



## Schweinfurt honors Soldiers killed in action

Story and memorial photo by Mark Heeter

The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Blue Spaders, led the Schweinfurt community in a farewell to two of its own in a memorial service at the Ledward Chapel Monday.

Spc. Chad E. Marsh, 20, died Feb. 18 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when a grenade detonated near him during combat operations. Spc. Louis G. Kim, 19, died Feb. 20 in Ramadi, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire.



Spc. Louis G. Kim

"Marsh was a vital member of this family," said Pfc. James Gmachowski, reading the remarks that Spc. Daniel Agami gave in Iraq Feb. 25 at a memorial service for Marsh.

Marsh, a native of Wichita, Kan., enlisted as an infantryman in June 2005 and served with the Blue Spaders in a variety of positions, including rifleman, machine

gunner and vehicle driver.

"No matter how your day went, or if you were just in a bad mood, he would bring you out of it," recalled Agami of Marsh, who aspired to become a police officer at the end of his military service.

"Chad was never seen without a smile on his face," said Capt. Jacob White, relaying the remarks of Lt. Col. Eric Schacht, Task Force 1-26 commander and several other leaders from earlier memorial services.

"No matter how difficult things got, Chad always saw the brighter side of things," said Capt. Michael Baka, commander of Charlie Company, 1-26 IN.

"Chad was incredibly prideful of being an American Soldier and a Blue Spader," Schacht said at the Iraq memorial service.

Kim, from West Covina, Calif., also enlisted in 2005 and reported to Schweinfurt directly following his One Station Unit Training as an Infantryman.

"Spec. Kim was always the person who

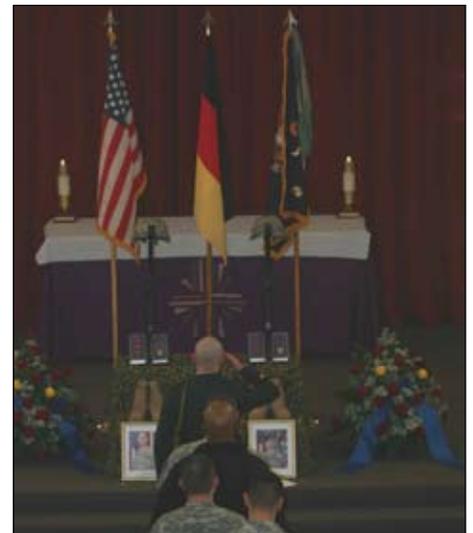


Spc. Chad E. Marsh

did what needed to be done," said Staff Sgt. Shawn Busch, as he read the remarks that Staff Sgt. Christopher Rich delivered at an earlier service in Iraq.

"The Bushmasters have lost a good friend," Busch said of Kim, whom he recalled as a Soldier who enjoyed being on both ends of a good prank.

Both Marsh and Kim were posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart Medals.



## Kessler bowling center manager receives award for best in Army

Story and photo by Mark Heeter

From cosmic bowling to the addition of the first batting cage complex in Europe, James Barrett has stood over many changes as the manager of the Kessler Bowling Center in Schweinfurt.

For his contributions to improving the center, Barrett, now the assistant to the Business Recreation Division chief, received the James A. Carroll Excellence in Management Award for the best 24-lane bowling center in the Army. Brig. Gen. Belinda Pinckney, commanding general of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, presented the award to Barrett at a luncheon on Ledward Barracks Monday.

"The Army has performance goals, and I exceeded all those goals last year," said Barrett, noting that his center turned a 32 percent profit for the last year.

"And that money all goes back into the community to support MWR programs," he said.

As part of his management style, Barrett says he did

not want his staff to stay idle and came up with ways to improve the bowling center.

"We constantly change programs and seek customer surveys and stay with the future," Barrett said prior to the luncheon at which he accepted his award.

"We are the only one in the Army, that I know of, that has a run, bat, and bowl," Barrett said, because of the batting cages that were added to the facility in 2002. "We're not just the bowling center."

Barrett, meanwhile, has made a name for himself in the Army bowling center community.

"He's only the number two person in Europe who has a bowling manager master certification in Europe," said David Luellwitz, the BRD chief. "I've been trying to put him in for the award for a long time."

Still, customers are the key to Barrett's success, he said.

"When we know what they want, it turns itself into success. That's the key," Barrett said.



James Barrett



## News Briefs

### Community Update Forum

Everyone is invited to attend the next Community Update Forums (CUF). Schweinfurt's will take place at Schweinfurt Elementary School multipurpose room Tuesday, March 13 at 6 p.m. Würzburg's will occur at the Leighton Community Activity Center Wednesday, March 14 at 6 p.m.

### Gospel/Hispanic service and buffet Sunday

Join the Gospel and Hispanic congregations for a special worship service and buffet to follow March 11. Minister Hassan Wilson will speak at Ledward Chapel at 12:30 p.m. After the service, the entire community is invited to a buffet to be held at Schweinfurt Elementary School multipurpose room. Bring a friend and come to enjoy the free food!

### Civilian resume 101

Learn the basics of writing a civilian resume at the Leighton ACS class March 9 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in building 14. This class will help you apply for jobs in the civilian sector. Call to sign up 350-7103 or 0931-889-7103.

### Smooth move seminar

PCSing soon? Join the ACS class to help make your move easier. Attend the seminar to get tips on packing, shipping, moving with pets, and more. March 12 class is held from 9 a.m. to noon in the Leighton yellow ribbon room. Call to sign up 350-7103 or 0931-889-7103. March 14 class is from 9 a.m. to noon at Ledward ACS, building 242. Call to sign up 354-6751 or 09721-96-6751.

### Parenting skills class

Attend the Leighton ACS parenting skills class March 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in building 14. Gain information necessary to effectively parent children while learning practical skills that will strengthen, support and empower the family. Call to sign up 350-7103 or 0931-889-7103.

### Würzburg spring bazaar

Shop amongst the treasures of 50 international vendors at Würzburg's Spring Bazaar March 9-11 at the Leighton Fitness Center. Doors are open Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Stress management class

Join the Leighton ACS class on stress management March 12 from 9 a.m. to noon in building 14. Learn to manage stress, become more productive and enjoy

life's challenges. This interactive class will include a stress survey, stress journals, relaxation exercises and question and answer sessions. Call to sign up 350-7103 or 0931-889-7103.

### Learn skills to draw and paint

Join the Mixed Media class that begins March 15 at 6 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Studio. Learn about drawing and painting. Afternoon time is possible upon request. Cost is \$50 plus supplies for 8 weeks. Call 354-6903 or 09721-96-6903 to sign up or for more information.

### Piano lessons

SKIES Unlimited is offering piano lessons Monday through Friday 3:30 - 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Abrams Entertainment Center, building 444, in Schweinfurt. The cost is \$35/month for one class per week and \$60/month for two classes per week. For more information, call 09721-966460 or 354-6460 in Schweinfurt or 0931-889-7058 or 350-7058 in Würzburg.

### Easter market trip

Join the Arts and Crafts Center in a visit to the Easter market at the Dominikaner Kloster in Frankfurt March 11. Van leaves from the Arts and Crafts Center at 8 a.m. and returns around 6 p.m. Transportation is \$5.

## Schweinfurt Dispatch



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Sign up in advance. For more information, call 354-6903 or 09721-96-6903.

### Women's professional-track training

In honor of women's history month, Leighton ACS offers two classes next week for the woman pursuing a professional career. Attend the class, "Putting Your Best Foot Forward" March 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. or "Introduction to Effective Leadership" March 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. Call for more information or to sign up 350-7103 or 0931-889-7103.

### DOL offices closed

The USAG Schweinfurt Directorate of Logistics and its support organizations will be closed for their annual training day March 16. This closure includes the property book office, central issue facility, transportation motor pool, drivers' testing, transportation and movements, vehicle and weapons registration, food services branch administrative office, and the DOL administrative office.

### City siren test on Wednesday

The city of Schweinfurt will test its sirens on March 14 at 2 p.m. Within a few minutes you will hear the following signals: a wailing sound lasting one minute and a continuous sound lasting one minute. Please do not be alarmed. This is only a test.

### Central Texas College registration

Central Texas College is holding registration for Term IV now through March 16. Courses offered are suspension and steering, child growth and development, and court systems and practices. To enroll in a class or to find out more information please call the Ledward Education Center at 354-6206 or 09721-96-6206.

### Local German markets

Peruse the vegetables and flowers at Schweinfurt's farmers' market between

8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the market square. Or browse through children's clothes and toys at Fritz-Zeilein-Halle in Gochsheim, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or at St. Peter and Paul in Hochfeld, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Call the public affairs office for directions, 354-1600 or 09721-96-1600.

### Conn gate closed

Due to a construction project intended to improve the flow of traffic, the main gate onto Conn Barracks, Schweinfurt is now closed to all traffic for approximately six months. Both the East and Geldersheim gates are open to all vehicle traffic, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### University of Maryland registration

Register for a class with UMUC! Registration is March 12 – 16. Classes begin March 19. Classes offered in Schweinfurt are college algebra, environmental science, personal financial management, and introduction to microcomputers: presentation graphics. Call 354-6398 for more information.

## Youth compete in first ever Schweinfurt photography contest



Debra Gosinski

## ImageMakers Photography winners

- \* Age 10-12 Digital: (Erick Jane) EJ Muscat, 11, "Don't Ask About No Fries with That!"
- \* Age 13-15 Digital: John Dourousseau, 13, "I Did Not Eat One Bite"
- \* Age 13-15 Color Process: Andrew Clidas, 13, "Sunset Over Leighton 1"
- \* Age 16-18 Digital: Cassie Gonzales, 17, Untitled

Last Friday, judges, from the left, Amanda Mitchell, Kimberly Gearhart, Diane Hamilton, and Pfc. David McIntosh reviewed the entries at the youth photography contest. The best photographs were selected based on criteria such as composition, tone, and clarity. Local youth ages 10-18 participated in the first annual ImageMakers photography competition and exhibition in The Commons in Schweinfurt. The Boys and Girls club program is designed to encourage interest in photography and graphic arts. Participants submitted digital or film entries. The first place winner in each age group will advance to regional competition in Mannheim.



*Community 6 week outlook calendar*

- 16 MAR** --Luck O' the Irish Bingo, Leighton Community Activities Center, 6 p.m.  
--All DOL facilities will close for annual training. Affected civilian-servicing offices to include: Vehicle Registration, Driver's Testing
- 17 MAR** --St. Patrick's Day party, Leighton Community Activities Center, 4:30 p.m. Free admission.  
--Family Friendly Trip, Nachtmann Crystal Factory. Sign up in advance, call 354-6715.  
--40-frame family bowling tournament, play 4 games for \$15, call 354-6332.  
--Parents day out respite care in Schweinfurt & Leighton, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sign up now until March 14 in person or call for more info., 354-6517 or 350-7762.  
--SAS special Saturday opening in Schweinfurt, "Plant seeds," 9 a.m. to noon, call 354-6974.
- 18 MAR** --Easter market trip to Zeigenhain, call Arts and crafts for more info., 354-6903.
- 19 MAR** --Würzburger Hofbrau Brewery Tour, 10 to noon, transportation provided. Call 354-6933.
- 20 MAR** --Women's History Celebration Luncheon, Conn Club, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Schweinfurt, guest speaker Carol Haager. RSVP to Bonnie Cornelison 354-6279.
- 22 MAR** --Computer 101 basic skills class, Schweinfurt Commons, Ledward Barracks, 11:30 a.m.  
--Family Fun Bingo, Schweinfurt Elementary School, 5 p.m.
- 24 MAR** --USO Shopping express trip to Cheb. \$30 per seat. Call 354-6711 for more information.  
--Family Friendly Trip, Polish Pottery shopping. Sign up in advance, call 354-6715.  
--Racquetball tournament at Kessler fitness center for ages 18 & older. Call 354-6735.  
--Miss Middle School Zone pageant, 6 p.m. Call for more info. 354-6308.  
--Teen Center all-area lock-in, register by March 14. Call 354-6732.
- 25 MAR** --Family Day at Kessler bowling center. Games \$1.50 for adults & \$1 kids 17 and under.
- 30 MAR** --SMS/MSZ youth dance, 6 - 9 p.m. Call for more info. 354-6308.
- 31 MAR** --American Red Cross class: Adult, infant, & child CPR with adult AED in Leighton Yellow Ribbon Room, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call to sign up 354-1760.  
--Kinderfest, Askren Manor, from 2 to 5 p.m. Kick off the Month of the Military child!  
--Bowling Championship team try-outs. Kessler Bowling Center. Sign-ups begin at 10:45.  
--Spring Craft fair at Schweinfurt Elementary School, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 1 APR** --Easter market trip to Mardorf, call Arts and crafts for more info., 354-6903.
- 14 APR** --Fishing trip with MWR to Gersfeld, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call for more info. 353-8476.
- 10-12 APR** --Teen Center spring break trip to Garmisch, \$60. Call for more info., 354-6732.



# Community families kick up fun at the Winter Fest



Left, Kai Wetzel takes aim at a board during a Tae Kwon Do demonstration at the Winter Fest, which drew hundreds of revelers to the Finney Fitness Center March 3. Clockwise from upper left, Lt. Col. Robert Whittle presents a memento to Gil Sanders, a private donor and sponsor of the Winter Fest who flew in from the United States for the event. The crowd takes in some of the many events. Jennifer Breault builds a mask at the arts and crafts table. Thahlia Graves gets a butterfly painted on her cheek. And Katharina Pierce helps her 2-year-old daughter, Reanna, pick something good at the duck pond.





# Everyday is a fun day for reading with SES but Dr. Seuss makes it a party!

Story and photos by Kimberly Gearhart

Mar. 2 was National Read Across America day, and students and teachers from Schweinfurt Elementary School (SES) celebrated with pajama parties, guest readers, and green eggs and ham.

Green eggs and ham?

Read Across America day is celebrated on Mar. 2 to commemorate the “birthday” of Dr. Seuss’ timeless classic *The Cat in the Hat*, and this year marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. So what better way to start your day, not with old spam, but green eggs and ham?

Teachers and staff dressed up in stovepipe striped hats, and Thing 1 and Thing 2 took calls in the office with Yertle the Turtle. The third grade came in pajamas and gathered on the floor to read and be read to by guest readers like Mrs. Europe, Wendy Sledd.

“Some classes are reading all day and having read-ins, like sleep-ins. This is a great activity. It really gets them excited about reading,” said Sandi Fisk, who works with first-grade students at risk for reading failure.

According to kindergarten teacher Bergen Rigby, most students say that reading time at home is centered around bed time. Special events like Read Across America are intended to show children and their parents that reading can be fun at all times of day.

Valentine’s Day was another special “sweetheart” reading day. Approximately 75 families participated in a guest reading program. Moms and dads had the opportunity to read to their children and then have lunch with them.

The National Education Association has sponsored Read Across America for 10 years. The event is now the nation’s largest reading celebration. Future events, like “Drop Everything and Read,” which commemorates Beverly Cleary’s birthday, will continue the tradition of reading fun.

However, reading doesn’t require a special occasion at SES. Every day is a reading day. Parents are encouraged to join their students in reading at home or in class.



Sandi Fisk, above, Reading Recovery instructor, donned the Cat’s quintessential hat in honor of Dr. Seuss and Read Across America day. This year marks the 50th anniversary of *The Cat in the Hat’s* publication and the 10th year for Read Across America.



Bergen Rigby

Thing 1, Emily Nixon, (left) terrorized SES’s front office in honor of Dr. Seuss and Read Across America. Her partner in crime, Thing 2, is camera-shy.

Sgt. Daniel Allen, left, of 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, reads to his daughter and her friends as part of SES’s Valentine’s Day Reading event.

Guest readers joined SES students throughout the day, reading from Dr. Seuss favorites. Mrs. Europe, Wendy Sledd (right) read *Thidwick, the Big-Hearted Moose* to Mrs. Shea’s third grade class.

