school facility closed in June.

Kowalski lugged the school's trophy case, entryway rugs and PRIDE (Preparation,

Responsibility, Integrity, Determination and Excellence) banners and placed them in the school hallways.

"It's important that returning students have a sense of continuity, a sense that their school has not closed but just relocated," Kowalski said.

Enrollment figures at Wuerzburg schools are significantly lower than in recent years. The high school is now a Division III school with 215 students. The elementary school has 110 students in pre-Kindergarten to fifth grade, and "about 50" students in middle school, according to school secretary Nicole Haugh.

"Those numbers will probably drop in the coming months," Haugh added, as Leighton Barracks continues to prepare for closure in 2008.

Debbie Strong, the new elementary/middle school principal, said smaller classrooms give students "a wonderful educational opportunity."

"The connection between teachers and students in small classrooms can provide an incredible learning experience," she said.

Strong came to Wuerzburg from Stuttgart where she was assistant principal at Boeblingen Elementary School, an experience that girded her for the job here. Prior to Stuttgart, Strong was a third grade teacher at Bad Aibling Elementary School when that school -- and the installation -- closed in 2004.



A bewildered group of new freshmen ask Wuerzburg High School teacher Molly Reddy-Osgood for directions to their next classroom.

"There's a lot of anxiety when a community faces closure," Strong said. "There's anxiety when parents don't know where they will be assigned next year, and there's anxiety among teachers who don't know what their future may be. This stress trickles down to the kids.

"My job here is to be the encourager," she continued. "I'm here to keep spirits up, to tell people everything will be all right and to not stress."

One teacher who wasn't about to stress was Tim Givens, a new middle school teacher who arrived a few weeks ago from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"It's wonderful to be here," Givens said. "At least it's not 95 degrees and humid like it is every day in Cuba."



Bill Kowalski works on lesson plans in a classroom filled with boxes he brought with him from the old Wuerzburg Middle School location.



## HOOAH, baby!

One of the newest members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Family, 12-month-old Darian Sinner, left, takes a grassy break from the "Dagger Hooah Baby" event today in Andrus Garden on Ledward Barracks. Behind him, Leigh Ann Bandy, black pants, and her 12-month-old son Aiden play in the shade. Alysa Ripsom, 7 months, in pink, decided a nap was in order after the day's excitement, and slept in mom Crystal's arms. Both Alysa and Aiden are also Family members of 1-7 FA. Dagger Brigade Families with babies born in the last year were recognized, and the Garden was filled with strollers. (photo by Kimberly Gearhart).

## Editor's Note

The following page contains two articles reprinted from last week's Schweinfurt Dispatch. Due to circumstances beyond our control, that particular edition was recalled, and did not reach its complete intended audience. As such, these two articles have been re-published, as we felt them to be of high importance to the community.



# Vanguards honor 'Little brother,' 'great Soldier'

Story by Sandra Wilson

The USAG Schweinfurt community gathered Aug. 22 for a memorial ceremony in honor of Spc. Christopher T. Neiberger, 22, of Gainesville, Fla., who died Aug. 6 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.

"He was a great Soldier," said Staff Sgt. Luis Castro on behalf of the Charlie Rock Company Commander Capt. David Diaz. "He took orders and executed them to the best of his ability, very rarely complaining."

But only those who worked with him directly knew what

made him such a unique individual, Diaz said.

"He was like a little brother to all of us," he said.

Diaz recalled a time when he worked with Neiberger on his "flat feet" so that he could get into a proper fighting stance. Diaz instructed him to walk on his toes, and after a while, Diaz noticed that Neiberger's balance was greatly improved.

"He had a certain unexplainable glow to him," said Pfc. Avi Michael Fishman, a former comrade, whose remarks were read by Pfc. Timothy Spencer.

Neiberger and Fishman talked about how they'd feel about dying while serving in Iraq. Fishman remembers Neiberger saying that he would be okay with it because he

"lived a good life."

"Spc. Neiberger made a difference and he still does... Soldiers like [him] make a team complete with selfless service and dedication to mission accomplishment," said Capt. Rickey Torres reading remarks given by Battalion Commander Lt. Col. George Glaze at the memorial ceremony downrange.

Task Force Guardian Commander Lt. Col. Robert Whittle described how Neiberger was known to his family as the king of one-liners. Neiberger was also an Eagle Scout, and he loved to travel and write short stories.

"You could count on him to make the best of all situations," said Brigade Chaplain (Col.) James Brown.



Neiberger

"It is true that he had a sense of humor, but there was more to him than humor. There was a rare wisdom from which all of us can benefit and learn... Such a person is truly one of [God's] rare treasures," he said.

Neiberger is survived by parents Richard and Mary Neiberger, his sister Ami Neiberger-Miller, and his brothers Eric and Robert.

# Carpenter plans to build on tradition as SMS principal

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson



Carpenter

educator for more than 35 years, and he brings high expectations to the table for teachers, students and parents alike.

"I want to maintain the great things that the school is doing and to work with teachers, parents and students to expand and improve in areas where we may need to do so," said Carpenter.

"I expect teachers to have high expectations for all students and to accept responsibility for assisting all students in

meeting their educational goals," he said.

Carpenter himself was greatly affected by teachers he had in middle and high school in Montgomery, Ala. They served as his role models and sparked a desire in him to become involved in education himself, but administrative work was not what Carpenter had in mind at the beginning of his career. In fact, he said he avoided it for a long time because he liked to work more directly with students as a counselor.

Working with students is also a parental responsibility, he says. Research shows that when parents are involved in the school in any way, student achievement goes up. And because of that, Carpenter highly encourages parents to do their part, "[and] not just come when they need information or when they want to complain," but to become involved.

"The key is to become involved in their children's education," he said.

This year, North Central Association will be visiting SMS, as it does every five years, to certify that it meets all official requirements of academic excellence,

curriculum, and facilities.

"There have been tremendous changes in the education arena. One being the amount of testing—we want to be assured that our students are progressing... I'm looking forward to a validation from an outside team that SMS is on the right track," said Carpenter.

For Carpenter, "the right track" means providing educational experiences for students that will help them to be productive citizens and life-long learners.

"Every once in a while you get to see a student who has... graduated... and there's some satisfaction in knowing that your efforts and your teamwork have been attributed to them being successful," said Carpenter.

Carpenter, who recently came from the much larger Landstuhl area school system, says he is looking forward to working in such a close-knit community.

"It's good to be here. I've heard a lot of good things about this school and community... So far, I've been impressed," he said.