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Slow down, school starting



The first day of school is just around the corner, so remember that the zone in front of the school is only 10 kph. Drive slowly in the area and watch for children crossing the street. There will be plenty of congestion with buses and cars. Buses have priority when loading and unloading. Always yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks and remind your children of the basic rules for safely crossing the street. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

SETAF announces Health Service Center contract award

CASERMA EDERLE, Vicenza, Italy – U.S. Army Southern European Task Force (Airborne) announces the award of a contract to build an Enhanced Health Service Center on Caserma Ederle to a joint venture with construction firms Bilfinger/Berger from Germany and Pizzarotti from Italy.

The contract, worth approximately 30 million euro, was awarded by U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command Aug. 16.

The new health service center, which has an estimated completion date of April 2010, will consolidate the aging dental, health-care and social work facilities currently scattered throughout the base into a single, environmentally friendly building that will exceed required environmental standards.

The clinic will employ Italian doctors, nurses and support staff alongside their American counterparts to serve Soldiers and their families in out-patient and birthing services. American military personnel and their families will still continue to rely on the San Bortolo hospital in Vicenza for the same quality health care they currently receive there.

Italians handle vehicle maintenance during deployment

Story and photo by
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SETAF Public Affairs Office

When a unit deploys, not all of its equipment and vehicles deploy with it. However, even equipment left behind needs to be properly maintained.

This is the case when the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team deployed, leaving behind vehicles that still required maintenance.

Defense Support Services (DS2), a subcontractor hired to repair and maintain the brigade equipment to standard, under the oversight of SETAF G4, is working to rectify the situation by maintaining the vehicles until the return of the 173rd ABCT in the summer of 2008.

To help DS2 maintain the equipment to standard, 22 local nationals have been hired.

“The Army policy is to maintain all equipment at a 10/20 standard,” said Maj. Norbert Fochs, SETAF G4 maintenance chief. “That standard will ensure all vehicles are ready to go on a contingency operation within 90 days following the 173d redeployment.”

“The 10/20 standard means the vehicle is fully mission capable with all faults corrected and that all modification work orders have been applied,” explained Fochs.

DS2 had several workers brought in from Germany and the United States to help with vehicle maintenance, but with Italy’s *Soggiorno* laws, they were only allowed to stay a short time.

So DS2 looked to hire a more permanent workforce that could remain during the entire deployment.



Accio Mario, an Italian mechanic employed by DS2, checks the engine of one of the Humvees left behind by the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team when they deployed to Afghanistan earlier this year.

“It’s about longevity,” said Kenneth Alexander, DS2 project manager. “Once we have the local Italians trained to maintain the vehicles to military standards, we won’t have to worry about them leaving.”

Having a stable work force is key for the DS2.

“To have a workforce that isn’t turning over is critical” said Alexander. “It is difficult to get the job done when people are leaving as soon as they are properly trained.”

There have been some difficulties in the hiring process for

the DS2. Because of the Italian *Soggiorno* laws, they can only hire people with proper Italian work visas.

“There was a military spouse I really wanted to hire,” said Alexander, “but because she didn’t have the proper Italian work visa, I couldn’t hire her.”

The Americans who come here to work on the project can only stay for three months, and the Germans can only stay six months.

“However, the Germans and Americans who work with us have worked on military vehicles before,” said Alexander, “so they

are key in helping train the Italian nationals to our standards.”

Training the Italians on Army standards could help both Italians and the military in the long run.

“This work is giving them valuable experience,” said Fochs. “If there is a need to increase full-time local national support in Vicenza once the entire 173rd ABCT relocates to Italy, there will be an experienced worker pool from which to choose.”

“Utilizing Italian Local National mechanics to maintain the 173rd LBE is a win/win for today and into the future,” said Fochs.

Garrison News

Caserma Ederle Quarterly Awards Ceremony

By SETAF Public Affairs Office
Press Release

More than 60 Soldiers and civilians were recognized today at the installation quarterly awards ceremony on Hoekstra Field at Caserma Ederle.

The individuals were recognized for a variety of achievements in their sections, ranging from an induction into the Sergeant Morales Club to Certificates of Appreciation.

"We are recognizing them for the things they do each and every day that set them apart from their peers," said Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick, SETAF commander.

Helmick told all of the awardees they were winners for their accomplishments.

"A winner is someone who gets knocked down eight times, but gets up nine," said Helmick. "A winner says, 'I am good, but not as good as I ought to be.'"

"The people we are here to recognize today are all winners in their respective work areas. They have shown they have what it takes to go above and beyond their normal work duties and perform to perfection," he said.

The following awards were presented during the quarterly awards ceremony:

The Sergeant Morales Club inductee was Staff Sgt. Chad Smith;



Non-Commissioned Officer/3rd Quarter, Sgt. Sean Hooker; and the Army Achievement Award, Sgt. 1st Class Kenton Peterson.

Superior Civilian Service awards went to Paul R. Watkin and Richard Hendrickson.

The Commander's Award for Civilian service was presented to Eberhard Linder, Shay Morris and Dr. Robert Slack.

The commander's Award for Public Service was given to Chere Harper.

Awards for continued civilian service were presented to: (35 years) William Nason, Perry Doerr, Maria Liani, Angelo Morando, Ivano Trevisanutto and Annalisa Grumulato; (30 years) Alfredo Gonzales, Vando Greselin. Marzia

Bazzon, Sabina Benedini and Antonietta Vallarsa; (25 years) Gene Catena, (15 years) Teresa Arthur and (10 years) Vincent Figliomeni.

A Certificate of Commendation was presented to Anna Ciocotti.

Appuntato Scelto Carzan Giulio was named Carabiniere of the Quarter.

Tognetti Santito was named CIVIS Employee of the Quarter.

AAFES Employee of the Quarter awards went to James Wood and Antonio Tognoni.

The DECA Employee of the Quarter is Greta Rigolon.

SATO Outstanding Employee of the Quarter was Nucky Palermo.

The Dining Facility award was presented to Marshall Fowler and

Roxano Padro was named the DFAC employee of the quarter. Anthony Bly was named ACS Volunteer of the Quarter.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Chief Warrant Officer Rob Pitts, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Johnson, Cesare Bortolli, Christopher Regler and Clinton Kearney, for their work on a SETAF staff assistance visit.

Certificates of Appreciation Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage month programs were presented to Ariel and Sebrina Vimoto, Sgt. Lucky Tagalao, Sgt. Lameko Lualemaga, Sgt. Petero Valai, Spc. Christina Wilson, Pfc. Shane Paleka, Gena Wichern and Constance Mark.

Presentation of the quarterly Safety Award were given to Brenda

Bentley and Stephanie Ferretti.

Coach of the Quarter was Anthony Bly, and assistant Coach of the Quarter was Gene Catena. Scrolls of Appreciation were also presented to Georgia Salyer and Marco McLean.

Certificates of Appreciation for their support of the 173rd ABCT deployment went to: Hannelore Gomez, Chief Warrant Officer Robert Pitts, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Johnson, Christopher Regler, Clinton Kearney, Antonio Bedin, Daniel Brown, Ferdinanda Scholz, Antonella Bertuzzo, Santina Dal Santo, Kenneth Johansen, Capt. Arvice McDaniel, Lisa Holcombe-Watkin, Roger Harty, Vittorio DeBoni, 2nd Lt. Matthew Sikora and Staff Sgt. Erica Murphy.

Chaplain's corner

By Chaplain (Col.) David Smith
SETAF command chaplain

"The thing I'll remember forever," recounts retired Maj. Gen. Fred Haynes about the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima, "was the courage and guts of the kids." They were kids, but they were also heroes."

Merriam-Webster's *Collegiate Dictionary* defines a hero as an illustrious warrior, one who shows great courage. What most Soldiers know is that the most courageous warriors on the battlefield are not those who have no fear, but those who are most honest to acknowledge how scared they really are.

For example, paratroopers who have a fear of heights, whose knees shake as the green light goes on, and yet they jump out of the aircraft. Paratroopers know the danger. They have a healthy fear of it, but steadfastly they set their face to the task. Why? Because of courage.

We exalt the courage exhibited on the battlefield. And what magnificent courage we have seen.

The hospital chaplain in Bagdad shared with me that one of my paratroopers, a young sergeant who was critically wounded, was medevaced. As the medics were wheeling him into the emergency room, he motioned for the chaplain to come over to his litter. The chaplain thought that the paratrooper was going to

request prayer. Instead, the young sergeant told the chaplain that his prayers were answered that morning.

With a startled look on the chaplain's face, the sergeant went on to explain that he had prayed prior to his convoy that if anything happened that day it would happen to him and not to any of his Soldiers.

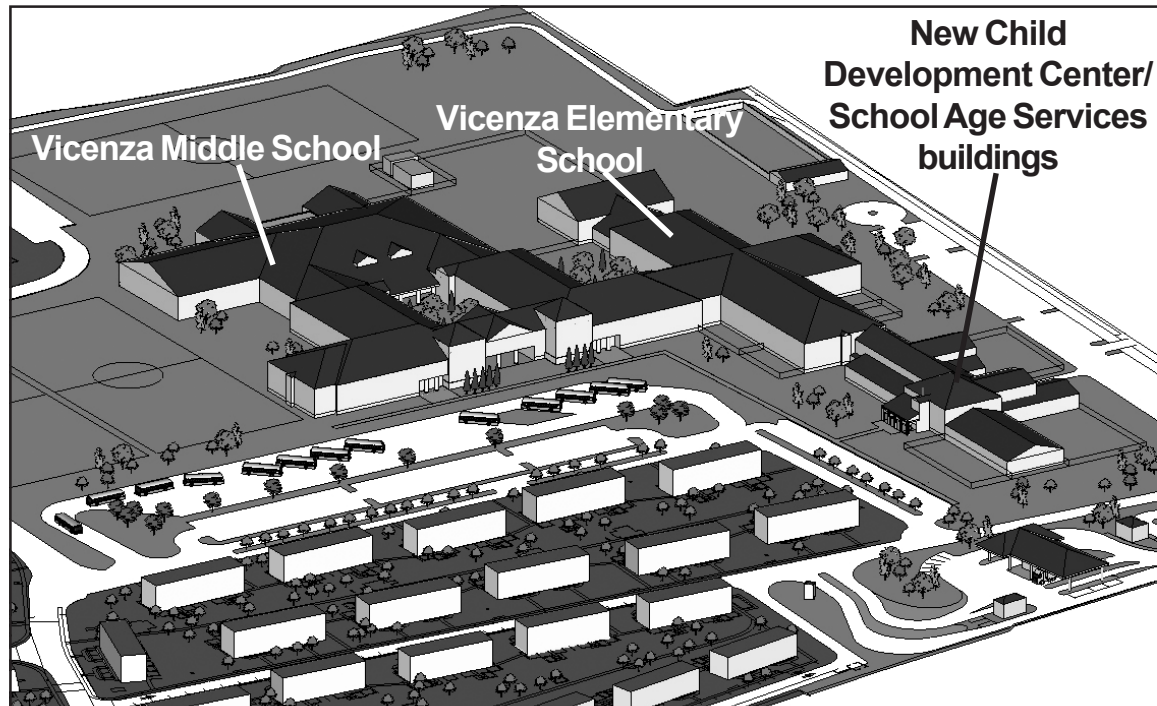
I recall yet another image of courage. While President Bush was at Fort Bragg, he met with families who had a loved one killed in action. A young Army sergeant, the father of four children, was killed in Iraq.

While the President met with the family the young widow held back tears as he said, "You are a brave young woman." She replied, "Mr. President, I have to be brave because he was brave."

Here is another kind of courage not too often recognized, a young woman going home to be the sole parent of four children. Often, this courage demands greater gallantry than on the battlefield.

The Lord God assured Joshua prior to going into battle, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9) Our Soldiers and families are truly heroes because they have shown great courage. In times of difficulty, let each of us remember to be strong and courageous because God is with us.

Pro Deo et Patria.



New youth facilities co-located with Vicenza schools on Villaggio Della Pace

By Diana Bahr
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

It's enough to make one want to revert to their childhood:

- * Modern, well-equipped playgrounds;
- * A demonstration kitchen for cooking projects;
- * Separate rooms for homework, computers, art, and the performing arts; and
- * A large multi-purpose room that can be used for sports as well as assemblies.

The details above are part of the plans for the 44,000 square-foot (about 4,088 square meters), state-of-the-art combination Child

Development and School Age Services facilities to be built on Villaggio Della Pace.

"These facilities are also part of the new elementary and middle school project," said Dan Bichanich, a project manager with the Transformation Construction Management Office. "We expect to award the contract this fall, begin work this winter and have it ready for occupancy in 2010."

"These are attractive facilities that not only conform to Department of the Army standard design for CDCs and SAS facilities – meeting all health, safety and programming requirements," said Eric Weisel, child and Youth

Services coordinator, "but they are a combined CDC/SAS facility making it convenient for parents who have children in both age groups to drop off and pick up children in just one stop."

"We also have the added advantage of being located next door to the new elementary and middle schools," said Weisel. "This makes it convenient for school-age children to come and go from the school to our facilities."

The new CDC will accommodate 198 children and SAS has room for 150 children, according to Weisel.

The joint facility will also share a large, fully-equipped kitchen with office space and staff training room.

Back to school

Teamwork marks return for Vicenza Elementary school



Martha Parsons
Vicenza Elementary School
principal

Dear Vicenza ES Students and Parents,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to another year of exciting learning adventures at Vicenza Elementary School. The VES staff and administration look forward to a challenging and rewarding year for each student.

This will be my second year here and I am completely enthusiastic about our school, community, and command!

In these difficult times of deployment, please know that we are here to support our children, the families, and the USAG-Ederle community. We have found that children thrive best when they feel they are in a safe and stable environment; therefore, we always strive to keep routines, schedules,

and activities as normal as possible. We have two counselors within the school, a school psychologist, nurse and a Crisis Team.

In addition, we are fortunate to have many members of our community who are ready, willing, and able to help us at any time. Please make sure that the office and the teachers have updated phone numbers for both you and your emergency contacts. Should you have concerns, let us know right away so that we can select the best resources for the situation.

Teachers return to duty on Wednesday, Aug. 22 to prepare themselves and their classrooms to greet students in PSCD and Grades 1-6 on the first day of school: Monday, Aug. 27. Kindergarten begins on September 4 and the

Sure Start beginning day will be announced to those parents when they are notified of selection. Class lists will be posted at the Post Office on Friday, Aug. 24 between 1600-1800 hours. Lists will also be sent to the School Liaison Officer in Ghedi, who will notify parents.

Last school year, the staff conducted an in-depth review of school data. Based on that information, we selected two specific goals for school improvement and student success: written communication in all curricular areas, and mathematical reasoning. You'll be hearing more about this as the year goes along and we begin implementing strategies to reach our goals. The School Improvement Process/Plan (SIP) is a key component of school

life, so please consider serving on a School Improvement Team as a parent representative.

This year's Open House will be held from 1630-1830 hours. We'll begin with a whole group meeting in the Post Theater, then break into smaller groups for individual classrooms/programs. Parents will have the opportunity to meet all the teachers, new and returning, at that time. More specific details will be provided through school and teacher newsletters.

Together, we can provide the best learning environment for your children. We welcome parent involvement in the school and hope you will join us as a volunteer as often as possible. The more, the merrier.

Teamwork Rocks!

Welcome Back Vicenza Middle, High School Students



Kathleen Reiss
Vicenza Middle and High
Schools principal

Dear Vicenza M/HS Students and Parents,

On behalf of the Vicenza Middle and High School staff, I warmly welcome all new and returning students to what promises to be a fantastic school year! A new school year presents opportunities for exciting beginnings – new classes, new friends, new courses, and new materials. We hope that each of you has had a summer with plenty of fun distractions from schoolwork and are now looking forward with enthusiasm to the new school year. I encourage all of you to take your schoolwork seriously and to get very involved

in extra-curricular activities. A goal of our dedicated staff is to provide opportunities for you to excel in academics, fine arts, and athletics.

We will maintain a focus on academics while guiding you to develop skills, attitudes, and values that will help to ensure your success. Our outstanding 2007 Terra Nova scores indicate that student achievement at Vicenza M/HS is high. Each of you has the potential to soar above expectations!

We will continue our focus on implementing activities that will give middle school students their own identity. High school students have already spoken to

me about upcoming events and activities that they are planning. Be prepared to give the Middle School and High School Student Councils and your class officers some ideas that will make Vicenza Middle/High School the very best DoDDS middle/high school.

Face-lifts this summer in 16 of our classrooms and offices have resulted in removal of old carpet and the installation of new floor tiles. These new floors will improve the learning and work environments for students and staff.

Family support remains an important mission for us; our commitment to our community families is strong. Many of our

parents have deployed. Our school is important to families as a stabilizing force during family separations. Our school routines foster a sense of normalcy that helps children and families cope with deployment. We are here to help the community wide effort to take care of the children. We welcome parent and community volunteers in our school. Please join us in as many activities as you can.

We wish you a very exhilarating and successful school year and appreciate your positive contributions that will help to make our school one of which we can all be proud. Let's make school year 2007-08 the best one ever.

Welcome back Livorno students



Cathy Magni
Livorno Elementary and Middle
Schools principal

The staff and administration welcome you as partners in providing the very best education for our children. We have moved from being a K-12 to a K-8 Unit School configuration. We look forward to the opportunities that these changes will bring. We believe our community school will continue to provide a positive and productive environment where students, parents, and teachers work together to help our students have optimum educational opportunities.

All our students are challenged to take advantage of the unique opportunities provided at Livorno ES/MS to develop their potential and grow as individuals through close relationships available with teachers and community members. We encourage all parents to take an active role in the school. Whether you visit, volunteer, or provide constructive feedback, we welcome your energy and expertise.

We want all students to know that the time spent in school is a

significant part of the "best years of your life". All mothers and fathers have jobs and responsibilities. Our students also have a job . . . which is learning, and his/her place of work is the school. Thus, we want to help each of our students be just as successful as possible. Being productive at school provides a strong foundation for a successful life.

It has long been a tradition of our students to work hard, to respect all members of our

community, and to encourage their classmates to do the same. By working hard to carry on this tradition, we know our students will be able to look back with pride and pleasure. Your future is in your hands today.

As we begin this school year, I want to thank Carol Paulsen for supporting us in the role of Acting Principal during times I am not able to be at school. I know the partnership between school and community will make this an excellent start to the school year.

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Vicenza Middle/High school, H₂O Homework Policy

Students will start with a clean slate each quarter.

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Missed Assignments

- Teacher notifies the parent and principal.

- Student has the opportunity to make up the assignment. Time and grades are to be determined by the teacher.

4th Missed Assignment

- Parent conference is scheduled no later than the 4th missed

assignment. (Team conference is welcomed.)

- Student has the opportunity to make up the assignment. Time and grades are to be determined by the teacher.

5th Missed Assignment

- Student is assigned to Saturday school to make up missing assignments. Grades are to be determined by the teacher for whom the assignments are being completed.

Vicenza High school fall cheerleading tryouts

There will be an interest meeting for the Vicenza High School fall cheerleading squad Aug. 27 at 3 p.m. in Hut G.

All VHS students in grades 9-12 who are interested in trying out for fall cheerleading should attend this informational meeting.

Fall cheerleading tryouts will be held from Aug. 28-31, each day after school.

School Calendars for 2007-2008

Vicenza Elementary School calendar for 2007-2008

Aug. 20:	New Parent/Student Orientation 11-12:30 VES Gym
Aug. 22:	Reporting date for Educator Personnel
Aug. 27:	First day of regular instruction for 1st-6th grade & PSCD students (buses as regular)
Sept. 3:	No school-Labor Day
Sept. 4:	1st Day for Kindergarten
Sept. 11:	Open House, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Post Theatre
Oct. 5:	No school for students-In-Service Day (coincides w/VHS)
Oct. 8:	No school-Columbus Day
Oct. 10-12:	Individual School Pictures
Oct. 26:	Early release for SIP (coincides with VHS)
Nov. 1:	End of 1st quarter
Nov. 2:	No school for students,(Teacher Workday)
Nov. 7-8:	No school for students-Parent-Teacher Conferences (all day)
Nov. 12:	No School-Veterans' Day
Nov.14:	Awards Assemblies-4-6 th Grades (VES Gym)
Nov. 22-23:	No school-Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 24-Jan. 4, 2008:	No school-Winter Break
2008	
Jan. 7:	Instruction resumes
Jan. 18:	No school for students-In-service(coincides w/VHS)
Jan. 21:	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, no school
Jan. 24:	End of 2 nd quarter and 1 st semester
Jan. 25:	No school for students-Teacher Workday
Feb. 7:	Awards Assemblies- 3 rd -6 th Grades (VES Gym)
Feb. 18:	No school-Presidents' Day, no school
March 10:	Early release for SIP (coincides with VHS)
March 10-21:	Terra Nova Testing grade 3-6
Apr.3:	End of 3 rd quarter
Apr.4:	No school for students-Teacher Workday
Apr. 7-11:	No school-Spring Break
Apr. 14:	Instruction resumes
Apr. 17-18:	No school for students-Parent Conferences(all day)
Apr. 21-May 9:	Online testing grades 3-7
May 26:	No school-Memorial Day
June 6:	Field Day, 12:30-2:30 (rain date of 8 June)
June 11:	Presidential Academic Awards for 6 th graders – 4 th & 5 th grades attend
June 12:	Last day for students, end of 4 th quarter
June 13:	Last day for teachers

Please be aware that these dates are subject to change if necessary. We will do everything possible to publish advance notice if changes are made.

Vicenza Middle/High School calendar for 2007-2008

Aug. 20	Orientation for New Students
Aug. 27	Begin First Quarter and First Semester
Sept.3	No school-Labor Day-Federal Holiday
Oct. 5	No school for students-Staff Development Day
Oct. 8	No school-Columbus Day-Federal Holiday
Oct.26	Early Release of Students for SIP
Nov.1	End of First Quarter
Nov. 2	No school for students - teacher work day
Nov. 5	Begin second quarter
Nov. 8	Report Card Conferences
Nov. 12	No school-Federal Holiday(Veterans' Day - Nov. 11)
Nov. 22	No school-Thanksgiving - Federal Holiday
Nov. 23	No school-Friday - Recess Day
Dec. 24	No school-Begin Winter Recess
Dec. 25	No school-Christmas - Federal Holiday
2008	
Jan. 1	No school-New Year's Day - Federal Holiday
Jan. 7	Instruction Resumes
Jan. 18	No school for students-Staff Development Day
Jan. 21	No school-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Federal Holiday
Jan. 24	End of Second Quarter and First Semester
Jan. 25	No school for students - teacher work day
Jan. 28	Begin Third Quarter and Second Semester
Feb. 18	No school-Presidents' Day - Federal Holiday
March 10	Early Release of Students for SIP
April 3	End of Third Quarter
April 4	No school for students - teacher work day
April 7	No school-Begin Spring Recess
April 14	Instruction Resumes - Begin Fourth Quarter
April 18	No school for students-Report Card Conferences/ Enrollment SY 08-07
May 26	No school-Memorial Day - Federal Holiday
June 12	End of Fourth Quarter - Last day of school for students
June 13	No school for students - teacher work day

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School Bus Safety



Behavior at the Bus Stop

1. Stay three giant steps away from the curb and wait for the bus to arrive.
2. Don't push, shove or bully other students.
3. The bus driver will not stop until the stop is safe.
4. Elementary children enter bus first then high school.

Behavior on the Bus

1. Follow the "10 School Bus Safety Rules" in your handbook.
2. Show your bus pass to the bus driver.
3. Listen to the security guide and bus driver.
4. Sit down in your seat and fasten your seat belt.

Departing the Bus At The Stop

1. Gather all of your belongings and book bag.
2. Be careful going down the stairs (use handrails).
3. Stay three giant steps away from the bus.
4. Never walk in front of or behind the bus.
5. Let the bus leave the stop before crossing the street.

Vicenza Student Transportation Office Press Release

Going To The Bus Stop

1. Be at your stop five minutes before bus arrives.
2. Walk to bus stop using sidewalks and crosswalks.
3. Stay three feet away from the curb.
4. Never walk in front or behind the bus.



Keeping children safe top concern for school transportation

Vicenza Student Transportation Office Press Release

Responsibilities for maintaining a safe and secure school bus transportation is a joint responsibility involving the Department of Defense Education Activity, military communities, students and their families.

Parents of students under the age of 10 years old (off post) and 9 years old (on post) are required to be physically present at the bus stop during the morning and afternoon runs.

Suspension or loss or riding privileges could result in non-compliance with DoDDS directives.

These responsibilities are particularly important when they pertain to children under the age of 9 (on post) and 10 years old (off post). Students in this category have been issued **Pink bus passes** to identify them to our drivers and security guides as requiring special attention.

The Vicenza Student Transportation Office has concerns and wants to assist parents in arriving at an appropriate solution for complying with this policy. Here are some options available if you are unable to escort your child to (and remain with while bus arrives and loads) and from the bus stop.

If you have a neighbor who normally escorts his or her children, perhaps you could take turns escorting each other's children. This requires the parent to send an e-mail or stop by the Transportation Office so we can

make an authorization card with names of persons authorized to pickup your children from the bus stop.

If your child has an older (10 years old and older) sibling, parents may designate this sibling as the individual responsible to escort the younger sibling.

Parents and sponsors who choose to place the responsibility on an older sibling, must ensure this child knows he or she must wait by the door after disembarking for their younger sibling.

Please remember that if a parent, authorized adult, or older sibling isn't at the bus stop to pickup the child, the only alternative is to return your child to the STO as indicated in the Vicenza Policy Memorandum 06-13, Standards of Conduct for Students Riding DoDDS School Buses.

The STO must insist any child requiring adult supervision be released to the respective adult, authorized person or older sibling at the door of the bus. To do otherwise leaves the possibility of the child straying into unsafe territory and risking serious harm. As in the scholastic arena, parents are the most advocates for student success and safety.

The STO contractors, drivers and safety guides take their responsibilities very seriously. They solicit your assistance and support in this endeavor to keep student riders safe.

For details contact the STO at 634-8132 or 8366.

173d ABCT Spouses head for the hills



Story and photos by Monique Ryan
Special to the Outlook

Leogang, Austria—Nestled in the Austrian Alps is the small town of Leogang. The beautiful scenery reminds you of the rolling hills setting for the movie *The Sound of Music*.

Found on the www.eurorelais.com Web site, the *Mauthof* is a rental home that can accommodate up to 13 people. Six spouses of deployed 173d Soldiers assigned to the Brigade Support Battalion and Special Troops Battalion stationed in Bamberg, Germany, made the trip south. Along with seven of their children, they took a well-deserved break from the daily



stress to enjoy the change in scenery.

As the first American visitors to this home, the traveling companions were pleased with the house and

awed by its beautiful view.

“The view is breath taking. I just couldn’t believe that I was there,” said Jenny Looman, spouse of Spc. Jeremy Looman, B-Co. 173d BSB. Looman and her two children, Kyra and Halle, are undergoing their first deployment and have only been stationed in Germany since February.

According to Nina Johnson, wife of Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Johnson, Headquarters and Headquarter Company, 173d BSB, being able to tell her husband all about the trip has made him feel more secure knowing that his family is all right and taken care of.

“Though he hates not being able to join us on these trips, knowing that we are doing okay allows him to focus on his mission downrange,” Johnson said.

Leogang is only a short distance from Salzburg and Berchtesgaden, home of the Eagle’s Nest, Hitler’s summer home. Both are worth a visit and Salzburg also offers a *Sound of Music* tour.

Berchtesgaden lures you with awesome food, great shopping, beautiful homes, the Eagles Nest, and a new museum that offers a view of the town during its Nazi period.

Leogang offers great skiing during the winter months and in the summer, visitors can find the most

beautiful walking and biking trails.

There are plenty of places to enjoy horse back riding featuring trails for novice to experienced riders.

The people of Leogang are very friendly and most speak some English or they will find someone who does. As in most places in Austria, both children and dogs are welcome in almost all facilities in the area.

The 173d spouses have made a pact to continue to take weekend

trips to keep them occupied, entertained and make the deployment of their loved ones go by faster.

The following Web sites offer specific information: www.eurorelais.com, www.millinghof.at, www.onthesnow.com/AT-AT/712 and www.berchtesgaden.com.

For those interested in the Sound of Music tour, visit the Web site: www.europeforvisitors.com/switzaustria/articles/salzburg_sound_of_music_tours.htm.



(Top Left) Jenny Looman and her daughter, family of Spc. Jeremy Looman, B-Co. 173d BSB, enjoy the hills of Austria. (Far Left) The daughter of Lt. Col. James Ryan, 173d BSB, cools off in a river with family dog Chelsea. (Above) Cynthia Giesecke, with her daughter and cousin, family of Capt. Heath Giesecke, C-Co. 173d STB, enjoy dinner at a traditional Austrian restaurant.

A hidden talent burns at Camp Darby thrift shop



Mirella Todaro proudly displays some of her art work.

Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Mirella Todaro is a quiet woman who works at the Camp Darby’s Second Chance thrift shop as the assistant manager. But there is a hidden talent within her.

Born in Rome, Mirella always had a passion for art. In 1970 she moved to the United States, where she discovered the artistic style of *pyrography*.

Pyrography is the ancient technique of burning an image onto a surface, normally timber or leather, using different tool tips.

“I was very curious of this technique which was totally new to

me,” Todarois said. “As soon as I learned to use it, it became my passion.”

When Todarois returned to Tuscany, she continued her art, practicing at the arts and crafts center where she was encouraged by Joy Reed, former Arts and Crafts manager, to continue to cultivate her hobby.

“Joy said I had a very particular and rare attitude towards the *naive* style,” explained Todarois. “She insisted that I show others my art work, so I participated in various art exhibits, mainly in Pisa, Livorno and Lucca.”

Todarois has started selling her art work, but has mixed emotions about doing it.

“It can be hard to be an artist and sell your art work. In a way you don’t want to give your piece away. But on the other hand, you are glad people like what you created,” Todarois said. “I like being appreciated as an artist.”

“This passion of mine gives me very special emotions, once I start a project I have to finish it,” she said.

“In the future I want to continue to express myself through art and carry on this ancient technique. Maybe I will involve my daughter who is studying architecture and design,” she said.

Todarois’ work is currently on display at Darby’s Second Glance Thrift shop.

Army’s 15:12 program rates a Blue Star at Schweinfurt

Story and photo by Mark Heeter
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs
Special to the Outlook

SCHWEINFURT, Germany—The Blue Star that hangs in the window of a deployed Soldier’s family home is taking on a new meaning here.

Mirroring Army and Installation Management Command actions, U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt Child and Youth Services has started a major cost-cutting initiative for children of deployed Soldiers.

The Army labels the overall deployment-specific morale, welfare and recreation program “15:12,” referring to 15 months downrange and 12 months at home.

USAG Schweinfurt calls it Blue Star, with a heavy focus on youth support.

“Army leadership is trying to do

some things to alleviate stress and in my arena, that involves reducing the cost of child care,” said Kris Davis, acting CYS chief, referring to three main incentives.

During a Soldier’s deployment, CYS provides a 20 percent discount on regularly scheduled full- or part-time child care; free participation in two sports per child per year; and free tuition in four eight-week sessions of SKIES (Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills). Plus, the annual registration fee is waived.

“We know that when a Soldier is home, even though they’re busy and have a lot going on, they still take on child care (responsibilities). So that extra support for the remaining spouse is not there when the Soldier is deployed,” Davis said.

“By reducing our fees, it helps (families) reduce their cost of child

care or to save their money on other things to improve their quality of life,” she added.

As one of the Army’s highly-impacted communities because of ongoing operations, the Schweinfurt garrison also receives additional flexibility to expand other services, an opportunity that Davis, her staff and community leaders are evaluating.

“Our families are paying a higher price right now,” Davis said, referring to the current deployments for the Dagger Brigade and the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment in Afghanistan.

“We want kids to be actively involved,” said Bobbie Jones, USAG Schweinfurt School Age Services director. “We want parents to see that we do recognize the situation they are in and that CYS is here to support them.”



SAS2: A boy plays a round of Mancala at U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt’s School Age Services. The garrison’s Blue Star program offers discounts for child care for deployed Soldiers. During a Soldier’s deployment, CYS provides a 20 percent discount on regularly scheduled full- or part-time child care; free participation in two sports per child per year; and free tuition in four eight-week sessions of SKIES. Plus, the annual registration fee is waived.

Out & About

By Dorothy Spagnuolo



Frece Tricolori in flight. Photo by Leda Kreider

Jesolo events

The Italian Air Force team the *Frece Tricolori*, these are the equivalent to the Thunderbirds, will give an exhibition/display over *Jesolo* on Aug. 26 starting at 6 p.m.; and in Piazza Aurora Aug. 24-26 from 8 a.m.-11 p.m. find more than 20 stands offering a free taste of typical Italian food produce.

Events in the area

Latin American fest — The town of *Quinto Vicentino* will hold its 3rd Latin American fest Aug. 29-Sept. 1.

Held in the sports center, entrance fee is 10 euro, or for all three evenings 20 euro. Children under age 14 are free and Quinto residents pay 6 euro entrance fee.

Each evening includes food from a Mexican restaurant, by *Pizza King*, a Brazilian restaurant by *Maracana* and cocktails and drinks by *Cocktail Team*. Start time each night is at 7:30 p.m. where a different group will play and at 8:30 p.m. before a music concert there will be

a dance exhibition. On Aug. 30 there is no entrance fee, the special guest is Cico DJ.

Baseball — Mark your calendar for 9 p.m. Aug. 29 to attend a baseball game at the *Vicenza Baseball Stadium* when a baseball team from Miami, Florida will play Taipei, China. The Miami team is touring Europe and Taipei China is touring Europe and preparing for the world championship baseball tournament in Spain in September. Tickets cost 10 euro and is free for children under 12 years old.

Art exhibition — Paintings by Pino Bassetto, the artist who lives and works in Cavazzale, province of Vicenza will be on display in the *SS. Ambrogio e Bellino Church, Vicenza* from Aug. 25-Sept. 16. Visiting hours are weekdays 3-7 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. Entrance is free.

Tango — At the Teatro Romano in *Verona* the 'Tango x 2' company will perform *Tango Por Dos: La Historia* on Sept 13-14.

This famous Argentine tango company led by Miguel Angel Zotto performs each evening at 9 p.m. Tickets cost 27 or 40 euro.

Guided tours and horse and carriage rides in Vicenza

Show off your adopted home to your friends and family by taking a guided tour of Vicenza's historical center and villas. Tours take place on Saturday afternoon, on foot, or Sunday morning by bus, depending on the type of tour chosen.

Full details and booking in English at www.vicenzae.org click on *Together with Palladio in the great Vicenza set*. Tours can be taken through Oct. 14.

A horse and carriage ride can be taken round the main sites of downtown Vicenza on a Friday or Saturday in the evening from 8 through 11:30 p.m. The start and finish point is from Piazza Biade, cost is 15 euro with up to four persons per carriage. Tours can be taken until the end of September.

Craft market

In the *Marostica* castle, located in the main square of the town, over 50 vendors will be selling their wares to include furniture, ceramics, blown glass and paintings. Open everyday, closed Mondays from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:30-7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday until 10 p.m. until Sept. 9, entrance is free.

Also, on Aug. 26 from sunup to sundown the main square will hold its 30th exhibition of handicrafts.

Soccer kickoff

Soccer teams in the B series, of which Vicenza is one, will kick off Aug. 25, when they play away from home against Brescia; the A series, which includes Inter, Juventus, Milan and Naples kicks-off on Aug. 26.

Brintaal Celtic folk festival

The town of *Valstagna*, province of Vicenza, holds its 6th Celtic folk festival Aug. 23-26 in the park 'Grotte di Oliero.'

Weekend events: Aug. 25 at 3 p.m. restaurant and a craft market opens, Celtic music throughout the day until midnight.

Aug. 26 at noon, restaurants and market opens, Celtic music, by different groups throughout the day. Entrance is free. There is also a camping area available. On both days see an exhibition of Celtic

swords reproduced by Fiorello Dal Santo.

Directions from Vicenza (42 km) are available in Italian clicking on 'dove siamo' on www.brintaal.celticfolk.it, in Italian only.

Venice Marathon

Although the *Venice* marathon is Oct. 28 the earlier you book the less registration fee you have to pay.

The marathon, which is flat and basically downhill, has a start time of 9:15 a.m. in the town of Stra, province of Venice, and will take you along the River Brenta in front of the Palladian Villas of the area.

The runners arrive in Venice via the 'Liberty Bridge,' which links the mainland to the city.

After crossing a floating bridge 400 feet long over the Grand Canal

which leads to St. Mark's Square, runners reach the Riva dei Sette Martiri where the finishing line is located.

Details and booking online can be found on the Web site: www.venicemarathon.it

Dinner under the stars

The commune of Vicenza, in collaboration with the Palladio Restaurant, have organized the 9th edition of *Dinner under the Stars* held on Corso Palladio, the main street downtown Sept. 8 at 8 p.m.

The cost is 35 euro per person and reservations can be made starting Aug. 27 in Palazzo Trissino, which is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays also open from 3-5:30 p.m.



The Castello Inferiore in Marostica, site of the September market. Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Aug. 21	CLOSED	
Aug. 22	Knocked Up (R)	6 p.m.
Aug. 23	Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Aug. 24	Nancy Drew (PG)	6 p.m.
	Star Dust (PG-13) (1st Run)	9 p.m.
Aug. 25	Nancy Drew (PG)	3 p.m.
	Star Dust (PG-13) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Aug. 26	Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer(PG)	3 p.m.
	Star Dust (PG-13) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Aug. 27	CLOSED	
Aug. 28	CLOSED	

Camp Darby Theater

Aug. 23	Knocked Up (R)	6 p.m.
Aug. 24	The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Aug. 25	Nancy Drew (PG)	6 p.m.
Aug. 26	Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer(PG)	2 p.m.

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

Movie Synopsis

STARDUST - Claire Danes, Robert De Niro
A young man named Tristan tries to win the heart of Victoria, the beautiful but cold object of his desire, by going on a quest to retrieve a fallen star. His journey takes him to a mysterious and forbidden land beyond the walls of his village. On his odyssey, Tristan finds the star, which has transformed into a striking girl name Yvaine. However, Tristan is not the only one seeking the star. He must win the heart of the star for himself as he discovers the meaning of true love. Rated PG-13 (fantasy violence, risque humor) 124 min.

Classified Ads

NOTE: The Outlook does not take classifieds and we only print ads placed during the last week.

Sellers must place ads on www.vicenzamwr.com.

Buyers must go to the Vicenza MWR Web site, www.vicenzamwr.com for details about items for sale below.

7 month old blk Pitt Bull puppy needs a good home.

Navigation for mac laptop. Route 66 software w/ Europe, USA, and Canada maps

College Student needs ride from Costozza to Caserma Ederle in morning and after work.

Selling like-new Little Touch LeapPad with 6 books. Excellent condition.

Books: Guess How Much I Love You, One Bear in the Bedroom, others. All books have the activity card and cartridge included

Need AFN decoder box and remote.

Wanted Dora/Diego or Elmo Books

1992 Alfa Romeo, 5 spd, 164, Reliable Car

1996 Alfa Romeo 164 Super for sale. This car runs great. It has been very dependable.

Looking for a small dog. One who will stay in the yard that is great with kids and is very calm.

Free Cat: One year old Siamese mix cat, she lives with a dog and needs a good home.

1998 F150 Ford Pick-up 4 X 4: Excellent condition inside and out. \$12,700, OBO.

Artic Fox mid-thigh length medium fur coat in very good condition. Selling for 250 euros.

Wanted: Looking for a 3 bdrm/2bath house in the 300,000-320,000 euro range. Bi-Tri family is ok. Complete with kitchen & light fixtures. No fixer-uppers.

1998 Chrysler Neon: European specs, Stick shift, A/C, A very clean car. \$3000.

Snow chains, for Toyota Corolla, or similar autos. Never used, in original box. \$50. 1999 Kawasaki Vulcan. \$4500 or best offer.

Pinarello Galileo Road Bicycle. 1500 Euro new, \$950 or best offer
2003 Piaggio Vespa, 125CC motor, new condition. \$2000 dollars or best offer.

54" BLK HITACHI HD/LCD TV Moving back to the states and want to sell. \$2000.

1999 BUELL S-3, All original 15,500 miles \$3950, OBO.

Trampoline. Looking for an outdoor trampoline in good condition.

Double Stroller: Need a double stroller, preferably a Sit-N-Stand style.

Changing Table. Looking for a changing table

Wolff system Bellarium S Tanning Bed. Great Condition. 1200 Euro, OBO.

1988 BMW 318i- \$700 OBO
Hoover Vacuum Cleaner. Model 1030 with extra bags. 110 Volts. \$15
Bedside lamp \$5 and Coleman 2 QT Beverage Thermos \$10

Glider. Looking for a glider/rocking chair.

42" Panasonic Plasma, Multisystem, (less than 4 months old, \$1,299 OBO.

Cannondale F300. Like new, only used a few times. Best offer Trek Jack 2 Freeride Bike

Air Conditioner / FAN / Dehumidifier. Great condition. Best Offer.

Blue Winnie the Pooh Baby Travel System with Stroller, Car Seat, Base. Like new. Best offer.

Pet sitter, overnight (labor day weekend) for my 15 yr old dog, Murphy

Turtles for sale. An aquarium with 3 Turtles. \$100 OBO.

1991 Nissan Skyline GTR. Too many modifications to list. \$17,500 OBO.

1987 Mini Cooper for sale. Runs great. \$3500 Firm. Paid \$5500..

Embroiderer wanted; I am looking for someone with a machine that can do some items for me.

Community notes

USO classes

Non-credit Italian classes, Beginning Italian, Level I, runs Sept. 11-Nov. 8, cost is \$112. Level II runs Nov. 27-Jan. 29 (will break for the holidays Dec. 21-Jan.3), cost is \$100. Level III runs Sept. 19-Dec. 5, cost is \$120.

Knitting Class, Sept.17- Oct. 22, cost is \$25 for six sessions.

Mommy Wednesday: Is held every Wednesday at the USO. Bring the children in for dinner and a movie.

Dinner & A Movie: Is every Tuesday. Soldiers and their friends are welcome to the USO for some home-cooked food and a movie.

For details or to sign up, stop by the USO, located across from the Shoppette, or call 634-7156.

QM laundry

pick-up point

Permanent time change. Effective Sept.1, open Tuesdays and Thursdays only, from 9 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the Army

The semi-annual community SAEDA training will be held on the following dates for the Department of Defense Civilians, Host Nation Support Staff, Contractors and Soldiers. Units are welcome to take advantage of this briefing in order to complete yearly training requirements for SAEDA.

All briefings will take place in the Vicenza Post Theater.

Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m. - In English

Sept. 13,9:30 a.m. - In Italian

Oct. 9, 2 p.m. - In English

Oct. 11, 2 p.m. - In Italian

All training will be conducted at the training areas above in the language outlined. SAEDA training is a mandatory yearly requirement for all DoD civilians and Soldiers in accordance with AR 381-12. This briefing will cover individuals for FY08.

Training documentation will be disseminated to units upon completion of training when requested.

The point of contact for this training is Albertina Littleton at 634-

8998.

Army Community Service **translation services**

Moving to a new country can be challenging and often very stressful, especially considering the language barrier, but your local TIPS team is here to help.

TIPS is a volunteer-run organization and part of Army Community Service in Davis Family Readiness Center.

TIPS provides a translation/interpreting service to Soldiers and family members in the Caserma Ederle community. The services available include translations of marriage, birth and jump certificates, and verbal translations of letters and phone calls to contact companies on your behalf.

There are some restrictions, such as the volunteers can not liaison with Telecom or utilities suppliers.

A wide range of languages are offered including Italian, German, French, Spanish and Japanese. If you need assistance with any of the above, come by the TIPS office in the Davis FRC.

Office hours vary, so call ACS at 634- 7500 for details.

The TIPS team is also looking for new volunteers. If you speak a foreign language and would like to join the team, drop by ACS today.

Lost and found

The Vicenza Military Police Station has found property that needs to be claimed.

The following articles can be picked up at the Vicenza Military Police station between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday after identification of the property has been made.

Turned-in property includes: six wallets, diaper bag, hoody, gloves, six cell phones, watch, eyeglasses, two phone chargers, ID card holder, three change purses, a drill, two shoulder bags, a necklace, 12 bikes, seven rings and approximately 300 sets of keys.

Any organizations or individuals with found property can bring it to the Vicenza MP

station 24 hours a day. This property will be retained until the owner can be found or the items, if unclaimed, can be properly disposed of.

American Red Cross

If you are interested in volunteering, attend the Volunteer Orientation Sept.4 at 11 a.m.

Babysitter training class is Sept. 22, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

CPR training class is Sept. 8, 5 p.m. -9 p.m.

All training is held at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center (Bldg 108). Call the American Red Cross at 634-7089 for details.

Horseback Riding

ODR invites you, your friends and family to an exciting weekend getaway Sept. 7-9.

Included in the weekend price of \$180 is horseback riding, hiking, local dishes, packed lunch and breakfast and shared double room for two night.

The agriturismo is hidden in a beautiful valley and you'll feel a thousand miles from your day to day reality. The style of the agriturismo is rustic and you'll be able to savor the "Vicentino" hospitality. Stop by Outdoor Rec to sign up or call 634-7453, the bus leaves at 5 p.m. Sept. 7 and returns at 2 p.m. Sept. 9.

The deadline for sign up is Sept. 3 at Outdoor Recreation.

Parents' Night Out/CDC opens Saturdays

Aug. 24 is Parents' Night Out and childcare is provided for children ages 6 weeks to 11 years old, from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Parents may use their deployment care cards or pay for service at the time of reservation in the CYS Central Registration office. Reservations must be made a week in advance. Call Central Registration at 634-7219.

The Child Development Center is open Saturdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. for hourly care for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. Parents may use their deployment care cards or pay for the service. Reservations

at the CDC are recommended, although walk-ins will be accepted if space is available.

Call the CDC at 634-7559.

Back to School/School Age Services/Youth Services/Teen Center

Back to School for Youth Services begins Aug. 27. The Teen Center opens for grades 9 - 12 after school 3p.m. - 6 p.m. Mon-Thur., 3 p.m.- 7 p.m. on Friday. Saturday the center is open for grades 6 - 12 from noon - 8 p.m.

Check out the lunch programs offered. Middle School Center moves back to Villaggio and is open for grades 6 a.m.-noon, 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 3 p.m.-10 p.m. the first Friday of each month.

School Age Services will move their newly renovated building 308. Hours of operation are Mon. Fri. 6a.m. - 8 a.m. (before school), 3p.m. - 6 p.m. (after school), 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. when school is not in session.

Be sure to register your child for before and after school care. Stop by CYS Central Registration, or call 634-7206, or 0444-71-7206 from off post, for details on these programs.

Palio Medieval Festival

Visit the Palio Medieval Festival Sept. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. with help from ITR. The festival will be held in Montagnana, which is about an hour away by bus.

Travelers will take a tour of the castle, medieval walls, and a small fortress in the trees. There will be free time to visit the medieval market. Lunch will be in a typical Italian restaurant with two antipasti, two first courses, wine and water. After lunch, there will be a historical reenactment with a parade, musicians and a flag weaver's exhibition, medieval fights, a horse race, and an awards ceremony.

The bus returns to Caserma Ederle by 8 p.m. Cost of the trip includes transportation, a guided tour of the castle, lunch, entrance fee to the museum and the medieval show, and an ITR trip assista

For details and reservations call ITR at 634-7094.

Religious Activities

Ederle Chapel

For details call the chapel at :634-7519 (0444-71-7519).

Weekday Mass

Mass is now held at noon Wednesday-Monday.

Saturday Services

4-4:30 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment
5 p.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

Sunday Services

NOTE: Sunday School services are not held over the summer.

9 a.m.: Catholic Mass
10:45 a.m.-noon: Catholic Religious Education
11 a.m.: Protestant worship
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship and Children's church
4 p.m.: Lutheran Services
6 p.m.: Contemporary worship

Muslim Services

The khutba and prayer will take place in the post chapel conference room Fridays, just after 12 p.m.

Jewish services

The Jewish New Year of 5768 will be very soon. It starts the eve of Wednesday, Sept. 12. Stephen and Nancy November would like to know if you will be able to attend services and/or traditional meals at a location close to the base.

Please e-mail at november6@msn.com and have a happy and sweet new year!

For details regarding Jewish services, contact Dr. Steven or Nancy November at november6@msn.com.

Darby Chapel

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

8:30 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

Army Community Services

WR and Family Programs encourages you, your friends, family and FRG members to participate in Army Community Services programs, which can be very helpful during deployment.

The Soldier and Family Assistance Center doors are open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. for all information and referrals. The FAC is located in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

The Communication Center is open Mon-Fri from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sat-Sun from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. for Internet and email access, web cam/messaging, viditalk and official business faxing services.

The Media Center is open Mon.-Fri. from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. and on Sat.-Sun. from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. for VTC and DVD Messaging Kits.

Create a 30 Minute DVD for your Family to keep /or to send to your Soldier downrange

ACS Highlights:

Aug. 15: How to Ace the interview. Discover what you need to do to have a successful job interview. Class is held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in DSFRC.

Call 634-6884 or 7500. Reservations are required.

Travel the world with

Freddie Fap

Aug. 15, from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Join Freddie FAP and his family as he travels around the world learning about different countries and cultures with Family Advocacy. A different country is explored every month.

Class is held in DSFRC. Reservations are required.

Call FAP at 634-7314 or 7500.

Dressing on a budget

Aug. 23: Learn useful tips on how to dress up while keeping the

costs down. Snacks provided as well as information on personal finance, credit and investing.

10-11 a.m.

Call Financial Readiness 634-7500.

Reservation Required.

Womens' Roundtable

Aug. 28: Exceptional Family Member Program associates and members of the community gather to discuss concerns and interests.

This forum is open to a variety of discussions, to include children's programs and issues, recipe demonstrations, health issues and just about anything. 11 a.m.-noon. Call EFMP at 634-8582/7500

Effective parenting during deployment class

Held Aug. 28, from noon-1 p.m. in DSFRC, this workshop focuses on parenting challenges faced

during deployment.

Sponsored by the Family Advocacy Program, reservations are required.

Call 634-7314 or 634-7500 for details.

Using credit wisely

Aug. 28: Not all credit is bad. Learn the advantages and disadvantages of using credit. Class is from 3-4 p.m. in DSFRC and reservations are required.

Call Financial Readiness at 634-8525 or 7500 for details.

AFTB Level 1: Surviving and Thriving in the Army

Aug. 29-30: Learn about etiquette, protocol, benefits, and Army traditions, as well as interpreting the LES, acronyms and chain of command, rank and Army structure. Class is held 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

No prerequisites for this class and Soldiers can earn promotion points. Childcare is provided. Reservations are required.

Call AFTB at 634-8526/7500 or email aftb.vicenza@eur.army.mil.

Infant massage class

Aug. 30: Learn the benefits for you and your baby in this class, offered in cooperation with EDIS.

Class is held in the NPSF livingroom, located in DSFRC, from 10-11:30 a.m.

Call 634-7567 for details.

Military Family Life consultants available

Military family life consultants are available for you, your FRG, or agency.

Free, confidential assistance is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 634-7500 (off Post 0444-71-7500).

Tennis tops Vicenza sporting week



(Top) Children ages 8-14 came out to participate in the basic tennis clinic held on Caserma Ederle Aug. 13-14. (Above Right) Volunteer coach Ricky Andriolo helps out a boy with some tips on a proper tennis serve. (Above) A young boy has his forehand serve down already, as he starts a volley during one of his games at the clinic.

Basic tennis clinic a hit

Story and photos by Deniz Houston
Outlook Volunteer

For the first time in 20 years, youth of the Vicenza community were treated to a two-day tennis clinic sponsored by Child & Youth Services. Fourteen people ages, 8-14 participated in the basic tennis clinic.

The sentiment of the participants was summed up by 8-year old Noah Ghiz, "I wish this could last at least a week. It was really fun."

The clinic was held to see if there was any interest in the community for youth tennis lessons in the coming months.

Houstons top adult tennis tourney

Story and photos by
Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

James Houston (far right) serves to Ricky Andriolo in the first match of the USAG Vicenza Tennis Tournament that took place over the weekend.

Mark Sullivan (below right) returns a serve during his losing match with Houston, while Troy Arambula misses his return going down in defeat to Houston as well.

Emine Houston won the women's open defeating Annie Furlong.

Both adult Houston's were undefeated in the tournament.

Tournament results

Men's Open

Championship Game

Jamie Houston - Dentac (6)-(6)
vs. Mark Sullivan - DODDS (2)-(4)

1st Place - Jamie Houston - Dentac
2nd Place - Mark Sullivan - DODDS
3rd Place - Troy Arambula - SETAF

Women's Open

Emine Houston - Dentac (8) vs.
Annie Furlong (5)

1st Place - Emine Houston - Dentac
2nd Place - Annie Furlong - DODDS



Sports shorts

CYS Coaching Clinic

CYS is offering a coaching clinic Aug. 28 from 9 a.m.-noon, for those interested in coaching soccer, basketball, baseball/softball, cheerleading, and flag football. Coaches can only be certified to coach one sport per clinic. Deadline for registration is at least three days prior to the clinic.

For details call CYS Sports & Fitness at 634-6151/6152.

Bowling Center

National Bowling Week is Aug. 25-31. Go to the Ederle Lanes for chances to win music downloads, iPods, free bowling packages, MP3s, movie tickets, USB wristband flash drives, food and more.

Every Monday it's free bowling. Every Friday it's half price bowling from noon-3 p.m.

The Bowling Center is recruiting now for bowling leagues, so all of you bowlers or wannabe bowlers get your teams together and call or stop by the Ederle Lanes and register your today. For details call 634-7013.

CYS Triathlon

The Child and Youth Services Sports & Fitness Office is sponsoring a Triathlon for children 6-18 years old, Aug. 25, 8 a.m. There will be three age brackets, 6-10, 11-14, and 15-18, with varying distances.

Call Central Registration at 634-6151.

CYS soccer season

Soccer season enrollment ends Aug. 24. The cost is \$36 for ages 3-18. The season begins Sept. 4. Youth must be registered CYS members, have valid ID card and Social Security number, two emergency contact phone numbers and a current health assessment. Call CYS Sports and Fitness at 634-6151.

Fit-4-Life kickoff

The mission of this program is to provide the educational information and tools for students in grades 9-12 to make better decisions regarding fitness and eating habits. In providing this education we hope to decrease the increasing health risks facing our youth.

After participating in the program teens will make lifestyle changes and be able to maintain them after program because they will have the tools and knowledge to make the right choices in their life. Their self esteem will improve and they will live longer and better.

The program will start its second round on Sept. 18. It's free including materials, T-Shirts, incentives, prizes and pedometers will be also provided at no cost.

This program is brought to you through by a variety of agencies in the USAG Vicenza community.

For details call Emily Rich at 634-7447 (Heath Clinic) or Lesley Gomez, Health Promotion office, at 634-8828.