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SETAF turns 50

Navy Cmdr. Kenneth O'Brien, (far left) chief of staff, SETAF Rear, leads the ceremonial troops during the official commemoration ceremony held Tuesday on Hoekstra Field celebrating the 50th anniversary of SETAF. The ceremony featured Soldiers from the various units comprising SETAF and members of the Italian Carabinieri. The Allied Forces Band, Naples, also participated. See more on SETAF's 50th anniversary on page 4.

(Photo by Spc. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)



Salerno named DoDEA Teacher of Year



Patricia Salerno

By Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

Every year the Department of Defense Education Activity selects the Teacher of the Year with the purpose of recognizing and promoting excellence in education.

This year's DoDEA Teacher of the Year is Patricia Salerno, fourth-grade teacher at Vicenza Elementary School.

Salerno arrived in Vicenza five years ago for the third time during her 35 years teaching.

"The factors that influenced me to become an educator were my parents and teachers," said Salerno. "Through their enthusiasm for education, I became aware that teaching and learning were a continual life process, which didn't end when the bell rang."

Her enthusiasm for teaching brought her to work in various DoDEA schools and districts located around the world. Salerno's educational experience includes teaching kindergarten through eighth grade in DoDDS-Europe schools including Izmir Elementary School, Turkey, and Naples Elementary School, Italy, as well as DoDEA

schools at Fort Campbell, Ky.

"I feel fortunate to have her on the Vicenza Elementary School team," said VES Principal Alice Herring. "Not only is she a fine teacher for the students that she serves, but a teacher of teachers, and a true leader in the school."

In selecting Salerno as the Teacher of the Year, the panel assembled at DoDEA Headquarters cited her leadership in the Partial Language Immersion Program that she started before arriving in Vicenza six years ago.

"I started teaching Italian to children my second year in Naples," she said. At that time she was in Italy as an Army spouse, following her husband, Dennis, now a retired lieutenant colonel.

A friend who was in charge of Foreign Language Education for the Mediterranean

District was visiting Naples and remembered Salerno and the conversations they had in Italian.

She encouraged Salerno to start the Italian Immersion class and taught her a method that is used to teach foreign languages to any student, not only children.

"Some of the students that I have this year have had Italian Immersion for three years and they are excellent. They play with Italian children in the neighborhood, they talk to their landlord, their landlord's children and they even act as interpreters for their parents," said Salerno.

"Because my class is Partial Language Immersion, families who never felt comfortable exploring Italy suddenly begin to appreciate the culture because one of the students is now the family interpreter. The students are not only prepared to become

part of the global community, but I've helped open the minds of their families also," she continued.

Involving the family – whenever possible – is one of Salerno's strong beliefs.

Parents may have considered that important as well, since several of them nominated her and started the first step on the way to becoming Teacher of the Year.

"I think that what caused the parents to nominate me last year, was the fact that I care," said Salerno. "We have a little saying in education 'The children don't care how much you know, they want to know how much you care.'"

Half of her present class, about 24 pupils, have a parent downrange. Salerno knows what deployment means, since her husband was deployed five times.

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Post prepares to test emergency response procedures

By Kelli Covlin
Outlook Editor

On Nov. 8, the Vicenza military community and the local Italian emergency responders will practice and evaluate their emergency response procedures during Lion Shake 06, the annual force protection and consequence management exercise.

"Part of the garrison's mission is to protect and safeguard all Soldiers, civilians and family members who live and work in the Vicenza military community," said Catie Bertoldi, emergency disaster planning officer, USAG Vicenza. "This exercise gives us the opportunity to work together with the host nation, to see what works, and to see where we need to improve when responding to emergency situations."

Each year the USAG Vicenza command spends months planning and preparing with their off-post Italian counterparts to react to a mass casualty scenario on Caserma Ederle. Some of the past scenarios

have included an exploded fuel tanker and a chemical agent released at the Ederle Community Mail Room.

During this year's exercise, there may be delays entering and exiting the installation and the surrounding military locations including Villaggio. The community is encouraged not to come onto Caserma Ederle except for official business.

Offices and agencies on the installation will be participating in the exercise, so expect delays in service on this day.

If you are on the installation, expect to be included as part of the exercise.

"The exercise will test the installation's and the host nation's abilities to conduct response and recovery efforts in the event of a major disaster," said Bertoldi.

"We know that there will be a disruption of post activities and services during the exercise," Bertoldi said. "We appreciate the community's patience during this time."

The exercise will kick off the morning of Nov. 8 and should be concluded by mid-afternoon.



A medical team from the Vicenza Health Clinic treat a fictitious casualty during last year's Lion Shake exercise on Caserma Ederle. (Outlook file photo)

SALERNO:

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"I have been always very aware of whose father or mother was deploying, which day, maybe that was going to be a rough day for the child, so I would give that child more attention that day, and make sure that maybe they didn't have to take a very difficult test that day because you knew they were not concentrating on it."

Salerno also made sure they could find some time to e-mail their parent downrange, so they could communicate in case they did not have the computer at home.

"I like to give them [children] a chance – when their work is done – to e-mail. We take pictures in the classroom, and I let them attach the photographs, so they can see what we are doing in school," she said.

As part of her philosophy of education, Salerno believes that it is important to remember how children may show different interests and learning styles. This helps her to "instead of concentrating on the negative, what they can't do, find a way to get them interested – understand what their talented in," she said.

Some children may be very good in art, said Salerno, so when it's time to do a science project

the teacher makes sure that they are given the opportunity to create a big poster or some art project which would go with that subject.

But the pillar of her philosophy is learning.

"Keep learning whether you are a student, teacher, parent, grandparent, or a single adult with no children," said Salerno.

On Nov. 8, Salerno will be awarded the DoDEA Teacher of the Year in Arlington, Va., and some of her former students will attend the ceremony.

She will also participate in other events in the states that will follow the ceremony.

The first event will take place in January when she will attend a conference, along with the winners from the 50 states, in Dallas, Texas, and during the conference the national winner will be announced.

Later on, in April, she will participate in a ceremony held at the White House.

All the winners will be recognized at a dinner reception in the Rose Garden and will receive plaques from the president.

"It will be exciting. I am looking forward to that," Salerno said.

Defeating Temptation

The USAG Vicenza Chaplain's Family Life Office, in partnership with deployed SETAF and 173d Airborne Brigade chaplains, is writing a series of devotional articles based on the best-selling book, "The Purpose-Driven Life," by Rick Warren.

The intent of these articles is to offer deployed Soldiers and their family members a devotional meditation, which they can use for weekly discussion and to hopefully deepen their spiritual connection during the separation.

Chaplain (Capt.) Robert Crawford, Jr.
7th Army Reserve Command

Somewhere we got the idea that good people are not tempted and even if they are, they just shrug it off. Nothing serious. But the truth is we are all tempted, and the implications can be very serious.

There are different allures depending on your age and station in life. The pilfered cookie that tempts the three year old may be different from the affair that tempts her parent or the gossip session that beckons her grandparent, but the desire is the same.

No amount of prayer, Bible study, church attendance, good will, or even fasting will make you immune to temptation. It will come.

Temptation itself is not sin. It arises out of our God-given appreciation for things beautiful and wholesome. It comes from our desire to be better people living better lives. Temptation is corollary to virtue. If we did not seek the good, we would never be tempted. Yet temptation can lead to behavior that destroys marriages and damages families. It ruins friendships. It can lead to addiction, slavery, and even death. Unchecked, it can bring down the most powerful individual. Unchallenged, it can betray a nation.

Temptation's greatest strength lies in the fact that it is subtle. It just doesn't seem that powerful. We deceive ourselves into thinking we can handle it on our own, and we allow ourselves to remain in its orbit. We do fine until we suddenly discover we

have succumbed to our desires and are doing things we know are wrong.

Temptation is powerful and left unchecked, it grows stronger. How do we overcome temptation?

The first objective is to get away from it – leave. If you find yourself in a conversation with an alluring person that is drifting toward infidelity, you need to end it. If others are standing around gossiping about a fellow employee, walk away. If your friends are talking of doing something you find questionable, it's time to go. You don't have to be rude or argumentative, just get out before you lose control. Temptation is at work.

The second imperative in dealing with temptation is to remember you are not alone. Temptation goes back to the Garden of Eden, and human beings have been struggling with exactly what you are feeling for thousands of years. If you are having a particular struggle with a temptation that just won't leave, get help. Find someone or join a group who can mentor you through the crisis. Your problem doesn't need to be published in the newspaper – confidentiality is in order. This is very important when dealing with addiction: you can't defeat it alone, and you need help. There is no shame in asking for help. The shame is in keeping it a secret and continuing to fail.

The third strategy in dealing with temptation is not to argue with it. When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, he did not argue with the devil. Instead, he quoted scripture. The greatest resource in combating temptation is knowledge of the Bible. Taking time to memorize scripture is akin to loading your weapon.

Finally, maintain a sense of humility. Even the best of us are tempted, and even the best of us fail. If you yield to temptation, the next move is to fight back. Use your resources to overcome failure, and be honest with yourself. Don't try to hide it. We learn from our mistakes so we don't have to repeat them. Doing battle with temptation can lead to growth and maturity.

Community Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues that affect the community.

If you have an issue that you wish to submit, visit the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Web site at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil and click on the Community Action Council link. This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies. There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed. If you have questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post.

The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly. The command also reminds the community that CAC issues submitted containing vulgar, derogatory or inflammatory language will not be addressed.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$4 per hour, per child, for children ages 6 weeks old through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required. Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration. Call 634-7219 or stop by their location in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

As Wednesday, Nov. 23, is the day before the Thanksgiving holiday, the next Community Action Council meeting is Nov. 22, at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

Issue: *I went to the states when my husband deployed, and missed the registration for sports. Can the waiting list be activated?*

Response from Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation: We establish and publicize cut-off dates for the registration in our sports programs so that we can determine the number and names of the children participating. This enables us to establish teams, recruit and train volunteer coaches, purchase uniforms, set game schedules, arrange for fields and umpires, begin practice sessions, and inform all concerned of the schedules and requirements for the season.

When we extend the deadline for registration beyond the established cut-off date, it delays the start of the season and makes it very difficult to provide a quality program to all the children who did register in time. However, our goal is to provide an opportunity for as many children as possible to participate in youth sports.

For that reason, we have activated the waiting list and are filling all available spaces on the teams in the age groups in which there is still space by placing the children on the waiting list in priority of those who signed up first.

We will continue trying to place children on teams as new spaces occur due to cancellations or dropouts, and we will try to place children who did not have a chance to register during the established registration dates because they are new to the Vicenza community.

Keeping parents and community members informed of the registration dates for our sports

seasons is a large undertaking because of the geographical makeup or our community.

Currently, information regarding the sports registration periods can be received at the Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment and Registration office, viewed in the *Outlook*, or given to youth as information at school.

In addition, to improve our methods, the CYS Sports and Fitness Program staff is building an e-mail database of potential customers and will try to keep them informed of important dates via e-mail. All patrons are encouraged to call the Youth Sports and Fitness office at 634-6151, or off post at 0444-71-6151, to be placed on the e-mail list.

For families who are leaving the area for an extended period of time, a copy of the annual CYS sports schedule is available on the USAG Vicenza Web site and will be available from the YS sports office and the CYS Central Registration office.

Issue: *Notification of Memorial Services – I find it wonderful that our chaplains can send out such a newsletter informing the community of upcoming events. I find it disturbing that our community can't send an e-mail notification, for Memorial Services honoring our Soldiers that have given their life.*

I am praying that all of our Soldiers and Civilians Deployed from this day forward return safely next calendar year; however, with upcoming elections I have to be realistic (even though it hurts). I ask that either SETAF, the Rear Detachment, or the USAG Vicenza send out a short e-mail notifying the community of

a Memorial Service day and time. I have only missed one Memorial Service due to extenuating circumstances. However, I've had to use Family Readiness Group networks and gossip to keep up with such critical community information.

Please remember that not every Soldier, civilian, or Local National has access to AFN radio/television and those persons that do not have a decoder will lose AFN television in the near future.

Chaplain [Leon] Kircher stated at a recent Memorial Service that our (Caserna Ederle) civilians should try to be a little bit nicer. I interpreted his statement as we should care a little more for our Soldiers. I ask that you help me with his guidance by informing me of our Memorial Services with an e-mail as I don't listen to AFN radio, and I will lose AFN television here shortly.

I appreciate your time and leadership.

Response from the Chapel: The USAG Vicenza Unit Ministry Team does not have the ability to send out information to every user within our footprint. Information regarding Memorial Services is sent to key leaders on the distribution list, for further dissemination through the various directorates and subordinate commands. AFN also broadcasts the specifics such as time, date, and place. The SETAF protocol office also sends out these notifications to all supervisors, managers, administrators, etc. The supervisors must then notify their personnel as this is a chain of command expectation.

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Housing to issue decoders, install satellites

Story and photo by Diana Bahr
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Most people and businesses are 'reactive' – wait until something happens to react to an incident.

Fortunately, the USAG Vicenza Housing Office is being 'pro-active' and taking the initiative to be prepared for when the Vicenza and Livorno military communities lose their AFN broadcast signal at the end of the year.

"We have 1,600 decoders on hand and ready for installation," said Nick White, USAG-Vicenza Housing Office programs manager. "We sent out 1,200 questionnaires to the community and have received back approximately 400. As we receive the forms, we log them in and then send them to the contractor's scheduling liaison for appointments.

"Our goal is to schedule 10 appointments a day," said White. "Theoretically we should be able to have all the satellites installed by year-end. However, we know that we may encounter some problems with deployment and extended vacations. But we will work those situations as they crop up."

As the satellite and decoder are issued free to qualified personnel (active duty military and civilians who are eligible for Living Quarters Allowance), this venture comes as good news for many civilians who currently only receive AFN Prime through an antenna.

Four local companies –VideoLab, Colombaro Impianti, MA Impianti, and Palladio Impianti – have joined together to form a joint venture, Mosaic. The scheduling liaison between Mosaic and the community is Paola Caregnato, who is responsible for setting up the appointments.

"We are the model for all of Installation Management Agency-Europe," explained Gregory Patrick, supply officer for the Central Furnishings Management Office. "We are setting the example and have taken a pro-active approach to servicing our customers."

The first satellite to be installed was on a recently-constructed home that only had an antenna on the roof. Because the building was new, the contractor was able to run the satellite cable through the existing conduits that carry the antenna cabling. This made for a quick, clean installation.

And because it was the first installation, all parties involved were in attendance to see how the work progressed and to work out any difficulties or questions that arose.

"This was a relatively fast installation," said Maj. John Coombs, deputy chief, Regional Contracting Office, Italy. "We'll try to cause as little disruption to the renter and homeowner as possible. For example, many of the larger and older apartment buildings won't have conduits like this home has. So we'll probably have to run the cables outside the building. But I want to ensure that it will be covered from the elements and secure from tampering. We're also trying to keep

the cabling as invisible as possible by using colors that may match the paint, or by running the cable behind downspouts and the like."

Another problem Coombs and Patrick discussed was the placement of satellite dishes. In some cities, it's against zoning ordinances to have satellite dishes on homes or on the balconies of apartment buildings. At this time, the Housing Office doesn't have a comprehensive list of the zoning laws, but Mosaic is working on it, said Coombs.

One unique feature of the contract is the customer satisfaction questionnaire, according to White.

"The contractor is paid according to the level of customer satisfaction," said White. "So the questionnaire is very important to the contractor, and it's an incentive for him to do a good job."

Finally, the last part of the installation will be training the client on how to use the system and show the client how the system is hooked up, said Caregnato.

The Housing Office encourages everyone who is eligible for a satellite and decoder to send in the questionnaire that was placed in their CMR box as soon as possible. For questions about the initiative, contact the Private Rental Service Desk at 634-7845 or 8283, off post at 0444-71-7845 or 8283.

Satellite and decoder installation Q & A:

Q: Who is eligible for a free satellite and decoder?

A: Persons eligible for a free satellite and decoder include active duty military and civilians who are currently entitled to Living Quarters Allowance. If you have questions about your eligibility, contact the Private Rental Service Desk at 634-7845 or 8283, off post at 0444-71-7845 or 8283.

Q: How do I set up an appointment for installation?

A: When customers send or fax their questionnaire back to the Housing Office, it is then given to the Mosaic scheduling liaison, Paola Caregnato, who will then contact the customer to schedule the appointment. As the contract is just ramping up and there is substantial community interest in the program, it will take a period of time to make contact with all interested customers. Be sure to provide good contact information, as she will be using this information to get in touch. New customers will be briefed on the program as they in-process through Housing.

Q: How many decoders do I get?

A: Housing is only funded to provide one decoder and one satellite connection per residence. However, the renter may opt to ask the contractor for additional rooms to be wired for satellite at their own expense. Any additional work paid for by customers is solely a private matter between



Diego Facin (left) and Luciano Luccarda install the satellite dish on top of a customer's home. The home already had an antenna installed, and the contractors left it in place so the customer will continue to receive reception through the antenna if they wish.

the customer and the contractor, and Housing will not be involved. Additional decoders may be purchased or rented from AAFES at the PX PowerZone or from a DoD employee or servicemember.

Q: What if I don't speak Italian? How do I tell the contractor which room I want the cable to go in?

A: Each contracting team will have an English-speaking worker.

Q: I already have a satellite on my roof, and I want to keep my current satellite service. What can I do?

A: The contractor is required to establish AFN service without interfering with any existing service. This will enable the customer to view their original satellite stations.

Q: I live in an old apartment building in downtown Vicenza, where will the satellite dish go?

A: This will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Because of the wide variety of building types and installation issues faced by customers, individual installation concerns will be addressed at the time of scheduling.

Q: What happens to the decoder and satellite if I should move from this home to another one in the area?

A: Satellite dishes will remain in-place at all locations. As long as you remain eligible for a decoder, you may retain it on your furnishings hand-receipt. An appointment for satellite installation at the new building must be coordinated after the move is complete.

Q: What do I do with the satellite and decoder when I PCS?

A: As all satellite dishes will remain in-place for use by the next occupant, no action must be taken for dish removal. The decoder, meanwhile, must be turned in to the contractor. Their customer service location

will be designated as the drop-off point.

Q: What comes with the decoder and satellite?

A: The contractor will provide cables for hooking up the decoder to a single device. The contractor is not required to and will not re-wire complex home entertainment systems. As a rule the decoder will be connected directly to the television or to an available input on a VCR or DVD player. The installation crew will also give instructions to the customer on how to use the remote control and decoder.

Q: How long does the installation take?

A: It all depends on the condition of the home/apartment and the degree of difficulty in running the cabling. Generally speaking, the older a residence and the more dense the neighborhood, the more complicated the installation will be.

Q: Who has to be there for the installation?

A: If the sponsor or spouse is unable to be present at the appointment, an adult with a current Power of Attorney to act on the sponsor's behalf must be present. In any case, there must be an adult present during the entire appointment. The contractor will bring the decoder to your residence for you, your spouse, or your representative with a Power of Attorney to sign and take possession.

Q: I know my landlord. Can't I take initiative to get the approval myself and speed up the process?

A: Yes you can. Just visit the Housing Office to pick up a form, or call 634-7845/8283 to have one faxed or e-mailed to you. Once your landlord (and building administrator, if applicable) has signed it, return it to the Housing Office. The contractor will then contact you to set up an installation appointment.

Command Curfew Policy

Safeguarding children is the responsibility of parents and guardians. Parents and guardians shall provide the necessary information safety, shelter, guidance, and other life needs to ensure proper development and well being of children under their care. The following information is from the USAG Vicenza's child-supervision policy and the juvenile curfew hours for the garrison area of responsibility.

This applies to service members, DoD civilians, NAF employees, DoDDS employees, contractors, and the family members of these personnel, who are parents or legal guardians of children who live with them and have not graduated from high school.

Juvenile curfew hours are as follows:

Sunday through Thursday: 10 p.m.-5 a.m.

Friday and Saturday: Midnight-5 a.m.

Holidays – if proceeding a weekend: Midnight-5 a.m.

Holidays – if proceeding a weekday: 10 p.m.-5 a.m.

During these hours, all children in the 12th grade and below will be indoors, in addition to being supervised in accordance with the child supervision policy.

Exceptions to the policy include children who are: accompanied by their sponsoring parent or guardian; bona fide emergencies; returning home from community or school sponsored functions; or returning home from a place of employment.

Incidents of unsupervised children or children outdoors during curfew hours without meeting one of the exception above, will be reported to the installation Family Advocacy Program, Report Point of Contact [the military police], who will ensure that incidents are investigated.

The FAP RPOC will forward such cases to social work services and the garrison or unit commander for resolution as appropriate.

For more information on this policy, contact the MP desk at 645-7626.

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SETAF turns 50, celebrates in style

Story and photos
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SETAF Public Affairs

The Southern European Task Force turned 50 years old Tuesday with a ceremony on Hoekstra Field to mark the event and bring to a close the celebration of SETAF's proud history.

The three-day event included concerts, displays of historical artifacts from the various units within SETAF, a car show featuring numerous military vehicles from the past and present, and an official commemoration ceremony.

"It is a supreme honor to be here before all you today," said Maj. Gen. David Zabecki, commander, SETAF Rear, during the ceremony Tuesday. "There is no place better than right here on this field at this moment to celebrate our 50th anniversary."

Over the years, the American military has developed a strong relationship with the surrounding community here in Vicenza, said Zabecki, who went on to state those ties are as strong as ever.

"Many of our loyal Italian employees and former employees honor us today with their presence," said Zabecki. "We here in the SETAF community feel like members of the greater Vicenza community."

Caserma Ederle opened her doors to that community Sunday afternoon as Italians and Americans strolled on Hoekstra Field observing rows of vintage military automobiles from the past, displays of SETAF memorabilia to include uniforms from each decade of the unit's existence, and performances by the Allied Forces Band, Naples.

"Many of these items on display are personal property," said Navy



On display is a 1943 General Purpose 1/4 Ton Truck (Jeep) used by the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps, now in the care of a private owner. Over 20 vintage military vehicles were on display during Sunday's events.

I wore the Lion of Saint Mark for three of my best years in the Army. And while I can no longer serve with you, I can thank you.

Retired Lt. Gen. Ed Soyster
guest speaker
50th Anniversary Ceremony

Cmdr. Kenneth O'Brien, SETAF Rear chief of staff. "Their willingness to share this with us is great, and it illustrates the comradery of our countries. Some of these people drove over 400 kilometers just to be here."

The celebration didn't stop at the walls of Caserma Ederle, however, as the Allied Forces Band, Naples, took the show on the road Monday to the Teatro Astra for a late-night concert in downtown Vicenza.

Tuesday saw the culmination of the event with an official ceremony to mark the birthday of SETAF with the drill and ceremony that is so much a part of Army tradition.

Unique to the ceremony were the comments made by retired Lt. Gen. Ed Soyster, who once served

with SETAF as a young 2nd lieutenant, fresh out of Army Ranger School.

"In my wildest imagination, I never thought I would be here as an old Soldier, reflecting on my days as a young SETAF Soldier," said Soyster.

"From the beginning, SETAF was responding to changes on the international scene," continued Soyster about the various missions the unit accomplished throughout its

short existence. "You will, however, continue to write history; history that your country will be proud of."

In closing, Soyster praised the Soldiers of SETAF and the Vicenza military community for their service and dedication, and for some of his best times in the military.

"I wore the lion of Saint Mark for three of my best years in the Army," said Soyster. "And while I can no longer serve with you, I can thank you."



Left: Kathleen O'Neill, teacher, Vicenza High School, looks at one of the historical displays of photos during the SETAF 50th anniversary celebration.

Right: Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Katy Bridgers, a vocalist with the Allied Forces Band, Naples, sings alongside Petty Officer 2nd Class Erik DeSantis, a trumpet soloist with the band. The two performed as part of the band's downtown, late-night show for members of the Vicenza community on Monday.



Members of the "Fanfara Bers M.M. IMELIO" perform Sunday during the three-day SETAF 50th Anniversary celebration on Caserma Ederle. The post opened to the Italian community Sunday with historical displays, vintage military vehicles and band performances.

THANK YOU

The Vicenza military community would like to thank Phil Maselli and Fabio Cortese for contributing their knowledge and resources to SETAF's 50th Anniversary celebration and displays. Their time and commitment to sharing SETAF's history greatly enhanced the event.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Exploring workplace challenges facing people with disabilities



A USAG Vicenza staffer, simulates a visual disability while working at her computer at the Analysis and Integration Office during a disabilities awareness event, Oct. 20. Volunteers from different offices simulated disabilities such as visual, hearing and mobility impairments during their regular work duties for three hours. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

By Cindy Pierson
Equal Employment Opportunity
USAG Vicenza

A total of 12 Soldiers, civilians and their supervisors participated in a disabilities simulation exercise on Oct. 20 as part of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Donning neck braces, crutches, eye patches, slings and leg braces, volunteers simulated a disability for three hours and then met to share their experiences of what it was like to be disabled, facing challenges in the workplace.

"It [this exercise] increases awareness and sensitivity to some of the challenges that face individuals with disabilities in the workplace," said Renee Citron, deputy garrison commander, USAG Vicenza, speaking to the group. "In addition, the simulation will help to identify different types of accommodations needed to enable the employee to perform his or her job."

"I played the role of a partially blind employee," said Angela Donald, program management analyst, USAG Vicenza. "My depth perception was unbalanced, and I found it difficult to go up and down steps. The smallest movement such as reaching for items on my desk (i.e. the telephone, pen, keyboard, etc) was difficult. I knocked things around while trying to accomplish these small tasks."

The physical disabilities were only a part of her difficulties, Donald said there were emotional effects as well.

"I personally observed people staring at me. Approximately five people directly asked me, 'What's wrong?' or 'What happened to you?'"

"It made me feel uncomfortable and quite embarrassed," Donald said. "I did not want to entertain people's stares and questions. I opted to not go to lunch because I did not want to be in the public."

"I have a greater appreciation for the challenges that persons with disabilities experience with daily operations," said Steve Tavares, operations officer, USAG Vicenza. Tavares simulated the physical disability of a leg that didn't work properly. "I recommend more workplace supervisors place themselves in a position where they must experience some of the challenges.

We owe it to the team to take these matters into consideration."

Currently, over 209,284 people with disabilities work for the federal government. Opportunities exist at all levels of government and in hundreds of occupations. Total disabled federal employment has remained constant at seven percent since 1980.

Individuals with disabilities represent three percent, 27 employees, of the USAG Vicenza workforce.

Of that group, individuals with targeted disabilities are absent and, therefore, below the government's standard of two percent. Targeted disabilities that the federal government has identified for special emphasis in affirmative action programs include deafness, blindness, missing extremities, partial paralysis, complete paralysis, convulsive disorders, mental retardation, mental illness and distortion of limb and or spine.

Mirroring the federal government's emphasis on employing disabled civilians, the U.S. armed forces announced in April 2004 its efforts to keep seriously wounded or disabled Soldiers on activity duty.

"This is a new age, and this is a new [military]," said President George W. Bush to wounded Soldiers at Walter Reed. "Today, if wounded servicemembers want to remain in uniform and can do the job, the military tries to help them stay."

In April 2004, the Army formed the Disabled Soldier Support System, or DS3, a resource network available to Soldiers who are 30 percent or more disabled – paralysis or the loss of a limb or an eye. The program provides disabled Soldiers and their families with a system of advocacy and follow-up to provide personal support that assists them in their transition from military service into the civilian community. The DS3 helps Soldiers weigh their options regarding retirement or trying to stay on active duty. The Army estimates that almost 900 of those injured in Iraq are eligible for the program.

If you would like more information on the DS3 program, visit their Web site at www.armyds3.org.

For more information on federal employment for those with disabilities, or for supervising an employee with a disability, visit the Office of Personnel Management Web site at www.opm.gov/disability.

November celebrates Native American History Month

Provided by the Equal Opportunity Office

Throughout history, native Americans have been among those Soldiers to be distinguished by receiving the United States' highest military honor: the Medal of Honor. Given for military heroism "above and beyond the call of duty," these warriors exhibited extraordinary bravery in the face of the enemy and, in many cases, made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

These are the native Americans who received the Medal of Honor for their actions during World War II:



1st Lt. Jack C. Montgomery

1st Lt. Jack C. Montgomery – 45th Infantry Division, U.S. Army.

On Feb. 22, 1944, near Padiglione, Italy, Montgomery's rifle platoon was under fire by three echelons of enemy forces, when he single-handedly attacked all three positions, taking prisoners in the process. As a result of his courage, Montgomery's actions demoralized the enemy and inspired his men to defeat the Axis

troops.

According to his citation "His fearless, aggressive, and intrepid actions that morning, accounted for a total of 11 enemy dead, 32 prisoners, and an unknown number of wounded."



2nd Lt. Ernest Childers

2nd Lt. Ernest Childers – 45th Infantry Division, U.S. Army.

On Sept. 22, 1943, at Oliveto, Italy, "Although Childers previously had just suffered a fractured instep he, with eight enlisted men, advanced up a hill toward enemy machinegun nests...When he was fired upon by two enemy snipers from a nearby house he killed both of them. He moved behind the machinegun nests and killed all occupants of the nearer one. He continued toward the second one and threw rocks into it. When the two occupants of the nest raised up, he shot one. The other was killed by one of his enlisted men. Childers continued his advance toward a house farther up the hill, and single-handedly, captured an enemy mortar observer," according to his citation.



2nd Lt. Van T. Barfoot

2nd Lt. Van T. Barfoot – 157th Infantry, 45th Infantry Division, U.S. Army.

On May 23, 1944, near Carano, Italy, Barfoot knocked out two machine gun nests, caused the enemy to abandon their position and give up, and "mop up positions in the immediate area, capturing more prisoners and bringing his total count to 17," according to his citation. Barfoot also repelled a German tank assault, "destroyed the track of the leading tank, effectively disabling it... and assisted two of his seriously wounded men 1,700 yards to a position of safety."

Cmdr. Ernest Edwin Evans – U.S. Navy.

Evans received the medal of honor for "risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as commanding officer of the U.S.S. Johnston in action against major units of the enemy Japanese fleet during the battle off Samar on Oct. 25, 1944. Evans gallantly diverted the powerful blasts of hostile guns from the lightly armed and armored carriers under his



Cmdr. Ernest Edwin Evans

protection, launching the first torpedo attack when the Johnston came under straddling Japanese shellfire. Seriously wounded early in the engagement, Evans, by his indomitable courage and brilliant professional skill, aided materially in turning back the enemy during a critical phase of the action."

Pfc. John N. Reese Jr. – Company B, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division, U.S. Army.

On Feb. 9, 1945, at Paco Railroad Station, Manila, Philippine Islands, Reese "engaged in the attack on the Paco Railroad Station, which was strongly defended by 300 determined enemy soldiers," according to his citation. Reese and a fellow soldier fought their way to within 20 yards of their objective, "firing at targets of opportunity, killing more than 35 Japanese and wounding many more. Moving closer to the station and discovering a group of Japanese replacements attempting to reach pillboxes, they opened heavy fire,

killed more than 40 and stopped all subsequent attempts to man the emplacements.

With their ammunition running low, the two men started to return to the American lines. During this movement, Reese was killed by enemy fire as he reloaded his rifle. The intrepid team, in two and a half hours of fierce fighting, killed more than 82 Japanese, completely disorganized their defense and paved the way for subsequent complete defeat of the enemy at this strong point."



Pfc. John N. Reese Jr

Events

A Native American Month display will be in the library throughout the month of November.

Nov. 17 at 9:30 a.m. the post theater will be showing Wind Talkers.

Dec. 2 at the South of the Alps Dining Facility at 11:15 a.m. there will be a luncheon to celebrate Native American Month.

For more information on these events call 634-7749.

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Grapes not just for wine

Apart from the grapes cultivated to make its renowned wines, Italy also produces some excellent table grapes, which provide a most popular seasonal "dessert" to wind up a satisfying meal of Italian cuisine.

Table grapes differ from the grapes grown for the wine industry in that they are larger, their skin is thinner and more elastic, and their flesh is sweeter and firmer. Seedless grapes, which are not native to Italy, are becoming increasingly popular, though the traditional Italian varieties continue to appear on tables.

The white grapes include: Italia - one of the most highly prized varieties, it is a large, crisp Muscat grape, often found in bunches weighing more than 2 1/4 pounds; and Regina - a very sweet, golden-hued grape, with large, elongated berries, it is one of the most popular varieties of all.

Red versions are: Fragola - literally called "strawberry" for its unusual and characteristic taste; and Concord - a non-native variety, known in Italy as uva Americana, the flesh of this succulent black grape comes easily away from the skin, which is then eaten by true connoisseurs or else discarded by those who want only to enjoy its juicy softness.

While you are in Italy don't miss the chance to feast on one of its sweetest seasonal specialties.

Exhibitions

International Horse Show: Verona's *Fiera Cavalli* is the biggest event of its kind in Italy. The exhibition welcomes horse-lovers and associated professionals to a massive celebration of all things equestrian.

From Thursday - Sunday a host of events will take place including an exhibition of Western-style riding and American breed showings, a Spanish horse area with performances of flamenco-dressed riders and their horses, and an area dedicated to children and horses where there are competitions, cartoons and equine spectacles.

There is also an exhibition about hunting on horses, featuring the soon-to-be-banned fox hunting tradition in Great Britain, and an area

devoted to horse tourism and ways to enjoy the great outdoors on the back of a four-footed friend.

Not to be missed is the only Italian leg of FEI World Cup competition, which is the prestigious show jumping winter circuit. Full information on events, advance booking for shows, and more can be found at www.fieracavalli.com.

The exhibition grounds are located near the Verona sud autostrada exit.

Vicenza: Vinonovello. New Wine, exhibition takes place Saturday at the exhibition grounds. This show attracts almost 180 wine houses, which present a similar number and variety of new wines from almost all regions of Italy and more than forty provinces. Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Entrance is free. The grounds in Vicenza are located near the Vicenza ovest, west, autostrada exit.

Mussolente: The 3rd exhibition-market of *Exporegalo*, Gift Expo, will take place this weekend in the exhibition hall of the town. Find over 70 vendors proposing ideas for gifts for the upcoming holiday season. Open 9 a.m.-10 p.m. each day. Entrance fee on Sunday is 1 euro. The exhibition also takes place on Nov. 12-13 at the same time.

Christmas villages

Christmas may be still more than a month away but as far as four towns in the Verona area are concerned, the time has come to start thinking about this most popular of all feasts.

In fact, the towns of Bussolengo, Ca di David, Affi and Desenzano are organizing the biggest Christmas fairs in the north of Italy; each creating a fairy land of decorations, fairy lights, candles, gifts, and cribs that will enchant young and old alike.

Each town offers a veritable Christmas Village filled with houses entirely dedicated to one of the various categories. Visitors can take the opportunity to stock up on handcrafted decorations and enjoy watching able artisans at work on their pieces.

You can visit the florist's house and learn how to make eye-catching table centerpieces and festive

garlands using dried and artificial flowers. You can walk around an exhibition of cribs that draws on the great Neapolitan, Tuscan, and Sicilian traditions in this centuries-old specialty. Arts and crafts courses are also offered in some of the villages.

Each village is open each day 9 a.m.-noon and 3-7 p.m.

The largest village in the town of Bussolengo is open all day on the weekends from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Bussolengo is 64 kilometers from Vicenza. Entrance is free.

Radicchio festival

Friday will mark the beginning of a two week celebration of Rio S. Martino's red radicchio. This vegetable, leggy rather than leafy, bittersweet and nutty in flavor, is one of northern Italy's most expensive and treasured vegetables, and not to be confused with the ordinary but pretty stuff that regularly appears in salads. To see and taste radicchio at its best, a visit to the festival will leave you well satisfied.

The highlights on Sunday are: 8:30 a.m. - 1st edition of American Dream Car in Rio; 11 a.m. - grand opening of the Radicchio and other produce exhibition by a folklore group from the town of Montebelluna; noon - awarding of the best Radicchio and opening of food stands; 2 p.m. - national level tug of war competition; 3:30 p.m. - folklore exhibition; 6 p.m. - food stands open; and 9 p.m. - dancing to the Santa Monica Band.

Rio S. Martino is a fraction of Scorze, province of Venice, which is 55 kilometers from Vicenza.

Films in the English language

The following films, in their original language, will be shown at the Odean cinema, located on Corso Palladio downtown every Monday until March 2006. The films are shown four times a day at 4, 6, 8 and 10 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

The November films are: Nov. 7 - Herbie Fully Loaded, Nov. 14 - Being Julia, Nov. 21 - Bewitched, and Nov. 28 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Tickets cost 6 euro and are available at the cinema box office.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Nov. 1	Closed	
Nov. 2	Valiant (G)	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	Four Brothers (R)	7 p.m.
Nov. 4	Just Like Heaven (PG-13)	7 p.m.
	The Skeleton Key (PG-13)	10 p.m.
Nov. 5	The Skeleton Key (PG-13)	2 p.m.
	Undiscovered (PG-13)	7 p.m.
	Just Like Heaven (PG-13)	10 p.m.
Nov. 6	Just Like Heaven (PG-13)	2 p.m.
	The Skeleton Key (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Nov. 7	Closed	

Camp Darby Theater

Nov. 3	Hustle & Flow (R)	7 p.m.
Nov. 4	The Transporter 2 (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Nov. 5	Supercross (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Nov. 6	March of the Penguins (G)	3 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

JUST LIKE HEAVEN - *Reese Witherspoon, Mark Ruffalo* - A San Franciscan man falls in love with a female spirit he encounters in his home. The dilemma is that the woman whose ghost he's swooning over has been in a coma for months, and, unless he does something, she'll be taken off life support.

THE SKELETON KEY - *Kate Hudson, Gena Rowlands* - Caroline is a 25-year-old hospice worker who cares for the ailing and the elderly, a job designed to atone for her own mistake for ignoring her dying father in the past, when she had been a rock 'n' roll manager. After her latest charge passes away, Caroline takes a job in Louisiana, caring for Ben, a stroke-victim who is bed-ridden and cannot speak. But Caroline becomes suspicious of the house, and Ben's cold wife, Violet only adds to the creepy atmosphere. After acquiring a skeleton key, Caroline makes her way into a secret room within the attic where she discovers hair, blood, bones, spells, and other instruments for practicing hoodoo.

MARCH OF THE PENGUINS - *Morgan Freeman* - Emperor penguins overcome daunting obstacles in order to return to their breeding grounds for mating season. This tells the story of one year in the life of a flock - focusing on one couple in particular - as they trek across the Antarctic on an annual journey that invokes just about every major life experience: from birth to death, from dating to mating, from comedy to tragedy, and from love to fighting for survival.

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.

Mako Shark victorious in Aviano

Story and photo by Sylena Schendel

Special to *The Outlook*

The Vicenza Mako Sharks came away with their first win of the season on Oct. 16 in Aviano. The Shark's relay teams were strong as they started off the meet by winning every medley relay in each age group.

As the meet went on, some swimmers achieved a personal best, like John Canipe in the backstroke who took off 13.21 seconds and Rebecca Febbo who beat her previous 50 butterfly time by 21.33 seconds.

Meghan Buffington, Sam Chambers, and Adam Coombs contributed to the overall win by moving up from exhibition and swimming 50 meter events. Steve McCroary qualified for championships in the 50 freestyle, bringing the total number of qualifiers up to 10.

The Mako Sharks secured the win over Aviano and Naples in the final freestyle relays in which they again furiously swam their way to first place in every age group.

The Mako Sharks next meet will be at home on the Sunday. After this meet, the Sharks will travel to Naples on Nov. 19 for a grueling two-day long distance meet.



Members of the Vicenza, Aviano and Naples Swim teams get ready to swim the 50 meter backstroke.



Run to the Tower

Runners in the 23rd edition of the traditional Run to the Tower take off at the starting point on Oct. 21 at Camp Darby. This year 260 runners of all ages and ability, coming from all over Europe, participated. Some came to enhance the esprit de corp, others to beat their personal record, yet others took the chance to celebrate personal events.

"We are celebrating our seventh year of marriage," said Sgt. First Class Vedner Bellot, S1, USAG Livorno. "It takes mostly patience to run and get in shape - this applies to our personal life too. In order to succeed is not how many miles you run but the patience you put in affording everyday issues."

The winner for his third time was Rosario Filippis with the time of 00:41:48.

"I have been running this race every year for ten, fifteen years. All I know is I enjoy it very much and that I will continue running it until I can't." (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, Camp Darby Public Affairs)



Fair Queen

Photos and story by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

In the past, legends and traditions went together and created the origin of popular celebrations.

Americans just celebrated Halloween, which has Celtic origins, and they carved thousands of colorful pumpkins in the shape of scary faces such as Jack-o-Lantern's or witches.

In addition to carving, pumpkins have helped other traditions grow and are used in cooking and gracing the table during this autumn season.

Every part of this fruit is edible, and many who grow pumpkins use every part, including the skin and the seeds.

Many cities located all over Italy host fairs and festivals dedicated to the pumpkin, which originally comes from Central America and boasts at least 900 different types.

One of the most renowned fairs takes place the fourth weekend of October in the medieval town of *Venzone*, which is not far from Aviano and about 35 kilometers north of Udine.

Venzone was destroyed by an earthquake in 1976 and had been rebuilt according to original plans.

It started celebrating its pumpkin fair 14 years ago because of an ancient legend, which centers upon a pumpkin.

According to this legend, in the 14th century Venzone was almost completely built and had many nice palaces. The city's cathedral and

the tower clock had finished being constructed.

Unfortunately, the city didn't have enough money to pay the artist who had just completed decorating the roof of the tower clock with a golden globe.

The city committee decided to give him just one third of the amount he asked for his work because they thought that everybody should volunteer some of their working time for the town, especially during this hard time.

He didn't have much choice, and he accepted the money that the city gave him. But that night he thought he would pay the city back in the same way.

He went back up to the roof and replaced the golden ball with a nicely painted pumpkin. He left the city the next day.

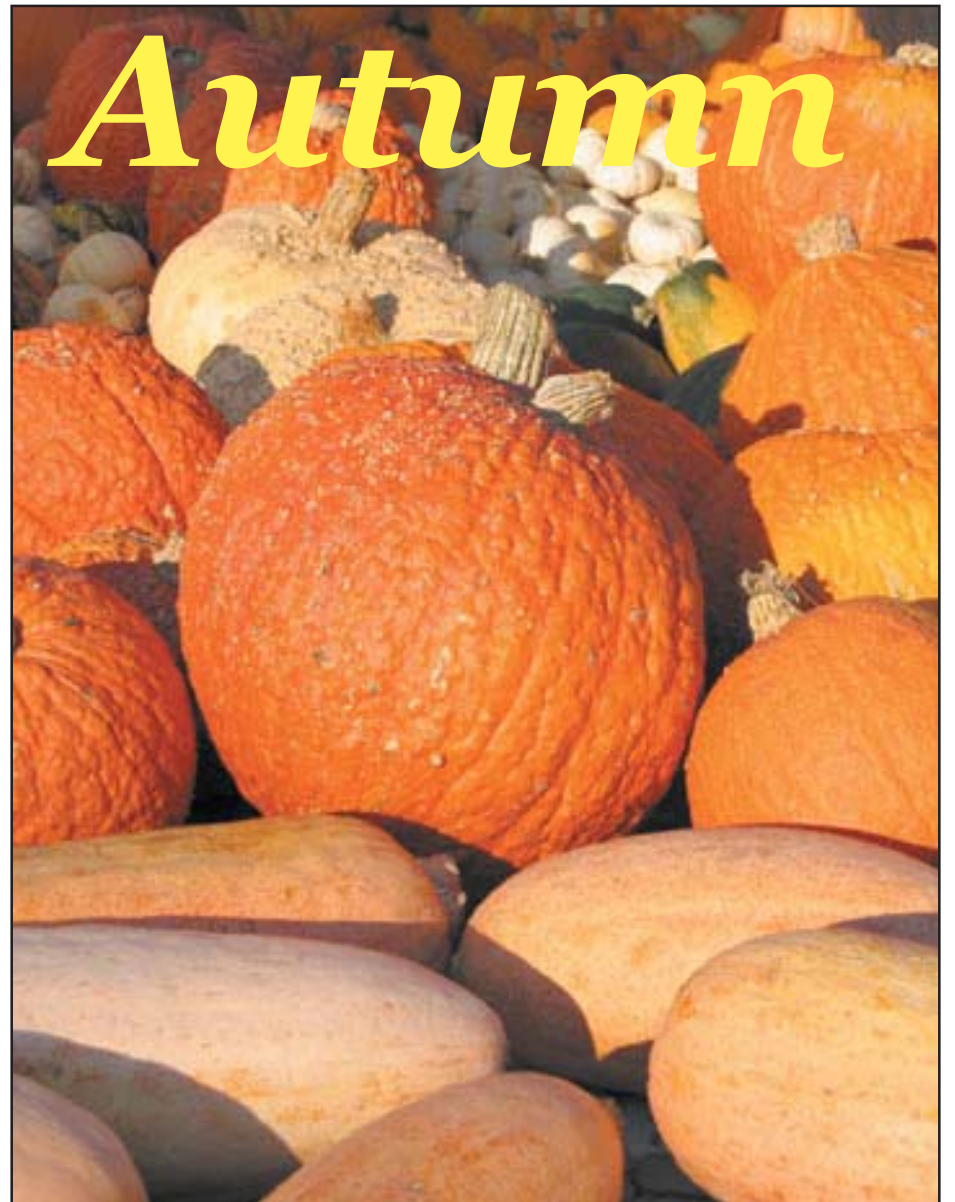
The Venzone inhabitants were happy for the completion of the work that embellished their city but, shortly, they realized that something on the tower was wrong because the ball was changing color.

Only when big pieces started falling down did they understand how the sculptor had fooled them.

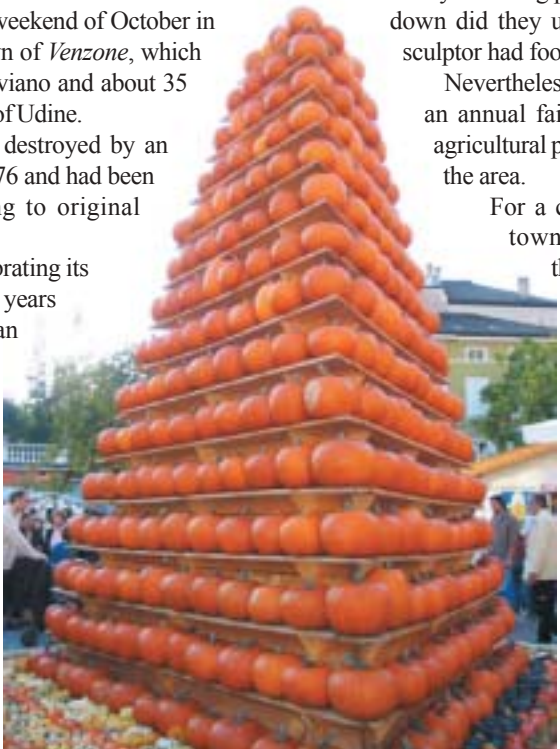
Nevertheless, the city dedicates an annual fair to this important agricultural product that grows in the area.

For a couple of days, the town is swarmed with thousands of visitors from towns nearby, as well as from Germany and Austria, who come to watch the parades of people dressed in medieval costumes, musicians, jugglers, armigers and knights, who populate the narrow streets.

Although this two-week festival



Above: Big pumpkins are on display in Venzone in the Friuli Region. Many cities located all over Italy host fairs and festivals focused on this product, which originally comes from Central America and boasts at least 900 different types. Left: Pumpkins create a pyramid in Piazza Walther, in downtown Bolzano during the annual event.



is coming to an end, it is not the end of the pumpkin season in Italy.

Italian regions including Liguria, Emilia Romagna and Veneto, just to name a few in Northern Italy, plan upcoming events.

Murta near Genova will have a festival the second and third weekend of November.

Mantova, which is renowned all over Italy for its *tortelli*, is having a celebration that will continue until the end of November, called *Di Zucca in Zucca*, from pumpkin to pumpkin.

Twenty-four agriturismi participate in this event and prepare menus based on traditional dishes of the Mantuan cuisine, from hors d'oeuvre to dessert, that have the local pumpkin as the base ingredient.

These family restaurants are recognizable because of a scarecrow at their entrance and

some of them also have pumpkin sculptures on display.

If people are still interested in experiencing some events celebrating this gourd family's colorful fruit, even after Halloween and All Saints Day, check out these agriturismi that create their menus based on ancient pumpkin recipes.

For information about the agriturismi in Mantova visit the Web site www.agriturismomantova.it with an English version. Some information is still in Italian. Look for the *Di Zucca in Zucca* link. Or e-mail info@agriturismomantova.it.

In other places that have pumpkin festivals, the cities organize special contests for the heaviest, the longest, the strangest and the best decorated pumpkin. Ceremonies to recognize the winners take place in the main square such as in *Bolzano* and in the courtyard of a villa in the town of *Salzano*, not far from Venice.

Last but not least, during these festivals many stands and food booths sell all kinds of products, from several types of breads, to pastas, such as *gnocchi* or *tortelli* (sort of ravioli).

Left: Visitors pick some candle holders and other items in the shape of pumpkins at the fair in Bolzano.

Far left: A street musician performs in Piazza Walther, the main square in Bolzano, where annually a pumpkin fair is held for two weeks in October.



Pumpkins are on display at the Fair in Salzano, a town near Mestre. Some have been carved for the event (above) and others are the heaviest of the fair, about 350 kg, more than 750 pounds (right).

