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The Vicenza USO will be having a free barbecue Saturday, celebrating Armed Forces Day with vintage motorcycles at Hoekstra Field from 1-6 p.m. and is open to all.

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Field Day pairs Soldiers with 'Exceptional' youths

By Sasha Sibilla & Staff Sgt. Bruce Cobbeldick

More than 60 Exceptional Family Member Program and Italian participants, 60 Caserma Ederle Soldiers and 190 volunteers took part in one of the biggest community events of the year May 12. The EFMP Field Day was a chance for EFMP and Italian youth with special needs to participate in competitive games and events such as soccer, volleyball and track, plus arts and crafts.

Each participant was paired with an "Airborne Buddy" to compete in the events and was guided throughout the day by volunteer group leaders and assistants. Recognizable by their bright yellow EFMP T-shirts, numerous volunteers fluent in both Italian and English were present and acted as interpreters for all participants facilitating communication.

"The EFMP Field Day was such a great experience," said Bailey Butler, volunteer group leader. "We all got to bond with the kids and the Soldiers and come together as a community. I was a group leader which called for a lot of responsibility that surprised me in the beginning, but ended up being the best part of the day."

As the groups of five to seven participants completed each activity station, ribbons and medals were given out, boosting morale to the sounds of "YMCA" and "Waka Waka." After having completed the events and sharing a meal together, all participants were able to enjoy a military police canine demonstration and a final relay event, the conclusion of the events.

"I thought the day was a great chance to get out there and rub shoulders with the community and demonstrate that we care," said Spc. Kenneth Mitchell, geospatial engineer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. Mitchell helped with sporting events, but felt that even having snacks was a great

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Photo by Laura Kreider

A Caserma Ederle Soldier assists a participant with the jumping event during the Exceptional Family Member Program Field Day May 12. More than 60 youths participated in the day with Soldiers and other volunteers assisting. Snacks and awards were given out during the day. For more photos from the day, see page 4.

Fast actions credited with saving life at post soccer tourney

By Julie M. Lucas
Outlook editor

Emergency situations happen in a matter of minutes and the steps taken are extremely critical. When an emergency occurred on Caserma Ederle May 7, instincts and training helped several individuals jump to action and save a life.

A soccer tournament was being played on the North 40 football field, when Ricky Jackson, sports programmer for the Fitness Center, heard yelling from the end of the field.

"I just took off towards the commotion," Jackson said.

When he got there, a 39-year-old Italian man was lying on the field with no pulse. Two individuals had started CPR on the man. Jackson started to run across the street toward the Fitness Center, where Marcus Nielsen, a Caserma Ederle firefighter, happened to be leaving the center. Jackson asked for his assistance while calling for an ambulance.

When the two returned to the scene, they relieved the fellow soccer players, Daniele Gasparin and Bax Fioravante, who had started CPR when the player went down. According to Nielsen, the initial CPR was critical to helping bring the man back to life.

"When I got to the scene, CPR was being administered by two local nationals (Gasparin and Fioravante) and (Firefighter Scott)

Williams showed up with the (Automated External Defibrillator)," Nielsen said.

Nielsen used the defibrillator to shock the man's heart and then performed chest compressions, while Williams performed ventilations. The victim started breathing and a pulse was felt by the rescuers. Both Williams, who is an assistant chief, and Nielsen are trained as EMTs. Jackson had only taken a CPR class a few months ago and had never used the training. Jackson said Mary Bean, a nurse from the Health Clinic who was on the scene, not only performed CPR, but helped with the count to keep the rhythm going.

"This was truly a team effort," Jackson said. "Everyone stayed very calm and didn't panic. If you take any piece out of this equation, that man wouldn't be here today."

Joe Reeder, who taught Jackson CPR said, "It is very rewarding for me to know that students from class can apply the skills they learn and save a life."

According to witnesses, when the man became conscious he said, "Thank you" to the people helping him. The victim was transported by ambulance to San Bortolo hospital and kept under observation.

Reeder will be teaching a CPR class June 11 at Army Community Service, building 108. To sign up for the class contact the American Red Cross at 634-7089 or stop by the office.

VHS JROTC hosts drill competition, goes on to champs

10th Cadet Battalion

An inter-service JROTC Drill Competition was held at Vicenza High School April 30.

Five Army JROTC programs participated including Ansbach, Bamberg, Hohenfels and Vilseck, all of Germany. Vicenza and the Naples High School Navy JROTC accepted an invitation to participate as well.

Competitions included regulation platoon, squad and individual drills, and the color guards from each school following a rigid set of commands. Exhibition or “fancy” drill competitions included team, duet and individual armed exhibition. The final competitive category was “open” which includes saber and unarmed drill exhibitions.

The Vicenza team performed well, thereby earning invitations to the European Drill Championships held in Ansbach, Germany, Saturday. The Vicenza Drill Squad is commanded by Cadet 2nd Lt. Matthew Martini and consists of William Pagan, Darneisha Rollins, Ashley Smith, Andrew Robinson, Skylar LeMaitre, Jessica Doty, Charity Green and Kelly Wilson. The Color Guard is commanded by Cadet Staff Sgt. Rollins and consists of Melissa Myers, Chelsea Miller and LeMaitre. Vicenza also won the Open Exhibition with a Sabre Duet consisting of Cadet Capt. Myers and Cadet Pvt. Smith. Cadet Sgt. Maj. Pagan and Cadet Sgt.



Courtesy photo

Members of the Vicenza High School JROTC color guard performs ceremony movements during a competition at VHS April 30. The team will travel to Ansbach, Germany, this weekend for the European Drill Championships.

LeMaitre are probable invitees for the championships in the Individual Drill category.

Sgt. Maj. Osvaldo Del Hoyo, U.S. Army Africa, presented a souvenir trophy to each of the participating

JROTC drill teams. The event was made possible by support from the military community, the local chapter of the Association of the United States Army and the VHS Booster Club.

EFMP: Field Day brings together communities, emotions of joy

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gesture for the day.

Both EFMP Manager Cara Panzarella-Tarr and EFMP Field Day volunteer coordinator, Loraine De Oliveira were pleased with the outcome of the event. All their hard work, along with the hard work of countless volunteers, proved worthwhile when all 310 persons involved came together holding hands singing to “We Are The World,” was agreed by a few of the volunteers.

“EFMP Field Day exceeded all of my expectations,” said Tarr. “The entire community made this day a reality. I’d like to especially thank Sports Committee Chairperson Krista Cahill and all of our volunteers and staff for making this event such a successful one.”

Maj. Gen. David Hogg, commanding general, U.S. Army Africa Command, expressed his personal thanks for the efforts put into the event. He said the support from the community and the troops was superb, citing how much work went into the event.

“It was a rewarding and a remarkably emotional experience for both the Italian and American community,” Hogg said. Hogg handed out medals to the participants after the events.

Sarah Stepps-Polance, EFMP assistant, said seeing the happy faces and hearing positive feedback was priceless.

For more information on the Vicenza EFMP, contact Panzarella-Tarr at cara.m.panzarella-ta@eur.army.mil.

To view more photos of the EFMP Field Day, go to the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza’s Flickr page at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/>.

Speak Out

What was the best life lesson someone taught you?



Cinzia Benz
Family member

“My mom told me, ‘Don’t ever do to others what you don’t want others to do to you.’”



1st Lt. Richard Hill
HHC, 2-503rd

“My mom told me, ‘No matter how bad life is, someone has it worse, so stop complaining.’”



Pvt. Jerry David Overstreet
U.S. Army Health Clinic
Vicenza

“My grandfather told me, ‘Enjoy the little things.’”



Leda Stauffer
ARC volunteer

“A friend of mine said, ‘They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel.’”



Rosalie Taylor
Family member

“My fifth grade teacher said, ‘Always be kind no matter what. It will pay off in the long run.’”

By Laura Kreider

VMS students get 'locked-in' for leadership training



Photo by Tere Taylor

A Vicenza Middle School student navigates through the ropes course in Asiago during an overnight "Leadership Lock-in" held April 30. Twenty four students were chosen for the program.

By Janet Geisler
509th Signal Battalion

Vicenza Middle School was the setting for the first "mini" Junior Leadership Seminar April 30. The 24 students from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades were chosen from 50 applications for this event. The mini JLS is the brainchild of Information Center coordinator, Tere Taylor. Taylor wanted to introduce the students to what the annual Department of Defense Dependant Schools-Europe JLS in Germany is like by creating a "mini" version in Vicenza.

The students were divided into four teams — blue, red, yellow, and brown — competing in categories such as "Name That Leader," "Human Knot," "Catch a Name" and "Balloon Relay." Highlights of the seminar included presentations about the Four Pillars of Leadership, Characteristics of a Leader, Building a Model Leader, Communication Skills, Introduction to the Art of Debate, Reaching Consensus, Parliamentary Procedures, Technology Tips and the Dance Revolution. The seminar included an overnight "Leadership Lock-in" at VMS and a study trip the following morning to the ropes course in Asiago. The ropes course is designed to help build teamwork as well as leadership skills.

'Rock' Soldiers participate in public service for the city of Caldogno

Story and photo by Laura Kreider

Outlook staff

Reaching out to several towns that surround Caserma Ederle, Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, under the leadership of Lt. Col. Matthew McFarlane, battalion commander, recently worked on a public service project in the City of Caldogno.

About 10 Soldiers sanded down and repainted a wooden playhouse, benches and tables, giving a new face to the playground of the "G. Pascoli" nursery school in Cresole and Rettorgole May 10.

Many American community members live in the area. The cooperation started due to Col. Erik Daiga, garrison commander, and the mayor of Caldogno, Marcello Vezzano, and has plans to continue with other projects as a sign of the closeness between the two communities.

"This collaboration stands as a symbol of growth and openness toward our future citizens, a neighborhood that will start a new relationship and give the U.S. ability to participate actively in the social life of our community," said Vezzano. "Sharing experiences with people of another country will create unprecedented moments of personal enrichment."

On the way to continue the friendship between the two cultures, there will be future exchanges between Italian and American students to learn about each other's cultures, with particular attention to language.

"I am particularly pleased with the bonds of friendship and cooperation that we have established with the citizens of Caldogno," said Daiga, "because our Soldiers and families will integrate into the Caldogno community in a direct and personal fashion."



Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, paint playground equipment at a nursery school in Caldogno. The Soldiers did the public service work as a part of a community outreach program.

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Volunteer spotlight Army Community Service



Tonna Williamson is the Army Community Service volunteer supervisor. Her duties include processing new volunteer applications for programs within ACS. She has been volunteering at ACS since 2010.

"I volunteer because there is always something to do. In my 17 years as an Army wife, at every duty station I've been, there has always been a program that benefited from a volunteer," Williamson said. "Sometimes one is asked to help; other times one sees a need and assists. Either way, the community benefits from a helping hand."

Williamson can be contacted at 634-8336.

To suggest a new staff member or volunteer to be featured in "At Your Service," e-mail their name, contact information and why we should feature him or her to *The Outlook* staff at editor@eur.army.mil.

Community Camera



Photos by Laura Kreider

EFMP Field Day: At right, Maj. Gen. David Hogg, commanding general, U.S. Army Africa, places a medal around the neck of an Exceptional Family Member Field Day participant. Above, EFMP members race around the track in wheelchairs as a part the day's activities.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Red Cross fund raising: American Red Cross volunteers speak to the public during a fund raising event outside the Post Exchange. The funds will go towards the Solferino Fiaccolata, a 10k torchlight procession winding between the site of the Battle of Solferino and Castiglione, where the wounded were given care. The event will take place June 25. For those interested in joining the Fiaccolata, register at the Vicenza American Red Cross office by June 16. For more information, call 634-7089 or 0444-71-7089.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Coupon keepers: Four-year-old Amber Migel helps her mom, Joy, look through a stack of coupons during the ACS Financial Readiness Program Coupon Social Friday.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Safety day: Vicenza High School students get a chance to drive through a drunk driving simulator course for Safety Day May 11. The event was sponsored by the Army Substance Abuse Program.



Courtesy photo

Retiree honors: Elenora Barbato Rossi receives honors for her work at Caserma Ederle for 54 years. She began her career in 1956 as a clerk typist. Her last position was the senior administrative officer for the U.S. Army Health Clinic Vicenza.

Camp Darby prepares for Memorial Day weekend

By Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Memorial Day Weekend at Camp Darby marks the beginning of the summer season. Several events to please every need are scheduled for this time frame.

May 26 the 4th Annual European Softball Championship ice breaker event begins at 6 p.m. at the main softball field and continues throughout the evening, the schedule includes a men's and women's Fastest Throw Contest beginning at 7:30 p.m. and a men's and women's Home Run Derby at 8 p.m. The Championship begins May 27 and will run through May 29. An awards ceremony will take place at the conclusion of the championship.

Family Fun Fitness Festival, also May 26, at the Livorno Commissary from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Enjoy a free barbecue, fun and games for the family, health and wellness info, shopping sprees and lots more.

May 27 the American Beach located in the town of Tirrenia, five minutes drive from Camp Darby, will host a Darby Day. On opening day only, there will be free entrance, parking, umbrellas, boogie boards, barbecue, music and fun for everyone.

The beach is fully equipped with a guarded parking lot, umbrellas, chairs, cabanas, covered pavilions, beach volley court, kayaks, pedal boats, boogie boards, playground equipment, showers, snack and drink bars.

Also May 27, the Darby Community Club will have a Texas Hold 'em night beginning at 6:30 p.m. with free food for participants.

May 28 the Darby Pool opens at noon. The pool is located next to the campground. The pool is open Mondays-Fridays from noon-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday hours will be 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Camp Darby Information Tours and Recreation office is offering a day trip to Venice, also May 28. Built on 117 small islands, it has more than 150 canals and 400 bridges. You won't see them all on this day trip, but you can have fun trying. For more info, contact ITR at 633-7589

In the evening, there will be live music in the Fest Tent. Activities begin at 8:30 p.m. with the Mimmo Mollica Band.



File photo

Camp Darby kicks off Memorial Day Weekend with a beach opening ceremony May 27 at noon. American Forces Network Livorno will be broadcasting live across Europe. Swing by their booth and let the rest of Europe know what they are missing at the American Beach in Tirrenia.

May 30 the annual Memorial Day ceremony will take place at the Florence American Cemetery at 11 a.m. It is free and open to the public.

Darby Dates

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

Fitness May-nia

Celebrate National Physical Fitness Month with the Fitness Center.

- ♦ TRX Suspension Straps Clinic, May 23
- ♦ Swim Stroke Clinic, May 24
- ♦ Aqua Exercise, May 25
- ♦ The Civilian Fitness program is open to all DA civilians, ID card holders and RFT local nationals who are eligible. Enrollment packet and information available at the fitness center. Call 633-7438.

Commissary

- ♦ Family Fun Fitness Festival, May 26, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- ♦ Spring Case Lot Sale is May 27. Make sure to pick up coupons from ACS beforehand.

Army Community Services

- ♦ Finance Club, May 24
 - ♦ Exceptional Family Member Program roundtable, May 25
 - ♦ Insurance basics, May 26
 - ♦ Couples communication, June 3
- Call 633-7084 to learn about these programs.

Vet visiting

Make sure your pets' shots are up-to-date during the next vet visit May 25-27. Call 635-4841 to set up an appointment.

ITR trips

ITR is offering the following day trips. Call 633-7589.

- ♦ Cinque Terre, Mondays
- ♦ Venice, Tuesdays
- ♦ San Gimignano and Siena, Wednesdays
- ♦ Rome, Thursdays
- ♦ Elba, Fridays
- ♦ Florence, Saturdays

Outdoor Recreation

- ♦ Beach grand opening is May 27 at noon. Come for the ribbon cutting and stay for the free barbecue.
- ♦ Pool opens May 28, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- ♦ Seasonal pool and beach passes are still available. Call 633-7775.

Darby Community Club

- ♦ Karaoke Night on Thursdays
- ♦ Texas Hold 'em, May 27
- ♦ Live music, May 28

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
Sign up or volunteer for Vacation Bible school June 27 - July 1

News in the community

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



Photo by Joyce Costello

Saluting our nurses: U.S. Army Health Clinic Livorno honored its nurses during Nurses Week May 6-12, for their contributions and commitment to Camp Darby patients with a surprise cake and ceremony May 12.

"Nurses are the backbone of medical treatment and we recognize and honor them for their contribution to the Camp Darby community and we commend Lt. Col. Joan Riordan, Maj. Kenneth Davis, Bruce Milano and Debbie Milano for their valuable contribution and dedication to Camp Darby as the clinic's nurses," said Maj. Bryan Walrath, USAHC-Livorno commander. "Their daily sacrifice and dedication to a culture of excellence truly makes each of them 'Second to None'."

Read the nurses' story at www.usag.livorno.army.mil/news273.asp.

Empowerment award: Friends of Camp Darby, a private organization dedicated to improving Soldier, family and civilian well-being, held an end-of-year tea May 7 where they awarded college scholarships, the Women's Empowerment Award, recognized the efforts of those involved and recounted all the new projects and community assistance with which the club has been involved. According to the outgoing president Jeanne Harford, this year the club gave back to the community a record of \$16,261.44.

Bethy Vallejo, Friends of Camp Darby vice president, awarded Monica Falcon the Women's Empowerment Award.

Read the full story at www.usag.livorno.army.mil/news274.asp.



Photo by Joyce Costello

Italian-American fest:

Americans and Italians will come together Friday in Camisano at 8 p.m. in the Piazza della Repubblica for a festival celebrating the unity of both countries. Live music, children's rides, dancing and food will be for sale at the event.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Local events

Camisano festival:

Friday, in Camisano, Piazza della Repubblica, about 11 miles east of Vicenza. The American community is invited to the annual spring festival in Camisano. This year's theme is "From Corn to Polenta, From Harvest to the Table." At 8 p.m. there will be a Welcome speech; music performed by local and American bands; posting of the colors; food booths featuring Italian and American food, wine, beer, and the typical Veneto dish "Polenta." A €10 set menu features bigoli with a choice of sauce, grilled meat, French fries or beans, polenta or bread, wine or water or coca-cola.

Spring Festival and Corn Fair:

Ongoing through Sunday, in Camisano Vicentino, about 11 miles east of Vicenza. Food booths in Piazza della Costituzione featuring local specialties; carnival rides, raffle, merry-go-around Piazza Umberto I; local products exhibit and sale; vintage agricultural tools and vehicles in Piazza della Repubblica and Piazza Libertà.

- Thursday: 9 p.m. live music with Bra Yazer, Saba Jack Voice and Remix, Venetians in Piazza della Repubblica

- Friday: 8 p.m. American Festival (see above); 9 p.m. live music with Onyx Side, the Godsons of Souls and Drop Simpler Bands.

- Saturday: 9 p.m. Theater performance (in Veneto dialect), entrance fee: €10

- Sunday: 10 a.m. Via XX Settembre and Piazza Umberto, costume parade; 5 p.m. fashion show in Piazza della Repubblica; 9 p.m. singing contest.

Festival Brenta:

Saturday-Sunday, in Bassano del Grappa, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza.

- Saturday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Piazza Libertà and Piazzotto Montevecchio, Alpine guides offer free climbing lessons on an artificial climbing wall; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. free cliff climbing in Valbrenta accompanied by guides; 3-7 p.m. Piazza Libertà and Piazzotto Montevecchio booths with mountain activities information, free climbing lessons,

inflatable gym station for children and artificial cave; 5-8 p.m. free street boulder competition; 9 p.m. in Solagna, Valbrenta Theatre, Via 4 Novembre, movie "Better Than Chocolate" in English.

- Sunday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. free cliff climbing in Valbrenta with Alpine guides and booths with mountain activities information; in Piazza Libertà and Piazzotto Montevecchio, free climbing lessons for teenagers on an artificial climbing wall, inflatable gym station for children and artificial cave; 10 a.m.-3 p.m., outdoor activities at Cison del Grappa: boulder, free climbing, slacklining, trekking; 3-7 p.m. boulder competition in Piazza Libertà e Piazzotto Montevecchio, registration fee €10, which includes a T-shirt and a gadget; 7 p.m. award ceremony.

Raw Ham Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, in Montagnana, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II, about 28 miles south of Vicenza.

- Saturday and Sunday: 11 a.m.-midnight, tasting of local raw ham, cheeses and wines. Free guided visits to the historical center of Montagnana Saturday 3-7 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. depart from the tourist office in Piazza Trieste.

- Sunday: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. local craft fair and antique and collectors' items market; "Bell'Italia" - regional food and wine exhibit and sale to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Italian Unification, Via Roma.

Bisi (peas) Festival:

Friday-Monday, in Lumignano di Longare, 8 miles south of Vicenza. 6:30 p.m.: food booths featuring the local "risi e bisi" (rice and peas), peas lasagna, polenta and cheese, sopressa (Vicentine salami), prosecco and other local wines. 9 p.m. live music.

Wine tasting:

Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. in Isola Vicentina, Branzo-Loschi, Laverda-Drago-Drago Villa, Via Vallugana 9, about 7 miles northwest of Vicenza. Cost: €12 and includes wine tasting, lunch at 12:15 p.m.; 3:30-7:30 p.m. culinary workshops with chef Amedeo Sandri; live music in the afternoon, and closing toast at 7:30 p.m.

Vintage vehicles

from Bonfanti-Vimar Museum exhibit:

Sunday, in Marostica, Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza.

"La Galopera" 5.5, 7.5, 12-22 km non-competitive walk:

May 29, 5.5, 7.5, 12 - 22 km will be held in Vicenza at Maddalene Sports Center, Via delle Maddalene. Also available a 4 km disabled friendly route. Registrations 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. at Maddalene Sports Center. The €2 fee includes: medical coverage, bib number, free minestrone, homemade bread, yogurt, a beer and pastries.

Hormone Deficiency Awareness Day:

Second annual for children, Sunday, 3:30-6:30 p.m. in Vicenza, Parco Querini. Free kite workshops, bounce house and face painting. Donations will go to a growth hormone research association.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Sculpture/painting exhibit:

Renato Meneghetti paintings and sculptures exhibit: ongoing through July 3, in Bassano del Grappa, Palazzo Agostinelli, Via Barbieri 34, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. Tuesday-Friday 3-7 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7 p.m. For more info in English, visit http://www.meneghettirenato.com/bio/annexes_eng.php.

River of Wood exhibit:

Ongoing through Sunday, in Bassano del Grappa, Palazzo Bonaguro, Via Angarano 77. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. The exhibit shows the work that took place along the Brenta River, where the tree trunks were carried from the Primiero woods to the Venetian lagoon for its shipbuilding industry.

Sculpture 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.

Explore the sky:

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

Brullando Day's - Free live music festival:

May 19-22, in Gazzo (Padova), Sports Center, Via Roma, about 11 miles east of Vicenza. Food booths featuring pizza, beer, spritz and non-alcoholic drinks.

- Thursday: Rising Horizons Cover Dream Theater

- Friday: 4EVER - Queen Tribute Band

- Saturday: Radioliga - Rock Tribute Band

- Sunday: disco and soul music with DJ Yano

Concerts

Heineken Jammin' Festival:

June 9 -11 in Mestre (Venice), Parco San Giuliano

- June 9: Coldplay with special guests

- June 10: Negramaro with special guests

- June 11: Vasco with special guests

For more details in English, visit

<http://www.venezia.net/heineken-jammin-festival/en/> and http://www.greenticket.it/x/eventi_cerca.html?r_id=72521&o_s_id=1646

Gods of Metal (Judas Priest, Whitesnake, Mr. Big, Cradle of Faith): June 22 in Milan, Arena

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

Skunk Anansie: July 6 in Udine; July 10 in Ferrara; July 19 in Milan; July 20 in Rome

Burt Bacharach and Mario Biondi: July 6 in Milan; July 10 in Lucca

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

Paul Simon: July 17 in Milan

James Blunt: July 21 in Lucca; July 23 in Mantova

Sting: July 29 in Venice, Piazza San Marco

Rihanna: Dec. 11 in Torino; Dec. 12 in Assago (Milan)

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

Innsbruck and Ambras Castle, Austria, May 28

Wake Garda, May 28

Venice Bacari Tour, May 29

Group Mountain Bike Ride, June 1

Rome overnight, June 4-5

Catch some sunrays at Rimini Beach, June 5

Wind Caves and Lucca, June 11

Hike 52 tunnels carved during World War II, June 11

Adriatic Sea fishing, June 12

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

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Friday	Rango (PG)	6 p.m.
	Red Riding Hood (PG 13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Mars Needs Moms (PG)	3 p.m.
	Priest (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Mars Needs Moms (PG)	3 p.m.
	Priest (PG 13)	6 p.m.
May 27	TBD	6 p.m.
	TBD	9 p.m.

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

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Mars Needs Moms (PG)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Red Riding Hood (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Prom (PG)	1 p.m.
May 27	Fast Five (PG 13)	6 p.m.

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

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

Special Events

- ♦ Enter to win a trip for two to the Armed Forces Recreation Centers Resort Destination of your choice. The grand prize winner will receive round-trip airfare for two to the AFRC resort of their choice plus \$2,500 spending cash. Visit www.AFRCResorts.com and click on the "Great Getaways" banner to enter and a chance to win by June 15. One entry per day allowed.
- ♦ Photos are needed of Vicenza Family and MWR facilities, activities and events, and people enjoying all that Family and MWR has to offer. All images will be submitted in electronic format on the Vicenza Family and MWR Facebook. Photos can be entered until May 31 when the contest closes. Judging will be based on the number of "Likes" received for each eligible photo. The winner in each category will win a \$100 gift certificate to the Family and MWR facility of their choice. All eligible entries will be archived by FMWR, and may be used for exhibitions, publicity and display. The complete rules are on vicenzaMWR.com or email your questions to marketing@vicenzamwr.com.

Techy Training

- Classes will be offered as a fundraiser by the Future Business Leaders of America by donation. To register for a course, email Lori Encke at lori.encke@eu.dodea.edu.
- ♦ Beginner Photoshop CS4 - Monday; learn the basics of Photoshop including how to manipulate and work with layers, cut out images to incorporate into designs, apply enhancements to photos, and more.
- ♦ Advanced Photoshop CS4 - June 1; learn advanced techniques with Photoshop including creating color accents, working with clipping and layer masks, advanced layer and blending techniques, photo enhancements and more.

Health Clinic holiday hours

- The U.S. Army Vicenza Health Clinic will be closed May 27 and 30 (training holiday and Memorial Day respectively). It will be open May 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., as usual.
- For emergencies and/or to call an ambulance call 118. For the San Bortolo Patient Liaisons, call 444-75-3300. For the Nurse Advice Line, call 800-877660.
- To make an appointment on line, log on www.tricareonline.com.

Thrift Shop

- The VCC Thrift Shop is looking for a friendly, hard-working person to join our team. Stop by our store, or email thriftshop@vccitaly.org for more information or to pick up an application. The deadline to apply is May 26.

Equal Opportunity

- An observance for Asian Pacific Heritage Month will be held on Hoekstra Field Pavilion Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The theme is "Diversity, Leadership, Empowerment and

Beyond." The speaker will be Bernie Camuso, Vicenza High School vice principal. Traditional dance and food sampling, typical of the Asian Pacific cultures will be offered. This is a free event open to everyone.

Estate Claim

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Spc. Matthew Allen Spoon, Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, should contact the Summary Court Officer, 1st Lt. David T. Kim at 634-5092 or david.t.kim1@eur.army.mil.

CYS Services

- ♦ The Youth Program is hosting an Animal Food Drive throughout the month of May. Bring cat or dog food to the Villaggio Youth Center building 304. All food will be donated to the local Vicenza Animal Shelter, Gogna. The Youth Center is open 2:45-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Call 634-7659.
- ♦ Space is limited for Flag Football registration is June 1-June 17. Youth ages 9-18 with a valid CYSS registration through the end of the season can sign up, July 13-Aug 17. Call 634-6151 for more information.
- ♦ Summer Camp is just around the corner. Open enrollment for the School Age Center begins June 1. Middle School and Teen Center Summer Camp for weeks 1-5 begins Monday, and July 5 for weeks 6-10. The activity schedules for both SAC and the Youth Center are posted at www.vicenzamwr.com.
- ♦ Visit www.vicenzamwr.com for a complete listing or call Parent Central Services at 634-7219.

Soldiers' Theatre

Last chance to see "All in the Timing", a comical series of sketches about time: timing, missed timing, finding the right time and more. Show times are Friday and

Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call the box office at 634-7281 for more info.

MOMS Club events

- ♦ Fitness Group, Friday at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Monthly meeting, Monday at 10 a.m.
- ♦ Toddler Playgroup, Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Homeschool group

- ♦ Field Trip Parco Sigurta, May 19, 10 a.m.
- ♦ Curriculum Carnival & Showcase, Friday, 10 a.m.-noon
- ♦ Field Trip: Castello Bevilacqua Archery, Quill Writing, May 26, 9:30 a.m.

CTC classes

Central Texas College registration for Term 5 is ongoing through May 27. Register for the new Criminal Justice seminar; Police Brutality; the Early Childhood Professions seminar; Parenting for Healthy Families or Intro to Auto Mechanic/Technician. Term 5 runs from June-July. For more info, call 634-6514 or email vicenza@europa.ctcd.edu.

ACS

Become a community volunteer, build your experiences and resume and meet a new network of people. Register online at www.myarmyonesource.com and your volunteer hours will follow you to any installation. Visit the Army Volunteer Corps Office upstairs in building 108. Call 634-7500 for more information or to see what is available.

MBA class

The University of Phoenix is offering the MBA face-to-face with classes starting Tuesday. Classes are offered one night a week for six weeks to fit your busy schedule. Start earning your degree today with the University of Phoenix. For

more information, contact Sarah Foley at the University of Phoenix at 634-8928 or Sarah.Foley@phoenix.edu.

Arena

- ♦ Celebrate Armed Forces Day Saturday, with the Lion's Den Crew. Enjoy drink specials and patriotic karaoke.
- ♦ Friday, 4-7 p.m., is the next Wine Tasting event at the Arena. Taste several local wines for \$15 and take home a bottle. Call 634-8257 for more information.

VFW

- ♦ Veterans of Foreign War Post 8862 in Vicenza is taking a trip to Florence for a Memorial Day ceremony and wreath laying. Members in uniform are free; all others are €30, which includes transportation and lunch. For more information, contact post commander, Corey Kerzmann at 634-8266 or corey.kerzmann@yahoo.com.
- ♦ Monthly meetings for the VFW are held the second Thursday every month at 5:30 p.m. at La Rondine, a retiree club, located at Via Paolo Calvi, 56, Vicenza. For membership inquiries, contact post commander Corey Kerzmann at 634-8266 or corey.kerzmann@yahoo.com.

Skills training

Are you interested in improving your communication or leadership skills or how you can overcome the fear of public speaking? Attend an information meeting Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., building 305. Contact Janet Geisler at 634-5033.

Arts & Crafts Center

Come by to use one of our many studios for just \$2.50 per hour. Get creative with clay, paint on canvas, have fun making cards, finish up some of your framing projects, or choose from our wide variety of bisque ware and paint some pottery.

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", building 395 behind the Arena)
- 10:45 a.m.:** Catholic religious education (September-May at "Spiritual Fitness Center", building 395 behind the Arena)
- 11 a.m.:** Protestant worship
- 1:30 p.m.:** Full Gospel Pentecostal worship
- 5 p.m.:** Contemporary Christian service

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, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Viale Trento 246, Vicenza. Call the Caserma Ederle chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for more information on religious activities.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Recycled art: Four-year-old Adrian Metcalf shows his mom, Reina, one of his pieces he created at the Arts Center during the Kids' Recycled Creations class April 28. For information about upcoming activities and crafts call 634-7074.

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.

VHS volleyballer signs to play for 'Kangaroos'

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office

Erika Valek, Vicenza High School senior, signed a letter of intent to play volleyball with Austin College in Sherman, Texas, a suburb of Dallas, where she will major in Environmental Science. Valek, daughter of retired Lt. Col. Robert and Rovena, had seven offers from various colleges. Valek's decision came from looking at the college's academic programs and then their athletic departments.

She used her spring break to visit her top two choices and was offered travel expenses paid visits.

"They picked us up at the airport, took care of the hotel and all meals. We were treated like royalty," said Valek. "I chose the school that I felt was just all-around a better fit for me in every category."

Valek started her volleyball career in Hawaii while playing on the beach, on the court and in her backyard with neighbors and family. She attended volleyball camps at the University of Hawaii and the Air Force Academy that helped her fine tune her skills as an all-around player.

This past high school volleyball season, Valek was selected to the All-Tournament, All-Europe, and All-Conference Teams as well as selected captain and MVP of the Vicenza Cougars. According to coach Chance Wilson, Valek is "a complete player" known for her skills hitting, passing and serving.

In her first season playing high school basketball this past season, Valek was a starting guard for the Vicenza Cougars, who came to win the Division II Basketball Championships. Currently Erika is in her second season as a soccer goalie for the Cougars as they head to Europeans in Ramstein, Germany.

Academics and community service have been equally important to Valek and she has received academic honor roll status throughout her high school years, playing three seasons of sports a year and welcoming opportunities to volunteer within the community. According to Lauri Kenney, VHS principal, Valek stands out as a leader and has even been innovative to creating a club at the school.

"Erika has brought many new and fresh ideas to our student body by creating a new club this year called the 'Loud Crowd.' This club was organized to show support for our athletic teams, to increase school morale and create a culture of support for each other," Kenney wrote in a recommendation letter on



Courtesy photo

Erika Valek, a Vicenza High School volleyball player, spikes the ball during a game last year. Valek, an athletic and academic stand-out, signed a letter of intent to play volleyball next year at Austin College in Sherman, Texas.

Valek's behalf.

Valek will graduate with honors June 10.



Photo by Tom Hlavacek

Designing a board: Participants in the Edge! Skateboard, Design and Assemble class, work on their boards during class. Arts and Crafts center director Michelle Sterkowicz is teaching the class to 13 youths currently enrolled. The skateboarding classes are offered quarterly and a woodworking and photography class will be offered in June. To enroll, go to CYSS central registration in Davis Hall, building 108 or call Tom Hlavacek at 335-818-6927.

Sports Shorts

Volunteers needed

The Mako Sharks Swim Team is looking for adult volunteers to assist with summer conditioning and/or the fall competitive season.

Swimmers are elementary through high school ages and compete in the European Forces Swim League. For more information, contact John Casey at 0444-91-2612 or email john.j.casey@us.army.mil.

Visit <http://makosharks.homestead.com/index.html> for info.

Swim challenge

Swim the English Channel in the Vicenza Post Pool! This incentive program runs June 1-Aug. 31. Compete with others over a two-month period to see if you can swim the distance of 21 miles, equal to the English Channel. When you complete the distance you will receive an "I Swam the English Channel" T-shirt. Cost is \$5 and you must register before May 27 at the Fitness Center desk or on WebTrac.

Unit & rec play

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

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for six or more, Fitness Center.

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

Men's Soccer: 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays 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. Tuesdays & Thursdays for eight or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. Email sr_brasher@yahoo.com or call 634-8925.

Frisbee golf: pickup game, 6 p.m. Wednesdays on the North 40 field.

Men's Rugby

Rugby Team practices are ongoing at the Sports Field Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. Players and coaches are needed.

Women's softball

Participants and coaches for softball must be at least 18 years old and out of high school. For those interested, call 634-7009 or 634-5033.

40 and older basketball

For those interested in playing against a men's Italian 40 and older team, contact Sports, Fitness & Aquatics at 634-7009 or 7616, and leave your contact information.