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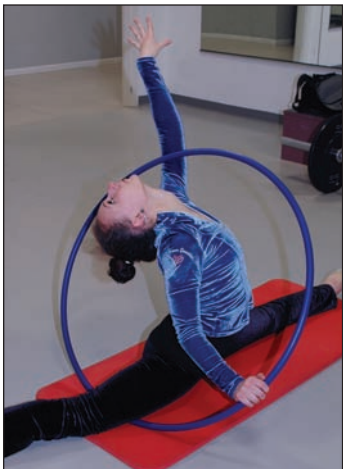
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Rhythmic gymnast trains on post; Referees get the spotlight

Exercise participants wrestle with potential chaos

By Maggie Menzies
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

ARUSHA, Tanzania – The day that many lives will change is in the future, but on this day villagers in the small rural town in Laos wake up to the sun and sound of birds as they always do.

They go to work. Some worry about the normal concerns of living, some don't – but today is different; many lives will change.

In Tanzania, citizens wake up to the sun and sound of birds as they always do. They also go to work and worry about the normal concerns of living. Today will be the same for them – but very soon it will be different, many lives will change.

On this day, Laotian health authorities reported an outbreak of an influenza-like illness in a rural village north of the provincial capital of Muang Pakxan.

Very soon Tanzania will report a similar outbreak of the influenza-like illness, only by then it will have a name — H5-N1. In a country that has experienced drought, floods, outbreaks of pests and disease, technological hazards and earthquakes; this will create another disaster for Tanzania.

In a short while, every sector of government and society will



Photo by Khalfan Said

The Mozambique delegation discusses a comprehensive readiness plan for their country with Maggie Menzies, center, U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs; during the Tanzania Pandemic Disaster Response Exercise, March 10, in Arusha, Tanzania.

be affected and will descend into chaos. How will Tanzania respond?

This is the scenario which participants of the Tanzania Pandemic Disaster Response Exercise were presented. After two days of plenary talks, facilitated lectures and lessons-learned discussions, they are now applying what they have learned.

“Theory without practice

is futile, and practice based on proven theory is rewarding,” said Gen. Davis A. Mwamunyange, chief of Defense Forces, Tanzanian People's Defense Force. “We look forward to participating in this hands-on, table-top exercise,” he said.

“Training and exercise programs are essential to pandemic preparedness and greatly enhance response

capabilities,” said exercise facilitator Joseph Inge, Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine, in the morning introduction of the scenario.

The events in the scenario are not real. It is simulated to provide participants with a realistic sequence of events and show how quickly a pandemic situation can descend into chaos

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509th Signal Battalion provides IA support for Austere Challenge

509th Signal Battalion

A Joint Task Force was brought together in the Mediterranean, for Crisis Action Planning under the auspices of the Austere Challenge 2011 Exercise, Jan. 24-Feb. 6.

Participants included all services in the military, as well as Department of Defense civilian elements, working collaboratively together on-board the USS Mount Whitney, a Blue Ridge Class Command Ship named for the 14,946 foot peak in the Sierra-Nevada mountain-range in California.

The USS Mount Whitney departed Naples, Italy, arriving in Haifa, Israel, after eight days travel at sea. This sea journey included embedding a 509th Signal Battalion Information Assurance Manager Denise Cornell, as the IA proponent tasked to provide IA policy and technical support throughout the deployment. Her responsibilities included participating in Joint Exercise Maneuvers with the goal of integrating closely with the ship's existing operational protocols and procedures, to include land connectivity at-sea notification protocols.

Cornell said the collaborative joint-oriented sharing of information and operational business practices was informative and instructive for all involved enhancing the knowledge for all on-board.

According to Cornell, this was truly a collaborative learning opportunity for all DoD elements that participated, to include the 509th Sig. Bn.

“Austere Challenge was a wonderful experience that brought all the military services and civilians together to work on real world



Photo by Denise Cornell

Members of all military services came together as a Joint Task Force for Crisis Action Planning during the Austere Challenge 2011 Exercise, Jan. 24-Feb. 6. A Vicenza representative from the 50th Signal Battalion attended, providing technical support while on USS Mount Whitney.

scenarios,” she said.

The joint exercise integrated the sharing of both operational and business IA practices on-board the USS Mount Whitney, enabling the Navy and Joint Staff to gain a new perspective of 5th Sig. Command, 2nd Sig. Brigade, 509th Sig. Bn., and Cyber Operation Centers for full-spectrum IA situational awareness.



Photo by Mark Ray

Adm. James Stavridis, commander of the U.S. European Command passes the U.S. Army Europe flag to Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, facing the camera, officially marking Hertling's assumption of command of USAREUR, at Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg, Germany, March 25.

Hertling becomes U.S. Army Europe chief

by Bruce Anderson
U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs

HEIDELBERG, Germany – Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling formally assumed command of U.S. Army Europe during a ceremony at Campbell Barracks here March 25.

He is the 36th commander in USAREUR's nearly 70-year history, and the first three-star general appointed by the U.S. government since 1952 to lead U.S. Army forces in Europe. Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy served as the commander from August 1952 until April 1953, when, according to the Army's Command and General Staff College website, he presided over the command's transformation from an Army of occupation to one of deterrence.

During the ceremony, Adm. James Stavridis, commander of U.S. European Command, passed the USAREUR colors to Hertling, symbolically passing responsibility for, and authority over, the unit to the new USAREUR commander.

After noting during his remarks that Hertling is a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team, Stavridis used a quote by the Cardinals' manager, Tony La Russa, to describe Hertling's qualifications.

"He's got special talent and he's got

special attitude. Guys who have that play in the big leagues."

Hertling and his wife, Sue, return to Europe from Fort Monroe, Va., where he was the deputy commanding general for Initial Military Training at U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Through his assignment as commander of the Joint Multinational Training Command, from September 2004 to August 2005, followed by an assignment as the USAREUR chief of operations and training, Hertling has been involved in USAREUR's unique role in building allied and partner nations' capacity to operate together in coalitions with the U.S.

Hertling said that America's traditional allies have evolved and become even stronger. He also finds the development of new relationships and alliances, some of whom "used to be on the other side of a wall or a fence," inspiring.

That inspiration will be put into action during Hertling's tenure at USAREUR.

"We will continue to find ways to strengthen partnerships with old and new allies," Hertling said, "especially as we recognize the ever evolving security environment faced by the United States, Europe and the world."

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Local Italian man creates American art

Story and photo by Julie M. Lucas
Outlook editor

A Italian man with disabilities recently created a piece of art for Caserma Ederle as thanks in part for the cooperation between the installation and a program that supports local people with disabilities. The La Fraglia program offers education and rehabilitation programs for disabled individuals and has many volunteers from the Vicenza military community.

Alessandro Soave is confined to a wheelchair and has no use of his arms. With specially designed headgear and an attachment, he is able to carve. Due to his disability, he can only work on pieces for a few hours a week. According to his father, it took him nearly three months to complete the U.S. piece.

The carving, which is made out of stone, resembles an American flag, painted red and blue, with an eagle on it.

According to his parents, Soave has benefited from the program started at Caserma Ederle a few years ago that connects groups like Better

Opportunities for Single Soldiers in helping build a bond with the local community. Activities have included cookouts and special holiday events during Christmas and Halloween. The La Fraglia center is less than 2 kilometers from the main gate of Caserma Ederle.

Members of the La Fraglia group came to the Garrison Headquarters building Monday, during the presentation of the carving. Soave, accompanied by his parents, had his mother speak for him during the presentation. After accepting the art, Garrison Commander Col. Erik Daiga gave a speech in Italian.

"This event commemorates the special relationship between La Fraglia and the Vicenza military community," Daiga said. "Alessandro's sculpture is a great expression of his extraordinary talent and artistic ability. I believe today's occasion is a good indication that this special bond will remain for years to come."

The next opportunity to volunteer is during a performance by the La Fraglia Theater Company April 30. For more information, contact Anna Terracino at 634-7169.



Garrison Commander Col. Erik Daiga accepts a stone carving made by Alessandro Soave, right, a local man with disabilities for Caserma Ederle. The stone was made as a thank you for the partnership between the post and a local center for the disabled called La Fraglia.

Speak Out

How do you eat nutritiously?



Maura Copiello
Flower shop

"At each meal, there is no lack for seasonal vegetables and fruits."



Cheryl Davis
ASAP

"I try to eat healthy lunches with lots of leafy green vegetables because they are full of natural vitamins."



Spc. Kyle Doucette
2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.

"I eat meat and vegetables, because you have to have a good source of protein and greens."



Veronica Owen
ASAP

"Eat mangoes and avocados; they are high in folic acid and vitamins for my little one on the way."



Nohemi Raigne, with Emilia and Jonathan
Family members

"Getting my children to eat fruit. Lately I am giving them more fruit snacks."

By Laura Kreider

HERTLING: Takes over USAREUR command

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Hertling said he monitored the planning of USAREUR's transformation and participated in the early stages of executing the plan. He sees moving forward with that plan as one of his missions.

"We will continue with the transformation of our Army in Europe, while providing trained Soldiers and units for Combatant Commanders as they face an increasingly demanding operational environment," Hertling said.

After listing the challenges, including transformation, USAREUR will face in the coming months, Hertling signaled his readiness to take them on.

"Given all this, there is no place on earth Sue and I would rather be."

Women urged to make appointments in May

U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza

The second week of May is National Women's Health Week.

As a part of the week, one day, May 9, is National Women's Check Up Day.

The Vicenza Health Center is challenging all women to visit the link with information and pledge to make an appointment in May to discuss their health.

In addition, activities will be planned for the center and community.

It takes nearly two minutes to read the information on the page. There is a guide sheet link for recommended health activities.

<http://www.womenshealth.gov/whw/check-up-day/#pledge>

When taking the pledge, participants will be asked where they are from. Select "AE".

Learn how to better take care of yourself while helping to put Vicenza on the map during the challenge.

DARE officer educates youths on good-decision making

Story and photo by Julie M. Lucas
Outlook editor

Watch out Vicenza youth — there is a new sheriff, or DARE officer, in town. Spc. Orlando Lambert, Directorate of Emergency Services, has saddled up to inform the local youths on the dangers of drugs and how to avoid them. Lambert came to Vicenza eight months ago to serve as an investigator.

"When I was asked to do this job, I felt obliged because this job deals with kids," Lambert said.

In December, Lambert was selected to replace the departing DARE officer. He attended a two-week training in Tennessee, where he was the only Soldier.

During the training, Lambert prepared lesson plans and even went to a school to practice. He was graded on delivering the message and had to learn to talk at a child's level.

"You have to have a lot of patience to do this job," Lambert said with a smile. "The toughest part of this job is being able to answer the hard questions kids come up with."

Currently, Lambert is teaching the DARE program at the Vicenza Elementary School 5th grade classes. He visits three classrooms each week, teaching the kids about the effects of smoking, drugs, drinking and healthy alternatives. Lambert encourages parents to get involved to "open the dialogue" at home.

"Parent involvement is key," Lambert said. "I realize the kids go home to parents who may have a drink or even smoke, so don't be surprised if your kids come home and try to get you to quit."

The DARE program targets children before the peer pressures of middle school get to them. The program can also be taught at middle school and Lambert said he already has a request for next year.

Lambert can often be seen at the school special programs and assemblies, as well as stopping in the kindergarden-4th grade classes and teaching them safety.

"We've received outstanding support from the schools and the community for the DARE program," said Adeal Frater, deputy director of Emergency Services.



Spc. Orlando Lambert, Directorate of Emergency Services, jokes with Vicenza Elementary School students while teaching the DARE program. Lambert is currently teaching three classes of students about the dangers of drugs and healthy alternatives.

"As we close the program for this school year in April, we look forward to supporting our young people using the DARE program the next school year."

DARE stands for drug abuse resistance education and was created in 1983 by the Los Angeles Police Department, along with the Unified School Systems of Los Angeles, to fight against drug use by children. The program, as it is taught, is similar to the curriculum being taught at this time of year.

"I can easily incorporate what Mr. Lambert says into my lessons," said Eddie Adams, Vicenza Elementary School fifth grade teacher. "Mr. Lambert goes above and beyond and I think he does an awesome job."

Lambert grew up in Atlanta with a Pentecostal pastor and bishop for a father. He is now the father of three of his own children: Amaya, 6, Benjamin, 4, and Kathryn, 2. He credits his parents raising him to always assist others and being a father as his motivations for his job.

The current class, whose program will end this month, will soon be writing essays on what they've learned and winners will be selected to win prizes. A guest speaker will also visit the classes.

"The bottom line is, I want kids to know there are so many cool things to do, instead of drugs," Lambert said. "Having confidence to say no to drugs is my goal for all the children I come into contact with."

EXERCISE: Focused on potential issues

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The exercise took place over three days and each decision the groups representing sectors of government made, determined the next set of problems they would face.

Sectors of government that were

tested included logistics, operations, security, health and communications. All sectors had to work together.

"Collaboration is the path to success," said Nyanchege Nanai, the Assistant Director of Operations in the Tanzanian Prime Minister's Office and a member of the operations group for the exercise.

"This (exercise) will assist the government of Tanzania in identifying gaps in existing pandemic plans. It will

help develop a comprehensive national pandemic preparedness and response plan, and lay the groundwork for building the national response capacity," Inge said.

The scenarios and events concluded with a review to identify gaps and shortfalls in current Tanzanian policies and plans.

The Tanzanian national government Pandemic Disaster Response tabletop

exercise was led by U.S. Africa Command through its Pandemic Response Program.

The intent was to strengthen Tanzania's capacities to plan for and respond to a national and regional pandemic disaster.

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At your service



Outlook newspaper

Julie M. Lucas is the new editor of The Outlook newspaper.

"Being overseas, this newspaper is the lifeblood of Vicenza," she said. "I am so excited to be a part of the team and help promote all the activities going on here."

Lucas came here from Fort Carson, Colo., where she served as editor of The Mountaineer for more than three years. In 2008, she attended the Editors Course at the Defense Information School at Fort Meade, Md. The Outlook office is located in the U.S. Army Garrison headquarters building 109. The office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Community Camera



Photos by Paolo Bovo

Pelosi visits Vicenza: Above and right, Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, who leads a bipartisan delegation to Afghanistan and Italy, speaks with Caserma Ederle Soldiers while visiting the area March 22. During her visit, Pelosi also received a briefing and update on U.S. Army Africa operations.



Photo by Laura Kreider

50's gang: From the left Cathy Daiga, wife of U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Commander Col. Erik Daiga; Kris Adams, American Red Cross assistant station manager; Elvis, aka Kevin Boucher, Tax Relief Officer; and Martina Hogg, wife of U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, pose for a picture during the annual ARC Volunteer Recognition held at the Golden Lion Friday. In 2010, almost 90 volunteers contributed more than 12,000 hours of volunteer service to the Caserma Ederle community.



Photo by Teresa Taylor

Vice mayor visit: Vice Mayor Dr. Alessandra Moretti poses during a recent visit to the Vicenza Middle School to observe interaction with the local Italian Arcugnano school. Moretti toured the facility and talked with Dr. Julio Gonzalez, principal, about concrete actions she would like to plan now with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools staff to increase the frequency and diversity of reciprocal exchanges for the next school year.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Women's history: Rita Bonamego, Army Community Service Mobilization-Deployment Program manager, addresses the participants in the Women's History Month Celebration at Soldiers' Theatre March 23. Bonamego served as guest speaker at the event. She has deployed multiple times and volunteered for the American Red Cross while her husband was deployed to Vietnam during the 1970s. "My journey will not end here; it will continue, because I have a lot more to give," she told the audience.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Water works: Johnnie Edison, left, and Austin Pond, Vicenza High School Chemistry Applications class students, reallocate some bottles from the bottling line while visiting the Culligan water plant, an AAFES facility, at the Torri Di Quartesolo complex March 23.

Florence students clean up local beaches

Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Students from the International School of Florence participated as part of their Social Services class in a clean-up project at the U.S. Army Garrison Livorno American Beach March 23.

"We enjoy staying away from school on a beautiful day contributing to help preparing for the best part of summer season," said Arthur Kahn, student.

Robert Collodi, Outdoor Recreation Program manager, said this initiative is going to help the beautification of the beach.

"By picking up all the wood, the students are providing a great service," Collodi said. "After they complete their project, the beach personnel can just bulldoze the area to get ready for the grand opening on May 27."

For the students, this experience was not only fun, but also a great learning experience.

"I am going to hit the beach later in the summer," said Kahn. "It is nice to be able to give back to the community we live in. This is what a community is all about."



Arthur Kahn picks up driftwood at the American beach in Tirrenia as part of a school environmental project.

839th Trans. Bn. prepares for future operations with new system

Story and photo by Spc. Tony Brazier
AFN Livorno

When it comes to getting items you need, especially when those items must come by sea, port operation communications are essential.

The 839th Transportation Battalion, which serves as the single port manager for military operations in more than 180 seaports surrounding the Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea, and North Africa, held a Mobile Port Operations Center exercise.

"We wanted the noncommissioned officers to be able to deploy this system and ... integrate the systems ... we have, that we would bring with us on the plane, seamlessly with it," said Capt. Scott Beckett, 839th Trans. Bn.

As part of the surface deployment and distribution command, the 839th Trans. Bn. has an area of responsibility spanning 22 countries and getting the mobile port operations center up and running takes everyone getting up to



839th Transportation Battalion Soldiers prepare a Mobile Port Operations center.

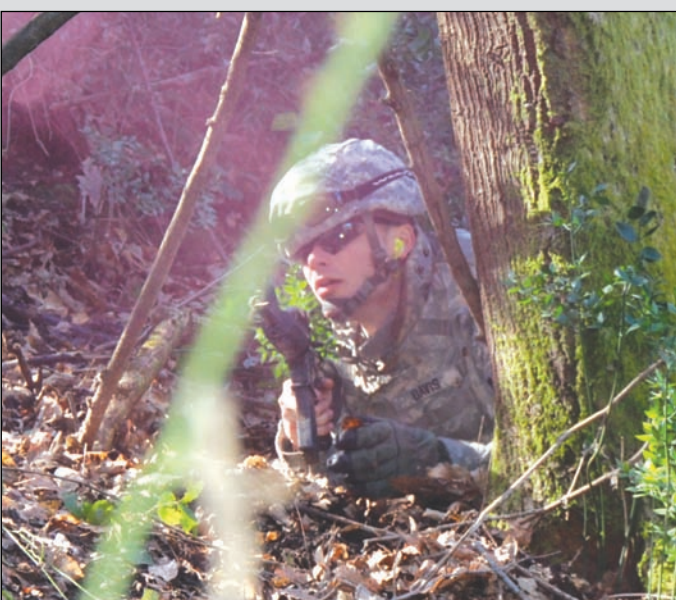
speed on the basics.

"The whole point of coming out here was so that everybody knew how to set up the equipment, so that we're comfortable with it, so we're able to get it up as quickly as possible so we can start

running operations," explained Staff Sgt. Philip Goodwin, 839th Trans. Bn.

Beckett added that once the fundamentals are taken care of, the next task is setting up shop, coordinating port operations and ensuring connectivity.

Community Camera



NCO of Year: Above, Sgt. Dennis Davis, 511th Military Police Platoon, performs warrior tasks and battle drill exercises during day four of the Best Warrior Competition. Davis was named NCO of the Year at the community awards ceremony Thursday.

Check out who stars in the Photo of the Day on www.usag.livorno.army.mil

Soldier of Year: Pfc. Zachary Martinez, 511th Military Police Platoon, administers first aid during day three of the Best Warrior Competition. Martinez was named Soldier of the Year at the community awards ceremony Thursday.



Photos by Chiara Mattiolo

Darby Dates

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

Camp Darby vs. Livorno Carabinieri

Come cheer on soccer during the Inter-forces soccer tournament April 7 at 6 p.m.

Library openhouse

Celebrate National Library Week with lots of fun April 13. Call 633-7000.

Dentist visit

Schedule dental appointments for April 25-28. Call 633-7461.

Army Community Service

- ♦ Records keeping for Tax Man, April 5
- ♦ You and your refund, April 7
- ♦ The 2011 Army Emergency Relief annual campaign, "Helping to make Soldiers and their Families Army Strong," runs through May 15. Call 633-7084 to learn about these programs.

Taco Tuesday

Come support Better Opportunities for Single Service members by buying a taco at the Darby Community Center Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Fitness Center

- ♦ Pilates classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon
- ♦ NIA classes, Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m.

Youth Services

- Come on over and join in the fun at the Month of the Military Child barbecue at the Youth Center 11:30 a.m. April 8.
- ♦ CYSS Barbecue, April 12 with Kaiserslautern, 5 p.m.
 - ♦ CYSS lock-in, April 15 with Kaiserslautern, 6 p.m. Call 633-7629.

ITR trips

- ITR is offering the following upcoming trips. Call 633-7589.
- ♦ Florence, April 9, 16
 - ♦ Cinque Terre, April 11
 - ♦ Venice, April 12
 - ♦ San Gimignano/Siena, April 13
 - ♦ Rome, April 14
 - ♦ Volterra, April 15
 - ♦ Wine Tasting, April 17

Outdoor Recreation

Spend the day canoeing on Scolmatore canal April 16. Call 633-7772.

Darby Community Club

- ♦ Karaoke, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ Texas Hold 'em, Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Religious Activities

Call 633-7267
9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
10 a.m. Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD

A knight's tale:

A medieval festival will be held at the Bevilacqua Castle in Verona Sunday. The event, which features knights, bowmen, jesters and lots of family fun, begins at 10:30 a.m.



Courtesy photo

Local events

Medieval Festival:

Sunday, in Verona, at the Bevilacqua Castle, Via Roma, 50, about 33 miles southwest of Vicenza. It starts at 10:30 a.m.: children and adults can experience medieval life for a day with knights, bowmen, musicians, fire-eaters, fortune-tellers, jesters, flag-flyers, a medieval encampment and a medieval market. At noon and at 3:30 p.m., costume parades with knights, flag-flyers and medieval music. 4 p.m.: Medieval military training and fencing demonstrations. Everyone is invited to play games and attend bow and arrow competitions and duels. 7 p.m. is the closing ceremony with a medieval battle re-enactment and fireworks. Admission fee: €9; €4 for children 4-10 and senior citizens over 70; free entrance for children younger than 4. Medieval lunch at 12:30 p.m. with knights, dancers and musicians. Cost: €37; €20 children 4-6; younger than 4 free. Reservations are mandatory — call 0442-93-655. English operators are available.

Spit-roasted quail fair:

The 106th Saint Joseph Spit-Roasted Quail Festival is Friday-Sunday in Villaganzerla, Via Chiesa, about nine miles south of Vicenza. Festival features carnival rides, fair-trade market, craft show, exhibits, food stands and raffle. Friday: 9 p.m., live rock music with Ozzmosi (tribute to Ozzy Osbourne), the Iron Souls (tribute to Iron Maiden) and Warning (tribute to Motorhead); Saturday: 2 p.m., Country Festival; 8 p.m. Two step night live music; 10 p.m.: DJs' marathon with Denis, Eros and Nike; Sunday: 3:30 p.m., Salsamerika contest of Caribbean dances; 9 p.m., live music and dancing with Checco & B. Band Orchestra.

Brusar Marso - bonfire night:

March 31, 8:30 in Lusiana, Piazza IV Novembre, about 24 miles north of Vicenza. A propitiatory bonfire remnant of ancient rites is held to welcome

spring and celebrate the awakening of nature after its winter sleep.

Movie festival:

The Odeon Theater, in Vicenza, Corso Palladio 176, features movies in English in the winter. Monday: "Winter's Bone", by Debra Granik, 4:30 p.m.; 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tickets: €6; reduced €4.50 for students.

Mini cruises:

One-day excursions to the island of San Giorgio in Venice departing at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 6 p.m. from Chioggia, Darsena Le Saline. The cost for Jan.-April, and Oct.-Dec. €75/person. May-Sept. €85 /person. Children 5-10 pay half the price and free for children younger than 5. It includes a typical Venetian lunch and local wine. The Monsier Dubois enterprise also offers sailing courses, cultural and naturalistic cruises and excursion in the Venice lagoon. For more info in English, visit <http://www.monsieurdubois.it/uk/charter1.htm>

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Japanese art exhibit:

Ongoing to Sunday in Vicenza at Galleria d'Arte Contemporanea Liberismo, Palazzo Valmarana Braga, Corso Fogazzaro 16, and Vi.Art, Contrà del Monte 13. Tuesday - Sunday 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 4 - 7:30 p.m.; Monday 4 - 7:30 p.m.

Contemporary art exhibition:

Ongoing through May 3, in Vicenza, Spazio Misael, Galleria Porti 3, Corso Palladio. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 4-7:30 p.m.

Sculpture exhibit:

Exhibit ongoing to May 28 in Vicenza at Vi.Art, Contrà del Monte 13. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - noon & 3 - 7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3 - 7 p.m.

Emotions and colors art exhibit:

Ongoing through April 5, in Vicenza, Scaletta 62, Contrà

Porta Santa Lucia 62. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 5-7 p.m.

Antique and collectors' items market:

- Saturday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Thiene, Piazza Chilisotti and Corso Garibaldi, about 13 miles north of Vicenza.
- Sunday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Noventa Vicentina, Piazza IV Novembre, about 20 miles south of Vicenza.

Explore the sky:

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

Live music:

Concert with the Conservatory students: Saturday, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33

Live alternative rock: Thursday, 9:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Sabotage Bar, Via dell'Industria 12T

Neoclassical/Progressive/Power Metal: Saturday, 10 p.m., in Torri di Quartesolo, Birreria Route 66, Via dal Ponte, 128.

Concerts

Roger Waters: Friday-Saturday, Monday-Tuesday, July 6-7 in Assago, Milan

Belle & Sebastian: April 14 in Milan, Alcatraz

Blackfield: April 19 in Milan

Sade: May 6 in Assago, Milan, Mediolanum Forum

30 Seconds to Mars: June 17, in Rho, Milan; June 18 in Rome

Gods of Metal: June 22 in Milan, Arena

Bob Dylan and his Band: June 22 in Milan, Alcatraz

Heineken Jammin' Festival: July 4-6 in Venice, Parco San Giuliano

- July 3: Aerosmith, The Cranberries, Stereophonics, Plan de Fuga

- July 4: Green Day, 30 Seconds to Mars, Rise Against, Editors

- July 5: The Black Eyed Peas, Massive Attack

- July 6: Pearl Jam, Ben Harper & Relentless7, Skunk Anansie, Gossip, Wolfmother

John Mellencamp: July 9 in Vigevano (Pavia); July 10 in Rome, July 12 in Udine

Take That: July 12 in Milan, San Siro Stadium

Elton John: July 12, Piazzola sul Brenta, Padova, July 14 in Lucca

Bon Jovi: July 17 in Udine, Friuli Stadium

Ben Harper, Robert Plant & The Band of Joy: July 19 in Rome; July 20 in Milan

James Blunt: July 26 in Lucca, Piazza Napoleone

Sting: July 29 in Venice, Piazza San Marco

Ben Harper: July 29 in Tarvisio (Udine); July 30 in Villafranca (Verona)

Tickets available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or at www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

ODR trips

Visit San Gimignano called the Manhattan of Tuscany and Volterra

of the Twilight books, Saturday
Last ski trip of the season, Saturday

Visit the famous Ice Man, in the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology in Bolzano, Sunday

Visit the 14th Century Medieval tower of Pelagio Castle, April 8

Visit Genoa, preserved medieval town on the western coast of Italy, April 9

Snowshoe at Ft. Luserna, April 9

Horseback ride in the beautiful hills of Torreselle, April 9

Beretta Factory tour, adults only, April 11

Visit Lugano and Bellinzona, Switzerland, with history and stunning mountain views, April 16

Visit Molina waterfalls, Veneto Region, April 17

Visit Florence and Uffizi Gallery, world-class works of art, April 23

Visit San Marino, the tiny independent republic at the top of a mountain, April 24

Taste of Italy tour, Parmigiano and Prosciutto, April 30

All trips need to be booked in person. See the complete ODR schedule online at www.VicenzaMWR.com.

Sporting events

World Figure Skating Championship:

April 9, in Torino

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

Superbike Champ:

June 10-12 in Misano Adriatico

Italian GranPrix:

July 1-3, Scarperia (Florence), Mugello Circuit.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Friday	Green Hornet (PG 13) The Rite (PG 13)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.
Saturday	Green Hornet (PG 13) Sucker Punch (PG 13)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
Sunday	Sucker Punch (PG 13) The Rite (PG 13)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
April 7	Green Hornet (PG 13) No Strings Attached (R)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.

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

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	The Rite (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	The Green Hornet (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Mars Needs Moms (PG)	1 p.m.
April 7	Sanctum (R)	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.

Soldiers' Theatre

To make reservations or for more info on any Soldiers' Theatre programs, stop by the theater, call 634-7281 or email jerry.brees@eur.army.mil.

♦ Adult Tap Dance three-week mini session is April 5-21. Classes are: intermediate, Tuesdays; beginners, Wednesdays; advanced, Thursdays, all at 5:15 p.m., respectively and cost \$21.

♦ Music Café is your chance to relax with fellow music lovers and enjoy light refreshments. Feel free to join in the fun onstage. Head on over at 7:30 p.m. April 8.

♦ Classes are ongoing in piano, guitar, violin, voice and flute.

Improve GT score

The next FAST class is April 12-May 3. Call 634-8933.

Child screening

Infants and children to 5 years can have a free screening by a member of the Early Intervention Team or the Developmental Preschool Team Wednesday at the Vicenza Elementary School in room 333, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Schedule an appointment with the CDC at 634-5700.

Arts and Crafts

Earth Friendly Art: Card making April 7, 1-5 p.m. Celebrate the Month of the Military Child by making cards for all the special people in your life. All materials are provided.

Photo exhibit

CYSS and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's photo exhibit ends Saturday at the Post Library. View Vicenza youths' photos and vote for your favorite. Call 634-7659 for information.

Getaways Sweepstakes

Enter the Great Getaways Sweepstakes online for a chance to win a vacation for two to your choice of an AFRC resort. The prize includes round trip airfare for two, seven-nights lodging and a \$2,500 gift card. Sponsored by AFRC, USAA and GM Military Discount. Enter until June 15 at www.Afrcresorts.com.

Free preschool

Sure Start preschool is accepting applications for this school year. Children must have turned 4 by Sept. 1, 2010. Pick up an application at the elementary school.

Saturday childcare

Starting in April, FCC will offer childcare every second Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and every fourth Saturday of the month from 6-11 p.m. Enrollment starts three weeks before childcare date. Space is limited. For more info, call Parent Central Services at 0444-71-7219.

Tobacco cessation

USAG Vicenza has numerous resources to help community members quit using tobacco. Medications, biofeedback, one-on-one counseling and group education classes are available locally. Contact the Army Wellness Center to schedule attendance at the Tobacco Cessation Class, held

every Tuesday from 4-4:45 p.m.

Call 634-8186 or 0444-718186 to schedule a class, or contact Raymond Hernandez at 636-9519 or 0444-61-9519 for more info.

Thrift Shop

While spring cleaning, bring your unwanted or used items to the Thrift Shop. They have a wooden shed open 24/7 for you to drop off gently used clothing and operational electronics and household goods.

Place items inside the shed, as wet clothing has to be thrown away. Looking for a little extra cash? The Thrift Store offers consignment on electronics and household goods. Stop in to pick up a list of the items they are currently accepting.

Children's theater

The Missoula Children's Theatre returns to Vicenza through Saturday. Performances are Friday-Saturday. Three theatre workshops will be held Saturday. All children 6-18 are eligible. For more info, call Parent Central Services at 634-7219.

CYS Services

Celebrate the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention throughout the month of April. Multiple events are planned for children and families.

The opening ceremony will be at the Vicenza Elementary School courtyard April 4, 3:30 p.m. Chris Beane, VES principal will be the guest speaker.

Everyone is invited to attend. Following the ceremony; children all ages can join the Family Wacky Hat Fun Run over to the Youth Center for an evening of family activities including: batting cage, egg toss, one legged races, Wii games and arts and crafts. The USO and VFW will provide hot dogs, chips and sodas.

Other events and activities are planned throughout the month of April. Visit www.vicenzaMWR.com for a complete listing or call Parent Central Services at 634-7219.

ACS

♦ April is Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month. The opening ceremony for Sexual Assault Awareness Month is Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the ACS lobby. Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless will sign the proclamation. The Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program will educate our community on how to report sexual assaults – Restricted and Unrestricted options. FAP & Unit Victim Advocates will educate the community on services available for victims of sexual assaults and personal safety. For more info call ACS at 634-7500.

♦ The 2011 Army Emergency Relief Campaign is ongoing to May 15. AER provides emergency financial assistance to Soldiers and their families and scholarships for spouses and dependents. To donate, contact your unit representative or call 634-8524.

♦ The job vacancy announcement for the USAREUR Summer Hire 2011 program is posted. The closing date is May 22. The program runs June 20-July 29.

For more info, contact Employment Readiness at 634-6884. The announcement is posted at <https://injobs.army.mil/sh/staffing/summerhire/>.

Motherhood author

Julie Barnhill, author on motherhood, will be speaking at the chapel Tuesday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Library

The library will celebrate National Library Week including an open house April 12, 3-5 p.m., with refreshments and prize drawings.

The Book Club will discuss "Half the Sky" by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn April 7 at 7 p.m. Bring a snack to share.

MOMS Club Events

♦ Moms Day Out, Saturday
♦ Book Club, Monday at 10 a.m.

♦ Toddler Playgroup, Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

♦ Pre-school Playgroup, Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

♦ Toddler Playgroup, April 11 at 9:30 a.m.

♦ Out-n-About, April 12 at 9:30 a.m.

♦ Fitness Group, April 15 at 10:30 a.m.

♦ Monthly meeting, April 18 at 10 a.m.

♦ Toddler Playgroup, April 19 at 9:30 a.m.

♦ Pre-school Playgroup, April 20 at 10 a.m.

♦ Park Playdate, April 21 at 10 a.m.

♦ Bunco, April 21 at 7 p.m.

♦ Toddler Playgroup, April 26 at 9:30 a.m.

♦ Zoo Trip, April 27 at 9:30 a.m.

BOSS changes

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers lounge in Bldg. 9B is now open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. weekdays except Wednesdays, 1-10 p.m., and closed weekends. Eat free Wednesday evenings.

Play video games, watch movies, surf the web or meet people. Call Sgt. Justin Vincent at 0444-71-6475 or 634-6475 or Joe Reeder at 0444-715-406 / 634-5406.

USA Staffing town hall

The legacy Resumix application process under CPOL is changing to USA Staffing under USAJOBS. A town hall is Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the Post Theater to outline changes.

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meetings are Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the ASAP, building 169. It is an open meeting and anyone can come to learn about AA's 12 step recovery. There are no requirements except confidentiality.

Club Beyond trip

Club Beyond and the Chapel are sponsoring an Adventure Camp in Belgium, April 12-16. Middle school-aged students can stay in teepees, rock climb, zip line and more. Contact Laura Livingston at 340-139-4073 or LLivingston@ClubBeyond.org.

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 at "Spiritual Fitness Center", Bldg. 395 behind the Arena)

10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (September-May at "Spiritual Fitness Center". Bldg. 395 behind the Arena)

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

3:15 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in Villaggio Youth Center 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 for dinner; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

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.



Bagby



Howell

Retirement Ceremony

Command Sgt. Maj. John V. Bagby, command sergeant major, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, and Sgt. Maj. Richard Howell, operations sergeant major, Headquarter and Headquarters Company, 173rd Brigade Combat Team, will retire from the U.S. Army Friday, 3 p.m., in the Post Theater. Bagby is retiring after more than 27 years of service, while Howell served for more than 25.

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.

Sports officiating can be rewarding, challenging

By Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

Sports officiating can be rewarding but challenging. Whether it is here in Vicenza, at any garrison or base, officials are a necessary part of the high school, military, or youth services sports and fitness programs.

Average spectators may not see there is a highly structured program at garrisons and Air Force bases in Europe for all sports officials. Officials attend classes, are tested, critiqued and mentored before they officiate. These officials' clinic programs have existed since World War II ended. They normally start with an officials' clinic prior to the beginning of a sports season.

The Installation Management Command-Europe offers 11 clinics in basketball, boxing, combatives, flag football, paintball, powerlifting, soccer, softball, volleyball, Little League baseball and wrestling.

In Vicenza, officials' clinics are conducted in Little League baseball, basketball, softball, flag football, volleyball, dodge ball, and soccer.

The Vicenza clinics according to sports programmer Ricky Jackson are normally from 6-9 p.m. Monday through Friday followed by a written test from the

national governing body. The program is culminated with officiating on the field of play and evaluated by the instructor. If successful, they receive a contract via the NAF contracting office they are eligible to receive a stipend for their services. The instructors have refereed at the Olympics or NCAA championships.

Child and Youth School Services sports and fitness director Alex Ruiz sent an email saying, "Officials play vital roles in our CYS sports & Fitness programs.

Their contributions significantly impact the quality of the experiences young athletes have. Sure, it's a challenging job, but one that when handled correctly – is enormously enriching and satisfying."

He went on to say, "The best youth sports officials are those who have an understanding of the spirit and intent of the rules and how to enforce them; possess outstanding communication skills to interact with players and coaches in a positive manner; and who display poise, have integrity and use good judgment."

In Vicenza, you don't have to look too far to find a top notch official. He is Robert Johnson. Johnson is a member of the elementary school staff at Villaggio and referees basketball, softball in military, high school and CYSS leagues.

He recently refereed the Department of Defence Dependant school's Rota, Spain vs. Sigonella, Italy boys championships, televised live on Armed Forces Network Europe.

Jackson said, "Johnson officiates in Milan, Aviano, Rome, Livorno, and Florence. When follow-up clinics are needed; he is the instructor in basketball and softball, it is usually Johnson that conducts them."

DoDD's European Transportation Officer Patrick Grice, a fellow official, says, "Johnson can sell his call so well. He makes you believe you were safe or out because his calls are so convincing."

Peter Webb, a clinician for the basketball national governing body said at last fall's clinic, "If Robert Johnson was in the States he would be working Division I and/or Division II games."

When officials have people yelling at them and have to make quick decisions and get sweaty doing it, why in the world would anyone want to officiate?

The answer is simple: people officiate to give back to the game and because they believe sports are a valuable component of education. According to most officials, they officiate because they want the challenge of keeping order and ensuring fairness when chaos lurks at every turn of events.

Sports Shorts

Unit & rec play

New players are always welcome. Call 634-7009 or individual POCs.

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday for six or more, fitness center.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for eight or more players, fitness center.

Men's Soccer: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday for 10 or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. Email shaun.nurse@amedd.army.mil or call 636-9648/9120.

Women's Soccer: 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday for eight or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. Email carl.kerr@amedd.army.mil or call 636-9632.

Recreational Leagues

♦ **Racquetball League** begins April 19. Enter by April 12. Participants' meeting is April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Fitness Center Racquetball Courts.

♦ **Recreational Tennis** begins April 15. Enter by April 7. Participants' meeting is April 7, 6 p.m. at the Tennis Courts.

♦ **Recreational Softball** registration begins Friday. Coaches meeting will be April 28 at 2 p.m. in the Fitness Center Conference room. Call 634-7009 for information.

Marksmanship competition

An international shooting competition is June 10-12 in Tirano. Teams should have three competitors, with a team leader (preferably officer or NCO). Space is limited. Register by May 1. The competition features four matches including rapid fire, precision at altering distances, and dynamic shooting. Weapons are provided by the organizers and include an M1, 9mm and others. For info, email nastroazzurrosondrio@alice.it or call 333-668-5617.

Lifeguards needed

Sports, Fitness and Aquatics is seeking summer lifeguards for the outdoor pools. Two sessions to become certified are available April 7-11 and April 28-May 1, Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday and Sunday all day. Cost is \$65. To be eligible, you must be 16 or older and able to swim 300 meters. Sign up by April 1 at the Fitness Center. Call 634-8642 for more information.

Coaches needed

USAG Vicenza CYSS is seeking volunteer coaches for baseball and softball teams for ages 3-15. The programs cannot be offered without coaches. Potential coaches must pass a background check and complete training (provided and funded by CYSS, including NYSCA Coaches Training and Certification). Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness to volunteer. Contact Krista Cahill or Nicole Fulbright at 634-6151 or email nicole.fulbright@eur.army.mil or krista.cahill@eur.army.mil.

Rhythmic gymnast trains at Caserma Ederle fitness center

Story and photo by Laura Kreider
Outlook staff

The post gym is always a very busy place. Soldiers go there to exercise before or after work, groups of students meet for school sports activities and family members can enjoy the facility as well.

One can also see the flexibility and acrobatics with the ball and hoop of a student who practices her routine in rhythmic gymnastics four times a week.

Surrounded by the active environment, Victoria Davis started going regularly to the fitness center about four years ago.

"It is nice to have the chance to use the post gym. I've come here since I was 14, even though I started this activity about seven years ago," said Davis.

First, she began ballet, then became involved with rhythmic gymnastics and, at 12, started following a group twice a week at a gym located in downtown Vicenza.

Now, in addition to attending the fourth year at the Liceo Linguistico, a high school, she practices intensely in both

places, and is also a member of the *Nastro Rosso Ginnastica Ritmica Vicenza*, senior group, which is the local team.

At the beginning of March, she participated with her team and they placed second in the regional competition.

"It is important to be a member of this team, because even if we don't play sports professionally, we have the chance to participate in these annual competitions.

The regional contest is a new event, and, possibly, next year there will also be a national competition," she explained.

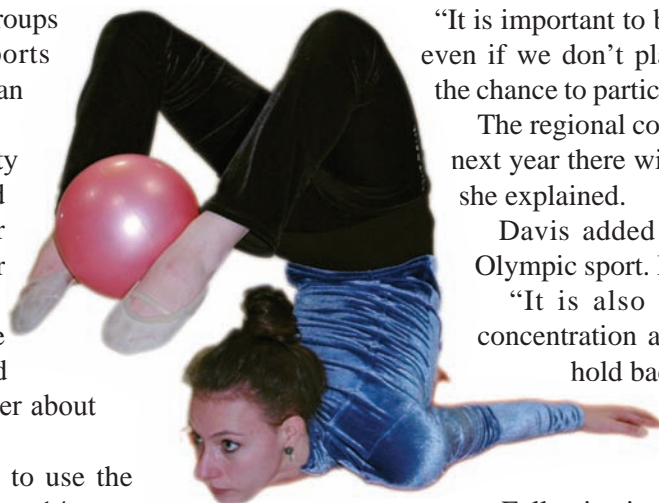
Davis added that rhythmic gymnastics is an Olympic sport. But to her it means more than that.

"It is also a discipline that deeply helps concentration and self-control. It also teaches to hold back the pain," she said.

In ancient times, during Roman society, 'Victoria' was the name of the personified goddess of victory.

Following in this name's footsteps, Victoria, who shares the experience of many teenagers of being separated from a deployed parent, has her own victory represented by finding a positive outlook and keeping focused on a healthy activity.

For more information about Nastro Rosso Ginnastica Ritmica Vicenza visit www.nastrorosso.it.



Zumba: Zumba instructor Cinzia Zahner exercises with participants in one of the classes held at the Fitness Center Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesdays, noon-12:45 and Thursdays 9:15-10:15 a.m. Zumba is a dance-aerobic workout to Latin music. Classes cost \$3 per single session or \$25 for ten classes. Other classes available at the facility include Power Pump, Cycling, Yoga and Belly Dance. For more information, call Sports, Fitness & Aquatics at 634-7616.

Photo by Laura Kreider