



Schweinfurt Dispatch

Serving the Military Community of Schweinfurt

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Halloween: 'Give me something good to eat'



Trick-or-treat?

Tomorrow is Halloween and this year, trick-or-treat hours will be 6 to 8 p.m. in Askren Manor.

The Military Police will be set up on Askren to x-ray candy, so you can rest easy knowing your child's loot is safe as well as tasty.

Be sure your children wear reflective clothing or carry lights when trick-or-treating. A note to drivers: use an extra bit of caution on Halloween. Children will not be looking out for you, so be sure to look out for them. Have a safe and happy Halloween in the USAG Schweinfurt.

Halloween fun

The USAG Schweinfurt is offering various avenues of fun for kids for Halloween tomorrow.

- Join the **Community Harvest Fest** at the Ledward Gym from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for more fun and games. Come dressed in your costume to enjoy food, candy, activity booths, and tons of games sponsored by the Ledward Chapel.
- After you've had your fill of bouncing around, go to **Ledward Library** to watch scary movies and play eerie games. All ages are welcome and doors are open from 5 to 10 p.m.

Make it a green Halloween



With Halloween 2008 approaching quickly why not think about creating a more environmentally friendly celebration? To help protect the environment while enjoying Halloween just have a look at these tips for a Green Halloween.



Make your own costumes from old clothes at home instead of buying them! After Halloween you can donate them to charities or friends for reuse!



Use canvas bags or a bucket to collect treats. After Halloween you can reuse them as shopping bags for example!



Purchase treats with the least amount of packaging!



Don't litter empty treat wrappers eaten along the way!



Use non-disposable items for your Halloween Party – real plates, silverware, glasses, cloth napkins etc.



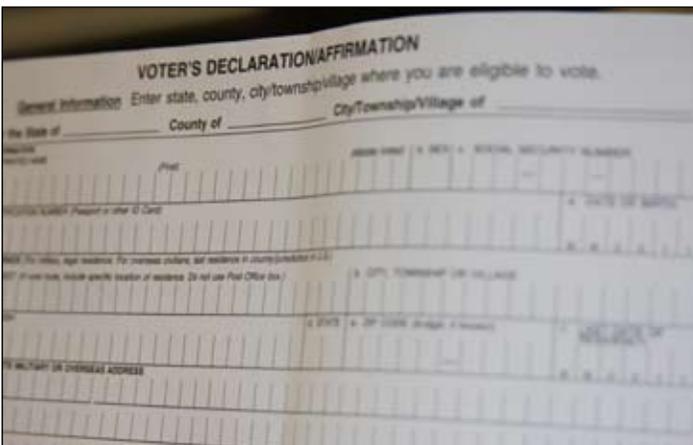
Send invitations for your Halloween Party via e-mail to save paper!



Reuse your Halloween decorations in the coming years like you reuse your Christmas decorations!



One last chance to vote in the presidential election



Story and photo by Mark Heeter

The USAG Schweinfurt post office and Ledward Library are joining forces to give voters one last chance to vote in Tuesday's general election.

Federal write-in absentee ballots are available at the library through Tuesday, and the post office is delivering the mail, according to Charles Jones, USAG Schweinfurt postmaster.

"We'll supply them with a blue drop box," tomorrow evening, Jones said. "We'll have it locked up, and it will be marked for ballots only."

The write-in ballots await patrons in the library.

"They can fill it out right here. We've got the assistance guides," said Christine Willis, Ledward librarian.



SPRECHEN SIE FUN?

Events and activities in the local communities

Tomorrow:



Ice hockey game – Schweinfurt Mighty Dogs versus ESV Buchloe at the Schweinfurt Icedome at 8 p.m.



Enjoy a 4 course **Halloween dinner** in a creepy atmosphere of spider webs

and candle light at restaurant Zehnthof in Geldersheim For reservations, call 09721-802616. Have a happy Halloween!



Saturday:

German Holiday: All Saints Day
STORES WILL BE CLOSED

Medieval “Vikings’ round table” at the guest-house Zehnthof in Geldersheim at 7 p.m. Come in costumes!



Farmers’ market at the Schweinfurt market square, 11 a.m.



Saturday and Sunday:

Exhibition of antique glass

at the Otto Schäfer museum,
Judithstrasse 16

Saturday 2 to 5 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Tomorrow through Sunday

Circus “Renz-Manege” on the Volksfestplatz in Schweinfurt. The program includes a mixture of classical circus, theater and variety shows. with artists, acrobats, clowns, and animals

Performance schedule:

Tomorrow, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sat. and Sun., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Tickets range from 10 to 20 euro for children and from 15 to 25 euro for adults.

To reserve tickets, call 0173-1733715.



Win a circus ticket in a raffle at <http://schweinfurt.mainpost.de>.

Nov. 9

Lantern Fest in downtown Hammelburg, STORES WILL BE OPEN

Schweinfurt Dispatch



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This newsletter is a command information product that places emphasis on events and activities occurring throughout the Schweinfurt and Lower Franconia areas.

Information and photos included in this

newsletter are acquired from sources that highlight events, programs, and activities in Schweinfurt and Lower Franconia.

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

To be added to the Schweinfurt Dispatch distribution list, please e-mail: mail.sft.pao@eur.army.mil.

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.



News Briefs

Askren gates

The Askren Manor Housing Area entry points' operating hours will change for a 30-day period beginning Saturday. The Niederwerrnerstrasse entrance gate, near the elementary school, will open 24 hours daily, 7 days a week, while the JFK Ring entrance onto Lee Street will operate Mon-Fri, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Recycle center closure

Due to a German holiday Saturday, the Askren Manor Recycle Center will be closed for the day. The recycle center will resume normal hours of operation Monday.

Play morning temporarily rescheduled

New Parent Support Play Morning is canceled Tuesday and Nov. 6 and instead will be held Nov. 7 at School Age Services from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Normal times will resume the following week. Play Morning is normally held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Temporary court closure

Kessler Fitness Center racquetball and basketball courts will be closed tomorrow through Nov. 8. Cardio and weight rooms will remain open during this time.

Movie night

Middle-schoolers are invited to attend a special movie night Saturday at the Ledward Teen Center from 8 to 10 p.m. The evening is sponsored by Club Beyond. For more information call 0160-332-1498.

Check the weather

For information about weather and road conditions this winter, call 354-6690 or 09721-96-6690. Weather service is available starting Saturday through Apr. 30.

Flag football

Come watch the final Schweinfurt flag football game of the season tonight at Pendleton Field on Conn Barracks at 6 p.m. The game will determine the garrison champions and also which teams advance to the IMCOM-Europe championship in Grafenwoehr Nov. 6-9.

Veterans' Day salute

The 15th USA Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Battalion invites the community to attend a special Veterans Day program Tuesday at the Bamberg Theater starting at 2 p.m. Join in and salute our veterans and Soldiers.

Scheduled gas card outage

AAFES announces a scheduled outage for the Esso fuel ration card system from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. Sunday to reset the system clocks. During that downtime, customers on the fuel ration card program will not be able to purchase gas with their Esso fuel ration cards on or off post. Those using the old registration document for ration deduction and/or have Esso coupons, will be able to purchase fuel during this time.

Christmas play recruiting

Be a part of the Schweinfurt Community Christmas performance sponsored by Ledward Chapel. The first rehearsal is Saturday at 10 a.m. at the chapel to fill parts for adults and children. For more information call 354-6860.

Schweinfurt



Tonight-	7 p.m.	Death Race (R)
Tomorrow-	7 p.m.	Body of Lies (R)
Saturday-	4 p.m.	The Long Shots (PG)
	7 p.m.	Body of Lies (R)
Sunday-	4 p.m.	The Long Shots (PG)
	7 p.m.	Body of Lies (R)
Monday-	closed	
Tuesday-	closed	
Wednesday-	7 p.m.	Mirrors (R)

Schweinfurt three-day weather forecast

A.M.		P.M.	
	Friday Mostly cloudy Lows 1 C / 34 F		Friday Cloudy rain Highs 7 C / 45 F
	Saturday Cloudy rain Lows 2 C / 36 F		Saturday Mostly cloudy Highs 11 C / 52 F
	Sunday Mostly cloudy Lows 4 C / 39 F		Sunday Mostly cloudy Highs 11 C / 52 F

Source: 21st Operational Weather Squadron



- 10 NOV** --Deadline to sign up for free Family Thanksgiving Dinner, Ledward Gym, 6 p.m. Call 354-6732.
- 11 NOV** --Deadline to register for unit level basketball. Call Finney Fitness Center 353-8234.
--Veteran's Day, U.S. federal holiday.
- 12 NOV** --Baby & Me Swim class with SKIES, ages 4 - 18 months, 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Call 354-6460.
- 13 NOV** --Birth & Babies I class, Ledward ACS bldg. 242, 1 - 4 p.m. Call 354-6933.
--Federal Resume 101 class, Ledward bldg. 206, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Call 354-6933.
- 14 NOV** --Birth & Babies II class, Ledward ACS bldg. 242, 9 a.m. - noon. Call 354-6933.
- 17 NOV** --Free computer class: MS Excel I, Ledward bldg. 206, 8:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Call 354-6933.
- 17-19 NOV** --Registration for basketball tournament Nov. 22, Finney gym, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call 353-8234.
- 18 NOV** --Anger Management part I class, Ledward ACS bldg. 242, 3 - 5 p.m. Call 354-6933.
- 18-22 NOV** --Basketball officials clinic, Finney Fitness Center, 6 - 8:30 p.m. Call 353-8234.
- 20 NOV** --Computer class: MS Publisher & photo editing, Ledward, 8:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Call 354-6933.
--Indoor pool trip with Outdoor Rec. departs 5 p.m. returns 8:30 p.m. Call 353-8080.
- 21-23 NOV** --BOSS ski/snowboard trip to Edelweiss. \$132 includes hotel, breakfast, dinner. Call 353-8476.
- 22 NOV** --Community Turkey Trot 2, 3, 5, or 10k; Kessler gym, registration 7:30 a.m., run 9 a.m.
- 24-25 NOV** --Gullberg (modern) ballet Schweinfurt city theater (Rosbrunnstrasse 2), 7:30 p.m.
For tickets call 09721-510 Mon-Fri from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. or Sat 9:30 a.m. - noon.
- 27 NOV** --Thanksgiving Day, U.S. federal holiday.
--Thanksgiving dinner at Conn & Ledward dining facilities, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 27-29 NOV** --BOSS Berlin city tour with Stars in Concert, two overnights 229 euro. Call 353 8476.
- 27-30 NOV** --Outdoor Rec. snowboard/ski trip. Call for prices and to sign up at 353-8080.
- 28-30 NOV** --Holiday Bazaar, Finney Fitness Center, Fri-Sat from noon - 7 p.m., Sunday noon - 4 p.m.
- 29 NOV** --The Dance Masters perform "Best of Irish Dance," Frankenhalle in Sennfeld, 8 p.m. For tickets call 09721-69138 or 548800/176666 or 01805/4470 or www.ticketonline.de.
- 30 NOV** --Community Christmas tree lighting event, Andrus Garden on Ledward Barracks, 4:30 p.m.
- 1-5 DEC** --Santa Shop open for sales at Schweinfurt Elementary School. Call 354-6734 for times.
- 6 DEC** --Trip to Christmas market in Rothenburg, \$15. Departs 10 a.m. Call Outdoor Rec. 353-8080.
--Trip to Christmas market in Rothenburg, 25 euro. Departs 8 a.m. Call BOSS at 353-8476.
--BOSS Neustadt steam train ride, castle visit and wine tasting, 95 Euro. Call 353-8476.
- 7 DEC** --Army digital photography contest deadline. Call 354-6903 for details.
- 9 DEC** --Community Update Forum, Schweinfurt Elementary School, 6 p.m.
- 11 DEC** --Monthly Lunch Bunch with St. Nikolaus, meet at ACS, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 354-6933.
- 12-14 DEC** --Outdoor Rec. snowboard/ski trip to Garmisch. Call for prices and to sign up at 353-8080.
- 13 DEC** --Trip to Christmas market in Stuttgart, 35 euro, leaves Finney Gym 8 a.m. Call 353-8476.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



SKIES teaches more than new moves

Story and photo by Emily Athens

Graceful steps, kicks, and punches: a few of the moves the School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration, and Skills (SKIES) Unlimited is teaching this winter to the children and youth of the USAG Schweinfurt community. Of the vast array of programs, SKIES offers instruction on the elegant steps of ballet or the dynamic moves of karate.

SKIES provides just what its name indicates. Offering equal opportunities for youth of military and DoD civilians, SKIES strives to enhance the possibilities for children to gain knowledge, become inspired, explore their talents, and acquire new abilities.

“Our primary focus is to establish good quality programs for children, so they can discover their skills and get better at them,” said Peter Potter, acting SKIES director.

Potter also emphasized the goal to ensure consistent and affordable prices for participants, while providing dependable, high-quality instructors. These instructors not only possess great talent in what they teach, but a passion in educating children in lessons that stretch beyond the classroom.

“My goal is for my students to learn about their feelings, their body, and their self-respect. I want every child who leaves my class to know that they are beautiful, graceful, and amazing dancers,” said Kim Brice, the SKIES ballet instructor.

“Studies show that children who are physically active grow up to become healthier adults. Encouraging them to make exercise a priority is very important,” added Brice.

Dmitrij Videnin, the SKIES karate instructor, also believes the importance of children learning lessons that apply to their daily lives outside the classroom.

“By teaching karate, I’d like to reduce the aggression potential of children. (My goal is) not so much that they learn how to fight, but that they have a good body conscious,” Videnin said.

It is obvious that the SKIES programs give children an opportunity to become socially active with their peers, potentially building their self-esteem, explained Potter.

“Especially with the deployment coming up, these classes will provide a positive outlet for the children and help support the parents,” said Potter.

Ballet classes are available for children ages 3 to 5 on Wednesdays 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. at the Abrams Center, Wednesdays 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. for ages 6 to 8 in the elementary school cafeteria, and Fridays 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the elementary school cafeteria for ages 9 to 12. Classes are \$35 per month for one class per week.

Karate classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Finney Fitness Center for children ages 6 to 18. Cost is \$40 per month for two classes per week.

For more information about SKIES programs, call 354-6414.



Possessing the highest karate degree attainable in Europe, Dmitrij Videnin looks forward to teaching youth the art of Kyokushinkai Karate, one of nine programs offered by SKIES Unlimited.

Enchanted Ball invites parents as dates



Milton Johnson (left) and his fourth-grade daughter, Mia Johnson-Gonzalez, pose for a self-portrait at School Age Services’ (SAS) Enchanted Ball on Askren Manor Friday night.

The semi-formal event encouraged first- through fifth-graders to invite their own parents on a date. Sons brought their mothers and daughters brought their fathers to join in the evening of dancing, munching, and drinking punch.

To find out how your child can join in the fun at SAS, call 354-6974 or 09721-96-6974. (Photo by Sandra Wilson)

Schweinfurt Health Clinic news

Due to the pre-deployment requirements, the Schweinfurt Health Clinic has reduced services through November. Please remember to use some of the TRICARE services available to you such as our pharmacy self-care and TRICARE nurse advice line for ailments that may not require an appointment (00800 4759 2330).

To better meet your well-baby needs, Schweinfurt health care team has partnered with German pediatricians to increase available appointments through streamlined access and English-speaking pediatricians and staff. For details please call 354-6897/6580.



Scholarship contest begins Monday

By *Caroline Williams*
DeCA marketing specialist

FORT LEE, Va. – November is a great time of year for many reasons – cool, crisp weather, tailgating at football games, Thanksgiving and fall colors, to name just a few. If you’re a high school or college student and the child of a military family, you might want to add free college money to your list of favorite things because the 2009 Scholarships for Military Children Program opens Nov. 3.

Scholarship applications will be available beginning Nov. 3 in commissaries worldwide and online through a link at <http://www.commissaries.com> and directly at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

The program kickoff each year in November coincides with National Military Family Month, and the scholarships are a great way for commissaries to get involved with the community and demonstrate support for the contributions of military families.

According to Defense Commissary Agency Director and Chief Executive Officer Philip E. Sakowitz Jr., the program has awarded more than \$6.4 million in scholarships to more than 4,000 of the best and brightest children of military families since the program began in 2001.

“We know that education is the key to a better future,” Sakowitz explained, “and we’re thrilled to be a part of something that makes it a little more affordable for military families.”

The scholarship program is emblematic of DeCA’s commitment to improving the quality of life of America’s service members and their families by making military paychecks go further in today’s uncertain economy. The program awards \$1,500 scholarships to well-rounded, accomplished children of military families, meaning these families don’t have to dig as deep into their pockets to pay for tuition.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already be attending, an accredited college or university full time in the fall of 2009, or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applicants should prepare to submit an essay on the following topic: “What would you place inside a time capsule to help people in the next century understand military life today?” Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business on Feb. 18, 2009. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

Call Schweinfurt Commissary for questions about eligibility at 354-6485.

Parent conferences invite discussion

By *Emily Athens*

Parent/teacher conferences will occur Nov. 7 at Bamberg High School (BHS) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a break from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to walk-in at anytime or call the teacher directly if a specific time is desired.

Furthermore, for the convenience of families living in Schweinfurt, the Bamberg faculty and administration will come to the Schweinfurt Abrams Entertainment Center for parent/teacher conferences Nov. 6. These conferences will run 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a break from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Having conferences in Schweinfurt emphasizes the efforts “to forge relationships with BHS and initiate a solid partnership” between Schweinfurt and Bamberg, said Beth Potter, director of Youth Education Support Services.

With 110 Schweinfurt students attending BHS, making up almost half of the student population, the school will try to host events in both Schweinfurt and Bamberg in hopes to “pull the two communities together and gain greater community support,” Potter added.

Parent/teacher conferences for Schweinfurt Elementary School are held Nov. 10 and Nov. 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Teachers will set an appointment time for the parents.

Conferences for Schweinfurt Middle School are Nov. 12. Grade-level team appointments run from 8 to 11 a.m., individual teachers will hold scheduled appointments from noon to 1 p.m., and from 1 to 3 p.m. parents can come for conferences on a walk-in basis. Lunch hour for all teachers is from 11 a.m. to noon.

Call each school for more information.

Spouses club donates to Schweinfurt wildpark



Carol Haager, right, president of the USAG Schweinfurt Community Spouses Club (SCSC) shakes the hand of Thomas Leier, manager of the Schweinfurt Wildpark, after SCSC made a donation of \$500 to help reconstruct the park’s goat living area. This large undertaking is taken on by the city forestry office and will begin in 2009. (Photo by George Ohl)



Unattended cooking primary cause for fires

By Sandra Wilson

Food is heating on the stove when suddenly you realize you're missing an ingredient. The commissary is just a short distance— maybe the food will be okay while you step out just for a moment. Besides, you're hungry, and you want it to be ready when you get back.

Don't do it, stresses the USAG Schweinfurt fire department.



Drexler

"It happens about three or four times a week. People put stuff on the stove and leave," said Frank Drexler, USAG Schweinfurt fire inspector, adding that Askren Manor and the barracks

have the most incidents.

Food or grease catches on fire or smoke sets off the fire alarms and the USAG



Schweinfurt fire department makes their six-minute trip to the home to contain the hazard.

"A lot of people don't think it could happen to me or even realize how fast it can happen," Drexler said.

Staying in the house is not enough.

Even leaving the kitchen to go to another room can create a potential life-threatening situation when food is cooking and left unattended.

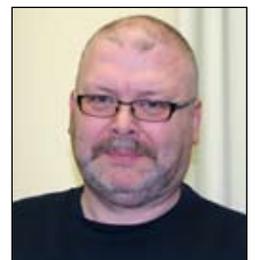
"Unattended cooking is a problem," said Ralph Metz, USAG Schweinfurt fire inspector. "Do not leave the kitchen."

"If they really have to leave, then turn off the stove and move the pots," Drexler said.

Microwave popcorn is a culprit of fires as well, said the fire inspectors. Leaving the popcorn in too long may result in a burst of flames right inside the microwave.

A simple solution remains: keep an eye on the stove, oven, and microwave when cooking.

"Fire can happen to anybody at anytime," Metz said.



Metz

172nd Infantry Brigade prepares for mission



Soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery, 172nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Separate) line up their M1200 Knight vehicles at the rail head on Conn Barracks Oct. 24. 172nd BCT Soldiers in Schweinfurt and Grafenwoehr have begun inspecting and loading equipment for the journey to Iraq, where the "Blackhawk" Brigade will deploy in the next several weeks. (Photo by Sandra Wilson)




DONNY VOX BAND

LIVE IN CONCERT

November 12, 7 p.m.

www.donnyvox.com

Finney Fitness Center, Conn Barracks
Free and Open to all ID Cardholders



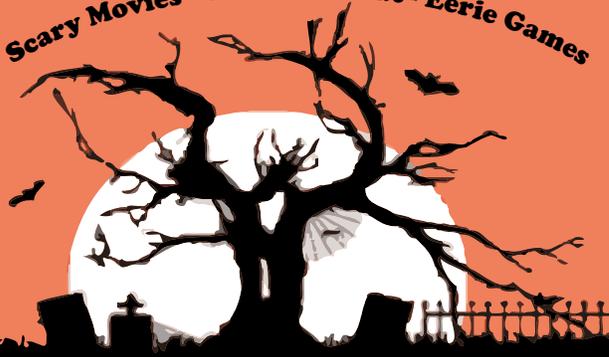

HALLOWEEN

AT

LEDWARD LIBRARY

5 p.m.
October 31
All ages welcome

Scary Movies - Trick or Treat - Eerie Games



For more information, call 09721-96-1740/DSN 354-1740

Single Soldier
Free Turkey Dinner

November 6, 6 p.m.

Eat, drink & be merry
at Finney Recreation
Center,
Conn Barracks



For information,
 call 09721-96-8476 or
 DSN 353-8476



Youth Sports & Fitness

Winter Sports Registration
Open through November 28

Cost: \$25 for basketball ages 3-5
 \$36 for cheerleading ages 6-15
 \$46 for basketball ages 6-15



Register at
Central Registration
Ledward Barracks
Bldg. 224, The Commons
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