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Last Outlook for 2008

This is the last paper for 2008. The Outlook will return Jan. 8, 2009.

Thank you for your patronage and best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season.

Surgeon General meets Soldiers

Story By Rick Scavetta
SETAF Public Affairs

VICENZA, Italy – The Army Surgeon General met with the leadership of SETAF-U.S. Army Africa and visited Soldiers from the Warrior Transition Unit during a Dec. 17 visit to Caserma Ederle.

Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, Surgeon General and commander of U.S. Army Medical Command, met with Maj. Gen. "Burke" Garrett, SETAF commander, who discussed the unit's ongoing transformation as the Army component to U.S. Africa Command.

Schoomaker ate lunch with Soldiers from the Warrior Transition Unit at the South of the Alps dining facility and visited the WTU barracks.

During lunch, Schoomaker presented commander's coins to Spc. Elizabeth Frutos, who distinguished herself through volunteering on post and to Staff Sgt. Patrick Chaplin, WTU Squad Leader since the program began in 2007. Having access to senior leadership is important for WTU Soldiers, Chaplin said.

"When senior level leadership come down, the Soldiers get reassured that they are not forgotten about as individuals," Chaplin said. "And they can



Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, Army Surgeon General, speaks with Staff Sgt. Patrick Chaplin, WTU squad leader. (Photo by Rick Scavetta)

speak their piece directly to the people at the top."

The visit also allowed Schoomaker to check in on the medical progress of the 173rd ABCT and the construction on

a new health center, he said.

"Aside from fighting the war itself, this is the most important thing we can do, care for wounded or ill soldiers," Schoomaker said.

Brownies eat brownies

By Rose Holland
Special to the Outlook

The sounds of the season echoed through the Villaggio housing area Tuesday evening as Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts joined together to go caroling.

"It was great to sing Christmas carols and share the season with friends," said Allyson Holland, ambassador Girl Scout.

After caroling the boys and girls joined together for a reward of hot chocolate and cookies.

"Part of what makes this so fun is seeing all the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts enjoying some social time after caroling," said Holland.

After the clean-up was complete the extra cookies were taken to the Soldiers working staff duty that evening.



Local Brownie Scouts help themselves to cookies after caroling.

Army Family Covenant

AFC expands services to assist with information

By Cristina Piosa
Army Community Service

The Army Family Covenant added a very important position in order to better serve the Vicenza community, the Information and Referral Receptionist Service.

When you first walk into the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, the first stop you will make in visiting the facility is the I&R, commonly known as the front desk. Previously, the services were provided by a contractor funded with Global War on Terror funds. The Army Family Covenant enabled the position to be converted into a full-time permanent position so that the services are not jeopardized by non-availability of funds.

"We provide a wide range of services, not limited to only information and referral, but we also assist with answering telephones, directing calls,

directing clients to offices, agencies, assisting ACS program managers, photocopying, sending faxes and digital documents and much more" says Camilla Obmerga, Information and Referral specialist.

The I&R program provides the community with information, referral and follow-up services on all ACS programs and is also a center for updated classes, events details and sign-ups. I&R also assists the community with general post information such as the post telephone directory, building locations and information about the surrounding communities.

"The position is very important. We are at the center of information and referral on post. We make sure to have everyone sign in, even for a fax or telephone call, so we can see how to better provide services for our community. It can be really busy at times between

taking care of customers by phone or those who walk-in, but we manage to give 100 percent to all," said Obmerga.

The Information and Referral office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and can be reached at 634-7500.



Tera Clement, ACS volunteer, talks to Camilla Obmerga, Army Community Service information and referral specialist, at the front desk in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. The front desk is the front line for information on all ACS classes, programs and events. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

Safeguard against home, vehicle break-ins

Office of the Provost Marshal
Community Information

At this time of the year, military police historically receive an increase in reports on vehicle and house break-ins. There is no single reason for the increase, but one identified reason is the bad guys are out shopping for vehicles and homes to break into and take property during the holidays.

Unfortunately, many vehicles sit unattended with purchases visible, making them targets for vandals and thieves.

Remember to safeguard your packages in the trunk, not in plain sight inside the vehicle.

Petty thieves do not want to have a confrontation with anyone, but will gladly and easily

break into a vehicle and take what is visible and available.

Do not leave property in your vehicle.

A trashy vehicle implies to the thieves the owner is too lazy to take out valuable property. Also, the thieves usually break out the rear window of vehicles because many vehicles do have an alarm on the rear doors.

It is recommended to add an alarm system, where feasible, to the rear doors of your vehicle.

These same thieves won't hesitate to break into homes at random, or homes that have been identified as an easy target or are noticeably unattended for long periods.

When not at home or when going on leave, close and lock shutters and doors, place lights

on a timer and have a friend or neighbor periodically check the premises.

Homes that have been identified as targets are those which are easy to gain access through a window or door or if there is a reason to believe there are valuables inside.

Thieves are mostly interested in jewelry and small items they can easy carry and make a fast get away with.

They have also been known to take big screen TV, cameras and stereos.

Some of these homes have been marked outside on a sidewalk or fence with drawings or stick figures that are meaningless to the average person, but give a thief information about the quarters


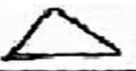


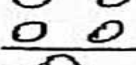
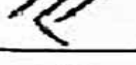

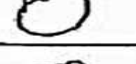
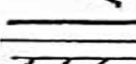
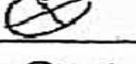
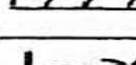
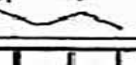
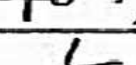
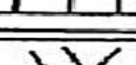

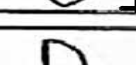
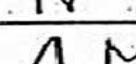
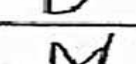
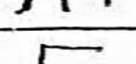
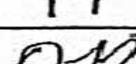

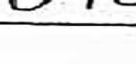

and occupants.

The chart below depicts possible markings used to identify quarters for possible theft.

The best deterrent against a break-in is an alarm system. Dogs may work some times but they can be sprayed or put to sleep while the thieves are robbing your home.

The Provost Marshal's office encourages people who live in private rentals or government leased homes to look for these markings and call the MP desk at 634-7233/7626, or 0444-71-7233/7626.

For more information call the PMO at 634-7197/7827 or 0444-717197/7827 from off post. The toll-free MP telephone number is 800-064-077.

	Empty house		Lonely woman
	Good objective		Women willing to give money
	Very good house to steal from		House has already been broken into
	Don't touch, friendly home		Do not insist
	Dog inside house		Nothing interesting
	Dog		Avoid this neighborhood
	Carabinieri or police around		Public official
	Danger, always occupied		Do not break into this office or house
	Good time to break into		Sunday is a good day to break into this house
	Afternoon is good time to break into		Morning is a good time to break into this house
	Rich house		House has an alarm
	Nothing interesting		

Holidays got you down? Help is a call away

Holidays are often a time of stress, not joy for those who are without close friends or family to lean on when the going gets tough.

If you are a teen, or have a teen, the Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling service is available at 634-7127, or 0444-71-7127.

If you need someone to talk to, or are worried about a friend, the numbers below are available 24 hours a day.

The Military and Family Life consultant is a confidential shoulder to lean on. The consultant may be reached at 333-489-8967.

Other 24-hour counselors are:

Army Community Service
634-7500, 0444-71-7500
from off post

Family Advocacy Program
634-7500, 0444-71-7500
from off post

Chaplain Hotline
634-KARE (5273) or 0444-71-5273 from off post

Military OneSource
00-800-3429-6477

Military Police Hotline
634-SAFE (7233) or 0444-71-7233 from off post

Sexual Assault Hotline
634-JUST (5878) or 0444-71-5878 from off post

Speak Out

Is the downturn in the economy affecting your holiday spending?

Outlook Staff



Nate Covell
SETAF Knowledge Management Office

"Not really. We're probably spending the same amount of money as last year."



Maj. Nicole Fischer
SETAF G-8

"No. I'm single and recently promoted so I'm doing okay financially."



Chief Warrant Officer Todd McElmurry
SETAF Safety Office

"Yes. I'm sending more money home this year to help out family members."



Sgt. Yadzaida Garcia
SETAF G-1

"I just received my reenlistment bonus so I'm spending more."



Frank Marcantonio
USAG Vicenza Safety

"No. We budget a certain amount every year and stick to it."

Tips to help ring in safe, happy New Year's day

**USAG Vicenza
Safety Office**
Community Information

It's almost time to ring out the old year and ring in the new year.

In many places food and alcohol are common with ushering in the New Year and getting to and from the celebration can be challenging and dangerous.

By keeping safety in the forefront and by remembering these few tips it's possible to bring in a happy, safe new year and still have a great time.

- ◆ If you are going to drink, don't drive. Have a plan before you go out and use a designated driver.

- ◆ Drink responsibly (try to welcome in the New Year without a hangover) and eat only from approved sources - steer clear of street vendors.

- ◆ Use the buddy system. Never party alone and never leave your buddy.

- ◆ If public transportation is available use it. It is much safer than trying to find a secure place to park your car.

- ◆ Prepare for inclement weather and dress appropriately for outdoor activities.

- ◆ If you host a party remember that you are responsible for your guests' safety. Have a plan to ensure everyone gets home safely.

- ◆ Be careful if using or observing fireworks.

EFMP Movie Bash aids holiday spirit

By **Cristina Piosa**
*Army Community Service
Marketing specialist*

Approximately 75 children and their families, who belong to the Exceptional Family Member Program of USAG Vicenza, took part in the quarterly EFMP Movie Bash.

This time the movie was the much-anticipated holiday-themed *Santa Claus 3*.

Along with the free movie, children and their families received free popcorn and drink, courtesy of the Vicenza Community Club.

The movie bash occurs quarterly and provides a way for the children and their families to join together in a fun and relaxing environment, where they can be themselves with their family, said Franny Packard, Army Community Service EFMP manager.

"You know the holidays are

approaching. Every child seems to be excited not only for the movie but also for Santa's visit. He arrived after the movie with some treats for the children," she said.

"The children were ecstatic to see me. I handed out little goodie boxes with some candy to get them ready for the holiday season," said Santa (a.k.a. Eric Darnell).

The next EFMP movie bash will be in March.

For more information about EFMP call Packard at 634-



Santa and a friend pose for a photo after the Exceptional Family Member Program Movie Bash held Dec. 4. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

8582/7912, or 0444-71-8582/7912, or stop by her office located in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Top food service personnel, dining facilities honored

By **Spc. Fabian Ortega**
*U.S. Army Europe
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HEIDELBERG, Germany – The Army's top food service Soldiers and dining facilities were honored at the Installation Management Command-Europe and U.S. Army Europe 41st Annual Food Service Awards Ceremony at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Germany, Dec. 11.

"The objective of the (Culinary Warrior of the Year) program is to recognize the excellence, professionalism and selfless service which is provided to our Soldiers and diners on a daily basis by our food service Soldiers across the command," said Col. Catherine Cutler, chief of sustainment operations for the USAREUR logistics directorate. "The



Winners and runners-up in the Installation Management Command-Europe and U.S. Army Europe 41st Annual Food Service Awards Ceremony. Culinary Warrior NCO of the Year Sgt. Quincy Queen of the 72nd Signal Battalion is pictured in Class A uniform at center, and Culinary Warrior of the Year Pfc. Scotty Anderson of the 212th Combat Support Hospital is right of Queen. In addition to the individual awards, the best large and small garrison dining facilities were recognized during the ceremony.

competition provides a tangible incentive for all assigned food service Soldiers and food operations NCOs to strive to attain."

Sgt. Michael Oglesby of the 212th was named runner-up in the Culinary Warrior NCO

The ceremony also recognized four dining facilities with Philip A. Connelly Awards for Excellence in Army Food

Service. The Connelly award program, which evaluates Army dining facilities on food preparation, quality and customer approval, was established in 1968 and is the gold standard for culinary competitions, food service officials said.

The Connelly program is divided into three categories, but awards were given in only two

categories for fiscal year 2008 — large and small garrison dining facilities.

The CSM (Command Sgt. Maj.) Lawrence T. Hickey Dining Facility at Camp Normandy in Grafenwoehr, Germany won top honor as the best large garrison facility, while the South of the Alps Dining Facility in Vicenza, Italy was runner-up in the large garrison

category.

"The dining facilities of today provide the widest range of cuisine at the highest level of quality," said Vivian McBride-Davis, chief of IMCOM-E's logistics division. "And the Soldier and civilian chefs that are present are clearly the cream of the crop and represent the best of what the Army has to offer."

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At your service

Army Community Service



Cristina Piosa, Army Community Service marketing specialist, works on a poster for an upcoming Anger Management class offered by the Family Advocacy Program.

Cristina Piosa (left), is the Army Community Service marketing specialist. She is responsible for marketing the classes and services that ACS provides to the community.

"I'm a military brat," she said. "I was born and raised in Vicenza and stayed here until I left for college. I graduated from Missouri State University and came back to Vicenza in 2006."

"I was hired under the Army Family Covenant to ensure that all soldiers and families in Vicenza receive up-to-date information on ACS programs, services and events," she said.

She can be reached at 634-7456.

Community events

Rain doesn't dampen trip to Slovenia

Story and photo by
Lourdes Fernandez
Outlook Volunteer

Despite the rain and cold weather, with its beautiful Christmas market and interesting mix of cultures, Ljubljana, the capitol of Slovenia, provided members of Caserma Ederle a great getaway.

The group met the bus near the chapel gate, at 6:20 a.m., 10 minutes before the beginning of the trip. The bus ride took one 30-minute stop during the three and a half hour journey. Coral Bielecki, ITR travel clerk, suggested that participants "come prepared with pillows and anything else that will make the bus trip more comfortable."

Even though the bus has a bathroom available, the tour guide and the driver prefer that it is only used for emergencies.

Elena, an ITR tour guide, also recommended "snacks that are easy to eat but also easy to clean," because the bus driver is tasked with cleaning the bus after each trip. When traveling with children, she recommends "supervising the children to make sure that they eat carefully."

In Ljubljana participants enjoyed a guided tour of the city center. Anja Butala, the local guide, explained the mix of Slovenian, Austro-Hungarian, and Northern Italian culture in the country. She also pointed out some of the most important churches and points of interest, including the dragon bridge.

Before we arrived in Slovenia, Elena gave tour members general information about Ljubljana and its surroundings. She said that "it is



The rain may have been coming down, but that didn't stop shoppers from visiting the Christmas market in Ljubljana, Slovenia and touring around the city proper.

important to get information about the local culture and history to understand the city better and how the culture was created."

After the tour participants had free time and a chance to spend time at a restaurant, away from the cold rain, to hike up or pay a few Euro to take the cable car up to the castle or to explore the markets. Some of the local goods include honey brandy, a seasonal beverage, other honey products, and *struklji*, a traditional ricotta cheese dish

that can be served sweet or savory, as a main or side dish.

The weather is always an important factor when traveling. Elena suggested paying close attention to the weather forecast and asking questions of the ITR staff about the weather in specific locations.

"People should come prepared for the weather," and take advantage of the space on the bus to leave extra clothes. Similarly, the bus has storage underneath for baby carriers and strollers.

"ITR trips are a good way to get to know a place and make a decision whether or not to come back later for a longer stay," said Bielecki. She added that guided tours, especially of factories, are also great because usually groups of 15 or more people are required for such tours and the ITR trip provides that opportunity." She said, "that it is often cheaper to travel with ITR than to pay for gas and parking, plus there is no stress driving."

Ljubljana proved an easy city to explore. Most vendors speak

English and Italian and the Euro is the official currency. The tourist information center had ATM machines available nearby. Bielecki suggested "asking as many questions to ITR staff before and after signing up for a specific trip." She added that "ITR also answers questions about Vicenza and the surroundings, from where to find shopping outlets to where to find tourist attractions." For more information on future trips call 634-7094.

Scaling to new heights



Meagan Garcia is half way up one of the limestone cliffs above the town of Lumignano.

Story and photos by
D. Robinson
Vicenza Middle/High School

The Vicenza Middle School outdoor education class recently went on a field trip to the local town of Lumignano to do some rock climbing.

Outdoor Recreation was able to accompany the students on this trip, as well as give them the training that they needed beforehand.

This climbing trip was a culminating activity after a quarter long outdoor education class which taught each student respect for each other, while at the same time teaching them many outdoor skills. The trip to Lumignano also included a hike to the top of the mountain above the town, which overlooks much of the Veneto Valley. Each of the four outdoor education classes will have the chance to take some sort of local field trip.



Vicenza Middle/High School students make their spider-like crawl up the face of the mountain above Lumignano under the watchful eyes of their teachers and instructors from Outdoor Recreation handling the safety ropes.

Hot rods, bods at Bologna Motor Show



The latest cars were on display at the 33rd Annual Bologna Motor Show Dec. 5-14. Citroen, Porsche, Lamborghini, Estoque and DR were among the eight world and 11 European previews. (Photo courtesy of Spc. Bridget Austin)

By Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Camp Darby's Better Opportunities for Single Service members got a first hand look at the hottest new cars and bikes

getting ready to hit the market at the Annual Bologna Motor Show Dec. 13.

"They had a lot of exotic cars, Lamborghinis, Bentleys, Ferraris, Porches and Maseratis that I've only seen passing me on the

road," said Spc. Bridget Austin, BOSS member and 511th Military Police platoon Soldier.

"They had a great display of military vehicles, tanks and helicopters along with classic cars and my personal favorite

'crotch rockets'."

Austin owns a Suzuki 2003 GSXR 600 and is a self proclaimed adrenaline junkie.

"I started riding when I was little around 13-14 and I had Kawasaki even though my Dad preferred road cruisers," laughed Austin. "It was a blast riding with him when I was young."

"When I found out BOSS was going to offer a trip to the Bologna Motor Show, I volunteered to drive," said Austin. "I wanted to make sure I was going."

Austin added the motorcycle section was her favorite part of the show.

Every brand of automobile imaginable was available to browse and dream about; sports cars, one-off prototypes, trucks, vans, they had them all.

"I think it's important for people to take advantage of these BOSS trips because it helps you save a lot on transportation costs, especially if you don't have a vehicle.

A great thing about the Bologna Motor Show- you don't have to speak Italian to speak car talk," grinned Austin.

Camp Darby commissary nearing completion

Story and photo by
Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Camp Darby community members have been watching the construction of the new commissary site morph into something that promises to be a key establishment within the community.

According to Gerri Young, Defense Commissary Agency Europe spokeswoman, the construction on the newest commissary is on target and is expected to open its doors in May 2009.

"The new building has almost double the retail floor space than the old building and is expanding from three to seven aisles," said Young. "Customers can also expect to find nearly 500 new items lining the shelves."

Additionally, the new building has internal restrooms for patrons, which the old facility did not have, and will have bistro tables in the deli area for those who would like to eat in the store, according to Giuseppe Ricci, Livorno DeCA store director.

"Our sandwich bar has always been a popular lunch destination, so the new deli will



Navy and Defense Commissary Agency engineers inspect the construction on the new Camp Darby commissary. DeCA hopes to take beneficial occupancy of the facility in March and open in May.

have two sections: one for customers wanting sandwiches and another for customers wanting to buy deli meats and cheeses," said Ricci.

Most importantly, as the commissary gets ready to transition from one facility to the other, the customers will not be impacted by empty shelves or items not being stocked.

"We are very careful in our planning to bring down a separate team from our region headquarters in Germany and a few other locations to stock and prep the new store while the old store is still operating so the customers are not inconvenienced by the transition," explained Young.

The original commissary was

built in 1953 and underwent an upgrade in 1991.

"This new commissary will take the store into the 21st century and reflect what a modern grocery store is like," said Young. "We are excited about the new Camp Darby commissary and think the community will really enjoy the new store."

Darby Dates

ACS activities Free painting class

Join in the free painting class Jan. 6. First classes will be geared towards beginners. For more information, call ACS at 633-7084

Budgeting basics

Living from paycheck to paycheck? Learn steps to achieve financial freedom Jan. 6. Contact ACS at 633-7084 for details.

Volunteer Action Council

Quarterly VAC meetings are the first Wednesday of every quarter and will be held on Jan. 7. Call ACS at 633-7084 for more details.

Reintegration, Relationships & Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

Tips on how to better manage family relationships following a deployment in this Jan. 7 class. Focused on how PTSD affects family relationships. Call 633-7084 for more details.

Darby Community Club

Elvis karaoke night

In honor of the king's birthday, bring your blue suede shoes and sing your heart out on Jan. 8. For more information, call the DCC at 633-7855.

Texas Hold'em

May your Texas Hold'em night be full of kings. Free pasta to all Texas Hold'em players on Jan. 9. Call the DCC at 633-7855.

ITR trips Hot springs & wine tasting

On Jan. 10, spend the morning s in the natural hot springs of Casciana Terme where the water is a natural 90 F. Then visit a local winery and taste some of their wines with the opportunity to purchase. Call 633-7589.

Abetone ski trip

The first ski trip of the season is Jan. 10 with the folks from Outdoor Recreation. Various trip packages are available for your convenience. Call for more information at 633-7775.

Holiday season brings new customs, markets, free events to area

Italian holidays

Dec. 26 is an Italian national holiday. It is the Feast of St. Stephen (Santo Stefano), the first Christian martyr.

Jan. 6 is another national holiday in Italy, which celebrates the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. It's also known as "La Befana", who is a kind, ugly and old hunchbacked witch with a crooked nose. She is dressed in rags and travels straddling a flying broomstick and carrying a never-empty sack full of presents for children.

The local Vicenza bus company offers free rides from Farini, Stadio (Via Bassano) and Cricoli parking lots to downtown from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the following days: Dec. 13, 14 and 20-24; Jan. 4-6.

Downtown stores are open every Sunday in December, as well as Jan. 4 and Jan. 6.

Christmas markets

Bertolinella Church recreational center on Via San Cristoforo: Christmas market open daily until Dec. 21, weekdays: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat and Sun 9 a.m. - noon and 3 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Schio: Christmas market, Dec. 20-21 and Dec. 24, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., on Via Btg. Val Leogra, Piazza Falcone Borsellino, 16 miles northwest of Vicenza.

Vicenza: Christmas Markets, Dec. 20-24, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., on Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Biade, Piazzetta Palladio, Piazza Garibaldi.

Vicenza: Oriental products, merchants and scents, Dec. 20-24, on Piazza dell' Erbe.

Noventa Vicenza: Christmas Market, Dec. 21, about 20 miles east of Vicenza. It starts at 3 p.m. Food stands, entertainment, games and free bounce house for children. Live music with

Christmas pipers. Free hot chocolate for everyone.

Free Christmas, Epiphany, New Year's events, concerts

Thiene: Artistic Nativity Scenes Exposition, Dec. 14 - Jan. 11, weekdays 10 a.m. - noon and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Sun. and holidays 10 a.m. - noon and 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.; closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, in Villa Fabris, about 18 miles north of Vicenza.

Vicenza: Live nativity scene, Dec. 20, 5 p.m., in downtown. In case of bad weather conditions, the event will be held Dec. 21, 5 p.m.

Vicenza: Conservatory students concert, Dec. 20, 5 p.m., in Santa Chiara Chapel, Contrà Santa Chiara.

Vicenza: Concert for orchestra and white voices choir, Dec. 20, 9 p.m., in San Giuseppe Church, Via Mercato Nuovo.

Vicenza: Christmas concert, Dec. 20, 8:45 p.m., in Madonna della Pace Church, Strada Pizzolati, 2.

Marostica: Gospel concert: *Voices of Deliverance*, Dec. 20, 9 p.m., in Saint Anthony Church, Via Sant' Antonio.

Vicenza: Christmas concert, Dec. 20, 8:30 p.m., in San Pietro Church, Piazza San Pietro.

Vicenza: Christmas music and song, Dec. 21, 8:45 p.m., in S. Bertilla Church, Via Antonio Federico Ozanam, 1

Schio: Live Nativity Scene, Dec. 21 and 24, Palazzo Fogazzaro, 16 miles northwest of Vicenza.

Vicenza: Children Christmas show, Dec. 21, in Piazza Matteotti, 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vicenza: Children's show "The Vanishing colors", Dec. 21, 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., in Piazza Matteotti.

Bolzano Vicentino: Children Christmas party, Dec. 21, 2 p.m.-5 p.m., on Via Cafarette,



Christmas markets are a terrific way to find unusual gifts for friends and family. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

6. Games and entertainment for children, Santa Claus, hot chocolate and mulled wine. Free entrance.

Marano Vicentino: Schola Cantorum concert, Dec. 21, 8:30 p.m., in the parish church, Piazza Silva, about 14 miles north of Vicenza.

Vicenza: Christmas choral fireworks: Dec. 22, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, S. Rocco Church, Contrà Mure S. Rocco, 1.

Vicenza: Live nativity scene, Dec. 23 and Jan. 4, 6 p.m., in San Marco Chapel, Contrà San Francesco, 76.

Vicenza: Carriage rides with Santa Claus, Dec. 24 and Dec. 26-28, 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Piazza San Lorenzo.

Vicenza: Christmas Mass, Dec. 24, 10:30 p.m., in Laghetto Church, Via Lago di Viverone, 19. Free hot chocolate, mulled wine and gifts to children after the Christmas Mass.

Vicenza: Holy night concert, Dec. 24, 11 p.m., in Chiesa San Filippo Neri, Via Filippini, 2.

Vicenza: Party under the Christmas tree, Dec. 24, 3:30 p.m., in Piazzetta Gioia.

Chiampo: Live Christmas music, Dec. 24, 4 p.m., in Piazza Zanella, 19 miles west of Vicenza.

Marano Vicentino: Saint Stephen concert, Dec. 26, 8:30 p.m., in parish church, Piazza Silva.

Vicenza: Free Christmas concert, Dec. 27, 8:30 p.m., in Chiesa dei Servi, Piazza Biade, 23. Music by Bach, Vivaldi, Verdi and Shubert. Cancer research fundraising event.

Vicenza: New Year's celebration, Dec. 31, in Piazza dei Signori. Starts at 10 p.m. Music, dances and more.

Vicenza: Meet the Befana, Jan. 6, 10 a.m., in Odeon Movie Theater, Corso Palladio, 176: free movie and children will get a stocking of treats from the Befana.

Vicenza: Epiphany concert "Here comes the Befana," Jan. 6, 3 p.m., in Villa Lattes. Free stocking from the Befana.

Vicenza: Children's Epiphany party, Jan. 6, 3 p.m. in Piazza Matteotti. Games, entertainment, face painting and dances.

Vicenza: Epiphany concert,

Jan. 6, 4 p.m., in Parrocchia di S. Croce Bigolina, Via Cristoforo Colombo, 47.

Christmas, New Year's shows

Verona: *Natale sui Pattini* - Ice skating show, Dec. 20, 8:30 p.m., in Verona's Palasport, Piazzale Atleti Azzurri d'Italia, about 38 miles west of Vicenza.

Tickets: 20 euro, 14 euro (non-numbered seats), 7 euro (children age 3-12).

Vicenza: Cenerentola (Cinderella) musical, Dec. 22, 9 p.m., in Teatro Comunale, Viale Mazzini, 39.

Tickets are 25 euro; reduced 15 (younger than 14, over 60 and disabled).

Vicenza: New Year's concert, Dec. 31, 10 p.m., in Teatro Comunale, Viale Mazzini, 36. Tickets: 13.50 euro, reduced 8.50 euro (younger than 25 and over 60).

Vicenza: Swan Lake-Ballet (the Russian State Ballet of Moscow), Jan. 1, 5 p.m., in Teatro Comunale, Viale Mazzini, 36. Tickets: 35 euro.

Indoors or out: iTR, Outdoor Rec have adventures for all

Outdoor Rec trips

Every weekend through the season, ODR takes you to the slopes.

Call ODR for information on equipment and fees at 634-7453.

New Year's Day Jan. 1: Ski or snowboard at Folgaria. The bus leaves at 7 a.m.

Jan. 3: Leave at 6 a.m. to ski or snowboard at San Martino di Castrozza.

Jan. 11: Paintball trip from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



iTR Trips

Call iTR Trips at 634-7453 for details on these and other trips.

Pisa and Lucca: Jan. 3 visit these beautiful Tuscan towns that feature some of Italy's finest examples of medieval and renaissance architecture.

There are superb opportunities for fine regional dining. The surrounding hills produce some of the finest wines in Italy. You will also visit the famous leaning tower of Pisa on this trip.

Ring in the New Year in Munich: iTR! Trips takes you to Munich where you can explore the city's many bars and restaurants.

The famous Tollwood Festival, with live bands and DJs, is the place to celebrate the entrance of the New Year.

Visit Munich's oldest brew house.

Call 634-7094 for reservations and details.

Looking to buy or sell items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at www.mwrmarketplace.com.

Holiday hours

Family Computer Center

Dec. 24: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Dec. 25: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Jan. 1: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Vehicle Registration

Dec. 25, 26 and 31: Closed

Jan. 1, 2, 5 and 6: Closed

Individuals who are PCSing will need to make arrangements to clear Vehicle Registration prior to its closure. Failure to properly clear could result in unnecessary delays in your PCS.

For details call Vehicle Registration at 634-7001 or 0444-71-7001.

Army Community Service

Dec. 25: Closed

Dec. 26: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Jan. 1: Closed

Passport office

Closed Dec. 25, 26 and Jan.

1 and 2.

The passport office is located in Bldg. 28, next to the Military

Personnel Division. Call 634-7721 for details.

Job opportunities

CYS Services: Earn up to \$16.35 per hour working with Child, Youth and School Services. Positions include Child and Youth Program Associates, School Age Services, in homework and computer labs, and in Youth Services and Sports and Fitness.

Pay raises are based on completion of training modules and there is opportunity for advancement and professional certification.

For details on any of these positions call NAF Civilian Personnel office at 634-6597.

Outdoor Rec: Seeks persons looking to lead bicycle rides and rock-climbing trips on the weekends. Should have extensive knowledge in the field

and experience leading participants. Contact ODR at 634-7453 for more information.

DODDS: A full-time, term opening for a financial technician is available at the DoDDS Mediterranean District superintendent's office here. Deadline to apply is Dec. 22.

For details call Rusty Rollins at 634-8158.

Masquerade Ball

Get your tickets now for the 2nd Annual Masquerade Ball at the Arena. Tickets include buffet dinner, R&B music and the midnight toast.

Lost

I lost a brown leather purse/satchel by Liz Claiborne. In the bag were books and a portable hard drive that contains family photos. If you found return to the MP desk or call 340-516-9615.

New Year's Eve bowling

Come out for fun at the Arena's Ultra Cosmic New Year's Eve Bowling Bash Dec. 31, 5-8 p.m. is the family party time.

Adult parties begin at 9 p.m. and go until 1 a.m.

Prices per lane include a large cheese pizza, pitcher of soda and party favors.

Call 634-8293 for pricing information.

Santa Workshop at VES

Elementary students can come to the Santa Workshop Dec. 18 -19 from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. to buy gifts for Mom and Dad, siblings, friends and teachers (or themselves). Support your PTSA by stopping by the workroom on the second floor of the main school building.

Photography fundamentals class

Jan. 7 the Art Center offers eight sessions the fundamentals of photography. Classes are Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. Call the Art Center at 634-7074 to register.

Community Mail Room extends hours

The Community Mail Room is open Dec. 22, 23 and 24 from 10 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

The CMR package pick up will be open Dec. 20 from 9 a.m. - noon.

The CMR will be closed Dec. 25, 26 and 27.

Chapel holiday services

Dec. 18, 7 p.m. the Gospel congregation will have members of the community to share their performance gifts with the community.

Christmas eve services:

Children's Mass: 4 p.m.

Protestant candlelight: 6 p.m.

Lutheran service: 8 p.m.

Midnight Mass: Midnight

Christmas day Mass: 9 a.m.

New Year's Eve services:

New Year's Eve Mass: 5:30

p.m.

Watchnight service: 9:30 p.m.

Call the chapel at 634-7519 for more information on these other other chapel programs.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Dec. 18	Eagle Eye (PG13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 19	Lakeview Terrace (PG13)	6 p.m.
	Quarantine (R)	9 p.m.
Dec. 20	The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG13)	3 p.m.
	Body of Lies (R)	6 p.m.
Dec. 21	The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG13)	3 p.m.
	Lakeview Terrace (PG13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 24	Quarantine (PG13)	3 p.m.
Dec. 26	Yes Man (PG13)	6 p.m.
	Max Payne (PG13)	9 p.m.
Dec. 27	Marley & Me (PG)	3 p.m.
	Yes Man (PG13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 28	Marley & Me (PG)	3 p.m.
	The Express (PG13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 31	W. (PG13)	6 p.m.
Jan. 2	High School Musical 3 (PG)	6 p.m.
	Secret Life of Bees (PG13)	9 p.m.
Jan. 3	Bedtime Stories (PG)	3 p.m.
	Seven Pounds (PG13)	6 p.m.
Jan. 4	Bedtime Stories (PG)	3 p.m.
	Seven Pounds (PG13)	6 p.m.
Jan. 7	Pride & Glory (R)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Dec. 18	Eagle Eye (PG13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 19	Closed (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 20	Australia (PG13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 21	Flash of Genius (PG13)	2 p.m.
Dec. 26	Body of Lies (R)	6 p.m.
Dec. 27	Four Christmasses (PG13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 28	Lakeview Terrace (PG13)	2 p.m.
Jan. 2	Listing not available at print time	
Jan. 3	Listing not available at print time	

Admission: Age 12 and over \$4, under age 12, \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.

Looking for the movie synopsis? Check out the AAFES Web site: www.aafes.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.



A child wonders if Santa is the real deal at Camp Darby Christmas events. (Photo by Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

Italians donate Christmas tree

By Chiara Mattiolo

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

As every year, since Christmas 2001 a silver fir Christmas tree has been donated by the Province of Pistoia as a sign of friendship and solidarity.

The installation commander, Lt. Col. Stephen Cade, thanked the Pistoia community for the gracious donation and it's long-term friendship.

"We in the American community of Camp Darby are truly blessed to be in this beautiful country, surrounded by our good friends and allies," said Cade. "This tree represents goodwill and we are committed to being worthy of it."

Col. Raffaele Iubini, Camp Darby Italian base commander added that "This traditions is the cement of friendship."

Religious activities

Caserma Ederle Chapel

Call the chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for details on post religious activities.

Chaplain Crisis Line:

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

Saturday services

4 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation or by appointment.

5 p.m.: Vigil Mass

Sunday Services

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass
Mass is held weekdays at noon.

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. through May in Vicenza High School)

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship

6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian worship

Monday

Noon: LDS Scripture Study
3:05 p.m.: Middle School Club in the high school cafeteria. (October-May)

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center. (October-May)

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Noon: Protestant Men of the Chapel Bible study (at DFAC)

5:30 p.m.: PWOC evening Bible study

Thursday

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: Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.

Jewish: Sandy Schoenberg at 634-6202 or sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil.

Latter Day Saints (LDS): Sean Peterson at 329-034-3451 or Elder Openshaw at 334-665-6845. Scripture study is held Monday, noon-1 p.m.

Darby Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 633-7267 (50-54-7267).

9:40 a.m.: Catholic

Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

Protestant Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and Catholic CCD is at 11:15 a.m.

Gym workout available no matter the weather

(Below) First Lt. Alex Haig, Alpha Company, 1st Battalion 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne) works out at the post gym. "I come here three times a week for one hour, in addition to PT," Haig explained. It helps because you have to do weights in addition to running. I also like doing different sports because it helps different muscles. They include skiing, soccer, football, basketball and swimming. Swimming is very good; it works your core muscles. If I don't get to exercise, I feel tired at work. Instead, when I exercise I feel sharper," he said.



(Above) First Lt. Nick Black, Alpha Company, 1st – 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne) works out at the post gym. "I try to come here three, four times a week. It helps different muscles that you don't use while doing P.T.," Black said. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



(From left to right) Eighth-graders Meagan Garcia, Rebekah Sorenson, Nate Walker, Teresa Dean, JonLuca DeCaro (seventh-grader), Viane Burke and Darius Cade put the presents in some boxes for the VMS Student Council Angel Tree Dec. 12. "It's a school community project," said Nate Walker, one of the MS Council students. "We started thinking about which presents to get the first week of December."

Students donate to angel tree

Story and photo by
Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

The fall community service project for Vicenza Middle School student council focused on working with Army Community Service. The VMS student council asked to sponsor nine angels from the ACS angel tree.

"Allie Vallery from ACS gave the MS student council angels and the MS representatives went to each middle school advisory with their angel and asked the class to donate presents," said Debra Wilson, VMHS teacher.

Information about their angel included: gender, age, clothing size and interests.

The National Junior Honor Society provided Christmas wrapping for all the gifts.

"Many students and their teachers found it in their hearts to do something special for these kids", Wilson said.

The ACS picked up the boxes for distribution on Dec. 15.



Artwork by Anna Vallery

Vet clinic holds student art exhibit

Special to the Outlook

Not only is the military community animal clinic a friendly spot for family pets, but they are art lovers.

Art students' work is shown in the school regularly at VMHS, with exhibits changing every four-six weeks.

In searching for new venues in which to showcase Vicenza art students, art teacher, Kat O'Neill, contacted the American veterinarian in hopes student work could be shown in a more public venue.

"The clinic in Longare was enthusiastic about the idea and generously offered their space for a month long exhibit," O'Neill said.

VHS Drawing and Art Fundamental students have been working on realistic pencil studies of animals in their natural habitat.

"Their assignment was to render the animal in ebony pencil, then lightly tint with colored pencil," she added.

The show consists of wild, farm and domestic animals. The exhibit is open during regular clinic hours through Jan. 5.

Sports shorts

CYS Youth Baseball seeks players for Italian Little League

The CYS Sports & Fitness youth baseball travel team is still looking for players who are interested in playing in the local Italian Little League. At present there are only eight youth who have signed up. We need a minimum of 12 players to form a team.

Youth who are born in the years 1995-1998 are eligible.

Parents of youth interested in participating should call CYS Sports & Fitness at 634-6151 before Dec. 31 to make an oral commitment of participation.

Although the Italian Little League season begins in March, CYS Sports & Fitness needs commitments before Dec. 31 to register with the Italian Little League.

This is a great opportunity provided by CYS and the Vicenza Military Community to allow our youth to compete at a higher level, improve their baseball skills, meet new friends, and most importantly keeping in shape while having fun.

Cougars sports schedule

Basketball and Cheering play at home Jan. 9 and 10 against Sigonella, Jan. 16 and 17 at home against Milan, Jan. 23 and 24 at Naples, Jan. 30 and 31 in Rome against Marymount. Their final game is Feb. 6 and 7 at home against Aviano.

Cougars Rifle team performs at Bamberg Jan. 10, at Ansback Jan. 17 and at Hohenfels Jan. 24.

Jingle Bell Walk/Run rescheduled

Due to the inclement weather that we've been experiencing, this weekend's Jingle Bell Fun Walk/Run scheduled for Saturday is rescheduled. The new date is Saturday Dec. 20. The 9:45 a.m. pre-race brief time and 10 a.m. race start time remain the same. For those community members that have already signed-up, there is no need to "re-register" for the new date.

Contact Mr. Ricky Jackson for additional information at 634-7009 or 634-7876.