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Sgt. 1st Class Burt Medrano (left) and Spc. Andrew Perez from the 509th Signal Battalion lead community members in a march from the Post Movie Theater to Soldiers' Theatre to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The march, held Jan. 13, was followed by a speech by AFN-South Commander Lt. Col. Clarence Counts Jr. and a cake cutting ceremony.

Photo by Laura Kreider

March honors memory of Martin Luther King

By Annette Fournier
Outlook editor

Community members took to the streets Thursday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

In a march reminiscent of the Freedom Walks which took place during the American Civil Rights Movement, a

crowd of personnel walked from the Post Movie Theater to Soldiers' Theatre, where Lt. Col. Clarence Counts Jr., AFN-South commander, talked about King's legacy.

Counts praised King's devotion to selfless service, non-violent change and "respect for one another to overcome injustice."

"He saw the world from the bottom up, not the top down," Counts said.

Counts encouraged personnel to take Monday as "a day on, not a day off" and find ways to serve the community, since Martin Luther King Day is dedicated as a national day of service by the U.S. Government.

"Through service, we honor his legacy by helping our neighbors, strengthening our communities and meeting the challenges we face together," he said.

Vicenza BCTC jumps into airborne training with Italian unit

Vicenza Battle Command Training Center

It was man versus machine in a recent training mission taken on by Vicenza's Battle Command Training Center, when nearly 600 Italian Soldiers of the Folgore Brigade were put to the test by the Virtual Battle Space 2 simulation module.

The Vicenza BCTC packed up and moved its personnel and equipment to the Pisa Airborne School, within sight of the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa, in November and December to support the training mission. The Vicenza personnel were assisting the Italian

Army's efforts to further training for 24 Italian airborne platoons prior to their deployment as part of the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

"The successful event was the result of numerous months of meticulous planning and coordination with our host nation liaisons and the Joint Multinational Simulation Center," said Paul Toombs, lead planner with the BCTC.

"Throughout, there were many obstacles to overcome; differences in tactics, techniques, and procedures, standard

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USARAF commander builds relationships with West African leaders

By Master Sgt. Christina Bhatti-Madden
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

U.S. Army Africa continued working to build relationships as Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, commanding general of USARAF and Caserma Ederle, traveled to Ghana, Togo and Benin to visit with key military leaders and land force commanders Jan. 10-14 during his latest Senior Leader Engagement excursion.

Hogg spent the week visiting with key leaders in all three West African nations and toured the peace keeping training facility in Togo for a first-hand look at the capabilities of their land forces.

"These meetings are important for us to build rapport with the leadership of these nations and to help facilitate interoperability which will, one hopes, build stronger relationships leading to peace and stability," Hogg said.

The SLE program provides an opportunity for USARAF to cultivate relationships and get a common understanding of what these national armies do, and it helps them understand what we do, Hogg added.

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Photo by Master Sgt. Christina Bhatti-Madden

Togolese soldiers clear a building during a demonstration for Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, commander, U.S. Army Africa, at the Peace Keeping Operations Center in Lome, Togo, during Hogg's visit Jan. 12. Hogg also met with key military leaders to discuss future partnership opportunities between the two countries.

Opinion & Editorial



Photo by Laura Kreider

Rockin' time: A crowd of hand-clapping Americans and Italians came to Soldiers' Theatre Friday, to celebrate the first anniversary of Music Café. Many community members had the opportunity to perform and enjoy a variety of music from drums to flat-picking, from oldies to modern. The next Music Café is scheduled Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Call Soldiers' Theatre for additional information at 634-7281.

Students with good grades eligible for AAFES giveaways

AAFES news release

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, military children, especially those with deployed parents, face unique stresses that often result in higher rates of school absenteeism and failure.

Keeping these unique challenges in mind, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service established an exclusive educational rewards program that continues to receive high marks from students and parents alike. Now in its tenth year, the "You Made the Grade" program recognizes students who achieve a B average or better with a benefits-filled booklet. Offers include a free Burger King kids' meal, a Subway 6-inch combo, video rental and \$2 off any new-release DVD at the Power Zone, to name a few.

Students who make the grade can also register for a drawing to win a savings bond worth up to \$5,000 by filling out and mailing an included entry form.

"It's simple; learning pays," said the Exchange's Deputy Commanding General Brig. Gen. Francis Hendricks. "Promoting the benefits of a good education is what makes this program so important to us and the community we serve. This effort represents an investment in our nation's future."

To receive the "You Made the Grade" booklet, students simply present a valid military ID card and proof of an overall B or better average to their local Exchange. Students may receive one coupon package for every qualifying report card, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar year.

Military families can contact their local exchange for more information about "You Made the Grade."

Enter to win vacation for four at Army resort

AAFES news release

Authorized personnel can enter to win a week-long vacation at their choice of one of four Armed Forces Recreation Centers.

The giveaway includes round trip airfare for a family of four plus seven nights at either the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany, Shades of Green in Orlando, Fla., Hale

Koa in Hawaii or Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul, Korea. Enter by Sunday.

"Exchange shoppers won't want to miss the chance to win a free family resort trip," said the Exchange's Chief of Staff Col. Virgil Williams.

All authorized AAFES patrons 18 and older are eligible to win. No purchase is necessary to enter. The vacation drawing will take place on or about Feb. 11 and entrants need not be present to win.

Environmental Management System can help reduce costs, improve environment

By USAG Vicenza Environmental Division

"Environmental stewardship is a critical component of mission readiness and presents one of the most compelling challenges for sustaining base operations. Compliance with complex and sometimes conflicting environmental requirements poses increasing demands [...] at all levels".

These words are taken from the USAG Vicenza Commander's Environmental Policy, and explain why the Army is so committed to preserving the environment.

One of the cornerstones of

USAG Vicenza's commitment is the Environmental Management System, or EMS: a combination of policies, procedures, and plans in place to achieve the goals of environmental compliance, pollution prevention and good environmental stewardship.

Using the Plan-Do-Check-Act cycle, the EMS leads to continuous improvement of garrison environmental performance. This is done by addressing and re-evaluating objectives and targets, by monitoring the progress in achieving them and by implementing preventive and corrective actions, if needed.

The central element of USAG

Vicenza's EMS is the people living and working in the community. Our daily activities have an impact on the environment; therefore our efforts to be good stewards of the environment are vital, said Ronald Pinkoski from USAG Vicenza Environmental Division.

The most significant environmental aspects for the garrison are waste generation and energy consumption, according to the garrison environmental analysis.

Reducing the use of resources such as energy, as well as reusing and recycling natural resources, such as soda cans or plastic water bottles, are all the "right-

thing-to-do" actions that can be done every day, said Niccolo' Costantini, also from the garrison's environmental division.

Garrison leaders want everyone to have at least a basic knowledge of EMS and what EMS means for him or her and what he or she can do to achieve the garrison's environmental objectives. That is why it is part of the in-processing and other educational elements, said Costantini.

Those interested in learning more can contact the Environmental Division at 634-5023/7166 or e-mail eco@eur.army.mil.

Speak Out

What do you look for in a newspaper?



Tyrone Knight
Postal Service Center

"I like to keep up with the sports back in the States."



Michelle Naylor
Family member

"I like the funnies, such as Dilbert and Zits."



Chris Hill
Vicenza Battle Command Training Center

"I look for a great source of a variety of information."



Spc. Justin Peters
2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.

"I like being updated on current events in the community as well as in the world. I am a huge sports fan, so scores and stats are what I look for as well."



Raul Cantu
AFN South

"I look for unbiased news."

By Laura Kreider



Courtesy photo

Students score 'A' at Bee: Vicenza Middle School held their first spelling bee Jan. 13 in the school's multi-purpose room, with 22 students spelling their way through 14 rounds. Three finalists, Anuk Dayaprema, Emily Garcia, and Kaitlyn Rather, continued in an overtime match after school. After 38 rounds, Dayaprema took first place, Garcia placed second and Rather, third. The community is invited to watch the top 10 spellers compete in the VMS/VES final Spelling Bee on Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. The winner will advance to the regional spelling bee in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Post Movie Theater to close weekdays for renovations

By Annette Fournier
Outlook editor

The post Movie Theater will be closed part time for renovation and will not be showing movies on weekdays, except Fridays, for approximately two months.

The Theater will still show movies at the regularly scheduled times Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The part-time closure comes because the theater is getting a partial makeover with new carpet being installed on the floor and the walls, said Gary Ross, AAFES Food Court manager, who also oversees the Post Movie Theater.

No community events can be scheduled in the theater during the renovations. Customers going to see movies on the weekends can expect the theater to look less than its best as a result of the ongoing work, Ross said.

The changes will be inconvenient for the community but will ultimately result in the post having a more pleasant facility in the future, he said.

"You'll see a brighter, nicer theater when you go in there," he said. "We're hoping it will be something where you'll go in and say, 'Wow, this is nice'."

The theater is expected to reopen for full-time operations in late March or early April, but the time schedule will be based on how quickly the work is completed.

ACS offers 'Welcome Back' class for Soldiers, spouses Feb. 4

By Sasha Sibilla
Outlook intern

As block leave ends and Soldiers and families get back to business, Army Community Service is offering a class to help them reconnect with each other and the community.

ACS will offer a new program called "Bentornati" or "Welcome back". Two separate classes will be offered on Feb. 4 and Feb. 25. The one-day, interactive class will focus on assisting Soldiers and families with the continued re-

integration process in a fun and informal way, said the ACS class planners.

"Bentornati is designed for military couples and for single Soldiers" said Jean Sweeton, Army Family Training Building program manager. "We will give them a look at what to do and how to reacquaint themselves with the local resources in the Italian community and on post, while incorporating resiliency skills."

The class, modeled after the popular Benvenuti class, includes a cooking demonstration and lunch, family team building exercises, resiliency training

and an overview of fun and interesting things to do in the Vicenza area. The class is designed to be fun and interesting, planners said.

"This is a combined effort that will incorporate key programs and services offered by ACS in a fun and relaxed environment," said Julia Sibilla, Relocation Readiness Program manager. "We are looking forward to helping our Soldiers and families integrate back into our community."

To sign up for the Bentornati class, contact ACS at Davis Hall at 634-8525.



Photo by Rick Lowell

Italian Army personnel train on simulation equipment in Pisa, as part of training provided by Caserma Ederle's Battle Command Training Center.

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operating procedures, and battle drills, not to mention the inherent language and cultural barriers."

Other hurdles included organizing a venue to accommodate the training audience, plus more than 70 computers and electrical power distribution, as well as additional, portable equipment to handle the magnitude of the training event.

"It was a total team effort brought to success through the coordinated assistance of the BCTC, the Folgore

Brigade leadership, the Airborne School, and the JMASC," Toombs said.

The training was well received by the Folgore Brigade, Toombs said, so much so that the Vicenza BCTC has been asked by the Folgore Brigade to provide similar training to their sister unit, the Pordenone Brigade.

The next rotation will also include language and culture training using the Vicenza BCTC Tactical Language and Culture Trainer.

"Nothing but good can come from this type of training," said Toombs.

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At your service Exceptional Family Member Program



Cara Panzarella-Tarr is the Exceptional Family Member Program manager. The EFMP manager provides family-support functions and advocacy services, including managing the respite care program, assisting families with finding childcare and special education services, accompanying families to IEP and other meetings, and hosting fun social and recreational events. In addition, the EFMP manager advises commanders of EFMP issues which affect Soldiers and ensures the EFMP is providing services which positively impact families. She can be reached Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., at 634 8582 / 0444-71 8582 or at Cara.m.Panzarella-Tarr@eur.army.mil.

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Eligible teens can apply for HIRED! apprenticeship program

By Beth Natale

Child, Youth, & School Services

Teens ages 15-18 will have a chance to earn money, gain on-the-job experience and attend career workshops with the new 12-week HIRED! program from Jan. 31 to April 22.

Youth can work after school, on weekends and on non-school days to gain skills and experience in a job field they're interested in. They receive a cash award after completing a full HIRED! term.

HIRED! offers flexible schedules during the school year and summer. Along with receiving experience and training on the job site, the Workforce Prep specialist will help teens identify

their strengths and challenge them to excel through trainings. Workshops include: interviewing with success, work ethics and customer service, financial awareness and tips for saving, resume writing, goal setting, beginning with the end in mind, college and career investigation, and job-site trainings.

Participating in the HIRED! program can give teens an advantage on resumes, scholarships, and college entry applications. Some previous apprentices have also been offered a permanent job at their apprenticeship sites after the experience.

Some possible job sites include the Arts and Crafts Center, the Auto Skills Center, the Ederle Inn, the Fitness Center,

the Arena (bowling center or catering), the library, Outdoor Recreation, Soldiers' Theater, AFN, CYS Services and Army Community Service. If teens would like to participate but do not see a job they are interested in, the HIRED! staff can try to locate a suitable job site.

Charles J. DeCelle, manager of the USAG Vicenza Auto Skills Center, plans to accept an apprentice.

"Exposing young people to various trades can assist them with the tough choices they are soon to face in their lives," he said. "In today's economy those who bring the best skill sets to the workforce have a huge head start toward success in life."

Michelle Sterkowicz, manager of the

Vicenza Arts and Crafts Center agreed.

"The CYSS HIRED! program is a wonderful opportunity for teens to get hands-on experience in the real world, but more specifically, in a field of their choice," she said. "The apprentice who worked at the Arts and Crafts Center was able to learn everything from framing a simple photo, to the ins and outs of ceramics. She kept busy while having fun, something that isn't always easy for many adults in the working world."

For more information or to apply, contact Beth Natale at 634-7615 or 0444-71-7615 or e-mail beth.natale@eur.army.mil, or visit the Workforce Prep office in the Villaggio CDC, Bldg. 703, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

USARAF: Visit aims to build partnerships

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Forces in the three West African nations are involved in a variety of activities that range from peace keeping operations to humanitarian assistance. To aid in these missions and the professional development of their forces, all of the leaders expressed a need for more equipment and more professional education.

"While I can't help by providing equipment," Hogg said, "I can determine what the soldiers need and work with the State Department to provide the necessary funding."

When it comes to professional schools, Hogg said the U.S. is more than willing to provide spaces for capable officers to attend a variety of U.S. military schools.

The benefit is really twofold, Hogg said. It provides their army with a professionally trained officer, and provides the U.S. military the opportunity to build on the relationships with that nation.

Brig. Gen. Dominique Ahouandjinou, Beninese army chief of staff, was anxious to accept Hogg's offer of education for his officers.

"This would be a great opportunity to work together to build a more modern and professional force," he said.

Benin is one of the smallest nations in West Africa and has had limited partnerships to date with the U.S.

Hogg said he hopes to expand on the relationship with not only Benin, but Togo and Ghana, through exercises and a variety of training classes.

In addition to meeting with military leaders, Hogg toured the Peace Keeping Operations training center in Togo. The largest PKO missions in the world are in Africa, and all three nations visited allocate almost one quarter of their soldiers to a variety of missions on the continent. The goal of these centers is to certify soldiers in a variety of United Nations peace keeping operations tasks.

"It is necessary that our troops are well trained," said the commander of the Togolese PKO training center. "We are involved in many peace keeping operations, and the reason this center is here is so that our troops can act with professionalism."

The goal of the PKO center in Togo is to become a regional center for enlisted soldiers throughout West Africa, he said.

That regional focus is also a priority focus of the USARAF mission.

"Every army in Africa is different and they all have different capabilities," Hogg said. "By bringing them together during exercises and training opportunities it will increase their capabilities and provide security and stability in the region."



Photo by Master Sgt. Christina Bhatti-Madden

Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, commanding general, U.S. Army Africa, reviews Ghanaian military forces during his arrival at Burma Camp in Accra, Ghana, Jan. 11. Hogg met with leaders in Ghana, Togo and Benin.

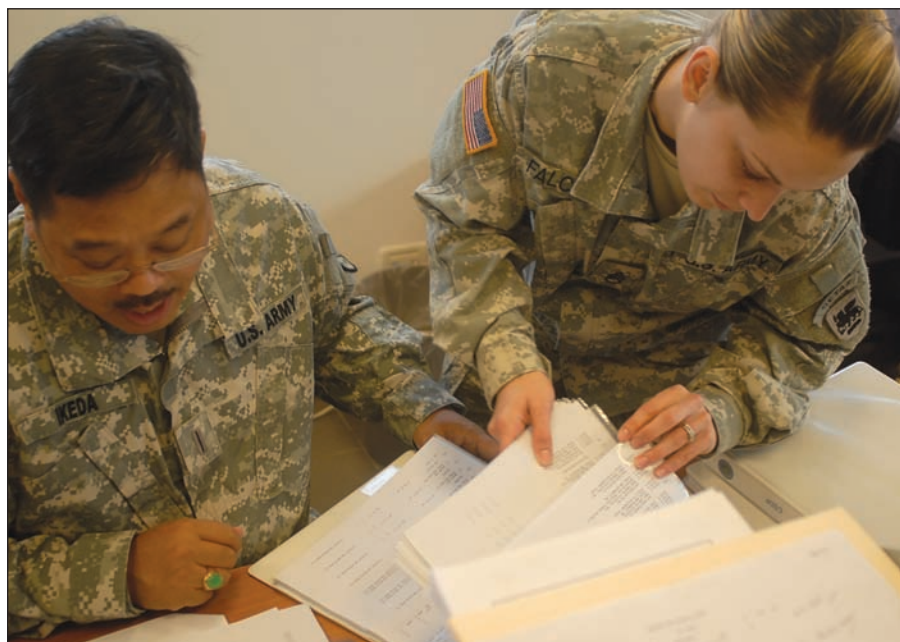


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kyle Davis

USARAF competes: Staff Sgt. Tasha Falcon, U.S. Army Africa, Headquarters Support Company, Supply Team (right), reviews documentation with Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Ikeda, Office of the Quartermaster General, at Fort Lee, Va., during a Department of the Army evaluation Nov. 11. The HSC Supply Team is competing for the Army's Supply Excellence Award. The winners are expected to be announced in March.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jason Rizzi

Taking honors: Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Miller, 361st Civil Affairs Brigade, takes aim during the Schutzenchnur competition for the German Armed Forces Badge of Marksmanship Saturday in Mittenwald, Germany. The competition consisted of firing a rifle, pistol and machine gun, and the total scores from each event were used to grade the overall winner. Caserma Ederle's Sgt. 1st Class Jason Rizzi, 457th CA Battalion, took the gold, while Miller and Staff Sgt. David Heath, 457th CA Bn., earned bronze.

Italian ski laws - what to know before you go

There are some important safety tips to remember when skiing or snowboarding. At right, be sure to use snow chains in snowy areas. Far right, have your skis, poles and boots fitted properly with help from trained specialists, such as the staff at Outdoor Recreation.



Photos by Joyce Costello

Above, when skiing or snowboarding, always wear safety gear, including helmets. At right, ski or snowboard with a buddy in case one of you gets injured.

By Domenico Di Ricci

USAG Livorno Carabinieri Office

There are some key Italian laws from the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation that could affect you while skiing or snowboarding on the Italian slopes.

- ♦ Children younger than 14 years must wear an approved protective helmet. If they don't wear the helmet, the parents can receive a €30 to €150 fine.
- ♦ You must reduce speed whenever the visibility is not optimal, near buildings or

obstacles, at crossways, in case of fog or when it is dark, when slopes are crowded, in the "bottle-neck" of the track and when there are beginners.

- ♦ Respect right-of-way. The uphill skier must avoid collisions or interference with skiers below.
- ♦ When passing another skier, keep sufficient space and have clear visibility.
- ♦ Stopping is only allowed at the borders of the track, and never near hillocks, obstacles or where there is limited visibility.
- ♦ In case of an accident or fall, the skier

must go at the border of the track as soon as possible.

- ♦ Everyone has the obligation to point out the presence of an injured person and render assistance. A person who sees an injured person or accident and does not provide assistance, such as contacting an assistance station, can be fined €250 to €1,000.
- ♦ Alpine skiers must bring electronic systems with them to ensure prompt first aid in case of incident.

Always keep safety in mind when skiing and snowboarding.

Gravity always wins on slopes - wear helmet, safety gear

By Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The only reason I look forward to January and February is because it's a chance to hit the slopes on the weekends and burn off those extra holiday pounds.

Recently, I ventured to Abetone, 90 minutes north of Camp Darby, with some Soldiers to do winter safety training and downhill skiing.

The bunny slope was fun for the first few runs, but like every other adrenaline junky out there, the large slopes kept calling my name. Eventually, everyone in the group was in the mood to get a better rush and we tromped up the hill to the main lift.

The chair lift took us higher and higher. We laughed and joked about whose idea this was. At one point we were above the tree line and I knew it was going to be a rough descent down. Once we were at the top, no one knew whether to go to the right or left.

In Italy, if you make a wrong turn,

you can end up in a completely different village and even country if you're in the Alps! Plus, we realized that we hadn't left the van keys with the chaplain who was sitting down at the lodge in front of the fire. Oops!

After the ski patrol guided us to the correct run, we began our descent on an incredibly narrow and steep slope. We had taken a blue run instead of the easier green. Soon, a few members were doing their own version of a swan dive. The youngest of the group, still having no fear of gravity, aimed her skis straight down the hill and went off at quite a speed.

At times, it was just me and the snow melting off the trees doing the longest s-curves I could manage. At the sides of the trail was soft snow which made it a bit harder to turn, and in the middle were patches of ice causing me to speed up.



The final descent was steep and covered with ice. I saw our young skier in the distance wipe out and do a couple of rolls down the hill, pick herself up and continue down. Then I hit an embankment. My skies flew in the air above my head and my fourth point of contact (aka rear-end) hit the ground followed by a resounding crack of my skull on the hard ground. My goggles were around my mouth and I laid on the ground staring at my feet up in the air.

Never before was I so grateful that my dad had insisted on me getting a ski helmet. As I got up, I thanked him in my mind and pulled the bottom of the ski out of the mud. I finished the rest of the run a bit sore, but looking forward to coming back soon to master that hill - with a helmet on, of course.

Camp Darby's Outdoor Recreation offers ski trips every Saturday until the snow melts in March. You can rent skis and snow boards and even take lessons with ODR. Reserve your seat by calling 633-7775.

Darby dates

Visit the community calendar for upcoming events and details at www.usag.livorno.army.mil

New airport shuttle

Outdoor Recreation is now offering a shuttle service to the airport. Reservations and payments must be made 72 hours in advance. Call 633-7775.

"Biggest Loser"

Register for the "Biggest Loser" competition by Wednesday. The competition is Feb. 1 - March 31. Call 633-7440 for information.

Army Family Action Plan

ACS is seeking issues for the upcoming Army Family Action Plan conference Feb. 16-17. Submit issues online or fill out a form at ACS. Representatives are available to speak to units and groups.

Dental visit

The dentist will be at Camp Darby Monday - Jan. 28. Call 634-7464.

Army Community Service

- ♦ Anger management, Tuesday
 - ♦ Italian culture class, Wednesday
 - ♦ Saving & investing, Jan. 27
- Call 633-7084 to learn more.

Parents' Night Out

Parents' night out is Jan. 29. Call 633-8084 for information.

Youth Services

- ♦ Paying for college, Jan. 27
 - ♦ Kick back night, Jan. 28
- Call 633-7629 for more information.

Outdoor Recreation

Join Outdoor Rec for a one-day ski and snowboarding trip to Abetone and Monte Cimone every Saturday until March 12. Call 633-7555 for details.

ITR trips

ITR is offering the following or upcoming trips. Call 633-7589.

- ♦ Rome, Jan. 29
- ♦ Viareggio Carnival, Feb. 20 & 27

Darby Community Club

- ♦ Karaoke is Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ Right Arm night is set Jan. 28 beginning at 4 p.m., followed by Texas Hold'em and live music.
- ♦ Ray, Goodman and Brown blues concert is Jan. 29, 8 p.m.
- ♦ Valentines dinner, Feb. 12

Religious Activities

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
10 a.m. Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD
Enjoy a gospel concert Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

Join us Tuesday mornings for a Tony Horton's P90X workout in the chapel at 6:30 a.m. followed by devotion from Our Daily Bread. Call 633-7267 for more information on Chapel programs.



Photos courtesy of press office Vivi la Casa



Home gallery exhibit: The Vivi la Casa home gallery exhibit is Jan. 27-31 and will feature classic and modern furniture solutions, products and services for the house and weddings.

Local festivals & shows

Vivi la casa

A home gallery exhibit is Jan. 27-31 in Verona, Viale del Lavoro, 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Thursday and Friday, 4-10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Monday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The gallery features classic and modern furniture solutions, products and services for the house and weddings. Admission fee: €4 Thursday, Friday and Monday; €7 Saturday and Sunday. Free for children younger than 12.

Records Fair

Exhibition of used and collectors' records Jan. 29-30, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in Pordenone, Viale Treviso 1, about 92 miles northeast of Vicenza. Purchase or exchange 45s, EPs and LP' and other authentic collectors' items. Music publications and live exhibitions. Admission fee: €4; free for children younger than 6.

Recioto wine-pressing

The Recioto wine pressing or I Picai del Recioto is Sunday at 3 p.m. in Zermeghedo, Piazza Regaù, about 14 miles southwest of Vicenza. Recioto is the main DOC wine of the area. Its unique nature is conferred by the selection of grapes and drying of the bunches in cases or hung in the "picai" manner, in a well-aired environment. Its sweetness makes it particularly suitable for deserts. Food booths featuring the Gambellara sweet Brasadello and other typical local products. Free wine tasting.

Motor Bike Expo:

Friday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. in Verona, Via del Lavoro, 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Admission fee: €16; €13 for children between 6 and 12. For information in English visit www.motorbikeexpo.it/inglese/index.htm.

Antique show:

"Time window" Antique Show and Market is ongoing through Sunday; Thursday & Friday, 3-8 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Pordenone, Viale Treviso, 1, about 92 miles northeast of Vicenza. Admission fee: €10. Reduced €5 for children younger than 13, senior citizens over 65 and people with disabilities.

Broccolo Fiolaro fest:

Friday-Sunday in Creazzo in a heated pavilion near the sports center, Via Torino, about 5 miles west of Vicenza. The broccolo fiolaro, a typical cultivation of the Creazzo hillside area, is named for the sprouts along the stalk of the plant, which in Venetian dialect are called "fioi" (offspring).

- ♦ Friday: 7 p.m., food stands featuring the typical gnocchi with broccoli; 9:30 p.m., live music with the Velvet Dress, a U2 tribute band.
- ♦ Saturday: 6:30 p.m., food booths open; 9:30 p.m., live reggae music with Sir Oliver Skardy & Fahrenheit 451.

- ♦ Sunday: 9:30 a.m., local products exhibit and market and nature walk on the Creazzo hill led by local guides; 12:30 & 6:30 p.m., food booths featuring a variety of broccoli dishes; 3 p.m., live music with the Eden punk rock band and the Rising Horizons progressive metal band.

Salvador Dalí exhibit:

"The Dream is getting closer" exhibit is ongoing through Jan. 30 in Milan at the Royal Palace. Buy your ticket on line at www.ticketone.it/EN/.

Nativity scenes exhibit:

Ongoing through Sunday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Arena in Verona. It features more than 400 nativity scenes from around the world. Entrance fee: €7; reduced cost of €6 for children 6-12 and senior citizens older than 60.

Movie festival:

The "It's a wonderful film! Some like it original" movie festival at the Odeon Theater in Vicenza, Corso Palladio 176, is featuring movies in English throughout the winter season. Monday: "Salt" by Philip Noyce, 4 p.m.; 6:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tickets: €6; reduced €4.50 for students.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Engraving exhibit:

Contemporary engraving exhibit ongoing through Sunday in Vicenza, Busato Printing House, Contrà Porta Santa Lucia, 38. Mondays-Saturdays, 3-7 p.m.

Memorabilia exhibit:

Vicenza Souvenir & Memorabilia photo exhibit ongoing through Jan. 30 in Vicenza, Casa Cogollo del Palladio, Corso Palladio, 165. Tuesdays-Sundays, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

Renaissance paintings exhibit:

Ladies' portraits exhibit ongoing through Feb. 6 in Vicenza, Palazzo Thiene, Contrà San Gaetano Thiene. Tuesdays-Fridays, 3-7 p.m., Saturdays-Sundays 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Explore the sky:

Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m., Via S. Giustina, 127, about five miles south of Vicenza. View the sky and the planets in great detail with the observatory's telescope.

Live music

Mood Acoustic Trio: Thursday, 9:30 p.m. in Vicenza, Country Club Birracrua, Strada Vicinale Monte Crocetta, 6.

Sabotage Bar: in Vicenza, Via dell'Industria 12T. Friday: Grand Sound Heroes, live rock, 9 p.m. Saturday: Post Mortem, Slayer tribute band, 9 p.m.

Conservatory students in concert: Saturday, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33.

Ipnodelica in concert: new wave and psychedelic band Saturday, 9:30 p.m. in Vicenza, Equobar, Via Marosticana, 350.

Sporting events

Roller Skating:

The World Roller Skating Grand Prix is Jan. 26-27 in Florence, Nelson Mandela Forum.

Kickboxing Champs:

The World Kickboxing Championship is April 22 in Florence, Nelson Mandela Forum.

Harlem Globetrotters:

The Globetrotters perform May 8, in Assago; May 9 in Biella.

ODR trips

ODR will have limited skiing and snowboarding equipment available for community members to check out until March 31 due to the Warrior Adventure Quest Program.

Innsbruck & brewery tour:

Visit the beautiful city of Innsbruck in the heart of the Austrian Alps and the Starkenberger beer brewery, located in part of the medieval Starkenberg Castle and the modern brewery. Saturday, 5:45 a.m.-9 p.m. Cost: \$65 (includes beer tasting and transportation).

Ferrari Museum & Bologna:

See the most famous Ferraris and visit the historical city of Bologna. Sunday, 5:45 a.m.-9 p.m. Cost: \$55 (includes museum entrance and transportation).

See the complete ODR schedule online at www.VicenzaMWR.com.

Concerts

Electronic Medieval Show:

Rondeau de Fauvel Saturday in Vicenza, 8:45 p.m., San Marco Theatre, Contrà S Francesco, 76. Ticket: €10, free for children 9 and younger. Proceeds go to flood relief. To reserve a ticket, call 348-564-2770. For help, call Anna Terracino at 634-7169 or e-mail anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

Festival Vivre: Music by Chopin and Schumann Jan. 30-31, 8:30 p.m. in Vicenza, at the City Theatre, Via Mazzini, 39

My Chemical Romance: March 7 in Milan, PalaSharp.

Roger Waters: April 1-2, April 4-5, July 6 in Assago, Milan.

Belle & Sebastian: April 14 in Milan, Alcatraz.

Backfield: April 19 in Milan; April 21 in Roncade (Treviso).

Delain: May 9, Milan, Alcatraz.

Sade: May 6 in Assago, Milan, Mediolanum Forum.

Gods of Metal: June 22, Milan, Arena.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Friday	Morning Glory (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	For Colored Girls (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	The Green Hornet (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Morning Glory (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	The Green Hornet (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Morning Glory (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Jan. 28	Unstoppable (PG 13)	6 p.m.

The Caserma Ederle Post Movie Theater will be closed Monday-Thursday for renovations until further notice.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Due Date (R)	6 p.m.
Saturday	For Colored Girls (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Megamind (PG)	1 p.m.
Jan. 28	Morning Glory (PG 13)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and older, \$4, younger than 12, \$2. The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm or www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm.

AFAP

Army Family Action Plan is collecting issues for the 2011 AFAP Conference. Submit your issues at www.vicenzamwr.com/acs_afap.html. The deadline for issue submission is Jan. 31.

Volunteers are needed to assist during the conference Feb. 8-10. To volunteer or for more information, contact Jean Sweeton at aekyong.sweeton@eur.army.mil or call 634-8526/7500.

MOMS Club events

- ♦ Jan. 20: Bunco, 7 p.m.
- ♦ Friday: Out-n-About, 9 a.m.
- ♦ Monday: Monthly mtg., 10 a.m.
- ♦ Tuesday: Book club, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Wednesday: Preschool play group, 4 p.m.
- ♦ Jan. 28: Art Center, 4 p.m.; MNO, 7:30 p.m.

CTC Classes

Register for Central Texas College classes by Friday. Courses include Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Professions, Legal Assistant and Applied Management/Military Science. Term 3 is Monday - March 19. For more info, call 634-6514 or e-mail vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu.

UMUC classes

Register for University of Maryland University College spring session 1 (Monday-March 11) by Sunday. Call 634-7055 or e-mail vice@europe.umuc.edu.

U of Phoenix degrees

The University of Phoenix offers master's programs in MBA, MAED, classroom or online. The MBA classroom courses start Tuesday. Classes are six weeks long and offer continuous enrollment. For info, call 634-8928 or e-mail Sarah.Foley@phoenix.edu.

VCC scholarship

The deadline to apply for the Vicenza Community Club's scholarship is March 1. Applications are available through the VHS guidance counselor, VCC Thrift Shop, Davis Hall and the Post Library. For more info, contact Mari Mackenzie at scholarships@vccitaly.org.

AER scholarship

The deadline for the AER Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program (term 4) is Feb. 14. Spouses of active-duty Soldiers pursuing their first undergraduate degree and residing with the Soldier overseas are eligible. Applications for the 2011-2012 Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program are available for dependent children (of active-duty, retired and deceased Soldiers) pursuing a full-time undergraduate degree. Deadline is April 1. Applications for both programs are available at www.aerhq.org/education.asp. Call AER at 634-8524/7500.

Thrift shop sale

The Vicenza Thrift Shop is having a 50-percent-off sale on all merchandise (except consignments and transformers). The sale lasts until February, or until stock runs out. The sale will end at the manager's discretion.

Arena

♦ Dig out those sweaters and join in the fun at the Arena's "Tacky Sweater Night" Friday from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. There will be giveaways while supplies last.

♦ Enjoy an evening tasting some local wines at the Lion's Den Jan. 28, 6-7 p.m. Finger foods will be provided to enjoy along with the tastings for \$10 and you will receive a bottle of wine to take home.

♦ The Lion's Den will host a totally righteous 80's Night Jan. 28, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Enjoy the retro dance competition, hourly drink specials and the sounds of the 80's.

Arts and Crafts

♦ **Beginning Quilting** starts Jan. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The six-week course teaches the basics of construction; rotary cutting, piece blocks, assembling, binding and more. No experience is required.

♦ **Italian Cooking** class is available at two times. Daytime classes will be Mondays for 4 weeks beginning Monday, 1-3 p.m. Evening classes are Fridays from 6-8 p.m. beginning Jan. 28.

♦ **Basic Sewing** is Tuesday and Feb 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Make slippers for your favorite feet! Call 634-7074 or visit the Arts and Crafts Center for a list of supplies needed.

Improve GT score

Take the FAST class and improve your GT score. The next class begins Monday. Call 634-8933 for more information.

Youth night

The Youth Center and Club Beyond will host a Napoleon Dynamite Night Friday, 6-9 p.m. at the Villaggio Youth Center for ages 11-18, for dancing, dinner and fun. Call 634-7659 for more info.

6th Grade lock-in

Jan. 27 is the CYS's 6th Grade Lock-In at the Youth Center in Villaggio. There will be programming all night during the fun event. Call 634-7659 for more info.

Childcare

Register by Friday for childcare on Jan. 29 for Parents' Night Out or the 2/503rd's Military Ball. Sign up at CYSS Parent Central Services office in ACS. Space is limited. For more info, call 634 7219.

SAC swimming trip

Sign up by Jan. 28 for the SAC swimming trip to Verona Village on Feb 5. The trip is for grades 1-6. You can use your 4 free hours of care each month to save up to \$16 per child on the cost of this trip. Call 634-5700 for information.

EFMP support group

EFMP will host their monthly support group Tuesday from 11 a.m.-noon. The CSC chairperson at Vicenza Elementary School and Special Education Assessor for the Elementary, Middle and High Schools, will share the ins and outs of the Individual Education Plan process. All are welcome.

Homework help

The Villaggio Homework Lab is available Monday - Friday until 6 p.m. Students who attend typically

see their grades improve within three months. Call 634-7659.

Cash Cage relocation

The Finance Office's disbursing section or "Cash Cage" will be operating out of BNL during renovation of Bldg. 28. The work is expected to be completed in May. For more info, call 634-8857.

Info X

The next Info X is Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Arena, second floor. The Info X is a town hall-type forum open to the community.

Bentornati

Bentornati is Feb. 4 and 25 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at ACS for redeployed single Soldiers and couples. Get reacquainted with post resources, enjoy an Italian cooking demo and lunch, learn about things to do in the area and build mental toughness with resiliency training.

Prayer breakfast

Vicenza's celebration of the National Prayer Breakfast will be Feb. 8 at 7 a.m. at the PX Food Court. The guest speaker will be Chap. (Col.) Jonathan McGraw, US AFRICOM command chaplain.

Vicenza Middle School

The VMS drama performance is Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. (not Jan. 26 as previously printed) in the multipurpose room and will feature scenes performed by students. The community is invited for the performance and a pot luck immediately after. The VES/VMS will host a spelling bee Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. in the multipurpose room.

Postal changes

The new 2011 priority flat-rate prices will be: flat rate envelopes, \$4.95; small flat rate box, \$5.20; medium flat rate boxes, \$10.95;

large flat rate boxes, \$14.95. Priority mail by weight will begin at \$5.10. Two new flat rate categories will be available soon. They are: legal flat rate envelope and padded flat rate envelope, both \$4.95.

Seeking love stories

The Outlook wants to hear community members' funny, interesting, sweet or any other type of true love story. If we receive enough input, we will feature some of the best in the Feb. 10 edition. E-mail stories to editor@eur.army.mil and write "Valentines Day" in the subject line. Include your full name and a phone number.

Caregiver jobs

Respite Care is an Exceptional Family Member Program program designed to provide a break from care giving for families with EFMP members to run errands, attend to other responsibilities or just take a break.

The respite periods increase families' quality of life and significantly contribute to avoiding burn out. Providers can earn money with this part-time employment and give to the community. Training is Feb. 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Call the EFMP manager at 634-8582 or 0444 -71- 8582/7500 for details.

Become a volunteer

Become a community volunteer, build your experiences and resumé and meet a new network of people. Call the Army Volunteer Corps to find out about the volunteer opportunities in our community. Register at www.myarmyonesource.com to log your hours. Call 634-7500 for more information.

Retirement ceremony

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. in Soldiers' Theatre.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Acoustic Jam 2011: Get your tickets for the Acoustic Jam 2011, performed Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Theatre. Guitarist Roberto Dalla Vecchia returns with a concert of folk, blues, bluegrass and classical guitar music. Dalla Vecchia is an award-winning guitarist who has toured in both the U.S. and Italy. He also teaches guitar lessons at Caserma Ederle. Call 634-7281 for reservations.

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

To speak with a chaplain after hours, call 634-KARE (634-5273).

Sunday services

8 a.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

(Daily Mass is held weekdays at noon)

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (September-May at Vicenza High School)

10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (September-May at Vicenza High School)

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS scripture study

Tuesdays

9:15 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise dance practice

3:30 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in VHS cafeteria September-May

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care.

5:30 p.m.: High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center September-May. Call 340-139-4073 for information.

5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

Thursdays

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel

5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal

7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

Faith group contacts

Islamic: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for info.

Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108.

Latter Day Saints: Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Scripture study held Mondays, noon-1 p.m. at the chapel.

Call the Caserma Ederle chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for more information on religious activities.

DON'T BE LATE: E-mail briefs to editor@eur.army.mil noon on Monday, or by 4 p.m Friday if Monday is a holiday.

Team DO WORK's player Geonte Haynes soars past players while James Edwards from the D CO 2-503RD team tries to block during a game in the Fitness Center gymnasium Jan. 12. USARAF and DO WORK are currently leading the league.



Teams fired up for hoops finals

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook staff

The matches are getting more competitive now that the Post Basketball League has reached the second half of the season. The evening games are held twice weekly at the post gym, usually on Mondays and Wednesdays and the community is invited to attend.

"The key to all our sport programs is participation," said Ricky Jackson, Sports, Fitness & Aquatics programmer. "Participation contributes to relieve stress and tension, and it is a lot of fun," he said.

To top off the season league, a local championship will take place Feb. 17-19. The top unit team will go on to participate in the European Championship in Germany. The leading team currently is DO WORK, who defeated the D CO 2-503RD team 84-26 Jan. 12.

"The game went pretty easy," said DO WORK's Geonte Haynes, who scored 25 points, "but they competed the entire game, which was good."

Haynes is confident his team will keep

the leading position.

"I'm sure we will place first; teamwork and experience help our team," he said. "Most of us have been playing together for a couple of years now, so it makes it a lot easier on the court to communicate with each other."

He only wishes they could practice more.

"As our team name (DO WORK) is slang for giving it your all, getting the job done, we would like to practice more, but there are a lot of teams in the league

and, since we only have one gym on post, it's hard to schedule practice around everyone's schedule," he said.

The past two games his team met USARAF, which is currently second in the rankings.

DO WORK lost by two points Jan. 13



DO WORK's Hashann Reynolds goes up for a shot while D CO 2-503RD's Edwards tries to block.

and won 52-40 Tuesday.

"USARAF is a team [in the league] that is really competitive and can be hard to play with," added Haynes.

The upcoming games will be in the spotlight as the league approaches the end of the season and the finals.



Calling the shots: High school seniors Brandy Somera, left, and Milan Juliano play in a volleyball game at the Post Fitness Center Friday as John Bologna calls the plays as part of the U.S. Volleyball Rules Clinic, while other participants look on. The games were held so the clinic's participants could practice officiating games. This year's instructor was Kathy Ferraraccio, who serves as an official in conferences, has worked the NCAA championships and is a contributing editor to the USA National rule book. The clinic's participants were coaches or will referee military and high school games.

"Members of this garrison are fortunate to have the FMWR sports and fitness staff hosting sports official's clinics throughout the year," said Tom Hlavacek, one of the clinic's participants. "Kathy was assisting us to become better officials for military and school games," he said.

Photo by Laura Kreider

SOLDIERS & CIVILIANS COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAY SPORTS

2010-2011 Basketball League:

Team	Win	Loss
DO WORK	5	2
USARAF	4	2
14TH TRANS	3	2
464TH MP PLT	2	1

PUSH DA ROCK	2	2
ALL IN	2	2
D CO 2-503RD	0	4
TEAM LOYALTY	0	3

Team Loyalty has been dropped from the league due to forfeits.

The community is invited to come watch the games! Most games are Mondays & Wednesdays at 6 and 7 p.m. but schedules vary. Call the Fitness Center for specifics. Championship games scheduled for Feb. 17-19

Sports Shorts

Beginners swimming

Learn the basics of swimming and feel comfortable in the water. Beginner classes start Wednesday and meet Wednesdays and Fridays 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. or 5:45-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$45. Classes are for adults 18 and older. Sign up at the Fitness Center.

Zumba class

Join the Zumba fitness classes on Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesdays, noon-12:45 p.m. or Thursdays, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Zumba is a style of dance-aerobic workout to Latin music.

Seeking group instructors

The Fitness Center is seeking certified group fitness instructors. Not certified? Stop by the Fitness Center and get information on how you can become certified and get paid while you lead a work out. Call 634-7887 for more information.

Recreational volleyball

A recreational volleyball league starts around Feb. 24. A coaches' meeting is set Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Fitness Center upstairs conference room. Coaches should bring a roster. Sign up by Feb. 17.

Racquetball tournament

A racquetball tournament is set Friday and Saturday. There is a participants' meeting Friday at 6 p.m. in the Fitness Center. The tournament has male and female divisions and includes: beginners, 0-2 years experience; intermediate, 2-5 years experience; advanced, more than 5 years experience; open play; doubles. There is a prize drawing and 1st & 2nd place awards per category. Sign up by Friday.

Dodge ball league

The recreational dodge ball league play starts Feb. 8 at the Fitness Center. There will be a coaches meeting Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. in the Fitness Center upstairs conference room. Coaches should bring a roster with contact information for two POCs. Sign up by Feb. 2. Call 634-7009 for more info.

Snow sports workout

Skiers and snowboarders can join a coached workout at the fitness center Tuesdays at noon. Call 634-6240 for information.

CYSS coaches needed

Potential coaches must pass a background check, and will receive training and certification. Contact 634-6151, alex.ruiz5@eur.army.mil or Krista.Cahill@eur.army.mil for information.

Unit & rec play

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for 10 or more, fitness center.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays for 8 or more players, fitness center.

Men's Soccer: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 11 or more players.

Women's Soccer: 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays for 8 or more players. Call 634-7009.