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## Speak Out

What's the best gift to give for Valentine's Day?



Sgt. 1st Class Connell Gaskin  
HHC, 1st-503rd Infantry

*"Unfortunately I missed it last year and I was on deployment this year. I just got back Monday."*



Veronica Lauer  
Family member

*"We didn't do any Carnevale this year. It's just one of those years where you work all the time."*



Sgt. Marcus Collins  
173rd BSB

*"I just went to Venice, walked around sightseeing. It was real nice. I never saw anything like that before."*

By David Ruderman

# Sky Soldiers begin return to Vicenza

By Col. Robert C. McKenzie  
USAHC Vicenza

It has been a long deployment for the Soldiers and Families of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, and a lot has changed during that time.

As our heroes return to their Families and the Vicenza community, we will all be dealing with these changes. As we know, with change comes stress — both good and bad. Whether this is the first deployment or one of many, it is a time of transition and brings with it certain challenges.

During times of change emotions can be especially intense. Your joy at reunion is powerful and exciting, but disappointments can be extra strong too, so be aware.

It makes sense to think about and discuss reunion for a lot of reasons, mainly to ease the adjustment, facilitate the transition and make everybody more relaxed. To prepare for reunion there are many things to think about. Talking about your feelings is an important part of success.

Spouses may be thinking, “How much has my Soldier changed?” “Will we still have things to talk about?” “Have I managed our money well?” “Did I do OK with the kids?”

Soldiers may worry whether their family still needs them, will their children recognize them, how did things go while they were gone and if their families will even be happy to see them.

Children wonder too: “Will Dad or Mom be interested in what I have been doing?” “Will I get punished for certain things I did while they were away?” “Will the rules

change at home?” or “How long will Dad or Mom stay?”

Remember, it’s natural to feel anxious as well as excited.

You can ease the tension in a variety of ways. By emailing and talking with your spouse during the separation and the time leading up to the reunion, you can discuss your thoughts, feelings and compare expectations. You can talk with other spouses in the same situation, quickly finding out that they are facing similar issues. Talk with your children. Ask them questions and help them express their feelings. Help them to be realistic about the reunion.

Being realistic is the healthy approach to reunion. Expect some changes and challenges. People grow. It is only natural that children, spouses, Soldiers, Families and friends change with time. They won’t be exactly as you remember. Communication might be difficult at first. Since everybody has changed, it might take a while to get reconnected.

This is especially true for children. Let them go at their own pace. Roles have changed. Interests may have changed. Old problem don’t disappear. It is nice to remember people at their best, but separation doesn’t usually solve problems. Concerns about family communication or household habits don’t automatically disappear. Don’t expect to resolve any of these issues right away.

Despite delays, the exciting day of homecoming will eventually arrive. Try to make it special by planning time for a celebration. Get the whole family involved and ask everyone for their ideas. Stay flexible, realize people might be tired or have a little spur-of-the-moment idea for fun.

## The reintegration process takes time, patience, support

During the weeks that follow your homecoming, be patient. Don’t expect everything to happen at once. Readjustment to the family’s “new normal” might take a few months. Adjust gradually with small changes, and make them slowly. Large or rapid changes in roles can be a shock for the whole system. Make individual time. It is important for spouses to spend time together without family or friends. Unplug your phone, get a babysitter and go out on a date.

When you are reunited, try to avoid tight schedules. Your Soldier might be looking forward to a little down time with fewer demands. Manage your expectations and everything goes a little more smoothly. Some sexual tension doesn’t mean that they aren’t happy with you or the family, more likely that they are just re-acclimating to family life. Allow time to adjust and don’t expect your Soldier to do things exactly as before. Expect your spouse to be a little hurt by your success at home. Everyone likes to feel needed.

You can make the adjustment easier for your children if you give them some time too. When a parent has been away, it might take some time to warm up to and accept that parent again. Young children may also be mad at a parent for leaving them. Babies might be afraid of a parent they have never met. Plan some special time for the child and the returning parent to get reacquainted. Expect children to test limits. When a parent returns, it’s natural for a child to find out how things have changed by acting up a little.

Soldiers, welcome home. Be patient and don’t undo all the changes. If your spouse has been doing the check-

book, or a teen is now doing some of the cooking, don’t demand an immediate return to the way things were. Go easy on discipline. Don’t try to whip things into shape. Take some time to understand how your family has changed during the separation.

Support positive changes by showing pleasure and interest in how your family has grown. Expect some sexual tension. When two people have been separated, it usually takes some time to get relaxed and re-acquainted. If this part of your relationship was healthy prior to your deployment, chances are it will be again. Above all, talk with your loved ones. Communication is the basis of healthy, growing relationships.

Soldier and Families can expect this reunion period to be full of adjustments, both good and bad. Most families readjust and develop a new normal within a few months without any significant consequences.

If after a reasonable period, you’re still having trouble adjusting, turn to the many resources in our community for help, including your unit’s Family Readiness Group, command and unit Chaplains (call 634-7519), Military Family Life Consultants (call 333-489-8967) and Army Community Services (call 634-7500) for anger management, stress management, couples communication and related issues.

You can also contact the Wellness Center (634-8186) for stress reduction, yoga and meditation; the Army Substance Abuse Program (634-7554) or Behavioral Health (636-9140).

You are not alone. Resources are available, please turn to us.



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**As Del Din prepares to open in the second half of this year, outfitting of the facilities is in full swing and goes well beyond the singular structures. Providing Soldiers an attractive, well-organized landscape design plays an important role in the sustainability strategies of an installation that aims at being a model for the stewardship of natural resources.**



## PLANTING GREEN SPACE AT DEL DIN

Caserma Del Din will in fact be the first of its kind to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold rating for a campus-wide project.

"We are serious about protecting and improving the environment and have spared nothing to ensure that Del Din, a project authorized by the Italian government, is seriously green," said Col. David Buckingham, U.S. Army Vicenza garrison commander during a tree-planting event at Del Din Feb. 5.

The entire installation covers an area of 145 acres, of which nearly one-third is open green space. The open space contributes to the LEED Gold rating by implementing water efficient landscaping and use of indigenous plants that thrive on site with minimal care and reduced maintenance costs.

"The Del Din landscaping plan is designed to enhance the visual character and the environmental quality of the installation," said Buckingham. He explained that the variety of flora, carefully selected by landscape experts, maximizes use of native plants to guarantee the conditions for plant growth and success. Most importantly, he said, the overall green concept was to ensure that Del Din fits pleasantly into the beautiful Vicenza area.

"We have already planted over 600 of the 1,100 large trees we have on hand and are planting as part of the Del Din landscape," Buckingham said. "In addition to the trees, we are planting 5,000 shrubs and over 82,000 ground cover plants and grasses that grow naturally in Northern Italy, and that we purchased from local nurseries."

He said this is just part of "our commitment to make

the new base one of the greenest installations in the Army, and offer our Soldiers a healthier, cleaner and more enjoyable place to live and work."

The principles of landscape development adopted for Del Din aim at creating an impression of unity, balance and rhythm in order to frame and enhance the visual impact of the different types of buildings, said Bruno Manea, engineer technician in charge of landscaping and urbanization for the Navy resident officer in charge of construction.

As a tangible example of the comprehensive planning, a variety of large ash trees is already on site and will become the backbone of the green north-south axis of the base. An endless row of thriving ashes will provide shade to the lawns of the company operation commands while groupings of maples, holly oaks, oaks, common alders and hornbeams are being beautifully scattered around the buildings as well as dozens of other medium trees, including yews, cypresses, magnolias, pines and Judas trees.

To understand the magnitude of the ongoing green landscaping endeavor, Manea said that over 20,000 durable creeping perennials are being planted that will border the sidewalks of the two barracks courtyards alone.

With spring just around the corner, thousands of bushes of creeping junipers, spurge, periwinkle and roses will soon brighten the pathways of an installation that is mostly pedestrian and in which traffic access will be limited to emergency and service vehicles.

Of the \$307 million of the MILCON project, \$1.6 million was devoted to the Del Din landscaping.



Photos by Laura Kreider

(Opposite) Garrison staff and contractors plant an alder tree at Caserma Del Din Feb. 5. (Above) USAG Vicenza commander, Col. David Buckingham, thanks Bruno Manea for helping oversee the landscaping of Del Din.

# Sky Soldiers study land nav with Tuscania Regiment

American Soldiers finish three weeks of training with Italian counterparts

By Sgt. Joel Vazquez  
173rd ABCT PAO

In an emergency situation, knowing where you are going can mean the difference between life and death.

Land navigation can be a difficult skill to learn but even more difficult to master. Sometimes to be the best you have to step outside your comfort zone and try something new, which is exactly what four Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team did late last month.

Spc. Francisco Reyes, Spc. Jesse Sampson, Pfc. Andrew Gabbard and Pvt. Garrett Bledsoe were selected to be the first Vicenza-based 173rd ABCT Soldiers to train with the 1st Tuscania Parachute Regiment, a division of the Italian Carabinieri Police Force. The Tuscania are a special operations-capable unit that can deploy anywhere in the world and the only airborne group within the Carabinieri.

Over the course of three weeks beginning Jan. 14, the Sky Soldiers studied advanced land navigation under the guidance of Michele D'Agostino and Riccardo Carbonatti, two distinguished veterans of the 1st Tuscania Parachute Regiment. From the classroom to the field, these instructors provided expert training and guidance every step of the way.

"The instruction was great," said Reyes. "I was surprised at how much I didn't know and how much I learned. These instructors definitely taught us valuable lessons that I have not learned from any of my previous training exercises."

The 173rd Soldiers navigated both day and night time scenarios that



covered several miles of land, learning quickly that to succeed they would need each other. They quickly formed a bond with their Italian counterparts and through their new found friendships completed the exhausting training successfully. All four of the American Soldiers graduated the land navigation course Feb. 1.

"This training is great, and what is great about it is the fact that we get to train with someone new," said Master Sgt. Melvyn Lopez, the 173rd ABCT's Air Operations noncommissioned officer in charge. "It is always a good thing when we can expand

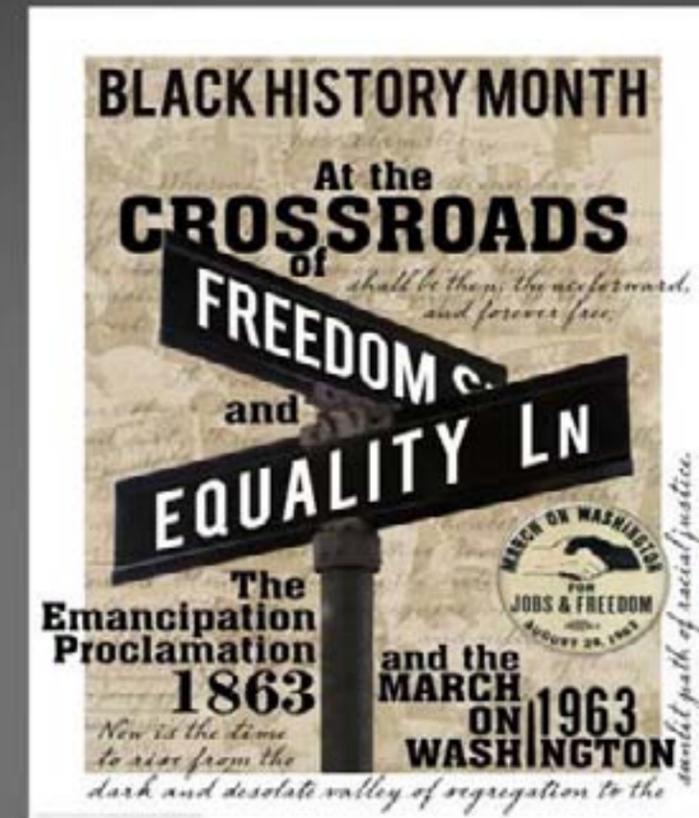
our partnership with more Italian forces."

Reyes said, "Working with a foreign military was exciting because you got the chance to see how they operated and spot the differences in the execution. I would definitely like to work with them again."

In total, there are nine phases to the 1st Tuscania Parachute Regiment's training program. In the months ahead, the units will work together to give more Sky Soldiers the opportunity to participate in this exclusive training exercise.

## "Freedom and Equality" March

Feb. 21, 3 p.m.



Join Vicenza Equal Opportunity Office in marching from the Post Theater parking lot to the Golden Lion. *Free T-Shirts for the first 40 adults to arrive and participate in the march.*

Guest Speaker: COL Jonathan Johnson  
(Command Inspector General USARAF)

Please come and enjoy traditional  
Black American Dance Demonstrations, Music, Poetry and  
Food Samplings

For more information please contact Vicenza Equal Opportunity Office at 634-7914/6061

# IG: our history and what we do for you

By Col. Jonathon Johnson  
U.S. Army Africa Inspector General

The mission of the Inspector General is to support the commander and serve as his or her eyes, ears, voice and conscience. The IG has the responsibility to inform the commander of IG observations, findings and impressions on all aspects of the command. As a personal staff member for the Commanding General (CG), it is imperative that the IG understands the goals, vision and expectations of the CG.

To provide a bit of historical perspective, The US Army IG system was born during the Revolutionary War in 1775. The Continental Army when formed under the leadership of General George Washington was a disorganized militia from many states, with no uniformity in drills, procedures, appearance or equipment. The Continental Army's leadership was not comparable to that of the good officer leadership in the British Army. As a result, General Washington needed a close look to review units and their readiness. In October 1777, General Washington held a meeting with 14 general officers and decided an IG for the Army would benefit in the supervision of training to ensure the tactical efficiency of troops. Congress agreed and in December 1777 authorized the creation of the IG of the Army. The Congressional resolution added the following responsibilities: Review the troops, see that officers and Soldiers are instructed in exercise maneuvers established by the Board of War, ensure discipline is strictly observed and ensure that officers command properly and treat Soldiers with justice.

The first effective IG was Baron Fredrick Von Steuben, a former Captain in the Prussian Army. Ironically he was recruited to come to America from Paris by one of our nation's most preeminent figures, Benjamin Franklin. Subsequently, Von Steuben was accepted by Congress and appointed to the rank of Major General. He quickly learned English and began his wartime service of training American Soldiers. He authored the "Blue Book" which still remains a basic reference for military training and organization.

This initial seed to establish an IG in the Army has continued throughout

the years and the IG of the Army continues to serve a most valuable role today. The reporting chain for the IG has shifted over the years but the role of the IG in assisting commanders in ensuring readiness and warfighting capability remains consistent today.

With that as the stage setter, the US Army Africa (USARAF) IG Office serves not only as MG General Patrick Donahue's IG but in many instances as the initial response IG for commands representing NATO Italy, US Army Europe, 21st Theater Support Command (TSC), 5th Signal Command and European Regional Medical Command (ERMC) units stationed in Italy. Moreover, the USARAF IG office also provides assistance to Department of the Army civilians, contract employees, retirees, and Family Members throughout Italy and Africa. All IGs, regardless of the command they represent, work through the chain of command, if applicable, to assist Soldiers and Family Members in resolving their issues.

The four primary functions of the IG are: Inspections, Investigations, Assistance and Teaching & Training. These vital functions are important to ensuring a command's readiness during any operation, both in peace and war. Additionally, these functions help the IG identify systemic issues that may adversely affect the command. Ultimately we are looking for the root cause of the problem in order to make effective recommendations to the commander.

If you decide to request IG assistance, know that we are confidential advisors and fact finders for the commander. To avoid undermining the chain of command and subordinate leaders, the IG always considers allowing them an opportunity

to resolve the matter at the lowest level. When necessary, the IG will also leverage the chain of command to ascertain facts and resolve issues. However, you must not mistake this relationship as one that overlooks problems when discovered. As IGs we strive to remain impartial and objective fact finders who must be right every time as we make recommendations to resolve issues.

To request assistance, you may walk in to our office, email, call or mail in your concern or file it anonymously. If you choose the latter option please understand we have no way to notify you regarding the complaint or to ask additional questions if required.

If you come to the IG for assistance, to file a complaint, to provide testimony or evidence as part of an investigation/inspection or just to request information know that you have a reasonable expectation of confidentiality. In some instances, in order to address an issue brought to the IG we must provide the name of the complainant to either the command or an installation agency in support. However, before this is done we will obtain the approval to release your identity.

Please understand that when you talk with an IG **it is never off the record**. Our position of trust with the commander requires us to always be on duty and to work to ensure standards, regulations and policies are adhered to.

You can contact us by dialing DSN 634-8555 or by email at [usarmy.vicenza.usaraf.list.usaraf-ig@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.vicenza.usaraf.list.usaraf-ig@mail.mil).

Last year, USARAF IG staff handled over 300 cases in conjunction with inspections, investigations and engagements with African Land Partners. Our commitment is to provide prompt and professional service to all who seek IG assistance.



## VMS students brush up their Italian skills on unique field trip

Story and photos by Joyce Costello  
USAG Vicenza PAO

The Italian 2 class at Vicenza Middle School had a chance to practice their Italian while combining a photo scavenger hunt with *Carnevale* in Venice Feb. 7. “This is a fun trip, but it has to be educational, so the students are working on a scavenger hunt to test their Italian. They will make a PowerPoint out of their pictures when they get back to school,” said Isabella Pani, Italian teacher at VMS.

The students had learned about *Carnevale* previously in the classroom, said Pani, so they already knew quite a bit about the typical holiday cakes, the masks and the costumes. “I hope they really felt the spirit of *Carnevale*, which is typical of Venice, and when they leave Venice they think this time was not the conventional experience they might have had with their parents or friends on previous visits,” said Pani.

Eighth-grader Ricardo Ortiz said it was his first time experiencing the Venice *Carnevale*. The highlight of the trip for him was looking at people dressed up.

“I enjoyed the old flags, and the masks were awesome,” said Ortiz. “The scavenger hunt helps us look at more than the detail of the buildings, and it was nice to not have to go to school.”

Shaylan Lammers, a home-schooled eight-grader along for the outing, said it was her second time at *Carnevale* and that the trip helped her expand her knowledge of how another culture celebrated a major festivity.

She advised other teens who plan to visit Venice during *Car-*

*nevale* to “be prepared for the weather and sometimes it can be very crowded, so make sure to stay with your group.” The Venice *Carnevale* ended Feb. 12, but for those who missed the season in Italy or just have to have another go round, the Viareggio *Carnevale* continues Feb. 17 and March 3, Cogollo del Cengio has a float parade Feb. 16 at 2 p.m., and the town of Schio will celebrate with a party and night float Feb. 16 at 5:30 p.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 17.



VMS Italian student Brandy James (right) has her face painted during the Puma photo hunt in Venice Feb. 7. (Below) Mrs. Pani listens as her Italian students ask about *carnevale* sweets. Masqueraders (Opposite) give *Carnevale* in Venice its unique character. [Click here for more photos](#)

*Like no other city in the world  
Puma students scavenge hunt Venice Carnevale*



# Life after the Military

What's next for you?



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Golden Lion Conference Center  
Ice-breaker followed by Panel Discussion

Free and open to the entire community

For more information please call:  
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Photo by Barbara Romano

## Franceschetti performs at Vicenza schools, PTA artists awarded

By Vicenza Middle School

A cornucopia of artistic talent was on display at Vicenza Elementary and Middle Schools Feb. 8. It was a day that saw classical music performances by renowned Italian pianist Davide Franceschetti and the recognition of student artists for their submissions to the National PTA-sponsored Reflections: The Magic of a Moment competition.

"It was truly a celebration of the arts," said VMS history teacher Angela West, the event coordinator.

Students in first through eighth grade got to hear Franceschetti's renditions of the music of Chopin, Gershwin and Debussy. After his riveting piano performances, one first-grader described the maestro's keyboard pyrotechnics as sounding like "birds flapping their wings."

"It made me feel magic," said another first-grader.

"It made me feel like I was in paradise," said a third.

Those awestruck responses notwithstanding, Franceschetti said he is concerned about the fading appeal that classical music has for today's young people.

"I'm worried that the classical music audience is dwindling. I believe it's important for kids to take today's experience home and help broaden the classical music audience and themselves," he said.

The world-class concert pianist also visited music and piano classes to observe the American students and hear short performances by some.

Both the middle and elementary schools now boast piano labs with more than 20 full-scale electrical pianos for student instruction. Walking around and assisting students with everything from correct hand placement to helping with musical interpretation, Franceschetti appeared to be in his element.

Student winners of the Reflections contest were awarded certificates and medals for their participation in creating artistic work in the visual arts, literature, photography, dance choreography and musical composition.

First-place winners who will go on to the European PTA-level round are Logan Tach, Layne Keck, Caroline Bennett, Caleb Robles, Cole Keck, Abigail Matheson and Jarrod Keck.

Participation in the Reflections competition was sponsored by the school's PTSA, and the Caserma Ederle branch of the Global Credit Union provided awards and prizes.

Franceschetti's performances were made possible by the generous financial support from the PTSA, Global Credit Union and the Vicenza Community Club.

## Verona in love and everyone else, too

The nearby city of Verona, the setting for Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, goes all out for Valentine's Day this weekend, as do localities across the Veneto region.

See listings below for events to enjoy.

Courtesy photo



## VALENTINE'S DAY

### Verona in Love

Feb. 14-17, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Dei Signori and Piazza Bra. Se ami qualcuno, portalo a Verona - If you love someone, bring her or him to Verona - is the slogan of Romeo and Juliet's city. Un cuore da scoprire: a heart-shaped exhibition and market of romantic gift ideas and crafts features waterfalls of heart-shaped coriandoli (confetti). Bands, events and theatrical performances entertain visitors throughout the weekend. At night the most important monuments and historical building are lit up in red. Feb. 14: free entry to Juliet's House 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Visit Juliet's grave for only €1.

### Valentine's Day in Vicenza

Feb. 14, 3-8 p.m. and Feb. 15-17, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. in Corso Fogazzaro, stands featuring chocolate, sweets, and San Valentino's gift ideas and crafts, music and entertainment.

### Fiera di San Valentino- St. Valentine's Fair

In Pozzoleone, about 13 miles northeast of Vicenza; food booths open at 7 p.m.

Feb. 15: 2:30-5:30 p.m. Carnival rides; 8-11:30 p.m. local products indoor exhibit and sale; 8:30 p.m. Sport Center On Via Casona martial arts and capeira demonstrations; rhythmic gymnastics show; 9 p.m. jazz and hip-hop shows; 10 p.m. Latin-American music and dancing.

Feb. 16: 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m. local products indoor exhibit and sale; 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. traditional outdoor market with more than 300 stalls featuring local agricultural products and antiques market; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing.

Feb. 17: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. local products indoor exhibit and sale; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. traditional outdoor

exhibition; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. free guided tours to the bell-tower, donations accepted; 4 p.m. live bell concert presented by Corde e Musica Band.

## CARNEVALE

### Cogollo del Cengio

Feb. 16. Piazza Libertà, about 25 miles north of Vicenza; 2 p.m. float parade, live music and Palladio Dance majorettes; food booths; prices for the best costume.

**Schio**, food booths featuring frittelle, hot chocolate and vin brulé (hot spiced wine)

Feb. 16: 4 p.m. party with Venetian Carnevale characters; 5:30 p.m. night float parade departs from Piazzale Summano

Feb. 17: 1:30 p.m. float parade departs from Piazzale Summano; music by Città di Schio Band and entertainment with Povolario majorettes and Piovene flag-flyers; 5:30 p.m. award ceremony in Piazza Rossi.

**Viareggio Carnival** marks its 140th anniversary this year. Darby ITR has excursions planned for Feb. 17, and March 3.

### Zugliano

Feb. 17, Piazza Chilesotti, about 17 miles north of Vicenza; float parade at 2:30 p.m.; entertainment and food booths.

## MARKETS

Antique markets on Feb. 17

**Godoga di Sant'Urbano**, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 75 miles. (220 booths) Montagnana, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza

**Padova**, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. (180 vendors).

**Soave**, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., in Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza. (110 vendors)

**Il Fiero** - Local products fair and sale: Feb. 16-17, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. in Vicenza, Campo Marzo, Viale Dalmazia.

## VENETO

### I Cacciatori di Stelle- Star Hunters

Feb. 15, 8:30 p.m. in Montecchio Maggiore, Parco Marinai D'Italia, Via Veronese; . View the sky and the planets in great detail with the observatory's telescopes

**Spazio Casa - Home & Wedding Expo** ongoing through Feb.

17, in Vicenza, in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16. Thursday- Friday: 3:30 - 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; free entry on weekday; Saturday and Sunday reduced €5; €3 (children 12-18, free for children younger than 12).

**Toy exhibit:** ongoing through Feb. 17, in Vicenza, Casa Cogollo, Corso Palladio 165; Tuesdays - Sundays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; vintage toys from 1956 to 1974.

**The Odeon Theater, in Vicenza**, Corso Palladio 176, will be featur-

ing movies in English through the winter. Feb. 18: Frankenweenie by Tim Burton. Tickets cost € 6. Show times are 5 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9 p.m.

**Parampara - Indian traditional music and dances:** Feb. 16, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33.

**Hunting and Fishing Show:** Feb. 23-25, in Vicenza.

**MondoVacanza - Travel Fair :** March 9 -10 in Padova

**From Botticelli to Matisse - Faces and figures** Ongoing to April 1, in Verona, Palazzo della Gran Guardia, Piazza Brà 7, about 36 miles west of Vicenza; Mondays-Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Fridays - Sundays 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; admission fee: €12; reduced: €9 (university students with proof of enrolment and senior citizens over 65); and € 6 (under 18).

## CONCERTS

Nelly Furtado: March 13 in Milan  
Anastacia: April 8 in Padova; April 9 in Milan

Beyoncé: May 18 in Milan  
Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band: May 31 in Padova; June 3 in Milan;

Joe Satriani: May 29 in Rome; May 31 in Florence; June 1 in Padova  
Bon Jovi: June 29 in Milan

All events listed are as reported at press time. Details are subject to change without notice.

Elton John: July 9 in Barolo (Cuneo)  
Neil Young and Crazy Horse: July 25 in Lucca  
Robbie Williams: July 31 in Milan  
[Click here](#) for ticket info.

## TUSCANY

**Fiera del Cioccolato Artigianale - Chocolate Fair:** ongoing through Feb. 17, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. in Florence, Piazza S. Maria Novella; free entrance.

**Antique market in Lucca** Feb. 16-17 with over 230 exhibitors

**The Dalí Universe** ongoing through May 25, at Palazzo Medici in Florence with over 100 works by Salvador Dalí.

**Pistoia Half Marathon** March 24

## SPORTS

**WWE Wrestlemania Smack-Down Revenge Tour**

April 25, 2013 in Casalecchio di Reno (Bologna); April 26 in Trieste  
**MotoGP - Italian Grand Prix 2013** May 31 and June 1-2, at Mugello



## StraVicenza Marathon

The annual **StraVicenza 2 KM, 4.5KM and 10KM runs are going to be held on Sunday, March 17, 2013 at 10:00. The start and finish will be at the Campo Marzo. You can register at StraVicenza Point, Loggia del Capitaniato, in Piazza dei Signori, March 16 (4 p.m. - 8 p.m.), March 17 (10 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.), and March 18 (7:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.). Sunday is also a no-driving day in Vicenza. Participants can park in the Stadio, Via Cricoli or Via Farini parking lots and take a bus to the city center [Click here](#) for details**



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# FAMILY AND MWR

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT DEL DIN

Family and MWR will be hiring many exciting positions at our new facilities located on Del Din for both U.S and Local Nationals, from management to support staff. Positions are being announced now and the staff hired will start work at beginning of May. Positions include; Fitness Center Assistant Manager, Fitness Center Recreation Aide, Fitness Center Pool Life Guard, Warrior Zone Shift Manager, Warrior Zone Recreation Assistant, Warrior Zone Food and Beverage Attendant and Warrior Zone Bartender. U.S. positions will be posted to USA Jobs at <https://www.usajobs.gov/>. Local National positions will be posted to CPOL at: <https://cpolrhp.cpol.army.mil/eur/employment/In/index.htm>  
If you have additional questions, contact Vicenza NAF CPAC at 0444-71-7349 or 7290.

## VMC ODR

Book trips [online on WebTrac](#) or call DSN 634-7453.

- Feb. 16 Alpe di Siusi Ski/Snowboarder Day Trip- ideal for all levels of skiers and snowboarders
- Feb. 19 Cooking class: Italian Desserts
- Feb. 23 Selva Wolkenstein Ski/Snowboard Day Trip- great for intermediate and advanced skiers
- Feb. 23- Piedmont Wine Tasting: Barolo (Adults only)
- Feb. 24 Brazilian Carnival in Cento located in the Emilia Romagna region
- March 2 San Anton Ski/Snowboard Day Trip- great for intermediate and advanced skiers
- March 2: Carnival in Nice
- March 9 San Pellegrino Ski/Snowboard Day Trip- great for intermediate and advanced skiers
- March 16, 30 Stubaital Ski/Snowboard Day Trip- ideal for all levels of skiers and snowboarder, but no lesson will be provided. This area has snow from October to June.
- March 23 Kronplatz Ski/Snowboard Day Trip- ideal for all levels of skiers and snowboarders

## DARBY ODR DSN 634-7616

- Feb. 16: Ski Abetone
- Feb. 16: Day trip to Florence
- Feb. 17: Carnevale in Viareggio
- Feb. 18: Day trip to Assisi
- Feb. 23: Mt. Cimone Ski Trip
- Feb. 23: Barberino Designer Outlet
- March 2: Venice Trip
- March 3: Carnevale in Viareggio

## F2F ON FEB. 28 DSN 634-7401

The next USAG Vicenza Female 2 Female event, to be held Feb. 28, 4-6 p.m., at the Golden Lion Conference Center, will focus on post-service issues. An ice-breaker will be followed by panel discussion on "Life after the Military: What's next for you?" The program is free of charge and open to the entire community.

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## ACS DSN 634-7500

- Military Saves Week is Feb. 25 - Mar. 1 so visit [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org) to receive financial tips and take the Military Saves pledge. The Financial Readiness Team has also coordinated several free events to encourage the community to 'Set a Goal, Make a Plan, Save Automatically':
- Feb. 25: Coupon Social at ACS, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Feb. 27: Money Matters Class at ACS, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Registration is required.
- Feb. 27: "It's a Habit Sammy Rabbit" Library Story Hour, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Feb. 28: Coupon Social at ACS, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Feb. 28: "Savvy Saving" SKIES class, 4:15 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- March 1: Coupon Social at ACS, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m
- Vicenza spouses needed to be sponsors of the Bamberg spouses relocating soon to Vicenza.
- Female 2 Female (F2F) Feb. 28 at Golden Lion Conference Center

## CYSS DSN 634-8347

- Youth Workforce Preparation Training for students in grades six through 12 will take place Mondays from 3:30-4:30, at the Ederle Fitness Center conference room. Workshops include: Feb. 25: time management and goals; March 4: workplace ethics; and March 11: customer service. Register at the Teen Center
- Edge wood working program beginning March 1
- Child Saturday care March 2, 10 a.m.- 6p.m..

## ART CENTER DSN 634-7074

- Learn a super easy form of quilting called the Jelly Roll in two easy sessions on Feb 19. Cost is just \$80 and no experience is necessary.
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- Feb. 23 Parent and Child Snake Wreath class

## SOLDIERS' THEATRE DSN 634-7281

- Did you know that Soldiers' Theatre offers equipment rental, rooms for you to jam in and space for your meetings and events? Simply call us for more information or to book your space.

## ARENA DSN 634-7616

- Six people can bowl unlimited games on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 6-10 p.m. for just \$10 per hour per lane. And the shoes are free too.
- Texas Hold 'Em tournament March 2

## OLD SOLDIER'S BAR DSN 634-7685

- It's the monthly Steak Night on February 19. Cost is \$30 per person and includes; 12 ounce T-Bone steak, grilled shrimp, baked potato, tossed salad, water, a glass of wine, dessert and coffee. Reserve by before Friday, Feb. 15



# Community briefs

## Vicenza Military Community

Visit the community calendar for more upcoming events and details at [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil)

### USAHC limited hours

U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza will reduce hours of operation over the Presidents Day weekend. The Birthing Center remains open but other services will be available only as follows:

Feb. 15, 8 a.m. to noon

Feb. 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Feb. 18, Only the Birthing Center will be open

Please plan accordingly.

### Blessings Bonanza

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will host a free giveaway and take-away event Feb. 15 from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Caserma Ederle Chapel fellowship hall. Clean clothes, household goods, knick-knacks and bric-a-brac are all welcome and available for those who may need it.

### Rita Bonamego to retire

After decades of service to the Vicenza Military Community, Rita Bonamego is retiring. You are invited to celebrate her career and legacy at a Retirement Luncheon Feb. 26 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Lion. The cost is \$15. Sign up and drop off your reservation at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center (Building 108).

### CDC hours change

Beginning Feb. 11 there will be a limit of 16 hours per week per child for advance hourly care reservations made on WebTrac for CDC 398. The aim of this policy change is to promote fairness by giving more families an opportunity to use the hourly care spaces that are available. If CDC 398

is full in the morning, parents are encouraged to check for hourly care availability in the afternoon, when space is often available. Families can also call CDC 703 on Villaggio (634-5700) or FCC (634-7615), where hourly care will be provided on a space available basis.

Parents who have used their 16 hours for the week but still need hourly care should call CDC 398 on the day the care is actually needed to see if space is available.

This change is a result of the annual CYSS survey in which several families reported they have not had access to hourly care, even for short term use, because it is frequently full when they request it.

### VCC CIAO Conference & Luncheon

The Vicenza Community Club will conduct its Ciao Conference and Luncheon March 8. Drop off a completed registration form and payment of €25 at the box in front of the Thrift Store by March 1. Contact Kym Price at [ciao@vccitaly.org](mailto:ciao@vccitaly.org) for information.

### DMC utility changes

### VCC scholarships

The Vicenza Community Club awards more than \$25,000 in scholarships each year. Applications are now available for the Emmi Fondi Continuing Education Scholarship for current VCC members, the Pia Manetti Scholarships for ID card holding dependents of current VCC members, and scholarships for graduating high school seniors who are also dependents of current VCC members. Applications must be postmarked by March 5 for consideration.

### CLEA ceremony March 19

The U.S. Army Europe Combined Logistics Excellence Awards ceremony will take place March 19 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center, Building 1631, on Clay Kaserne in Wiesbaden, Germany. The annual awards, an Army Chief of Staff initiative, honor units and organizations across Europe for their

excellence in supply, maintenance and deployment operations. For information call 370-5410 or 370-5436.

### CIF closure

The Central Issue Facility will be closed Feb. 13-15 for relocation and reopen Feb. 18 with normal operating hours. Call 634-6837 for information. Please plan ahead.

### Black History Month

The USAG Vicenza Equal Opportunity Office will conduct a Freedom and Equality march Feb. 21 beginning at the post theater parking lot at 3 p.m. Vicenza Military Community children in kindergarten through high school have contributed their artwork to a BHM poster contest; winning entries will be carried as signs in the march. Participants will march to the Golden Lion, where the BHM observance will be held. The first 40 adult marchers will receive free commemorative T-shirts. Guest speaker will be Col. Jonathan A. Johnson; dance, music, poetry and food sampling round out the program. Those who prefer not to march should meet at the Golden Lion at 3 p.m. The EO Office is looking for Black History items to display during the event. If you have memorabilia you would be willing to share, call 634-7914/6061.

### AE-ITT training

AE-ITT offers DoD Directive 8570.1 compliance by training and certifying individuals to meet baseline and computing environment certification requirements. IT courses are available [online](#) and the AE-ITT facility on Caserma Ederle. Upcoming courses include:

Feb. 19-21: DoD Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process

Feb. 25-March 1: DoD IA Certification 8570.1 (A+) 2009

March 4-8: MCITP: Windows 7 Enterprise Desktop Support Technician Boot Camp

March 11-15: DoD IA Certification 8570.1 (NETWORK+)

March 18-25: DoD IA Certification

8570.1 (SECURITY+)

March 25-27: DoD Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process (DIACAP)

Call 634-6077 for details.

### Pet food drive

Youth Services will hold a Pet Food Drive throughout February to support the Gogna Animal Shelter. Bring donations of dog and cat food to the Villaggio Youth Center, Building 304, or the Teen Center, Building 373 on Caserma Ederle, Monday to Friday from 2:45-6 p.m., or drop them in the donations box at the commissary. Call 634-7659 for details.

### Emergency contacts

DES reminds the community that emergency personnel can be dispatched to your aid while you are still on the line with the call taker. Do not hang up until told to do so. Information gathered is used to relay to responding services (fire, police, emergency medical services) and to ambulance crew staff depending on the circumstances of the incident. Know who to call for help:

- Military Police: DSN 634-7626/ 7233, 0444-71-7626/7233 (off post)
- Emergency: DSN 634-7114, 0444-71-7114 (off post)
- Fire Department: DSN 634-8911, 0444-71-8911 (off post)
- Carabinieri: DSN 634-7522, 0444-71-7522/ 7528 (off post)
- MP Desk interpreter: DSN 634-7847, 0444-71-7847/ 0444-501800 (off post)
- Off-post: Fire Department 115, Ambulance 118' Carabinieri 112, Polizia 113

## Darby Military Community

Visit the community calendar for upcoming events and details at

[www.usag.livorno.army.mil](http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil)

### Volunteers needed

Girl Scouts of Camp Darby needs someone to manage volunteers and attend monthly meetings. Call 633-8696 for details.

### DMC utility changes

Beginning March 1, all Darby Military Community Utilities Tax Exemption Program (UTEP) customer accounts will migrate from Toscana Energia to UNO-GAS. The transition is being initiated to ensure that TRO customers continue to receive current levels of service. The transition will be transparent and requires no action on the part of customers.



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

## Keeping it clean in Camp Darby

Paolo Trovato checks clothes ready for pick-up at the new Darby Military Community drycleaning delivery-pick-up point, The Cleaners, which is open Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. next to the launderette

## Now Showing

### Ederle Theater

Feb. 7	Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG)	6 p.m.
Feb. 8	Warm Bodies (PG 13) *	6 p.m.
	Bullet to the Head (R) *	9 p.m.
Feb. 9	Warm Bodies (PG 13) *	3 p.m.
	Stand Up Guys (R) *	6 p.m.
Feb. 10	Stand Up Guys (R) *	3 p.m.
	Bullet to the Head (R) *	6 p.m.
Feb. 13	Hotel Transylvania (PG)	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	Killing Them Softly (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 15	Hotel Transylvania (PG)	6 p.m.
	Red Dawn (PG-13)	9 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

Feb. 8	Broken City (R) *	6 p.m.
Feb. 9	The Last Stand (R) *	6 p.m.
Feb. 10	Hotel Transylvania (PG)	1 p.m.
Feb. 15	Red Dawn (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Admission: \* First run, adult, \$5.50, under 12, \$2.75; regular release, \$5/\$2.50; repeat releases, \$4.50/\$2.25; special pay \$3.50/\$1.75.

The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/reeltime-landing.htm>

# Religious Activities

## Chaplain Crisis Line

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

## Sunday services

9 a.m.: Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass, or during duty hours  
11 a.m.: Protestant worship  
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship  
5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

## Tuesdays

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel  
5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

## Wednesdays

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

5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice  
6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

## Thursdays

9:30 a.m.: Military Council of Catholic Women  
5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal  
7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

## Faith group contacts

**Bahá'í Faith:** Call Russell Menard at 389-133-4627 or Giacomo Baravalle at 348-603-2283

**Church of Christ:** Call CW2 Michael Bickle at 345-469-9974 or 0444-335-135 or email vicenzaitalychurchofchrist@gmail.com

**Islamic:** Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519)

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

**Latter Day Saints:** Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. in Vicenza. Call Bob Shakespeare at 389-268-5605 or email drbob143@gmail.com.

Call the Caserma Ederle Post Chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for more information.

## Camp Darby

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

5:30 p.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

5:15 p.m.: Protestant Men of the Chapel

6:15 p.m.: Choir Practice

For Camp Darby chapel activities and information call 633-7267.

# Winter Blitz in Alps for Camp Beyond teens

By Juliana McGraw

Special to The Outlook

Thirty-seven Vicenza High School students rang in the New Year with fireworks in the Austrian Alps while attending a weeklong Military Communities Youth Ministries-sponsored camp, Winter Blitz 2012-2013, at the Olympia Hotel in Innsbruck, Austria.

About 350 Air Force, Navy and Army teenagers attended along with Club Beyond staff and volunteers. Club Beyond Vicenza was represented by its largest number of participants ever, a turnout due at least in part to 30 students receiving financial support through MCYM donors.

The MCYM donations allowed Vicenza youth to go who otherwise couldn't afford it, said Tyler Hoffman, Vicenza Club Beyond community leader. "It created a buzz around school and it gave us a platform to sell that camp. Rather than saying it was \$700, it was only \$69."

"You should go," said VHS sophomore Adrian Guerrero. "That's what I told some of my friends here. I said [they're] going to be bored stuck in Vicenza while we're out there in a different country having fun."

The mission of Winter Blitz is to give teenagers the opportunity to grow in their faith while having fun and adventure. Students were able to experience Olympic class skiing and snowboarding, basketball training, a 3-kilometer sled run, an indoor waterpark featuring the first double-loop water slide in the world, and the city of Innsbruck.

For many students this trip was their first time learning to ski or snowboard.

"When I first snowboarded I got hurt," said ninth-grader Justin Allen. "This girl kicked off her ski and I tripped over it and flipped five times, landing on my face. It was a good memory because my first injury was the best injury."

This time out Allen learned to snowboard and enjoyed the nighttime meetings in which students met to sing songs and listen to the camp speaker, Pete Johnson.

"My favorite memory was when Mr. Pete was talking about our life and how everything is difficult, and how we're all perfect the way we are and how we do not have to change for anyone," Allen said.

In the past, support for the Winter Blitz program has come from nonprofits, churches and individuals, said MCYM Club Beyond International director Phil Alfrey. This year, \$55,000 was designated for Winter Blitz. Vicenza students received support in the amount of \$400 for financial aid and an additional \$600 if one of their parents has been or will be deployed this year.

Each student who received financial assistance wrote a thank you note to the donors during the bus ride home. "The improvement and the change that you see in the



Photo by Tyler Hoffman  
Vicenza High School students Kaitlyn Martin (left) and Justin Allen take a break from snowboarding in the Austrian Alps on New Year's Eve afternoon during the Club Beyond Winter Blitz trip.



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

## Food for thought: Observing the National Prayer Breakfast

Spc. Christina Evans (above) of 511th Military Company sings the Star Spangled Banner during the National Prayer Breakfast event at Camp Darby Feb. 7. Col. Daniel Gall (right), U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza commander, makes a point during remarks at the gathering in Vicenza.



Photo by Grant Sattler

## Cougar wrestlers end season on up note

### Nine advance to DoDDS-Europe finals in Wiesbaden

Story and photos by Saralynn Manville  
Special to The Outlook

Vicenza High School Cougar wrestlers finished on top at the DoDDS-Europe Southern Sectional wrestling meet in Aviano, Saturday.

Nine wrestlers in all will advance to the European Championship finals to be held Feb. 15-16 in Wiesbaden, Germany.

In round-robin competition, Peter McCollum Jr. at 106 pounds, Ethan Fullmer at 126 pounds and Will Pagan at 170 pounds finished first to secure their berths at the finals. Alex Jogthong, 120 pounds, finished second.

Connor Smith, 132 pounds, and Ramsey Schroeder, 138 pounds, won their bracket finals by pinning their opponents. Liam Manville, 152 pounds, won by decision, 17-5.

Rounding out the Cougar delegation heading for Germany this weekend will be Marshall Perfetti, 160 pounds, and Steven Fragger, 126 pounds, who snagged wild card spots for the finals and bring the team to a total of nine.

In addition to the Cougars, sectional contenders last weekend included wrestlers from Aviano, American School of Rome, Naples, Sigonella and the Black Forest Academy.



Undefeated Cougar Will Pagan (top) employs a blast double to take a Naples opponent down for a pin in the 170 pound weight class during Southern Sectional competition in Aviano Saturday. Ramsey Schroeder (above), also undefeated in the 138 pound class, makes his Aviano opponent bridge against a pin. In all, nine Cougar wrestlers will compete in the DoDDS-Europe championship in Wiesbaden, Germany.



### Congrats

173 Rear D #2 and USARAF for winning 1st and 2nd in Unit basketball. They will represent VMC at the 2013 IMCOM Army Europe Unit Level Basketball Championship March 1-3 in Bamberg, Germany.

### BOSS Bowling at Arena

Single Soldiers can enjoy an evening bowling at the Arena Feb. 19 from 7-10 p.m. Call 634-5406 for details.

### Teens Go-Karting

The Teen Center will host a trip to the Vicenza indoor go-kart center March 8 from 7-10 p.m. Teens in grades nine through 12 should register at Parent Central Services or on WebTrac. Call 634-7659 for details.

### Pool at the Lion's Den

The Lion's Den will host a 9 Ball Doubles Pool Tournament March

9 at 8 p.m. There is a \$5 entry fee and the winning team takes home \$100. Call 634-8619 for more information.

### Meditation Monday in Vicenza

Army Community Service conducts an informal, relaxing meditation session every Monday at 12:15 p.m. in Davis Hall. All are welcome to participate.

### Darby Sports & Fitness

DMC Sports & Fitness is looking for coaches and players for the men's and women's adult **community volleyball teams**. Register by Feb. 28 to participate. Coaches and players for the 2013 men's and women's **base softball teams** are organizing for the season that runs from March through September. Tryouts will be announced after coaches are selected. For information and to sign up, call 633-7438.

### Hoops in Darby

The Hot Shot Basketball Shooting Contest takes place Feb. 27 starting at 5:30 p.m. Register for the hoops contest all day up until start time. Call 633-7438 for details.

### Working out in Darby

A Cardio Circuit class meets Wednesdays from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Fitness Center. Call 633-7438 for details.

## The Outlook accepts submissions

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## Principles of Strength Training

Monday, Feb. 18, 8:15 a.m.- 9:15 a.m.

Hands on Instruction/Create Individualized Plan

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