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LANGUAGE AND MUSIC
PLUS, EARTH DAY 2013**

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Vicenza High School 11th grader and Rhythm and Blues Band vocalist Sara Anderson (left) walks the hallways of the Liceo Scientifico G.B. Quadri in Vicenza with an Italian acquaintance April 18. Italian language students from VHS attended classes with their peers and the R&B ensemble put on a power performance as part of an ongoing academic exchange.

Photo by David Ruderman



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Photo by Lisa Ertmer

Repairing the green belt one tree at a time

Vicenza Middle School students plant a Norwegian maple tree in front of the school complex at Villaggio in recognition of Earth Day April 23. Elementary and middle school students planted a tree on behalf of each school. Although the international consciousness raising day was marked the day before, April 22, outdoor events went ahead one day later due to inclement weather. Other activities to mark the occasion in the Vicenza and Darby military communities included a CYSS organized visit to an organic farm near Vicenza and a variety of art and essay contests and associated programs in the DoDDS-Europe schools. [Click here to view more photos and read on for more coverage.](#)

Where do you volunteer and why?



Nadeah West
Family member

"I volunteer at the Vicenza High School soccer team because I like watching the sport, and the players learn new tricks and get better throughout the season."



Patsie Johnson
Family member

"I volunteer with the Exceptional Family Member Program. I feel it is really important to be a part of the community. EFMP is a great program and it cares about their members."



Staff Sgt. William Ransom
HHC, 2-503rd Infantry Regiment

"I volunteer at the Arts Center in the framing section to give back to the community and help my wife."

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Army Green is Army Strong!

Today the Army will join the nation in celebrating Earth Day. Army installations and organizations will renew their commitment to stewardship of the environment and the lands where our Soldiers, civilians and families train, work and live.

The Army is a leader among federal agencies in protecting, conserving and restoring the environment at our installations. Our installation land management efforts and partnerships with conservation organizations help to ensure responsible Army stewardship of the valuable natural resources entrusted to us by the American people. Earth Day is an opportunity to **acknowledge the past** by restoring Army training lands to useable condition and preserving cultural and natural resources, to **engage the present** by meeting environmental standards that enable Army operations and protect our Soldiers, families and communities, and to **chart the future** by institutionalizing best practices and technology that ensure future environmental resiliency.

As we join in this Earth Day, the Army is facing challenges that require even more efficient ways to manage our installations. All of us must look for and champion ways to accomplish our mission with narrowing financial resources. We must continue our efforts to support the Army's mission by conserving cultural and natural resources, harnessing more energy from alternative sources, promoting greater fuel and energy efficiency, and furthering Net Zero energy, water and waste efforts. By making the right choices today, our Army will remain the world's premier military force into the future.

This Earth Day, and every day, we all have an opportunity to make a difference. The security of our nation is vital and is directly enhanced by the wise use of resources. We encourage you to participate in Army Earth Day events and do your part to help sustain the environment for a secure future.



Photos by Julie Lucas

VMS science teacher Kim Stephenson (top) leads an award ceremony at the seventh-grade "Trashion Show" and USAHC Commander Col. Daniel Gall (above) congratulates a winner at the USAHC Earth Day essay and poster award event at the clinic April 22.

Quick responses save Soldier's life on Caserma Ederle



By USAG Vicenza Fire Department

Rapid response and flawless life support delivery by the Vicenza Fire Department and host nation emergency response personnel saved the life of a Soldier in the Caserma Ederle motor pool April 23.

The Soldier collapsed from an apparent cardiac event following morning PT, and calls for assistance went out through several channels, said Chris Bender, assistant fire chief and one of the responders to the emergency.

Calls went out at 7:14 a.m. to the host nation emergency hotline, 118, and to the Vicenza Fire Dept. admin line. Soldiers on the scene also reached the Fire Dept.'s Emergency Medical Team, whose staff is trained in American Heart Association and host nation basic life support defibrillation, or BLS.

Fire Capt. Vito Gallo received the call on the Fire Dept. admin line advising of a possible heart attack at the Ederle Inn. He immediately dispatched Fire Engine 11 and Command 1, staffed by Bender, to the scene. He arrived at 7:15 a.m. and a Soldier in PT gear redirected him to the motor pool, which he reached at 7:19 a.m. to find Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Hilby and Capt. Sean Donahue of U.S. Army Africa performing CPR on the Soldier.

Meanwhile, Pfc. Antranique Hembrick was flagged down during a routine patrol of Caserma Ederle and immediately contacted Staff Sgt. Christopher Zimmerman and Pfc. Alec Bracy at the PMO Desk, alerting them to the emergency as well.

Hembrick immediately recognized she might need an AED, or automatic external defibrillator, and rushed to the post gym to take theirs with her to the emergency scene.

When he arrived at the motor pool, Bender attached

the AED to the collapsed Soldier and applied one shock to achieve a less critical electric rhythm in his heart. Bender and Gallo, now on the scene with firefighters Stefano Campagnaro, Federico Croce, Samuele Orsolon and Manuel Pavan, also began to administer high flow oxygen.

The first responders continued to apply oxygen and calm the Soldier until a host nation ambulance arrived at 7:27 a.m. to transfer him to San Bortolo Medical Center for further treatment.

"I have been in the fire service for nearly 15 years and have responded to numerous cardiac events, but this is the first time all the pieces of the American Heart Association "Chain of Survival" have been employed to make a visible difference," said Bender.

"Most events in my experience end with uncertainty and wondering if I could have done better," but not in this case, he said.

Bender asked that the Vicenza Military Community at large keep the correct emergency contact information at hand and use those phone numbers, rather than administrative or other office phone numbers, in the event of an emergency. That would help cut down response time, especially in a period of tight budgets and looming personnel shortages, he said.

"Here in Vicenza we are limited to what level of medical service we are able to provide. All the garrison Directorate of Emergency Services are dedicated to providing the best possible service with their limited resources, and we will continue to provide the utmost echelon of service to the community we are sworn to protect," he said.

But everyone can help support those services by using the correct phone numbers.

Emergency numbers

Dial 117 from a DSN phone to reach the MP Desk Sergeant (Fire Dept. or EMS).

Dial 634-8911 to reach the Fire Dept. emergency line; this line is automatically forwarded to the MP Desk Sergeant if firefighters are on call.

For non-emergency queries call the Fire Dept. at 634-7092 or the MP Desk Sergeant at 634-7626.



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Army War College: *The future of land power*

By Thomas Zimmerman

Army War College

CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa. - Experts from academia, the military and government converged on Carlisle Barracks, Pa., April 9-11 to discuss links between land power and vital strategic issues facing the nation and the world.

The theme of this year's Army War College Strategy Conference was "The Future of American Land Power," and was met head-on up front by conference keynote speaker, Prof. John Mearsheimer, of the University of Chicago.

"We're not only talking about the future of land power here, we are talking about the future of the U.S. Army," he said. "The pivot to the Pacific region, the effects the nation feels as the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts end, and the uncertainty of the U.S. economy will affect the future for the Army, and not necessarily in a positive way."

Land power is the principal ingredient of military power, said Mearsheimer, noting it was hard for him to see a situation in which a major land war would occur between the U.S. and China.

"The most likely scenario in the Asia-Pacific region involving the Army will be aggression on the Korean Peninsula," he said. "It's unclear whether other challenges in the region will involve a large-scale Army presence."

He cautioned that this situation could cause the Army to fall behind the other services in the fight for funding in an already constrained environment. "There is no reason to think that spending cuts are going away, and this shift could have a drastic effect on Army funding," he said.

"The Army needs to develop a narrative to describe how and why it's necessary to American security."

Gen. Raymond Odierno, chief of staff of the Army, provided counterpoint in an interview with PBS Newshour's Margaret Warner, conducted as part of the conference.

"We are here to make sure we have the right Joint Force," said Odierno. "We have to maintain the right balance. We can't get so far out of balance that we cannot present all options to the president."

Despite fiscal challenges, Odierno said he was confident in the future of the Army.

"With our expertise we can adjust to any mission," he said. "Only one Army in the world can deploy quickly and sustain for the short and long term, the U.S. Army."

Odierno said that he realized that as operations draw to a close in Iraq and Afghanistan changes are necessary.

"This is a time of evolution, not revolution," he said.

"What we are doing now is a part of an iterative process to get national security right. What we have to do is continue to evolve as we look to the future. We have to look at what capabilities we need to have as the world changes around us."



PBS NewsHour's Margaret Warner interviews Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Raymond Odierno, during the AWC Strategy Conference earlier this month in Carlisle, Pa.

Odierno said the changes will require strong leaders and predictable funding.

"We still need leaders," he continued. "The complexity of the challenges facing us is greater than ever before. We are going to ask our men and women to do some very difficult things and we cannot let them down."

The conference included five panel discussions on topics ranging from state-sponsored crime and gangs to how to address rising non-hostile rivals such as China. There were as well evening presentations by experts such as Andrew Krepenevich of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

The U.S. has a role in every corner of the world, but strategy is as much about deciding what we're not going to do as what we will do, said Krepenevich. He spoke of the increasingly lethal battlefield and countering irregular forces, suggesting that we run the risk of pricing ourselves out of certain forms of warfare. He noted that efforts to deter aggression must be based on an understanding of the cost from the other country's perspective. China doesn't want war, he said, but they do want victory in the philosopher Sun Tzu's sense of the concept.

"Here we question assumptions and examine all sides of the debate to effectively determine the way ahead," said Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, Army War College commandant. "We are all better after we have been challenged."

One technological innovation at this year's conference was the ability to participate remotely, so as to avoid travel costs. Each of the presentations were streamed live over the Internet and an interactive discussion took place on Twitter using the hash tag #USAWCStratConf.

All Army War College Strategy Conference 2013 presentations may be viewed on the college's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/usarmywarcollege.



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Vicenza marks Holocaust Remembrance Day

By Julie M. Lucas
USAG Vicenza PAO

Photos by Graigg Faggionato

"270,000 Romanians, 275,000 disabled and 3 million Poles" were the words shown on the slideshow during the Holocaust Days of Remembrance ceremony April 18 at the chapel. The Holocaust Days of Remembrance is an eight-day period of commemoration that coincides with Yom Ha-shoah, Hebrew for Holocaust Remembrance Day, and initiates the eight days leading up to Israeli Independence Day.

This year's theme was "Never Again: Heeding the warning signs." A video was shown reminding viewers that as early as March 1938, with the Nazis occupation of Vienna and the annexation of Austria, there were warning signs of what Adolph Hitler planned to do.

According to the video, people had nowhere to go. The United States was deep in the Depression and would not raise its immigration quotas to absorb European Jewish refugees. The video recounted that Nov 9, 1938, Kristallnacht, or the Night of Broken Glass, on which Jewish stores and synagogues were despoiled and burned to the ground, was

another harbinger of the nightmare to come. Immediately after, 30,000 German Jews were rounded up and sent to concentration camps. Jewish schools were closed and businesses and homes were forced to be sold at huge losses.

The video discussed the hastily organized *Kindertransport*, or transport of Jewish children to Great Britain in the wake of the growing Nazi threat, in which youngsters were sent abroad by their parents in the hope at least of saving their lives. Nearly 10,000 children were sent to England and survived the war.

These warning signs of the genocide to come were all clearly visible to those who could read the signs of the times, long before the occupation of Czechoslovakia, the invasion of Poland and the beginning of World War II.

As part of the memorial event, Vicenza High School students Nicole Wilson performed three pieces on violin and Earl Denman played piano.

Honors World History 10th-graders read from a number of sources. Wil-

liam Tramm read from Primo Levi's "Survival in Auschwitz," Quinn Hurt read an excerpt from Elie Wiesel's "Night," Soliyah Stevens read an excerpt from "The Diary of Anne Frank," and Drake Fichthorn read Martin Neimöller's poem, "Then They Came for Me."

"We always try to involve the students in our EO observances because our events are intended to be educational and informative as well as celebratory, when possible," said U.S. Army Africa equal opportunity adviser, Master Sgt. Keith Cade. "This was a great opportunity to showcase some of the many talented youth we have in our small community with the readings, and violinist and pianist performances."

Students also lighted candles in memory of the six million Jews, among them a million and a half children, murdered by the German state and its allies across Europe between 1933 and 1945, and observed a moment of silence for all the victims of the Holocaust.

Which came first...?



photos by Grant Sattler

CYSS makes family Earth Week farm visit



Two-year-old Caillou McLean really takes to turning the earth with Albspina BioAgriturismo farmer Anna Storato.



Albspina BioAgriturismo farmer Anna Storato explains steps in preparing a garden with interpretation assistance from Keith Carter (right) to visiting children and parents.

Almost 100 children and parents braved April showers on a Saturday morning to visit a Vicenza area organic farm in a combined Month of the Military Child and Army Earth Week event.

The families visited Albspina BioAgriturismo in Monticello Conte Otto on April 20 to learn about biodiversity with hands on activities. Topics covered in the CYSS sponsored trip included the cycle of plant life, gardening techniques, beneficial plants and herbs, fruit tree varieties and free range poultry.

This first ever visit explored just one of the many organic farms in the Veneto region.



Matthew Leak, 4, tries to identify mint by fragrance and taste.



Carlo Rigon explains the planting and health benefits of topinambur, a tuber native to eastern North America, to Margherita Frasson.



Organic farmer Carlo Rigon of Alaspina BioAgriturismo puts brown chicken eggs collected by Natalie Leak, 2, into a basket as father Mike watches.



VHS students visit Liceo Quadri for day of language arts and music

Story and photos by David Ruderman

USAG Vicenza PAO

Building bridges takes time, but crossing one takes just an instant if it's there when you're ready to get to the other side.

Fortunately for students at Vicenza High School and the Liceo Scientifico Statale G.B. Quadri, language teachers at both schools have been building bridges of language competence and cultural exchange for more than a decade, so the way was well paved and the doors wide open when more than 30 VHS students came to spend the day at the prestigious state secondary school on the northwest side of town April 18.



VHS senior McKenzie Roche gets in touch with his inner Frank Sinatra during the R&B Band performance at the Liceo Quadri April 18.



the school, watched a presentation on the night sky and the solar system in the school's planetarium, and attended classes specifically structured for their visit, in which the Quadri students exercised their English language skills and the American teens could try their best to reciprocate in Italian.

"It's absolutely important to be able to speak English," said Ruffatto. "It's the lingua franca for whatever they want to do. People want to study abroad, anywhere. They want to know more. Whatever they choose to do, they have to communicate."

First-year (ninth-grade) Quadri student Elena Cichellero was interested in spending time with the visiting Americans, she said. Her father has told her in the past that Americans are irresponsible, but Cichellero appeared to have developed a more positive perception.

While expressing some surprise at the occasionally less than elegant way American students dress, standards that would be frowned upon in her school, they do exercise a certain interest for her and her schoolmates, she said.

"There is something more free about the Americans," Cichellero said.

"There could be prejudices about the Americans; there could be

First-year Liceo Quadri student Elena Cichellero (left) and her classmates run an icebreaker quiz in the school auditorium during the visit April 18.

The American visitors were a mixed group of VHS Italian teacher Michela Ambruoso and the musical crew of VHS musical program director Gary Marvel's Rhythm and Blues Band. It was the first visit for the band as a performing unit to the Quadri, said Marvel, but the school interchanges have become a regular part of both schools' curriculum, said Ambruoso.

Liceo Quadri English teacher Elena Ruffatto met the Americans as they arrived and a morning's worth of language, music and interpersonal exchanges got off to a fast and friendly start.

While Marvel's band set up equipment and ran a sound check for a mid-day performance in the auditorium, Ruffatto and Ambruoso split up their language students into smaller groups for the day's pro-

gram. Some joined classroom exercises prepared specifically for the visit while others started out in the auditorium for icebreaker activities.

Ruffatto's students presented a series of overviews of the structure of the Italian secondary school system, the geographical and cultural highlights of the Po and Adige regions, and their daily lives as teenagers in Vicenza and the Veneto.

General knowledge quiz

The Quadri students continued with a general knowledge quiz that pitted all the girls against all the boys in answering questions about pop culture, Italy and the world, and identifying a number of contemporary musical selections. The girls won 15-11.

VHS students joined their Italian hosts for a treasure hunt around



VHS music director Gary Marvel (from left) on trumpet, 12th-grader Greyson Vickery on baritone sax, and ninth-grader Nathan Fullmer on alto provide the horn power behind the R&B band on stage April 18.

prejudices about the Italians. I want them to get to see for themselves. Try to be on the other side and do this," said Ruffatto.

VHS 11th-grader and R&B band vocalist Sara Anderson was relaxed and having fun as one of her Italian acquaintances walked her back to the auditorium for the band's sound check.

"The Italians are great. They are very warm and welcoming," she said.

As the morning activities drew to a close, students drifted back to the auditorium, where Marvel's musicians were suited up and ready for show time. The 14-piece ensemble, rhythm and horn sections fronted by seven vocalists, put on a performance of tunes that harked back to the roots of Motown and rock 'n' roll.

The rousing jamboree ran through a



dozen numbers in about an hour, drawing applause and occasional cheers from the Quadri audience. Then it was time for a shared meal for most, a quick bite for the band as they broke down their kits, and back on the bus to Caserma Ederle for the Americans. But their departure was anything but the end. The Quadri students were to reciprocate with visits to VHS April 23 and 26, and thanks to the ubiquity of cell phones and like technology, it was probable that student acquaintances would continue under the radar via texting and Facebook, said Ambruoso.

"They are lucky now. They have computers. They can find anything," said Ruffatto.

And so the educational experience continues on both sides of the bridge, one that's not so hard to cross if you learn to speak your neighbor's language or find you both kind of like the same song.

"It's through the language that you can cross that barrier," said Ambruoso.



VHS senior Allie Ulmer (above) hits a high note during the R&B band performance at the Liceo Quadri April 18. The whole ensemble (left) on stage.



VHS ninth-graders Zaria White (left) and Coata Pauling (right) represent the girls and boys during an icebreaker quiz in the Liceo Scientifico Statale G.B. Quadri auditorium April 18. The girls won, 15-11.

Information Social for Newcomers



**Meet
Community Leaders**

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Your Questions**

Come join this informal, 15-25 minute opportunity to interact with Community Leadership. Enjoy light refreshments and get straight answers to your questions about housing, schools, youth sports, work, utilities & more!

Tuesday, April 30 at 5 p.m.
in the Ederle Inn Breakfast Room

Soldiers' Theatre cast, crew clean up at Toppers

By Peggy Schadler

DFMWR

USAG-Vicenza's Soldiers' Theatre took center stage with 28 nominations and 10 awards at the annual IMCOM-Europe Tournament of the Festival of Plays competition held in Kaiserslautern, Germany, April 20. The Soldiers' Theatre production of the musical "The WIZ" swept the musical awards, including the coveted Best Musical award, during the event, known as the Topper awards.

In addition to Best Musical, "The WIZ" received awards in the Best Orchestra, Best Featured Actress in a Musical (Alicia Bryant-James), Best Supporting Actor in a Musical (Larry Kreider), Best Stage Manager for a Musical (Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Jordan), Best Musical Directors (Ciriaco Colella and Aaron Talley), Best Technical Director for a Musical (Jerry Brees), Best Sound Design of a Musical (Barry Robinson) and Best Director (Jerry Brees) categories.

Brees, USAG Vicenza entertainment program director was also honored with the prestigious James T. Martin award for outstanding lifetime service in entertainment from the U.S. Army Entertainment Program. The Martin is the capstone award for service to Soldiers, families and civilians of the worldwide American military community.

Altogether, the efforts of Vicenza thespians and technicians in the technical, musical, acting, artistic and directing fields were honored with the presentation of a record number of golden "Topper" statues and nomination certificates.

"Congratulations to the cast and crew and everyone involved," said Brees. "This is extremely exciting for all the nominees and winners as well as for the program and the command. Soldiers' Theatre would like to thank the community for supporting this production and the entertainment program. Enthusiastic audiences and dedicated volunteers are the reason for our success."

The competition consisted of 17 musicals, comedies and

dramas produced during a six-week adjudication period in Army, Air Force and International community theaters across Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Turkey. It is a testament to the quality of the Vicenza community performances that each of its competing productions not only received nominations for excellence, but came home with a Topper to show for it.

The IMCOM-Europe Region sponsors the annual event, and the Topper show has become an important milestone of each community theater's season; some are already planning their entries for next year.

In addition to the incentive of awards and recognition, the Topper competition provides training and mentoring by the adjudicators, who provide participants with their post-show critiques. The team of roving judges offers verbal insights and on-the-spot suggestions after each performance they attend.

For the 500 in attendance at Kaiserslautern's Armstrong Club, Saturday night was not only a chance to cheer the nominees and winners, but to enjoy a professional-quality Topper Singers and Band show modeled on Broadway's Tony Awards. It was also a golden opportunity to network with fellow theater enthusiasts and volunteers – Soldiers, family members, civilians, host nation, and international participants – and to celebrate their passion for creating a little bit of Broadway in their home communities.

Soldiers' Theatre Toppers Award winners

Best Sound Design for a Musical - Barry Robinson

Best Orchestra - The Wiz

Best Musical Director - Ciriaco Colella and Aaron Talley

Best Stage Manager for a Musical - Tracy Jordan

Best Technical Director for a Musical - Jerry Brees

Best Featured Actress in a Minor Role in a Musical - Alicia Bryant-James

Best Supporting Actor in a Musical - Larry Kreider

Best Director for a Musical - Jerry Brees

Best Musical - The Wiz

James T. Martin Award- Jerry Brees



Photo by Martin Greeson

The cast and crew of "The Wiz" accept the Toppers Award for Best Musical April 20 in Kaiserslautern, Germany.



Vicenza F2F travels to Garmisch

By Staff Sgt. Renee Wilson
AFN Vicenza

civilian employees, community members and leaders at all levels. The event was structured on the Strong Bonds model with additional resiliency components.

The three-day program started out with yoga classes taught by providers from the Vicenza Army Wellness Center to awaken the body and mind for the classes ahead. Various Vicenza providers held open floor discussions on resiliency in the Army and personal lives. They also emphasized how to use that resiliency to reduce stress both in the home and at work.

"We learned how to make healthy relationships, how to have mindful interactions with everybody, how to control stress and ways to reduce our own stress," said Johnson.

Attendees enjoyed the classes and planned on sharing what they learned in the classes with other Soldiers.

"It was some good training. We found out more about ourselves," said Sgt. Victoria Wilkes. "It taught us what to look for in a partner and about healthy and unhealthy relationships. It actually was pretty awesome. I would recommend it for fellow Soldiers."

A Female-2-Female social networking event brought single female Soldiers from across the Vicenza Military Community together to the Edelweiss Lodge in Garmisch, Germany, April 3-6 to build resiliency and relationships.

"The main purpose for starting the Female-2-Female initiative was to create friendship and mentorship for all the females in the community,"

said event participant, 2nd Lt. Lauren Johnson. "The program allows them to meet other females so they don't feel isolated and alone, especially as Vicenza could be a new, or a first, duty station."

The Garmisch event was an extension of the monthly F2F events that feature social interaction and keynote speakers on topics of interest and importance to female Soldiers,

Unexpected FEA leader plans to teach

Story and photo by Julie M. Lucas

USAG Vicenza PAO

When Vicenza High School junior Abigail Vallery attended the Future Educators of America European conference for Department of Defense Dependents Schools in January she had no idea she'd be returning home as a president.

"I wanted to run for vice president and so did another student. Because no one ran as president the person with the most votes became president," Vallery said.

Vallery has been a member of the organization for three years and joined because she assisted with summer Bible study and always liked working with younger children, she said. When she ran for office she had to stand up at the conference and give a two-minute speech.

"I saw at last year's conference that the president has to

give multiple speeches and

by running, this is giving me skills to use in many other areas," Vallery said.

Her duties will include planning and organizing next year's conference, to be held in Garmisch, Germany, at the Edelweiss Resort.

"All the officers all over Europe will have a teleconference and then we will go to Garmisch to see which rooms to use," Vallery said. In addition, the officers will have to find educators to conduct seminars on teaching and new methods.

"Last year one speaker talked about a flipped classroom that uses videos and is more one on one — I was really impressed and I think that would be one technique that would be helpful," Vallery said.

To help the group go to the conference they did a fundraiser selling scented pencils that was Vallery's idea and she was the top salesperson. According to the FEA adviser, Lisa Balboni, Vallery helped to deliver frozen yogurt to the VHS teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week as well as organized a chili lunch at the high

**FEA Europe president
Abigail Vallery**



school.

"We are a relatively new club in Vicenza, but we more than tripled our numbers," said Balboni. "We intend to grow and keep bringing back the winning treasure from our European Conference."

Vallery said she will begin her planning this summer for next year's conference. She not only has the support of her club adviser and other members, but her parents.

"We think this is a wonderful opportunity for Abigail to test out her speech skills by becoming president. She has played school since a toddler and always talked about becoming a teacher, so this is helping her achieve her dream," said Abigail's mother, Allie Vallery.

VHS FBLA students mean business

By Lori Encke

Vicenza High School

Atalented gaggle of 23 students from the Vicenza High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter, the largest career student organization in the world, had the opportunity to attend the FBLA Student Leadership Conference held recently in Garmisch, Germany.

Participation was one of the highlights of the year for VHS students who got to compete with their peers from around Europe in 53 business-related competencies ranging from business ethics and client service to web design and impromptu speaking.

In addition, students participate in workshops and general conference sessions, network with students from other DoDDS-Europe schools, and prepare for their future transition from school to work by learning and demonstrating professional dress standards.

The VHS students worked endless hours during lunch and after school this year to prepare for their respective competitions. They met with professionals in the community to pick up business and professional world tips and insights, learn essential business skills and practiced public

speaking by participating in FBLA impromptu speaking activities. They worked as well at teaching computer software skills in the community as a test of exercising their skills.

Their hard work paid off as the VHS team earned a combined total of 45 awards.

First place finishers included Kate Panian in business law, community service and management decision making; Alex McKenzie in desktop publishing, digital design and promotion, and technology concepts; Shane Martinez in digital video production; Marshall Perfetti in impromptu speaking, public speaking and sports management; and Emma Conrad in

website design.

In addition, Tara Clinton was recognized with the FBLA Excellence Award and selected to serve as the executive director of logistics on the 2013-2014 FBLA Student Officer Board. Jordan Larsen and Canaan York were selected to serve as logistic service representatives on the board.

Providing VHS students with the opportunity to learn essential business skills, to grow into professional young adults, and gain the confidence they need to succeed in today's global economy, while at the same time having fun and creating a trusted team is what the FBLA is all about.





Family and MWR

Vicenza Military Community

Mother's Day Gift

Need a gift for Mom? Children ages 3-11 can decorate a flower pot for Mothers Day on May 8, 3:30 p.m. at the Ederle Library. Register at the library before May 6 or call 634-7291 for more information.

Mother's Day Bowling

Mother can come and enjoy free games and free shoes all day on Sunday May 12, 11 a.m.-closing!

Army Ten Miler Orientation

Be a part of the winning team that represents Vicenza in Grafenwoehr Germany on June 29 and in Washington D.C. on October 20.

To Qualify:

- Men must run 10 miles under 75 min
- Women must run 10 miles in under 80 minutes
- Must be Active Duty

Find out more at the information meeting on May 10, 6-8 p.m. at the Ederle Fitness Center.

Join the May Fun with The EDGE!

The Edge! sessions are open to grades 6-12. The cost is just \$20 per course. Register at Parent Central Services or on WebTrac.

- Basket Weaving -May 7-28
- Garage 102 -May 8-29
- Bowling - May 9-30
- Project Greenhouse Woodworking-May 10-31
- Soccer- May 22-14

Call 634-7219 for additional information.

Mother's Day Racquetball Tournament

Pay your game in the Mother's Day Racquetball Tournament on May 10-11. Male and female divisions with the following categories:

- Beginners 0-2 years experience
- Intermediate 2-5 years experience
- Advanced +5 years experience
- Open and Doubles
- Registration deadline is May 6 with a mandatory meeting on May 10 at 6 p.m. Play will begin following the meeting

Armed Forces Day

One Pitch Tournament

May 17-19 teams with players 18+ and out of high school can register for the Armed Forces Day Softball Tournament. Coaches meeting is May 14, 6 p.m. in the Ederle Fitness Center. Register before May 13 with your team roster and two POC's. Call 634-7009 for more information.

ODR Trips

- April 23, 8:30 a.m. Italian Market Culture
- April 27, 6:30 a.m. Innsbruck and Swarovski Crystal
- April 30, 8:30 a.m. Palladian Villa Tour
- May 4, 6:30 a.m. Introduction to Sailing

Month of the Military Child Events

- April 27, 9 a.m.-noon -free Theatre Workshops
- April 30 Parent Education Conference -call Parent Central Services 634-7206.

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities





Darby Military Community



America's Armed Forces Kids Run

Come and run in the sun, just for fun on May 18 at 9 a.m. beginning at the Youth Center. Fastest runners in each category win a medal and everyone gets a t-shirt for participating. It is free for youth ages 4-18 years. Call CYSS Sports and Fitness for more information 633-7521.

SKIES Unlimited

The Iron Chef Series is a 4 week cooking program for middle school teens, featuring Italian dishes. Classes are every Monday 3:30-5:30 p.m. April 29-May 20. Cost is \$25 and parents should enroll at Parent Central Services or on WebTrac.

ODR Trips

- April 27, 9 a.m. International Handicraft Fair
- May 4, 8 a.m. Cinque Terre Trip
- May 11, 9 am. Florence Trip
- May 18, Venice
- May 27, Wine Tasting

Complete list and trip info on www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

Darby Vigil & Walk

Let your silence be heard; support Sexual Assault Awareness Month with a silent vigil and walk on April 30. Stop by the info booth at the Commissary and join in on the walk.

Darby Job Fair

ACS in collaboration with NAF Human Resources and non-profit agencies will be available to assist about job opportunities on May 3 in Bldg 428 (Yellow Ribbon Room), 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

6th Annual European Softball Championships

Global Credit Union sponsors this tournament on Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-26. Your team won't want to miss this annual event, so get signed up before May 17. Entry Fee is \$350. For information, call 633-7438 or visit our website.



Strong B.A.N.D.S. Triathlon Challenge May 13-26

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes

Darby CYSS Activities



Darby Facebook Page

Community briefs

Visit the community calendar for more upcoming events and details

www.usag.vicenza.army.mil

Soldiers' Theatre

Soldiers' Theatre offers beginning tap dance classes starting April 30.

The Music Café returns May 17 with performances by an eclectic variety of Italian and American musicians. It's a free show. Come in to listen and to play if you'd like.

Comedy-Impro returns May 31, stop by to take part.

Guitar, piano, flute and voice lessons are available for all levels.

Stop by the theater for details or call 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281.

Dispose of prescription drugs

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day will be observed nationwide April 27. Sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the day is specifically set aside to encourage everyone to empty their medicine cabinets, kitchen drawers, purses and pillboxes of unwanted, unused and expired prescription drugs, and take them to authorized collection sites. In Vicenza, a collection box will be available beginning this weekend directly in front of the U.S. Army Health Clinic entrance way for deposit of any and all expired or excess medications. Since the opportunity to dispose of unwanted and expired medications comes around only once a year, USAPHC authorities remind everyone that this opportunity that should be seized.

DKO coming to an end

The DKO website will go offline May 31. As of June 1, account holders will not be able to access DKO. If you wish to retain content stored on DKO, download it before May 31 or you will lose it. Non-Army users who require access to AKO beyond May 31 require an Army sponsor. Sponsorship is permitted for non-Army users who must access Army applications or who

collaborate with Army personnel for official business.

UMUC Europe

UMUC Textbook sale: All textbooks will be 50 percent off regular prices May 1-29 when ordered through webText Europe, the University of Maryland University College Europe's online textbook ordering system.

Summer Field Study Classes: Early registration is now open for Summer 2013 courses, which begin June 3. The full schedule at www.ed.umuc.edu. Explore Italian culture in Naples, WWI history in Paris, Baroque art in Rome or history in Scotland while earning 3 credits toward a degree. For details and assistance go to www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy or contact the UMUC Europe field representative at the Education Center.

MCT workshops Saturday

The Missoula Children's Theater will host free workshops for children April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon in the SKIES instructional center, Building 308. Sessions include Drama Quest for kindergarten through second grade at 9 a.m.; Chameleon Improvisation for grades 3-12 at 10 a.m.; and Theatrical Make-up for grades kindergarten through 12 at 11 a.m. No registration is necessary, just stop by.

USO Bingo

Bring the whole family for free Bingo May 31 from 6-8 p.m. at the USO Vicenza Center, Building 9A. Enjoy food, prizes and fun for the whole family. Bring your own steak night starts at 5 p.m. and bingo begins at 6 p.m. on the patio. For details call 0444-71-8146 or stop by.

No USAHC Saturday clinics

Beginning May 4, Saturday clinic services will no longer be available at the Vicenza Health Center. The last Saturday clinic will be held on 27 April. Beginning May 2, the Health Center will open at 10:00 a.m. instead of 1:00 p.m. Appointment bookings

will begin at 9:30 a.m. For emergencies or to reach an ambulance, call 118 from off post or 99-118 from on post. For the 24/7 Nurse Advice line, call 800-877-660. To book appointments, call 636-9000 or 0444-61-9000. Please call the Patient Advocate at 636-9000 or 0444-61-9000 with questions, comments or concerns.

Summer Enrichment at VES

This year's Summer Enrichment program will take place July 1-26 at the Villaggio school complex for children currently enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grade. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Parents must provide their own transportation and no lunch will be provided. The program features an academic enrichment curriculum emphasizing mathematics and language arts. This summer's themes will be Mysteries for K through 5 and Media Magic for 6-8. Register early as spaces are limited.

Scoliosis screening at VMS

Middle school students will undergo scoliosis screening at Vicenza Middle School on the following dates: sixth grade, April 26; seventh grade, April 30; and eighth grade, May 2. Girls are requested to wear either an exercise bra or swim suit top under their clothes that day.

AE-ITT training

The AE-ITT program offers DoD Directive 8570.1 compliance by training and certifying individuals to meet Baseline and Computing Environment certification requirements. A listing of IT courses is available at <https://itt.eur.army.mil>. Upcoming courses include DoD IA Certification, April 29 to May 3; CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner, May 13-17; and MCITP, May 27-31. Contact Lydia Larimore at 634-6077 or lydia.t.larimore.ctr@mail.mil for details and help course registration and certification exam sessions.

U.S. Army Africa FRG
 SPRING CLEANING
 Fund Raiser Event
April 27, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

VHS Cafeteria
 RSVP table for \$20
 USARAF.FRGLLeader@gmail.com



**DART
 SINGLES TOURNAMENT**



Head into the Lion's Den and grab a handful of "arrows" for our Singles Dart Tournament. Compete against others for a chance to win a \$50 cash prize!

Saturday, April 27
 Beginning at 8 p.m.

**Entry Fee is \$5
 Adults Only**

For more info call 634-8257.
 vicenza.armyMWR.com

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

April 26	Safe Haven (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	A Good Day to Die Hard (R)	9 p.m.
April 27	Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	The Big Wedding (R) *	6 p.m.
April 28	Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	The Big Wedding (R) *	6 p.m.
May 1	Safe Haven (PG-13)	6 p.m.
May 2	A Good Day to Die Hard (R)	6 p.m.
May 3	Escape from Planet Earth 3-D (PG)	6 p.m.
	Side Effects (R)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

April 26	Safe Haven (PG-13)	6 p.m.
April 27	A Good Day to Die Hard (R)	6 p.m.
April 21	The Big Wedding (R) *	1 p.m.

Admission: 3D, adult, \$7.50, under 12, \$4.50; * 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>



Seasonal treasures abound

The cornucopia of food, wine and pleasant living is brimming as spring turns slowly to summer across Tuscany, the Veneto and all of Italy. See listings for where to go to enjoy the richness of Italy.

Photo courtesy of Verona Tuttintomo



May Day

May 1 (Labor Day) is an Italian Holiday. As on other major Italian holidays schools, stores and most services will be closed.

VENETO

Sagra di San Marco, Saint Mark Festival

Until April 28, in Canove di Roana, about 37 miles north of Vicenza. Exhibit and sale of traditional terracotta "Cuchi" whistles; carnival rides; food booths.

- April 27 at 7 p.m. Gastronomical stand at Palatenda followed by live music with "I Nuovo Fronte".
- April 28 at 7 p.m. Gastronomical stand at Palatenda with grilled meat, live music with the "Charlie's Band" followed by a lottery.

For information (in Italian) visit www.asiago.it/it/eventi/art_sagra_di_san_marco_e_dei_cuchi_canove_di_roana1/

43rd Palio di Romano d'Ezzelino, Palio of Romano d'Ezzelino, until May 5 in Romano d'Ezzelino, about 24 miles north of Vicenza.

- April 27: 5:30 p.m. Happy Hour; 7 p.m. Locanda in piazza; 9:30 p.m. live music with Celtic band "Uotisdis".
- April 28: Morning auto exhibit and local products sale. 11:30 a.m. Locanda in piazza 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.: visit the old districts on foot or by free shuttle bus and see reenactments of old trades in farmers' homes, barnyards and fields. Check for public parking. Cost of parking €2. 4 p.m.: Sfilata Storica delle Contrade, Historical Parade in medieval costume with local band, majorettes

and flag-throwers to be followed by the 43rd Palio, which is a donkey race instead of the usual horse race. 8:30 p.m: Award ceremony 9:30 p.m. Live music with "Roversi".

- May 1: Festival Musicale MAY DAY, Music Festival. 3 p.m.: Local rock bands perform in downtown.
- May 3: Serata Stra...Vagante, 5:30 p.m. Happy Hour in the square, 7 p.m. Locanda in piazza, 9:30 p.m. live music with "Piccola Orchestra StraVagante".
- May 5: Fiat 500 and Vespa meeting; noon Locanda in piazza open.

Sagra di San Marco, St. Mark's Festival: until April 28 in Montegalda, about 15 miles southeast of Vicenza.

April 28: 7: 30 p.m. dance team performance; 9 p.m. orchestra music and dancing

Festa del Cacciatore -Tiro al Piattello, Hunter Festival - Skeet-shooting until April 28, in Camisano Vicentino, Via Alpiero, a non-competitive sport event at "Azienda Agricola Francesco Traverso" (on the road toward Gazzo Padovano). In case of inclement weather the event will be postponed to the following week.

TUSCANY

Siena Cathedral

Gate of Heaven open until Oct 27.

After extensive renovation you can see the 'sky' of the cathedral, a series of rooms never opened to the public before, where for centuries no one was allowed access, except for the workers directed by the great architects who have come

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and gone over the centuries, which bear witness to projects and sketches portrayed sometimes directly on the walls. Opera Civita Group manages the bookings, information and guided tours of the complex of the Cathedral of Siena.

Until Oct. 27

Tickets (by reservation only)

Information and Reservations

T. +39 0577 286300 (Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Email: opasiena@operalaboratori.com

Agrifera 2013

Until May 1 in Pontasserchio, San Giuliano Terme - Pisa will be the Agrifera 2013. From 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

This agricultural fair is an annual event that recalls the spirit of a traditional village festival promoting ancient traditions, history and local culture, main themes of the event are typical products, agricultural machinery, animal husbandry, floriculture, but also culture expressed in numerous exhibitions, round tables and seminars for the promotion of agriculture and enhancing the environment. For more information visit www.agriferatoscana.com

Wine Town in Florence

May 17 and 18 from 3-11 p.m. Twelve large historic homes in Florence will be open for the fourth edition of Wine Town. The two day event will allow visitors to taste quality wine, listen to concerts and attend theater performances. For more information, go to www.winetown.it

Florence Gelato Festival

May 23-27 from noon to midnight. The festival brings together the best gelato makers and industry leaders from Italy and abroad. A gelato card can be purchased at the event and includes 5 samples of gelato, a gelato cocktail, a "Gelatoguida" handbook of festival events, entry into gelato exhibitions and

events and other festival treats. A festival card is not required for the event, tickets and gelato samples can be purchased separately. www.firenzegelatofestival.it

Anteprima vini della costa toscana a Lucca

The Lucca Wine Festival is May 4-6, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Preview more than 400 wines of the Tuscan Coast: more than 80 winemakers from Massa Carrara, Lucca, Pisa, Livorno and Grosseto from large corporations, small businesses and family run wineries. Associazione Grandi Cru della Costa Toscana. www.grandicru.it or www.anteprimavini.com

Festival della Fragola di Terricciola

The Strawberry festival in Terricciola is May 4, 5, 11, 12 hours vary. There will be strawberry specialties on stands within the communal garden. The 31st annual fair offers strawberry dishes, wine and local goods from local producers. Young and old may also attend a series of shows, and a market of crafts and antiques. Web: www.festivaldellafragola.it



Gardaland

Gardaland, in Castelnuovo del Garda, in Verona province, Via Derna, 4, about 45 miles west of Vicenza. Open through Sept. 29. Open also October weekends and Halloween.

Until June 27 the park is open from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; from June 28-Sept. 10 it is open from 10 a.m.- 11 p.m. The Gardaland Sea-Life Aquarium is open daily 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Every Sunday through May 12 entry to the park is reduced to €25 per person. Children less than 1 mt. tall get in free of charge.

For detailed info on opening hours, prices, attractions and services, and special offers visit the Web site www.gardaland.it/en/home.php.

WWE Wrestlemania

SmackDown Revenge Tour April 25 in Casalecchio di Reno (Bologna); April 26 in Trieste

MotoGP

Italian Grand Prix 2013 May 31 and June 1-2, at Mugello Circuit in Scarpe-

Festivals, parks offer Summertime fun

Gardaland, in Castelnuovo del Garda, in Verona province, about 45 miles west of Vicenza, is open from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. until June 27, then hours extend until 11 p.m.

Courtesy photo from Gardaland S.r.l.



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Come and run in the sun for fun!

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Youth ages 4-18 years. | Cost: FREE

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ARMY TEN-MILER

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TEAM ORIENTATION MEETING

Be part of the winning team and represent USAG Vicenza!

To Qualify for the Army Ten Miler (ATM):

Men must run 10 miles under 75 minutes

Women must run 10 miles under 80 minutes

Must be Active Duty in the U.S. Army



May 10, 2013

6-8 p.m.

Ederle Fitness Center Conference Room



ATM Qualifier Race in Grafenwoehr, Germany - June 29

ATM in Washington, D.C. - October 20

For more info call 634-7616. | www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

All participants must be 18 years of age and out of high school. Open to all ID card holders.

Cougar track and field crew warm up in Aviano



Photo by Ronnie Wilcox

Karolyn Suarez prepares to put the shot during European qualification competition in Aviano 29. The team travels to Naples this weekend.

By USAG Vicenza PAO

The VHS Cougar track team traveled to Aviano April 20 to compete for qualifying slots in European track competition against teams from Ansbach, Naples, Vilseck and their hosts.

Despite their best efforts and lots of heart and determination, the Cougars came home without qualifying, but their performance could pick up significantly in the course of the season, said coach Susan Vanderbeek.

"The track and field season is looking very good. Everyone has

been working hard toward their respective goals so it should be a great spring sports season," she said.

"The distance crew continues to improve and the throwers have been getting in some great throws resulting in personal bests. The jumpers are steadily improving their marks, as well as the sprinters with their times. We're definitely heading in the right direction," said Vanderbeek.

The Cougars travel this weekend to Naples for competition against Aviano, Sigonella, the American School of Rome and the hosts.

VHS splits double-header with Aviano

By Peter Huller

Special to *The Outlook*

Foreboding clouds and intermittent rain could not dampen the spirits of baseball fans as the Vicenza High School Cougars took the field on April 20 to play a doubleheader against the Aviano Saints.

Vicenza took the first game in grand style by a score of 14-1. The Cougars were led by freshman pitcher Louis Veazey, who tossed a no-hitter, the first in Vicenza baseball history. Veazey struck out seven and walked one batter in four innings of work, at which point the game was called through invoking the mercy rule.

Levi Martin led the team with two hits including a double as Vicenza rolled over the Saints.

The second game took a different turn, and not to Vicenza's advantage, but the Cougars clawed their way back from a big deficit to keep the score relatively close.

The defense did not hold up as well as in the first game, contributing too many unearned runs to Aviano's tally, and the Saints won by a 15-10 margin.

Once again Martin had two hits and Kenny Coulter chipped in a single and a triple for a total of four runs batted in. Coulter, Martin and John Young split the mound duties for the Cougars.

The team is now sitting in third place in the Southern Region rankings with a 2-4 record. Head coach Mark Wilson was cautiously optimistic about the progress the team is making and their prospects for the rest of the season.

"I'm quite happy with our team's defense, but our pitching is still developing. The no-hit performance by Veazey was a huge step in the right direction," he said.

Vicenza will host Sigonella April 26 for two games and then Naples April 27 for two more. Start times for both sets of games are 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Pomari Stadium, Via Vincenzo Bellini 88, just west of downtown Vicenza.