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## Community welcomes 386th MCT home

Sgt. Danny Ogas, 99th Movement Control Team from Aviano, shows his ability during the fun activities that followed the ceremony for the 386th MCT, 14th Transportation Battalion, Welcome Home party. Many community members participated in the event held at Club Veneto Feb. 10. Ogas was the only member from Aviano who deployed and worked with the unit. Most of the unit worked at the Baghdad International Airport during the deployment. "This is one of the greatest welcome homes that I ever had," said Ogas. "The Vicenza community was very supportive and very kind. Welcoming the unit back made us feel very happy to be back in this area." See more from the Welcome Back party on page 2. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

## Birthing center to open in spring

By Sgt. Tara Teel  
SETAF Public Affairs

Expecting mothers will soon be delivering their new bundles of joy here on Caserma Ederle in a brand new birthing center located behind the Vicenza Health Clinic. The center is on schedule to be open in the spring.

"Mothers and families deserve this facility and it is of critical importance that our warriors feel that their families are being well taken care of," said Lt. Col. Ronald Keen, Vicenza Health Clinic commander.

The birthing center will provide a full service center for mothers expecting normal deliveries without complications or cesarean sections. The services are designed for healthy mothers and healthy babies.

The center will include two labor, delivery, recovery, postpartum suites. Under this concept, low-risk, full-term pregnant women will labor, deliver, and remain in the same room with their infant until discharge, according to Lt. Col. Kathie McCroary, chief nurse practitioner, obstetrics and gynecology, Vicenza Health Clinic. Care will be family-centered. Spouses and other significant others will be encouraged to participate in the birth and provide support in the post-partum period. Rooming-in and breastfeeding will be supported and encouraged.

Although there will be only two suites, the facility will be able to accommodate four mothers and babies at one time. Mothers and their new babies are cared for after the delivery for 48-96 hours or longer on a case-to-case basis.

There will be approximately 33 staff members working in the clinic. The staff will be comprised of military and civilian medical personnel and some have already begun arriving to Caserma Ederle.

The center will also have two operating rooms, 24 hour anesthesia support, Antepartum fetal testing capabilities, newborn nursery services, and a two-patient room for obstetrics

and gynecological patients. Minor OB-GYN surgery will be conducted, according to McCroary.

"The staff is very excited for the community because this is an addition to the care we can provide them at this time," Keen said.

The center is not designed for high-risk mothers with medical problems or babies with complications. These expectant mothers will deliver in the local Italian hospital downtown or Landstuhl Medical Center.

Keen said he wished to thank the host nation for the excellent care they give to Americans.

"This [center] is a demonstration of the Army's recognition and commitment to female Soldiers who are entering the Army in greater numbers," Keen said. "It stresses female health issues and the importance of family and military readiness.

"It should be noted that this center has come together with incredible speed," said Keen. "It usually takes two years to finish a project like this. It has only taken a few months."

The construction is on target to date, according to Keen. The foundation of the building is complete and the electricity is being installed.

"Having the birthing center here in Vicenza is one of the best things that we can do for the Soldiers who are deploying and leaving pregnant spouses behind," said McCroary. "Knowing that their wives will receive the highest level of care in a familiar facility will reduce a lot of the anxiety and logistical concerns associated with delivering on the economy or at Aviano. Being able to remain in the community will also allow greater support by friends, family readiness groups, and support agencies."

"This is a dream come true for me to be here and be a part of this," Keen said. "The senior leaders in the community and in the medical community have been supportive in this mission."

A name for the maternity center has been chosen but is being withheld until its dedication ceremony scheduled for April 1.



The construction for the new birthing center is on target. The crews are working on the interior of the building and installing electricity. The name for the center has been chosen and will be revealed at the dedication ceremony April 1. It is scheduled to open in the spring. (Photo provided by the Vicenza Health Clinic)

## Safety-Six: New center's goal to reduce fatalities

By Brig. Gen. Joe Smith  
Army News Service

The U.S. Army Safety Center has transformed to the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center. The CRC is a knowledge center that "connects the dots" on all information that pertains to the loss of a Soldier... our combat power!

Knowledge is power. This simple truism is echoed in our adoption of Composite Risk Management, because the more you know about the total hazards you face, the more

effectively you can manage the risk. Real power comes from sharing actionable knowledge from the top to the bottom of your formation.

CRM recognizes that a loss is a loss — no matter where it happens — and every loss degrades combat power. During FY04, our Army lost a Soldier every 32 hours to an accident. FY04 was our worst year for accidental fatalities in the last 10. We are outpacing last year in almost every category of accident.

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This clearly is a big challenge for our Army.

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "if you can't solve a problem, enlarge it."

In our case, enlarging the problem translates to viewing accidental and other losses in a larger context ... ALL Army losses. We are developing the capabilities to take a more holistic look at how and why we are losing Soldiers. To date, no single agency collects, analyzes, and reports such holistic data to allow commanders to apply CRM and reduce or prevent losses. In recognition of this void, the CSA and SECARMY expanded our mission and redesignated us as the Combat Readiness Center on 31 January 2005.

When we look at ALL losses — accident, combat, medical, and criminal — the true impact on our readiness emerges: We are losing a Soldier every nine hours. Not only do we lose a precious life and comrade, but we also lose combat power and are required to recruit and train a replacement. This adds to the challenge of an Army at War that is transforming.

This name change signifies our role in enhancing combat readiness and, to be frank, frees us from the negative connotation the word "safety" holds for young Soldiers—those who are at highest risk. We will retain all our core competencies in Safety, but our emphasis on CRM and readiness will increase. This strategy will be effective since all generations understand the importance of a fully functioning unit and strive toward that goal.

What does this mean to you? We are taking a more holistic look at loss and providing you with a greater awareness of its overall impact on readiness. We also are accelerating our reports to you on what we know after a loss occurs. We are gearing up as your knowledge broker and data warehouse. By collecting loss

information from disparate sources to distill and pass on, and along with our data mining efforts, we will have the capabilities to report actionable knowledge back to you. Our goal is to be fast, holistic, digital, preventive, and predictive. Knowledge is power, but sharing this knowledge is what makes it actionable and powerful.

We will gather data on all losses, but our primary attention will be on accidental and selected combat situations where the specific cause or reason for the loss is unknown. The Combat Readiness Center will apply its own assets and leverage the capabilities of other relevant organizations to provide you with the trends, lessons learned, applications for TTPs, and tools for your use. Two items of note: We are not throwing the baby out with the bath water—Safety is still a strong component of what we do. We also are collaborating with other organizations to connect the dots, not own them or do their jobs.

Shortly, we will go hot on a new program of quick-turn SITREPs. These Preliminary Loss Reports (PLRs) will contain brief reports on losses and near real-time synopsis of what we know so you are aware of the issue quickly. Whenever possible, we will alert you to trends as well. This service is in its infancy, and I look forward to your feedback as we refine it. We have ambitious plans in the coming weeks and months to look at those things beyond fatalities that lead to lost workdays for both our Soldiers and DA civilians.

We continue to evolve to meet the needs of our transforming Army. When asked "What can you do to enhance readiness?," we want to be there with the knowledge and tools to help. Knowledge IS power ... combat power!

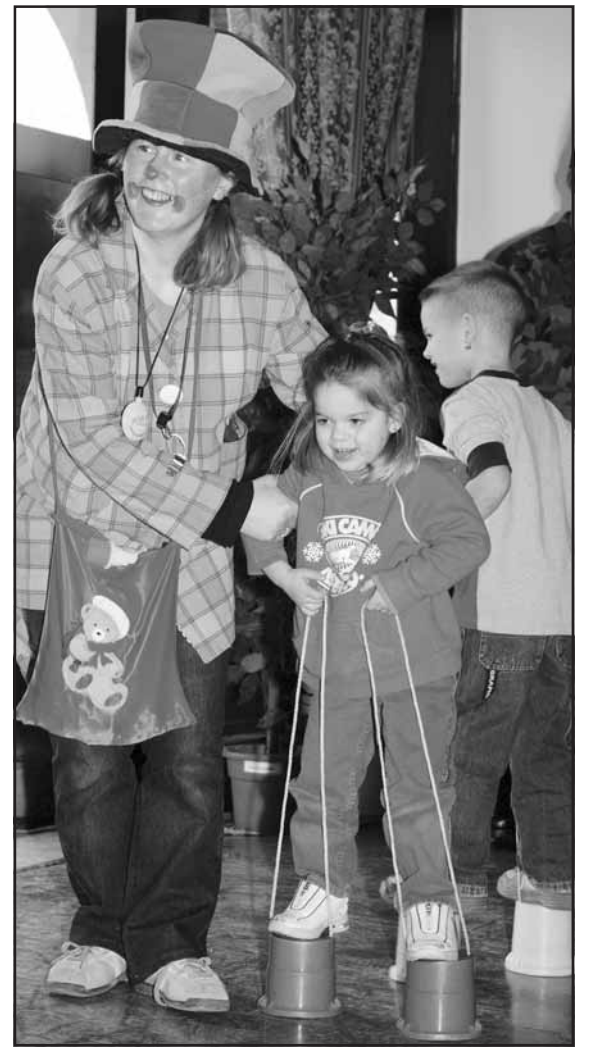
*Editor's note: Brig. Gen. Joe Smith commands what was formerly the Army Safety Center and now the Army Combat Readiness Center at Fort Rucker.*

## Welcome back

Lt. Col. Charles R. Brown, commander, 14th Transportation Battalion, presents the 386th Movement Control Team to the community during a ceremony in their honor held at the Club V Feb. 10.

The members of the 386th MCT are: Sgt. Michael Collum, Staff Sgt. Paul Ellis, Staff Sgt. Patrick Henderson, Staff Sgt. Shane Livingstone, Staff Sgt. Carlos Lora, Sgt. Franklyn McKesson, Staff Sgt. Joshua Murray, Pfc. Kristopher Perez, Sgt. Nicholas Trujillo, Sgt. Michael Walles, Pfc. Corey Wrubel, Pvt. Maurice Young, Warrant Officer Cheryl Jones, Maj. Elizabeth Fetherston, Capt. Victor Baez-an, and 1st Lt. Erin Humelsine. Sgt. Danny Ogas, 99th MCT from Aviano, also deployed with the 386th.

(Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



## Community Action Council

If you have an issue that you would like to submit, e-mail your issue to CAC@setaf.army.mil or call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post. This forum is to discuss issues that affect the community.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$2.50 per hour, per child for children ages 6 weeks through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, Building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Contact CYS Central Registration at 634-7219 or stop by their new location in Davis Hall.

The next CAC is Feb. 23 at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

**Issue:** *I work in Lerino and do not drive. Because of this I make use of the post shuttle bus and I usually ride the bus three or four times a day.*

*Unfortunately, the bus often arrives late; but worse than that, it sometimes arrives early and leaves early. For someone who is dependant on the bus to get around, this is unacceptable. I am always to the bus stop before it is time to leave, but sometimes that still isn't early enough.*

*Another problem I have concerns the cleanliness of the bus. There is always trash on the floor or in the seats and the buses smell.*

*I realize the bus drivers cannot monitor the passengers while they are driving, but*

*that doesn't mean someone else can't.*

**Response from Directorate of Logistics:** We apologize for your inconvenience. Drivers are instructed and counseled to maintain to the schedule time line. DOL began implementing quality control measures (check-rides), in January to monitor mass transit schedule requirements.

Drivers are inundated with continually cleaning the bus and monitoring the conduct of riders. Therefore, signs stating "No Food or Beverage Allowed" have been posted on buses and waste bins have been installed.

**Issue:** *There is a Soldier residing in Torridi Quartesolo government housing for the past two years with no family members.*

*Housing has been notified several times to no avail. I don't understand why he has been allowed to stay when there is already a shortage of large housing for other military families who have several family members.*

**Response from Directorate of Public Works:** The Housing Division shares your concern with this issue. However, the particular instance to which this issue refers is not an easy one to resolve. While it is not Housing's policy to assign family quarters to soldiers arriving on unaccompanied orders, it is routine business practice to assign family quarters to soldiers arriving on "deferred" travel orders for their family.

Often it is in the family's best interest to wait until quarters are available locally before arriving in the command. Also, the requirement for family members (not active duty military) to have a visa for Italy sometimes interferes with their ability to travel concurrently with the sponsor.

The bottom line is that government-

controlled quarters are assigned based upon what is on the orders, to include command sponsored family members ages and gender for bedroom determination, and not upon how many family members are currently present in the command.

Cases where sponsor's fail to bring family members with them in a timely manner, or not at all (although authorized to do so), occasionally do pop up in the community and the only way Housing finds out it is from neighbors who report it to Housing staff.

Once we've been notified of a suspected problem, it is our responsibility to take action with the Soldier's chain of command to resolve the issue and ensure that the Soldier is housed based upon the reality of the situation, as opposed to what his or her orders say.

In this particular circumstance the Housing NCOIC's investigated the situation and was assured at the time that the Soldier would bring his family back with him from ANCOG in the states.

As we have now been made aware that this has not occurred, the Chief, Housing Division, will work the issue directly with the Soldier's commander and ensure that appropriate action is taken.

**Issue:** *Why is there funding for the high school sports teams to go on trips but no money for any academic or class trips?*

*My Italian class was planning a trip to Venice to see the churches and see Italy through the eyes of an Italian, but when my teacher asked, the school said there was no money for the trip.*

**Response from DoDDS High School Principal:** Separate funding is provided for curricular and co-curricular (sports) activities.

The co-curricular funding is determined by a formula based on the DoDDS-Europe sports schedule.

The curricular funding is determined by a formula based on student enrollment. Most of the study trips provided this school year have been for Italian and Spanish students to travel to Venice and downtown Vicenza.

We determined that there were enough train tickets left over from the last trip so that we were able to fund another study trip.

**Issue:** *Why isn't there an Italian post office on Caserma Ederle? Other European bases have host country post offices on the base.*

**Response from Det. 4, 510th Postal Officer:** I have confirmed with my company headquarters in Germany that there are no local country post offices on any Army posts in USAREUR. There are many factors to consider if having an Italian post office here—such as mail security and space on post.

Unlike the Poste Italia, the German Bundesposte has access to military housing areas in Germany, but only to deliver mail. It does not allow service members and families to pay bills or send packages.

Any mail a customer has for the Italian economy can be sent through the Caserma Ederle post office and paid at the required international rates.

If bills cannot be sent through the APO, Banca Nazionale del Lavoro is available on post for those bills.

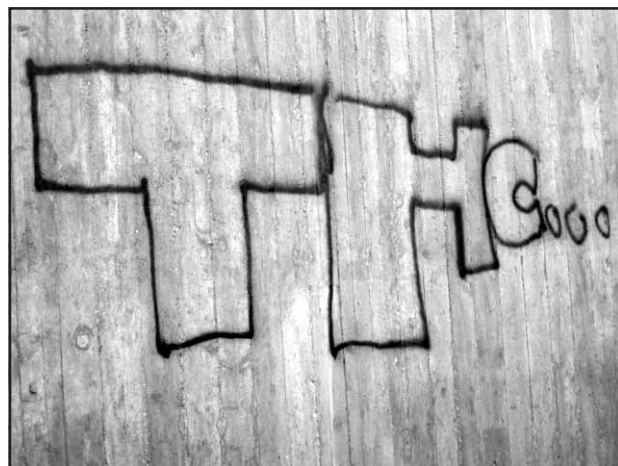
As for any other bills that cannot be paid in either of these ways, there are two Italian post offices near Caserma Ederle; one is on via ca Balbi across the street from the big church. The other post office is out Gate 4B on via Giuriato, next to the A & O supermarket.

## On post or Off post

# G r a f f i t i – There is no place for it in our



This is a picture of the graffiti damaging the last house on the left before leaving the Villaggio walk through gate.



This picture is located on the walkway from Villaggio to Caserma Ederle, under the train pass, off post.



This picture is also located on the walkway from Villaggio to Caserma Ederle, under the train pass, off post.

By **Bethanie Trent**

SNAP Coordinator, 22nd ASG

A picture is worth a thousand words. The photos found here were taken from three different locations: Villaggio and off post, in the Vicenza area between Villaggio and Caserma Ederle. By comparison you can tell that the graffiti shown is obviously done by the same person or people.

Digital photo technology and easily available research make it easier to track taggers and eventually lead to arrests and or administrative action when dealing with graffiti.

Administrative actions can include actions from the Uniformed Code of Military Justice for Soldiers and Civilian Misconduct Action for civilians. Some of these actions are being barred from post, revocation of privileges, and the possibility of Early Return of Dependents for family members.

This strategy is possible because of a change in the way the Provost Marshal's

Office looks at graffiti. Technology is making it much easier to use computers to spot patterns of crime and mapping graffiti. Most taggers have signatures just like you write your name. Illustrations of graffiti kept in a database can tie tagging suspects to multiple incidents.

Another way of investigating these images is to know what they stand for. These images can have many meanings but any one of them can be a clue. Take !GNOB or GNOB for example as seen in the pictures found in last week's article. These terms are mentioned in many different contexts. They can be from a Nintendo NES game, "Paladin's Quest" or they can be from the band "Pig Destroyer." GNOB is also an Internet sign on name used by people to post messages on Internet message boards. The one thing that is common to both the game and the lyrics of this band is that they are described as "dynamic, twisted-dark".

"THC" is a common term for marijuana. If you type THC into a Web search, you will

come up with Web pages for recipes, legal assistance, and radio networks, just to name a few.

There are also other clues as to who is committing these crimes. Often times vandals will practice on notebooks and other forms of media.

It is up to us as a community and as parents to know what our children are doing, what games are they playing, and what music they listen to. These mediums provide ideas for vandals. Are friends bragging about their "artwork?"

The fact that American graffiti is appearing at locations off post is worrisome to our Vicentini neighbors. Graffiti lowers property values and leads people to believe their neighborhoods are not safe. Graffiti is disrespectful and harmful to communities. It sends the signal that nobody cares, attracting other forms of crime and street delinquency to the neighborhood. Graffiti on post and off is illegal and it does not promote an image of good neighbors.

As guests in this country, it is up to each of us to promote a positive image of the United States. Every one of us, whether or not we realize it, is an Ambassador and representative of our country. Our singular images reflect the images of how Americans are seen as a whole.

The SNAP Observers residing off post have been notified to increase their patrols around the areas most affected by graffiti and vandalism. Our observers can also help with the many car break-ins, which are being reported at an alarming rate. If you should see any suspicious activity, it is important to call the MP desk immediately at 634-7626 or 634-7233, civilian 0444-71-7626 or 0444-71-7233.

Remember to report the time and place the incident occurred and how many persons, including descriptions, that are involved. If the perpetrator is in a vehicle try to get the license plate number first, then the color and make of the vehicle.

We need everybody's help on this to make our community better.

### Vehicle Break-ins

Vehicle break-ins are on the rise in the Vicenza area. The Provost Marshal's Office suggests the following:

- Don't leave anything in your car, especially gas coupons.
- Clear out your car at night and while traveling – even open the glove box to show it is empty.
- Park your car in the garage or fenced in area if possible, not on the street.
- Park your car in a well lit area.

### Expand your world

## MWR host multicultural fair Friday

By **Kelli Covlin**

Outlook Editor

Many people take a tour to Europe to work so that they have the opportunity to travel. It is one of the perks to living and working overseas.

But this Friday, you won't have to spend a dime to visit places such as Spain, Africa, or South America – they are going to be right here on Caserma Ederle.

"This is going to be a great event," said Jamie Zawadski, administrative officer, Directorate of Community Activities. "Each of the seven continents are going to be represented at different locations all over post. There will be ethnic foods to taste, crafts to make, and people dressed in traditional costumes."

Not all countries in each continent will be represented during the Expand Your World Multicultural Fair, but those that have been chosen will have maps of the country, information on their population, religions and environments, types of currency used, traditional music, arts and crafts, traditional clothing, food samples, and more.

The concept is to expose participants to the cultural aspects of several different countries on the different continents, according to Zawadski.

"We wanted to create something cultural and fun, as well as educational for all," she said.

The event will start at 2 p.m. in the Caserma Ederle Theater. At the theatre, each participant will receive a "passport" with their photo and a listing of each activity available at each continent.

As they participate in the activities,

ranging from music and dance to arts and crafts, they will receive a stamp in their passport from the "customs agent" for the specific country.

Participants can travel the world and visit Asia in the school's cafeteria, Australia in the Shoppette, Africa at Soldier's Theatre, Antarctica at Global Credit Union, North America at the post library, South America at Club Veneto, and Europe at Davis Hall.

"The reception we received from different agencies on post about this event was great. It really turned into a true community event with the school, Global Credit Union, and AAFES getting involved as well," said Zawadski.

Global Credit Union, representing Antarctica will be transforming itself into an Igloo for the event.

Travelers will be able to trek the world until 5:45 p.m. when all are invited to the AAFES Post Exchange for a multicultural fashion show beginning at 6 p.m.

Participants will also be included in a door prize drawing. The prizes are a trip for two to Edelweiss Lodge in Germany, a trip for the whole family with Information, Tours and Recreation, and a piece of Samsonite luggage. The drawing will take place following the fashion show.

"MWR does a free event each month here on post, but I think this might be one of the biggest events of this year," said Zawadski. "We really want to get the whole community involved."

Everyone is invited to participate in the Expand Your World Multicultural Fair. If you would like more information, call MWR Marketing at 634-7343.

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# Keeping community safe

## Vet detachment inspectors keep close eye on food products

Story and photos  
By Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

Thousands of food items are delivered to Caserma Ederle to support several facilities, including the dining facility and the Commissary, which provides food products to the community.

But before customers have access to the items, the Southern Europe Veterinary Detachment's food inspectors take a look, making sure that these items are healthy and safe, ready for the community to consume.

"Basically, we inspect on a daily basis," said Sgt. Keith Meyers, NCOIC of the Vicenza Branch collocated with the Commissary.

"We inspect the dining facility, we provide support for the MREs and troop issues, but we also provide support for the community by inspecting the Commissary where everyone shops, the troops as well as the family members and DOD civilians," he said.

The food inspectors provide inspection for the products that come straight from Italy, such as poultry items, fruit and vegetables, explained Meyers. Some of the deliveries that

arrive in Vicenza come from Germany and the United States, where they have already been inspected before shipment.

"We used to go to the Padova Terminal Market, but the contract changed. Now we inspect everything here and then the products go to different facilities on this installation," he said.

According to Cpl. Keo Sok, medical food inspector who works as an assistant, they look at items that come from direct vendors making sure that proper procedures are applied.

"The checklist includes temperature, cleanliness of the transportation vehicle and whether the product is healthy and wholesome for the community to consume," she said.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are the busiest days because most of the deliveries arrive on those days.

"We also check the temperatures of the products themselves and if each product has proper labeling according to the individual contract, and then we inspect the product to make sure it is good," said Sok.

Some of the measures follow



European standards if the products are European.

"The region affects the way the produce has actually grown," added Meyers, "And we have different inspection criteria over here. Some of the things that differ are maybe different chemicals used to provide pesticide protection."

The food inspectors also encourage reporting any problem to help them provide the best service to the community.

"Customers have the opportunity to fill out a customer complaint if they are not happy with the product that they purchase. It is a form that they fill out. The product is returned to us, and we inspect it," explained Meyers.

After conducting an evaluation on the returned product, the Veterinary staff pulls samples to determine the cause of the problem. In some cases the product may be sent to the Veterinarian Lab in Europe for a

further evaluation.

"There is a lot we can do with customer help. We can call other commissaries and do a chain link and then send a recall if there is a bigger problem," Sok explained.

From a security standpoint, another aspect of their job is to assure that the source of the product is safe.

"Our headquarters element inspects the plants in Italy," said Meyers.

"We have officers that go out to the plant and do inspections on it."

Plants inspected may supply bottled water, local ham or cheese.

"Basically, all the products that customers see out here have technically been approved and the plant that it is coming from is safe.

"One of the first criteria that the plant itself has to meet is certain security criteria in terms of access and background checks," he

explained. "It is important to safeguard the troops and the community."

According to Meyers, MWR and AAFES facilities such as Joe Dugan's or Burger King fall under a different inspection criteria.

In fact the preventative medicine section, which is not a part of the Veterinary Detachment ensures that the adequate sanitation procedures are applied.

"Preventive medicine, which belongs to the Health Clinic, inspects those facilities.

"We do, however provide them support for their food products, everything up to when they receive it. So if they have problems with their products, or even if preventive medicine is doing a facility inspection on those facilities, and they find something wrong with their products, they contact us," continued Meyers.



## Camp Darby employee to donate liver

Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo  
Camp Darby Public Affairs

When Raniero Marti, a painter at Field Support Battalion-Livorno, found out his mother in law was dying from hepatitis type C and that her only possibility to survive was linked to a liver transplant, he did not hesitate to volunteer to donate his own.

"For me, it is just a natural consequence of the situation," said Marti. "Both my wife and my sister-in-law were not compatible with her blood type, but luckily I am.

Marti will undergo surgery at the New York University Hospital. He will have to spend a few months in the United States, where he will go through serious medical examinations to determine his ability to donate. Following the operation, the doctors foresee a recovery period of about a month.

Marti was hired in December 2004 as a painter, with a temporary contract until Sept. 30.

"It has always been my dream to work for the U.S. government in a military environment, and even if this was a temporary position, I decided to take the chance and relinquished a permanent job on the economy. I love my job, and I found a family around me here at Camp Darby," said Marti.

"Marti immediately became the paint shop hero," said Maurizio Franco, lead forman, Care and Preservation Division. "He is not only a true professional, willing to

learn the job, but he also took on more responsibilities in just the two months he has been here. He always performed his best."

"When Marti was hired, he already knew he would have to undergo this surgery, but in spite of that, he always performed at the maximum standards. His integrity and willingness to learn attitude brought him the respect of all the co-workers and managers," said Massimo Carpina, chief, Planning Production and Control. "People like Marti contribute by building precious esprit de corps, cooperation and respect into a division."

"I am excited, confused, [and] embarrassed at the moment. It is going to be long and difficult, but I strongly believe in God and he guides me through these choices," said Marti, who has made it part of his life to give medically to others when possible. He is on the list for bone marrow donation and has volunteered at local public health care facilities.

"I hope my experience can encourage others that we need to live with altruism, always, in any field, and life can be better for anyone. I want to thank the commander, Lt. Col. [Mitch] Wilson, Mr. Carpina, and Mr. Franco, my supervisors, for their attitude and support. They really made me feel like a son in a big family," said Marti.

"I want to make sure that he knows that we are proud to work with employees who distinguish themselves through selfless service. His actions are the heart of any community of excellence," said Maj. Stephen Zglinicki, Area Support Team-Livorno commander.

## FAC starts first phase of operations

Army Community Service Mobilization/Deployment Readiness Program Manager Rita Bonamego and 22nd Area Support Group Deputy Commander Lt. Col. William Hogan cut the ribbon of the Family Assistance Center located at the Vicenza Davis Hall Feb. 11. The center activated Phase 1 in support of the upcoming phase of the deployment cycle. The FAC is a central point where anyone in the community can go to receive official information from all agencies on the installation for help concerning legal, medical, housing issues, and more, according to Bonamego.

"We also have the Communication Center," she added. "In the Communication Center we have computers installed that the Soldiers and family members can use to communicate by email. We also have the web-cam so the Soldiers can see the family members and vice versa and be able to communicate as well.

"I really encourage everyone to come and visit us if they need assistance or just to know what kind of facility we have and that we are here for the Soldiers, families and all the community. Everyone is welcomed, it is a very friendly and a nice place to be," Bonamego said.

For more information about the FAC, contact Bonamego at 634-8523. During Phase 1 the center is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

## Studying ecosystems

# Fish find a new home at VES

Story and photos by Megan Gafford  
Outlook Staff

A new tropical fish aquarium is helping Vicenza Elementary School students in Mary Generelli's third grade class learn about ecosystems.

The Parent Teacher Student Association provided the funding for the aquarium.

"I think it's a wonderful addition to the school," said Navy Cmdr. Kenneth O'Brien, president of the PTSA. "The PTSA just funded it. It is great to watch the kids sit there and stare – amazed at the sea life."

"It helps to build a soothing environment and, on any day, you can look at the aquarium and see about 20 people hovering to watch the fish," said Alice Herring, VES principal.

The aquarium holds species from the Indian Ocean near Sumatra, Indonesia. Among the species are barb fish, cleaner fish, and eels. The students are learning how the ecosystem was damaged by the recent earthquake and tsunami disaster in Sumatra.

"There was a big tidal wave, and almost all of the fish died," said Reagan Shimp, one of the students in Generelli's class. Throughout their studies, students brought in articles about the tsunami, drew pictures of the rescue effort, and paid special attention to observing the fish in the fish tank.

"There were dolphins that were stuck in a swamp, and rescue boats had to bring them somewhere [safe]," said Emily Gargas. This information was from one of the many articles the students read which stuck in their minds.

These students are only a handful of the many who get to enjoy their new aquarium.

"It certainly adds some color to the school," O'Brien said.



Two different varieties of fish are seen in these photos taken of the VES aquarium. Some of the different fish species in the tank are barb fish, cleaner fish, and eels.



# Who's where now?

With the transition of Davis Hall into the Family Readiness Center and the opening of the Central Processing Facility in the Golden Lion, many offices on Caserma Ederle have moved. It can be little confusing trying to figure out who is where. Here is a listing of the offices now residing in Davis Hall and in the Golden Lion.

### Davis Hall

#### Davis Hall Facility Ground Floor:

| Agency                                   | Room #  | Phone #       | Hours of Operation                 |
|--|---------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| American Red Cross (ARC)                 | Room 47 | 634-7089      | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.                      |
| Child and Youth Services                 | Room 29 | 634-7206/7219 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.                      |
| Central Registration (CYS)               |         |               | (after working hours 335-729 5779) |
| School Liaison Office                    | Room 42 | 634-5998      | 11 a.m.-2 p.m.                     |
| Army Community Service Offices:          |         |               |                                    |
| ACS Front Desk Services                  |         | 634-7500      | 8a.m.-4:30 p.m.                    |
| Relocation Readiness                     | Room 25 | 634-8525      | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.                      |
| ACS Director                             | Room 23 | 634-7076      | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.                      |
| New Parent Support Program (NPSP)        | Room 24 | 634-7567      | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.                      |
| Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) | Room 27 | 634-8582      | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.                      |
| Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator (AVCC)  | Room 45 | 634-7942      | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.                      |
| Army Family Team Building (AFTB)         | Room 48 | 634-8526      | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.                      |
| Deployment/Mobilization Readiness        | Room 15 | 634-8523      | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.                      |

#### Davis Hall First Floor:

|                                    |          |          |               |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Employment Readiness Program (ERP) | Room 101 | 634-6884 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m. |
| Financial Readiness                | Room 105 | 634-8634 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m. |
| Army Emergency Relief (AER)        | Room 104 | 634-8524 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m. |
| Army Family Action Plan (AFAP)     | Room 109 | 634-7420 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m. |
| ACS Program Analyst                | Room 110 | 634-6690 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m. |

### Golden Lion

#### Central Processing Facility:

| Agency                                    | Phone #       | Hours of Operation         |
|---|---------------|----------------------------|
| Central Processing Facility Manager       | 634-8706      | 8-11:30 a.m. & 1-5 p.m.    |
| Installation Transportation Office (ITO)  | 634-6926      | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.              |
| 560th MP Customs                          | 634-8203      | 9-11:30 a.m. & 1-4:30 p.m. |
| ID Cards Center and Deers                 | 634-8352/6998 | 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.           |
| 208th Finance IN/OUT Processing           | 634-7531      | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.              |
| 510th PSB IN/OUT Processing 201 File      | 634-8424      | 8-11:30 a.m. & 1-5 p.m.    |
| U.S. Embassy Liaison Office               | 634-7751      | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.              |
| Drivers Testing                           | 634-6913      | 9 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.     |
| Test Times - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday |               | 9 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.         |

Note: Most post agencies close for lunch from 11:30 or noon to 1 p.m.

# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

## Vicenza Dance 2005

The following dance companies will perform in the Palladio Room in the Vicenza exhibition building: on Sunday the Balletto Flamenco de Andalucia from Spain; Feb. 27 see I Solisti dell' Amburg Ballet from Germany; March 16 the Limon Dance Company from the United States; April 12 the Beijing Modern Dance Company from China; and April 30 the R.B.R. Dance Company from Italy. All performances start at 9 p.m. and tickets are available from the SCS - Societa' Cultura & Spettacolo office, 22 Via Gorizia, Vicenza. They are open Monday-Friday 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. Phone - 0444-322-035.

## St. Valentines market

The St. Valentines fest is ending this weekend in the town of Pozzoleone, so there is still chance to catch the two markets that have been set up. On Saturday and Sunday the open air market with its 300 stalls is from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. where you can also see, nearby, the latest in agricultural machinery. The other market is held under a large tent and is open from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Find furniture, household articles, sports equipment and more. Directions: Head past Bolzano Vicentino, Bressanvido, and find Pozzoleone after about 9 kilometers.

## Furniture exhibition

The 45th edition of Spaziocasa will open on Saturday in the Vicenza exhibition grounds. The display, with over 350 exhibitors, presents a whole range of goods for the house from modern to reproduction and garden furniture, furnishing accessories, lighting, rugs and curtains. There is also an area dedicated to weddings, which includes clothing, accessories and various articles. Open Monday-Tuesday from 3:30-8 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday from 3:30-10 p.m.; and weekends from 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. through Feb. 27. Entrance fee

is 8 euro. The grounds are located near the Vicenza ovest (west) autostrada exit. This year a bus will be available on both Sundays leaving from the small square by the Vicenza train station at half hour intervals from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and arriving at the west entry of the exhibition grounds. The bus returns to the train station at half hour intervals starting at 9:30 a.m. and the last bus will be at 8:15 p.m. The bus will make several stops on the way to and from the exhibition grounds. This service is free.

## African paraphernalia

In Verona, in the Museo Africano, located on 1 Vicolo Pozzo, you can see the continent of Africa through items collected by the Comboni missionaries. Included in the exhibition are musical instruments, furnishings, photos of different tribes in Africa and games. Open Tuesday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon and 3-6 p.m.; Sunday from 3-7 p.m.; and closed on Monday. This is a permanent exhibition. Entrance fee is 4 euro.

## Art - Boldini

In the Palazzo Zabarella, Padova, some 120 paintings by Giovanni Boldini (1841-1931) on loan from major museums, to include the Metropolitan Museum of New York and the Philadelphia Museum by Giovanni Boldini (1842-1931) are on exhibit. These works are exemplary for his early years spent in Florence where he was part of the Macchiaiolo group and for his fashionable way of drawing, mainly influenced by his rich French and American collectors. Critics say that few Italian artists of that period had, and still have, the success that Boldini originated in Europe and the U.S. The exhibition is open Tuesday-Sunday from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. through May 29. Closed on Mondays. Entrance fee is 10 euro, children younger than 6 years old are free. The Palazzo is located in Padova's pedestrian area near the

town hall.

## The Via Crucis

In Rome, on Good Friday, March 25 at 9 p.m. the Pope leads a solemn torch-lit procession, the Via Crucis, from the Colosseum and up the Monte Palatino, reenacting the 14 stations of the cross, from Jesus' death sentence to the placement of his body in the tomb. Health permitting, the Pope carries a large wooden cross part of the way, and at every station he offers a brief prayer. At the final station he also gives a speech, linking the re-enactment to current events. Tens of thousands of the faithful gather with torches and lights to follow this solemn procession. This event will also be televised.

## Aviation park

Located in Rimini, this aviation park offers visitors a rare collection of some of the most significant moments of the post-war period. On display are over 40 planes, which were protagonists of several wars, Korea, India-Pakistan, Vietnam, Iran-Iraq, Gulf and Bosnia. Planes include the Phantom fighter, the Lockheed F-104 and a MiG-23.

Inside the park find an Aviation Museum that contains uniforms and flying suits, which are presented in chronological order, starting from the 1900's. There are also hundreds of medals, decorations and photos on display. In the park also find a bar, restaurant, a helicopter landing pad, and a partially asphalted car park. A visit to the park can last from a minimum of two hours to as long as four hours or more. Open everyday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Entrance fee is 9 euro, children younger than 6 are free. Directions: The park is situated by the main Rimini-San Marino road. Arriving from San Marino, the park is about 1 kilometer after the border. Arriving from the A-14 autostrada, the park is about 8.5 kilometers in the direction of San Marino and can be seen on a hill to the right.

# Now Showing

## Caserma Ederle Theater

|         |                           |         |
|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| Feb. 16 | Woman Thou Art Loosed (R) | 7 p.m.  |
| Feb. 17 | Woman Thou Art Loosed (R) | 7 p.m.  |
| Feb. 18 | Meet the Fockers (PG13)   | 7 p.m.  |
|         | Blade: Trinity (R)        | 10 p.m. |
| Feb. 19 | Meet the Fockers (PG13)   | 2 p.m.  |
|         | Ocean Twelve (PG13)       | 7 p.m.  |
|         | Blade: Trinity (R)        | 10 p.m. |
| Feb. 20 | Ocean Twelve (PG13)       | 2 p.m.  |
|         | Meet the Fockers (PG13)   | 7 p.m.  |
| Feb. 23 | Ocean Twelve (PG13)       | 7 p.m.  |
| Feb. 24 | Blade: Trinity (R)        | 7 p.m.  |

## Camp Darby Theater

|         |                              |        |
|---------|------------------------------|--------|
| Feb. 18 | Spanglish (PG13)             | 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 19 | Flight of the Phoenix (PG13) | 7 p.m. |

## Movie Synopsis

**MEET THE FOCKERS** - *Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller* - Now that Greg Focker is "in" with his soon-to-be in-laws, Jack and Dina Byrnes, it looks like smooth sailing for him and his fiancée, Pam. But that's before Pam's parents meet Greg's parents, the Fockers. The hyper-relaxed Fockers and the tightly-wound Byrneses are woefully mismatched from the start, and no matter how hard Greg and Pam try, there is just no bringing their families together—which all adds up to a disastrously funny time of "getting to know you."

**FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX** - *Dennis Quaid, Tyrese Gibson* - The action-adventure revolves around the plight of Captain Frank Towns, a pilot whose C-119 cargo plane full of oil workers could not withstand the violent winds of a desert sandstorm. Stranded in the harsh terrain of Mongolia's Gobi Desert, Frank and his navigator face an equal challenge in maintaining order among the survivors. The group of survivors had planned on an uneventful trip to shut off a group of rigs falling below their productivity expectations - not fending for their very lives. Facing a brutal environment, dwindling resources, an attack by desert smugglers, they realize their only hope is to do the "impossible": build a new plane from the wreckage.

**SPANGLISH** - *Adam Sandler, Téa Leoni* - When the beautiful native Mexican woman Flor, the mother of a 12-year-old girl, becomes the housekeeper for an affluent Los Angeles family, cultures collide. Of all the horrifying pitfalls she worried about in this new culture, Flor had never fathomed the peril of being truly embraced by an upscale American family.

**BLADE: TRINITY** - *Wesley Snipes, Kris Kristofferson* - Realizing they may never be able to defeat the vampire hunter known as Blade the Dayhunter, the vampires set Blade up to appear like a psychopathic serial killer. The plan is successful, with the FBI soon on his tail, Blade's ability to hunt vampires is limited severely, even as they have awakened the granddaddy of them all, Dracula, a pure vampire with amazing abilities others do not possess. To take on the threat of this most powerful vampire, Blade accepts the help of a team of human vampire hunters called the Nightstalkers.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.  
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.  
Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

## Girl Scout cookies

Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, SETAF commanding general, receives two boxes of cookies from members of the Vicenza Girl Scout neighborhood. In exchange for the cookies, Maj. Gen. Kamiya presented each girl with a commander's coin. The girls who presented the cookies were Jocelyn Bright-Smith, Katelyn O'Brien and Kiah Rashid of the Cadette Troop, Rachael Smith and Tara O'Brien of the Junior Troop, and Stephanie Smith of the Brownie Troop. The Girl Scout cookies can be purchased from the Girl Scout troops outside of the PX and Commissary for \$3.50 a box. There are varieties such as mint, two kinds of peanut butter, short bread and coconut caramel. Support your local Girl Scout troops by buying cookies or pre-ordering them from any of the girls. (Photo by Sgt. Tara Teel, SETAF Public Affairs)

## Girl Scouts Investiture, Rededication Ceremony

On Jan. 31, Girl Scout Troop 48 had an Investiture and Rededication Ceremony. Investiture is celebrating being in Girl Scouts for the first year. Rededication is celebrating coming back an additional year. The group had four scouts that were rededicated and seven first year scouts. The first year Girl Scouts are: Josephine Anderson, Autumn Field, Randi Hollingsworth, Shannon Lee, Jasmine Neighbors, Arianna Smith, and Judie Wang. The second year Girl Scouts are: Julia Doniec, Aniek Morris, Alexandria Porter, and Kelsey Shuttlesworth. "I would like to say that I am very fortunate to be around such delightful girls," said Kimberley Doniec, leader, Troop 48. "I want to congratulate these first graders on what they have done, and look forward to being a part of their journey in Girl Scouts. A special thank you to Nancy Hacker, the parents of our troop, and the Girl Scout Cadets that have been donating their time and effort as well." (Photo provided by Kimberley Doniec, Troop 48)

# Vicenza Elementary School

Each month, certain students at the Vicenza Elementary School are singled out and recognized for demonstrating exceptional characteristics.

These students were caught treating others with respect; following the Golden Rule; being tolerant of differences and using good manners; not using bad language; and being considerate of the feelings of others.

They don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone, and they deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements.

## Students of the Month

### November

#### 1st Grade

Scout Sleigh  
Judie Wang  
Patrick McGuire  
Troy Smith  
Matthew Lamora  
Taylor Garrett  
Nicholas Settle  
Jack Hartless  
William Nicholson  
Ana Flores

#### 2nd Grade

Michael Catena  
Alexis Crook  
Miguel Cruz-Carino  
Erin Harris  
Cade Born  
Savannah Heath  
Sam Chambers  
Leslie Barrios  
Alex Rakas  
Mariah Samia

#### 3rd Grade

Diego Ochoa  
Crystal Rubio  
Erin Petit  
Sydney George  
Adriana Almodova  
Gabby O'Hara  
Gabriel Gonzalez  
Leah Vadnais

#### 4th Grade

David Shimp  
Holley Long  
Dillon Luedtke  
Brittney Johnson

#### 5th Grade

Bailey Butler  
Hannah Gann  
Adam Claiborne  
Anthony Matthews  
Maleyna Young

#### 6th Grade

Briana Cragwell  
Alex Savusa  
Shantevia Lane  
Angelic Bryant

### December

#### 1st Grade

Arian Esmaeili Soumeh  
Dawson Moody  
Shauwn Mitchell  
Tyrone Culver  
Aniek Morris  
Lauren Potts  
DaiJona Young  
Brenda Arrowood  
Jessica Holt  
Millenia Hairston

#### 2nd Grade

Connor Eudy  
Devyn Cade  
Anthony Galindo  
Dominick Smith  
John Soica  
John Williams  
Robert Fox  
Shelbie Warner  
Porsha Gathers-Grossett

#### 3rd Grade

Matthew Whitaker  
Robert Dapper,  
Brandon Cook  
Connor Gann  
Hakeem Valcin  
Emily Gargas  
Destany Schendel  
Grace Wheaton

#### 4th Grade

Hugh McCarthy  
Zachary Korbel  
Nichole Kebre  
Elizabeth Leisure

## Muffins with Mom

Moms take a moment to have muffins, fruit and drink with their children before school at the school cafeteria Friday. The breakfast snacks were part of the Muffins with Mom program created by the Family Advocacy Program team of Army Community Services to provide time for moms and children to spend a few quality minutes together in the morning. (Photo provided by the Family Advocacy Program, Army Community Services)

#### 5th Grade

Dustin Gryder  
Adam Kepic  
Brian Johnston  
Patsy Jo Tyree  
Alicia Settle

#### 6th Grade

Jorel Lane  
Danny Wright,  
Stephen McCroary  
Victoria Inman

### January

#### 1st Grade

Julian Smith  
John Manning,  
Matthew Menia  
John Gallifent  
Perrice Ledbetter  
Colllyn McCarthy

#### Gabriel Buss

Kylie Garrett  
Samantha Martinez  
Ysatis Alvarez

#### 2nd Grade

William Butler  
Timothy J. Kirby  
Marcus Roberts  
Dilan Boutwell  
Bryan Febbo  
AJ Munoz  
Paola Lora  
Samantha Kebre  
Elisabeth McCroary  
Airiana Bobbett

#### 3rd Grade

Bryce Gryder  
Raven Soto  
Nicholas Loos  
Kenan Harrington

#### Jonathan Lombardi

Amelia Wheaton  
Havanna Samudio  
Jazmin Shackelford-Mercado

#### 4th Grade

Ryan Beets  
Jacob Chambers  
Sarah O'Neill  
Leilani Rabot

#### 5th Grade

Jonathan Higgins  
Davina Bowman  
April Sanchez  
Alexandria Zerr  
Samantha Holt

#### 6th Grade

Alex Soto  
Megan Stammer  
Rebecca Wiehe  
Cortnee Appleby

# Vicenza High School

## High Honors

The following Vicenza Middle and High School students had straight A's for the second quarter:

#### 12th Grade

Rachel Bryan  
Angelica Polen  
Lauren Tomory

#### 11th Grade

Shannon Eldredge  
Benjamin Franke  
Denaris Green  
MaryCatherine Sughrue

#### 10th Grade

Jessica Buhler  
Megan Gafford  
Adam St. Vincent

#### 9th Grade

Nicole Bissett  
Claire Malone

#### 8th Grade

James Bonnette  
Gretchen Carpenter  
Zachary Cunningham  
Natalie Hiles  
Jamie Kamiya  
Christian Kight  
Tabitha Lupi  
Anna Vallery

#### 7th Grade

Audra Bissett  
Callie Brown  
Elizabeth Buffington

Darren Eldredge  
Seth Franke  
Thomas McGuire  
Mathew Williams

## Honors

The following Vicenza Middle and High School students had a grade point average above 3.5 for the second quarter:

#### 12th Grade

Carmen Catena  
Claire Hann  
Sarah Huffman  
Martin Keating  
Sarah Malone  
Megan McLean  
Nycole Norcross  
Stephania Tavares

#### 11th Grade

Luke Beauchamp  
Jillian Brown  
Noel Fernando  
Sheri Mahadeo  
Grace Pemberton  
Ashley Rabot  
Christopher Stepps  
Christopher Weik  
Daniel Weston  
TaNyttta Williams

#### 10th Grade

Christopher Bell

#### Jessica Bostick

Jessica Boydston  
Crystal Buhler  
Jessica Buhler  
Katanya Green  
Eric Nupp  
Alexandrya Savusa  
Tiana Schwickerath  
Savannah Sessions  
Melvin Williams  
Zackery Williams

#### 9th Grade

Efren Aceves  
Darryl Alexander  
Victor Almanza-Barria  
Keisha Harrington  
Ka' Vara Jackson  
Antoine Overstreet  
Kyle Stammer  
John Trotta  
Virgilia Velez  
Joseph Wiehe

#### 8th Grade

Christian Addison  
Anna Aguirre  
Chelsea Ames  
Jocelyn Bright-Smith  
Eric Canipe  
Ashley Dallmann  
Lekendra Douglas  
Kenesha Fairly  
Sarah Graves  
Natalie Hiles

#### Brian Kachonik

Whitney Kimble  
Phillip Manning  
Katelyn O'Brien  
Janette Prados  
Alexander Savusa  
Timothy Sughrue

#### 7th Grade

Miata Arroyo  
Anne-Marie Bonnette  
Jackson Buffington  
Dylan Driscoll  
Teresa Hann  
Kyle Hinton  
Carina Linder Jimenez  
Kyle Kaus  
Danielle Kebre  
Nicole Lain  
Justin Lane  
Shaun Mahadeo  
Maggen Martinez  
Bianca Morrow  
Brock Reilly  
Valerie Stanley  
Lauren Vanderlugt  
Taylor Weik

## Cougar Roll

Cougar Roll is a new VHS program to highlight students whose grade point average has improved by .5 or more from the first quarter to the second quarter.

Cougar Roll students are:

#### 12th Grade

Jonathan Bass  
Angelica Polen  
Cecil Wood

#### 11th Grade

Benjamin Franke  
Matthew Issertell  
Ashley Powell  
Daile St. Vincent  
Volanta Stovall

#### 10th Grade

Athena Balcena  
Jessica Buhler  
Megan Curran

#### 9th Grade

Darryl Alexander  
Brandee Alvarado  
Matthew Bailey  
Brennan Jeffries Cade  
Marjorie Mayville  
Antoine Overstreet

#### 8th Grade

Chanel Haynes  
Tabitha Lupi  
Philip Manning  
Herman Powell

#### 7th Grade

Miata Arroyo  
Danielle Kebre  
Christopher Pier  
Kiah Rashid