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**WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY IN VICENZA
PLUS AMAZING RACE AT VMS**



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Soldiers re-enact a march for voting rights on Caserma Ederle Aug. 26 as part of Women's Equality Day activities in Vicenza. The VMC marked the 42nd anniversary of the recognition of the struggle for equal rights for women with a march and program at the Soldiers' Theatre that featured re-enactments of significant figures and events in America's historic move toward equal rights for all. See page 4 for an in-depth look.

Photo by Julie Lucas

Nove Pottery Festival

Saturday, September 14
from 2 - 10 p.m.

Cost: \$25

Sign-up at Arts & Crafts or via Webtrac.
Call 634-7074 for more info. | www.vicenza.armyMWR.com.





Photo by Julie Lucas

Ready for prime time

Idroterm Impianti contractor Simone Basegio tapes an electrical cable in the kitchen of the new Youth Center on Villaggio Sept. 3. Contractors were busy putting finishing touches on the nearly \$5 million facility, which will open to the community Sept. 9. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 3:30 p.m. to be followed by an open house and barbecue. All are welcome.

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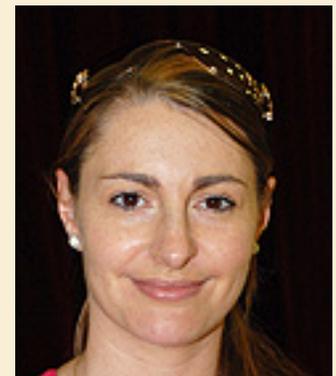
What do you do to protect your privacy online?



Manuel Pavan

USAG Vicenza DES Fire Department

"I just use several types of antivirus software."



Maria Rodriguez

Family member

"I make sure I change regularly my password."



Spc. Dillan Taylor

1st-503rd Infantry Regiment

"Firewalls can help protect you from various viruses and malware."

VMC marks Women's Equality Day

Story and photos by Julie Lucas

USAG Vicenza PAO

Chants of "Stand up women, together we are strong," echoed around post Aug. 26.

Since 1971, Aug. 26 has been designated as Women's Equality Day and this year's ceremony, organized by the Equal Opportunity Office on Caserma Ederle, celebrated the 19th Amendment, which guarantees women's right to vote.

Women and men joined together at the post theater for a "protest march" that led them to Soldiers' Theatre. According to Sgt. Maj. Carolina Johnson, EO adviser, the day was planned to bring awareness to women's struggles for basic rights.

"I thought holding a march would cause people to look, listen and ask questions," Johnson said. "Voting is a duty and honor and shouldn't be taken for granted."

When the group arrived at Soldiers' Theatre they watched a skit portraying an apathetic young woman being urged to vote by two older women. They suggested she should learn about the history of women and voting rights.

The next skit featured Susan B. Anthony, who rapped about being arrested for voting in the 1872 presidential election. The next skit featured Sojourner Truth, a former

slave who became the first black woman to win a case against a white man. She wrote a famous speech titled, "Aint I a Woman?" that was delivered at the Ohio Women's Rights Convention in 1851.

The next to speak was Fredrick Douglass, who was the first African American to be nominated for vice president of the United States.

Sgt. Terysa King of U.S. Army Africa, served as the emcee of the event and read the proclamation from President Barack Obama for this year's observance.

"Today, we honor the pioneers of women's equality by doing our part to realize that great American dream — the dream of a nation where all things are possible for all



A participant displays his poster at the march.



Sgt. Radia Marquis (above), 106th Finance Company, and daughter Rachel sing Sister Suffragette as part of the Women's Equality Day observance at the Soldiers' Theatre Aug. 26.

people," King read.

A prayer was said by Sgt. 1st Class Naomi Rankins, USAG Vicenza, and Sgt. Radia Marquis, 106th Finance Company, sang the Sister Suffragette song with her daughter, Rachel.

Guest speaker of the event was Col. Sara Simmons, who is serving as assistant chief of staff, G-1, USARAF. Simmons spoke about taking time to reflect on the past successes and already established foundations paved by females who struggled throughout history.

One of those women was Christine de Pizan, an Italian-French writer born in Venice in 1364, who was one of the first people to have written about women being equal to men. Simmons also spoke about the Seneca Falls Convention, which was organized by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott in 1848.

"Women were property of their husbands and denied access to colleges and trade schools," Simmons said.

"There were four jobs available for women in those days: teaching, sewing, factory work and domestic service; and their wages then belonged to their husbands."

According to Simmons the movement was stalled during the Civil War and everything was shifted to abolish slavery. Even after 1870 when the 15th Amendment gave black men voting rights, women still didn't have the same freedoms.

After many years of political wrangling that delayed ratification of the 19th Amendment, the vote was tied and came down to one young representative from Tennessee, Harry Burn, who received a letter from his mother to change his original vote.

Simmons then spoke about President John Kennedy signing the Equal Pay Act in 1963, that gave women the right to receive the same amount of pay as a man.

"But I believe we have a template, a model of success with best practices and proven results," Simmons said.



VMC Soldiers and civilians re-create a march for voting rights to mark the occasion.

Ready and Resilient: *Suicide Prevention*

By Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr.

Hello USAREUR Team:

This past March the Army launched the Ready and Resilient Campaign. This campaign integrates and synchronizes multiple efforts and programs to improve the readiness and resilience of the Army Family: Soldiers, civilians and families.

Ready and Resilient creates a holistic, collaborative and coherent approach to increase individual and unit readiness and resilience. The tools and programs the Army has developed improve methods for leaders, peers and family members to understand high-risk behaviors and intervene early. Putting them into practice helps prevent suicide, sexual harassment and sexual assault, bullying and hazing, substance abuse and domestic violence.

Engagement key to success

I expect leaders to engage their subordinates and re-familiarize themselves with the various resources available at www.army.mil/readyandresilient and to take advantage of them. At the end of the day being ready and resilient is all about leadership and personal responsibility.

As September is Suicide Prevention Month, I would like to take this opportunity to focus on this difficult topic. Suicide is a serious challenge facing the Army Family; combating this challenge requires everyone in the unit to be aware of the risk factors for suicide and understand how to respond.



Leaders must be at the forefront of this effort, but it must also involve friends, peers, families and co-workers. The success of the Army Suicide Prevention Program rests upon proactive, caring and courageous people who, recognizing an imminent danger, take immediate action to save a life.

Eliminating suicide from our ranks is no small task. It is a mission that takes committed leadership and Soldiers who care about those around them. The way to get ahead of this challenge is for leaders at all levels to get to know their Soldiers, peers, co-workers and families individually, and understand the personal and professional stressors that are affecting them.

This can allow us to identify risk factors early and find ways to help someone in need work through these stressors by getting them the help available. A command climate of trust and accountability is the key to establishing an environment where this is possible. I encourage you to focus on the continuous education and training of identifying risk factors, resources available and the steps to help someone in need.

Understanding these will allow our suicide prevention efforts to be successful.

The Ready and Resilient Campaign and Suicide Prevention both fall in line with one of my imperatives: Comprehensive Fitness. When leaders demonstrate care and compassion through dignified, fair and respectful treatment of Soldiers and families, their sense of self-worth soars and increases their ability to handle the challenging and demanding situations they are placed in day in and day out.

Be an engaged leader; it will make a difference.

Strong Soldiers, Strong Teams!



ACROPARK ROPES COURSE WITH THE YOUTH CENTER

September 21
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$30 | Grades 6-12

Sign-up at Parent Central Services or via Webtrac.
For more info call 634-7659.

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September 9
at 3:30 p.m.**

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ribbon cutting and
refreshments.**



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was ever going to open?
The wait is over!
Come check out the amazing new
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a delicious BBQ!**

For more information call 634-6678. | www.vicenza.armyMWR.com.

National Preparedness Month

Getting ready on a budget not so hard to do

By Shaun Miller

Installation Emergency Manager

With furloughs and sequestration still fresh in memories and the uncertainty of the next fiscal year still over the horizon, it is no secret that many families and individuals are looking to cut back on spending.

But with the frequency of disasters, both natural and man-made, can you afford not to be prepared? Wouldn't you prefer to be prepared the next time a flood happens here in Vicenza or during a microburst?

September is National Preparedness Month, and we are asking you to help your family, friends and the Vicenza Military Community prepare for whatever emergencies or disasters may come.

Best of all, preparedness doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg. Here are a few tips on how you can protect those that matter to you without spending a fortune.

Make a plan. Work with your family and neighbors to make an emergency plan for the types of disasters that occur in your neighborhood. Make sure everyone in your family understands where to go and what to do in case of an emergency. Family Emergency Plan templates are available free of charge at the Federal Emergency Man-



Photo by Sara Lamason

Stockpiling an emergency supply kit can be done over time without breaking your family budget.



agement Agency website.

Update contact information. Having accurate records for family, friends and neighbors will help you stay in contact, and possibly help others who are in need. Make sure updated contact information is posted in visible places throughout your house and workplace.

Check your policy. Review your insurance policy annually and make any necessary changes. Renters should do the same with their renter's insurance too. Whether you own your home or not, when disaster strikes, you want to know that your coverage will get you back on your feet.

Make a ready list. You may not need every single item that comes in a ready-made preparedness kit. Choose the essentials that fit your needs and budget, and skip the rest. Don't forget to keep supplies at work and in your car. Sample ready lists can also be found online at www.ready.gov/build-a-kit

Plan your purchases. Save money by thinking ahead. Don't buy preparedness items just before a storm when they're expensive and supplies are in high demand. Buy items at the end of the season when you can get the best deals.

Shop sales. Shop at sales, flea markets and used goods stores. Buy preparedness items throughout the year instead of all at once. You won't notice the cost as much.

Make sure it keeps. Store water, key to any preparedness plan and kit, in safe containers. You don't need to buy expensive bottled water, just make sure your water containers are disinfected and airtight.

Request a gift. We all get things we don't need. Suggest preparedness supplies as gifts from your friends and family. It just might save your life.

Trade a night out. Trade one night out a year to fund your 72-hour preparedness kit. Taking a family of four to the movies can cost upwards of \$80. Just one night staying in could fund your ready kit.

Most important of all: Start now. Take small steps toward preparedness and before you know it, you will be ready.

For more information go to the USAG Vicenza's Emergency Management page.



SEPTEMBER BOOM

Saturday, September 14

**Beginning at 10 a.m.
at the DeCA Commissary**

Experience Vicenza fitness at it's best. The event will showcase programs, classes and services offered at the Ederle Fitness Center. There will be 10 minute demonstrations of each of the group fitness classes currently offered, a massage thearapy demonstration and prize drawings for free classes and t-shirts throughout the event.

Zumba ~ Power Pump ~ Yoga ~ Pilates ~ Spin Cycle ~ Massage

Demonstrations begin at 10 a.m. with each lasting about 10 minutes before the second set begins at aproximately 11 a.m.

For more info call 634-7616.



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Amazing Race builds bonds

Story and photos by Laura Kreider

USAG Vicenza PAO

More than 280 Vicenza Middle School students were actively involved in The Amazing Race, not the popular reality television game show, but a very challenging event held at the Villaggio middle school Aug. 29.

The Amazing Race is a school-wide program designed to combat bullying and foster collaboration, leadership and school spirit. Throughout the event, students in mixed-grade-level groups tackled nine mental and physical challenges.

"Each task required a different skill set so that the strengths of all students could be utilized," said Michal Turner, VMS AVID coordinator and elective mathematics teacher, who coordinated the event.

"We hoped to create bonds that would ensure that no child feels alienated in any hallway in the school. Also, we wanted students to know many different faculty members so they feel they can turn to any teacher in the school for help — not just the ones in their grade level," she said.



Vicenza Middle School Pumas build with spaghetti and marshmallows (above), let off steam (top right) and balance as a group (right) during the Amazing Race Aug. 29.



at VMS



Based on feedback from students and station managers, the Amazing Race was a success.

"Students were enthusiastic about starting the school year and they felt supported and welcome at VMS," Turner said.

Participants had some favorite games such as seventh-grader Camryn Camarata, who said "I really enjoyed the poster making station because you had to think of diversities and work as a team; I have never done anything like this before."

For Sydney Williams, sixth grade, the favorite was the "shhh" station, where teams had to line up alphabetically from A to Z without speaking.

"I liked all the games and the things we had to figure out in each of them, but especially the silent game because we had to use our hands to communicate and it was really fun. I also liked that everybody was participating in each of the activities," said Williams.

Communication skills were also decisive at the tower building station.

"We had to be able to build with the spaghetti and marshmallows. I liked it because it involved a lot of teamwork," said seventh-grader Connor Wilson.

It takes a village to play

Turner explained that it would have been impossible to carry out the event without the help of the 16 parents and community volunteers who came in to help run the races, and the entire staff of VMS.

Among those on hand, Ladislav Pecsuk of the CYS Sports office was volunteering at station No. 8 with other members of his office.

"Our station was the 'Beat Masterz,' where the kids had to come up with a creative way to sing the schools vision statement as a group and perform on camera. Our staff enjoyed the atmosphere and we had so much fun; it was unreal to watch how fast they were able to convert the vision into a song. Some clapped, some stomped and others had great voices. I actually felt like I was Simon on 'American Idol,'" he said.

School notes

Open Houses and Orientations

Vicenza Elementary School will host an Open House for students and parents Sept. 5.

Vicenza High School will host its Open House Sept. 10 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Meet in the gym.

Vicenza Elementary School

Parents take note: Sept. 12 will be the first day of Sure Start pre-school classes. Primarily for children of sponsors E-4 and below, anyone is welcome to file an application. VES has two classes of 18 children in each.

Cougar sports

Vicenza High School students interested in cross-country, volleyball, tennis and cheer-leading and their parents can meet with coaches Sept. 10 immediately after the VHS Open House, beginning around 6:30 p.m.

Bus transportation contacts

The Vicenza School Transportation Office is available to help parents coordinate school bus service for their children at two locations. **Elementary and Middle School** at Villaggio: Room 18 in the middle school, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed from noon to 1 p.m. Call 634-8132, 0444-71-8132 or 335-831-5072. **Vicenza High School** on Caserma Ederle, Room 21A. The office is closed from approximately noon to 1 p.m. Call 634-6345, 0444-71-6345 or 335-831-5072.

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Email content for
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on Thursday of the week
before publication to

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Team RWB enriches lives of veterans

By Julie Lucas
USAG Vicenza PAO

If you have been to an event in the Vicenza Military Community recently you might have noticed a group of people wearing red shirts with the letters RWB on them. Service members in the VMC looking for activities for the whole family, including social and physical, should look no further than Team RWB.

"Team RWB was created to enrich the lives of veterans through physical activities and social events," said Maj. Scotty Autin, Italy chapter captain. "I ran some Team RWB races in the Houston area and it was through those events I really learned the value of the organization and how they can enrich the lives of our veterans."

While Autin was learning about RWB in Houston, Sgt. Ryan Friedrichs was running a 54-mile marathon in Michigan with Team RWB to remember a fallen service member. Friedrichs made a commitment to start a formal chapter in Italy after returning from deployment with 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne).

"Getting a Team RWB chapter started in Italy has been much easier than I'd ever imagined," said Friedrichs, who is the team's director of veteran outreach. "In just a few months we have more than 200 Soldiers, veterans and family members officially signed up for the chapter."

Lots of cool things to get out and do

One of the first events the group participated in was a 5-kilometer race on Caserma Ederle June 28. Since then the group has completed events such as the Run to Remember at Caserma Del Din in July, a "Tough Mudder" competition in Germany, the "Vicenza's Strongest" weightlifting competition, hiking the 52 tunnels, the USO Summer Bash and other daily workouts as a group.

"Every member is encouraged to be an event leader and post an event or activity on our Facebook page that they would like people to attend with them," Friedrichs said. "With our larger numbers now this is beginning to happen more and more."

Future events on the Team RWB calendar include the Milan Color Run Sept. 7, Run to the Tower in Pisa in October and an all-day relay race on 9/11.

Anyone interested in joining the group can go to their website - www.TeamRWB.org - click "Join the Team" and select the Vicenza chapter - or catch up with them on their Facebook page.



Courtesy photo

Team Red White and Blue members keep up the pace during the Run to Remember at Caserma Del Din July 19.

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For info, call 634-8257

The advertisement features a green background with a white and red striped bowling pin on the left. The text is in white and black. At the bottom right, there is a circular logo for U.S. Army MWR (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation) with a globe in the center.



DEL DIN BEACH BASH

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Beginning at 3 p.m.
.....

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- Corn Hole
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The party moves inside the Warrior Zone from 7-11 p.m. for the
BOSS Luau with games and prizes!



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Darby Fall Fitness Series



From 9/11 Solidarity Run to the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot

Complete 3 of the 4 events to **be eligible** (by random draw) for **incentive prizes**. You must register to participate in the events even if there is no registration fee to be eligible.

- ◀ **Wed, Sept 11 | 9/11 Solidarity Run | 7:30 a.m.**
5K (3.1 miles) course for runners, 2 mile course for walkers (and/or adults with children)
 - No registration fee
 - T-shirts available for purchase
- ▶ **Sat, Sept 14 | 3rd Annual Beach Duathlon | 8 a.m.**
1 mile beach run, 500 meter swim, 1 mile beach run
 - \$15 registration fee includes breakfast
- ▶ **Fri, Oct 18 | 31st Annual Run to the Tower | 9:30 a.m.**
12K (7.4 miles) run from Darby to the Leaning Tower of Pisa
 - \$15 or Euro 12 registration fee (register Sept 2-Oct 16 at ODR)
- ▶ **Fri, Nov 22 | Turkey Trot | 4 p.m.**
5K (3.1 miles) course for runners, 2 mile course for walkers (and/or adults with children)
 - No registration fee
 - T-shirts available for purchase

For info, contact Sports & Fitness at 633-7438
www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

Speak Out

What do you do to protect your privacy online?



Mauro Mendola
Banco Nazionale del Lavoro

"I don't give out my password for any reason."



Karen Spitzer
DoDDS Europe teacher

"I have my Facebook security set for privacy and I limit friends' requests. I also change my password often."



Melvin Pacheco
DMC retiree

"The easiest way: I don't go on the web."

Camp Darby Oktoberfest



The Camp Darby Military Community will hold its first Oktoberfest event Sept. 13-15 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. each evening in the fest field and tent. The area will be controlled but open to the public. Fest booths will sell hot dogs, sauerkraut and beer, and there will be live music in the fest tent.



THE CAMP DARBY SEPTEMBER 11 SOLIDARITY RUN

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Beginning at 7:30 a.m.

at the Command Flagpoles

Join this 5K run or 2 mile walk to remember and honor the victims and survivors of September 11, 2001.

Registration begins August 26 at the Darby Fitness Center or on the day of the run. Must be registered to be eligible for the Camp Darby Fall Fitness Series (3 of 4 events for prizes).

No registration fee.

Limited sizes of t-shirts available for purchase - \$10 each.



For more information call 633-7438.
www.vicenza.armyMWR.com





Family and MWR

Vicenza Military Community



Youth Center Grand Opening

The community is invited to the Grand Opening of the new Villaggio Youth Center on September 9, at 3:30 p.m. Our new facility is located in Villaggio Building 702, next to Vicenza Middle School.

Please join us for the ribbon cutting ceremony and a barbeque celebration.

Oktober-Test Registration

The second running of the Oktober-Test! A fun and physical Germanic challenge for all. Come for the "Test" but stay for the "Fest". Registration begins Thursday, September 5. Adults register at ODR, children at CYSS.

Del Din Beach Bash

Hit the beach without leaving Del Din! The Beach Bash on September 14 begins at 3 p.m. and features; swimming, music, sun beads, Corn Hole, Human Pyramid and Sand Volleyball Competitions. The Warrior Zone will offer a \$5 BBQ plate and have specialty beach drinks available. The party moves inside the Warrior Zone from 7-11 p.m. for the BOSS Luau with games and prizes. Adults only! Call 634-2705 for more information

Surf and Turf Night

Back by popular demand the Old Soldiers' Bar offers a 12 ounce Rib eye, grilled shrimp, baked potato, salad, desert and wine, water and coffee for just \$30 per person. Make your reservations by Sept 17, by calling 634-7685

September Boom!

Don't miss this showcase of programs, classes and services offered at the Ederle Fitness Center. Ten minute demonstrations of each of the group fitness classes currently offered, a massage therapy demonstration and prize drawings for free classes and t-shirts throughout the event. September 14, 10 a.m.-Noon at the Commissary.

ODR Trips

- September 12, Cooking Class, Finger Foods
 - September 14, Chianti Wine and Lunch
 - September 18, Wine Down Wednesday
 - September 18 & 19, Oktoberfest Munich Overnight
 - September 21, Venice Rowing & Gondola House
- Complete list and trip info on www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

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For more information, call 634-8257

Register using MWR Online Services for:
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Activities

Vicenza Facebook Page





Darby Military Community

Fall Fitness Series

You have four fall fitness events to help keep fit this fall. Compete in 3 of the 4 events to be eligible for incentive prizes. You must register to participate in the event even if there is no registration fee in order to be eligible for the random drawing.

- Wed, Sept 11 | 9/11 Solidarity Run.
- Sat, Sept 14 | 3rd Annual Beach Duathlon
- Fri, Oct 18 | 31st Annual Run to the Tower
- Fri, Nov 22 | Turkey Trot

Call Sports and Fitness for information at 633-7438 or visit our website.



Run to the Tower on October 18

Registration for Run to the Tower is open on September 2-Oct 16. The first 400 entries will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Download the entry form from our website.



USA Jobs Workshop

Want to apply for a job but don't have a resume. Learn how to build a basic civilian federal resume. By attending the workshop you will be able to; register and navigate USAJOBS.com and complete an online resume, and learn about the veteran and military spouse preference employment. To register call 633-7084.

Flag Football

It is time to think about Flag Football. Intramural league begins Sept 18 Games will be played on Wednesdays at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. The coaches meeting and scrimmage is Sept 12, 5:30 p.m. on the football field. We need officials too! The clinic for both new and returning officials is scheduled for Sept 9-12 5:30-8:30 each evening. For complete information, call 634-7438.

ODR Trips

September 6, Elba
September 7, Florence
September 14, San Gimignano
September 21, Wine Tasting
Complete list and trip info on www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes

Darby CYSS Activities



Darby Facebook Page

VENETO

Il Giro della Rua **The Wheel Parade**

Sept. 6 in Vicenza. This 2,000 person parade led by the Historic Alpini Band departs from Piazza Duomo at 8:15 p.m. and arrives at the Piazza dei Signori at 9 p.m., where there will be a lighting ceremony of the historical wooden tower, the symbol of Vicenza. Celebrations continue with live music from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. *Rua* means "wheel" and was originally the insignia used by Vicentine notaries to commemorate the victory of Vicenza over its Paduan rulers in the 13th century. The *Rua* will remain on display in Piazza dei Signori through Sept. 30.

Festa di San Cristoforo **San Cristoforo Festival**

Friday to Monday in the nearby town of Bertesina. Food booths featuring *gnocchi*, *bigoli*, Vicentine cod fish and other local specialties and traditional desserts open at 7 p.m. Live music and entertainment start at 8:30 p.m.

Ferrara Balloon Festival

Sept. 6-15, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., in Bassani Park, Ferrara, about 70 miles south of Vicenza. Admission is €4 Saturday and Sunday (free for children under 12); free entry Monday to Friday. Free parking and shuttle service will be available from the main parking lot in downtown Ferrara.

Potato Dumpling Festival

In Selva di Trissino, about a 30-minute drive west of Vicenza, Sept. 6-8. The ninth annual celebration of the potato dumpling, *gnocco*, features both food and wine as well as cultural events to promote the potato and other agricultural prod-

Il Giro della Rua



Courtesy photo

ucts of Selva di Trissino. Food booths open at 7 p.m. A *Gnoccolando* hike Sept. 8 combines walks through the hills with explorations of local farms and their produce.

XVI Festa della Ceramica **Nove Pottery Festival**

The 16th Nove Ceramic Festival will be held Sept. 7-15 in the town, about 30 kilometers north of Vicenza, renowned around the world for its pottery and related arts. It is home to a major Arts and Crafts Museum that documents three centuries of ceramic development, and the Petassi Mill, an important production center for ceramics. Craftsmen from around the world will display and demonstrate their art and a wealth of exhibitions promise hours of interesting viewing. MWR has arranged a day at the festival for members of the VMC that will include greetings by the mayor and city council to be followed by guided tours in English and a no-host dinner. The program runs from 2-10 p.m. Sign up at the Vicenza Arts and Crafts Center or on Webtrac. Call 634-7074 or 0444-71-7074 for details.

Ferrara Balloon Festival



Courtesy photo

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Il Festa della Rificolona

Courtesy photo

Festa della Rificolona **Paper Lantern Festival**

In Firenze, Sept. 7-8, is said to be one of Florence's oldest festivals. Its origins are in the most important farmers market of the year, held in the Piazza of Saint Annunziata on the eve of the birth of the Virgin. Traditionally, farmers and their families would get up very early, put on their Sunday best and walk to Florence by the light of candles held in tissue-paper lanterns attached to poles. The sophisticated Florentines would mock the yokels' attempts at elegance, and children would make their own brightly colored lanterns and follow along, jeering and whistling. Today, the night of Sept. 7 sees the children of Florence running through the streets with their *rificolone*, street parties, theater and a huge market in the square.

Rassegna del Chianti Classico **Classic Chianti Wine Festival**

Sept. 6-9 in Greve in Chianti, about 30 kilometers south of Florence. The event is the showcase for Chianti Classico wines and takes place in Piazza Matteotti. Buy a glass for tasting from any of the many vintners and you are free to try any wine offered at the many stands.

Vino al Vino

Panzano in Chianti

The Chianti wine festival, Sept. 13-16, in the main square of Panzano, about 30 kilometers south of Florence, features wine from many of the town's wineries for sampling and purchase. This is a smaller and more informal event than the Greve wine festival held the preceding week.

Festa della Esaltazione della Santa Croce

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

In Lucca, Sept. 13, it is the ancient town's principal event of the year and part of a series of festivals during September. There is a devotional procession in which the *Volto Santo*, or Holy Face, in the form of a wooden crucifix figure, is carried through the streets of the old town from the Church of Saint Frediano to the Cathedral of Saint Martin. The procession is illuminated by thousands of small candles. Afterward there is the *Mottettone* concert inside the cathedral and fireworks on the banks of the river.

Palio della Balestra Sansepolcro

The annual Sansepolcro crossbow tournament will be held Sunday, Sept. 8, in the town about a two-hour drive east of Camp Darby. Large numbers of townspeople dress in medieval costume and there is a re-enactment of the very ancient competition between the bowmen of Sansepolcro and Gubbio, a nearby Umbrian town. The competition is held in to honor Sant'Egidio, patron saint of Sansepolcro.

Area markets

Lucca, about 50 km. north of Pisa, holds its monthly antique market Aug. 18 and the third Sunday of every month.

Livorno conducts its main market every Friday in the Via dei Pensieri, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Livorno Central Market is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a lunch break from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The fruit and vegetable section of the market closes at 1:30 p.m.

In Pisa, the historic Piazza delle Vettovaglie in Pisa offers a daily food market just a block from Borgo Stretto, the main pedestrian shopping street. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. daily.

The town of Tirrenia conducts its summer market on Tuesdays until the last Sunday in September from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Piazza dei Fiori.

**Event listings are as reported at press time.
Details are subject to change without notice.
Check before you go.**

Visit the VMC community calendar for the latest event details and updates at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil

Well water alert

Residents of Creazzo, Altavilla, Sovizzo and Vicenza who use private well water are advised that these municipalities have sent notifications that the presence of alkyl perflourate has made it unfit for consumption. City water provided by municipal services is not affected, only privately maintained well water sources. This does not affect government leased quarters, housing in Villaggio, Caserma Ederle or Caserma Del Din, nor the vast majority of residents in private rental housing. Those who only have well water at their properties can call the Housing help desk 637-7900, 637-7901 or Civ: 0444-61-7900/0444-61-7901.

Patriot Day motorcycle ride

All VMC military and civilian motorcycle riders are invited to join the commemorative 9/11 Patriot Day ride to Verona and Mantova starting at 8 a.m. on Caserma Ederle. All are welcome. Email SFC Davis for info.

ACS Vicenza-Livorno reaccredited

A Department of Defense accreditation team presented a Certificate of Accreditation for ACS Vicenza-Livorno to the USAG Vicenza Command Group at its Accreditation Inspection Out-Brief Aug. 29. Accreditation team members from the U.S. conducted inspections at both locations Aug. 23-29, meeting with ACS customers to determine the level of services being provided to the military communities. ACS Vicenza-Livorno passed the accreditation inspection process with no deficiencies for any of 150 Category 1 Standards. In addition the installations met the 290 points for all Category 2 Standards. Stan Lawson, the accreditation team director, said



Photo by Laura Kreider

Keepin' it clean for a good cause

Soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) and family members work on POVs and firetrucks during an end-of-season car wash held at the Vicenza Commissary parking lot Aug. 29.

that ACS Vicenza-Livorno, provides a model for adjusting standards for direct installations that have responsibility for satellite locations.

VMS is asbestos free

As required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986, the Villaggio school complex buildings have been constructed free of asbestos-containing materials. The contractor has provided a letter to the school verifying the school has been constructed with materials that do not contain asbestos or any lead-based paint or solvents. The 2012 triennial Asbestos Hazard Response Act facility condition assessment surveys were completed at Vicenza Middle School in July 2012 and confirmed that there is no asbestos

in the school. Questions or concerns should be directed to Principal Dr. Julio Gonzalez at 634-5701.

Post Office updates

The Caserma Ederle and Del Din Postal Service Centers are upgrading postal finance equipment to better serve customers. Unfortunately, outgoing mail service will close at the Del Din facility Sept. 12 during the implementation phase. Parcel pick-up will be available. Both locations resume normal Friday operating hours beginning Aug. 30. Both resume Tuesday training hours beginning Sept. 3 and will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Red Cross Pet First Aid

The American Red Cross will conduct Pet First Aid classes Sept. 9

and 13 from 9 a.m. to noon to teach emergency pet care. Course fee is \$35. Register in advance at the Red Cross office, Building 333 next to the Health Center. Call 634-7089 or 0444-71-7089 for information.

AE-ITT classes

Army in Europe Information Technology Training Program and Knowledge offer the following training courses in the next two months:

Sept. 16-20: DOD IA Certification 8570.1 (Network+) 2012

Sept. 23-27: ICND1 - Interconnecting Cisco Network Devices 1

Sept. 30 to Oct. 4: DOD IA Certification 8570.1 Information Assurance

Security Course

Oct. 21-25: DOD IA Certification 8570.1 (A+) 2011

Facilities are available to fulfill a broad range of certification requirements. See a full list of upcoming courses online or call the local site coordinator at 634-6077.

Intro to Automotive Technology

Central Texas College will offer an Introduction to Automotive Technology in October that covers shop equipment, tools, vehicle subsystems, service publications, professional responsibilities and basic automotive maintenance. For details call 634-6514 or stop by the Ederle Education Center weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or the Del Din office Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Soldiers' Theatre

The Soldiers' Theatre offers multi-level, adult dance classes featuring jazz, ballet and hip-hop, perfect for beginners and experienced dancers.

Classes are conducted at the SKIES Unlimited Dance Studio, Building 308 on Caserma Ederle. **Ballet** is Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; **jazz and contemporary**, Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; and **hip-hop**, Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m. Cost is \$28. Register at Soldiers' Theatre or on Webtrac.

Mosquito spraying date set

Mosquito spraying with ULV fogger is scheduled for Villaggio Sept. 18 from 7-9 p.m., weather permitting. Residents are advised to not walk the streets during spraying and for an hour after. In case of rain, spraying will take place the following day. Call 634-8218/8888.

MSD application changes

Defense Finance and Accounting Services Indianapolis announces that Military Service Deposit application forms have been updated by OPM. Outdated forms for MSD will not be accepted as of Sept. 1. Check the OPM website for current forms.

The Outlook accepts submissions

Email content for consideration by noon on Thursday of the week before publication to

editor@eur.amy.mil

At the movies



Ederle Theater

Sept. 5	7 p.m.	Red 2 (PG-13)
Sept. 6	7 p.m.	One Direction: This is Us 3D (PG)
	10 p.m.	Getaway (PG-13)
Sept. 7	3 p.m.	One Direction: This is Us 3D (PG)
	6 p.m.	Getaway (PG-13)
Sept. 8	3 p.m.	One Direction: This is Us 3D (PG)
	6 p.m.	Getaway (PG-13)
Sept. 11	11 a.m.	We're The Millers (R)
	7 p.m.	The Wolverine (PG-13)
Sept. 12	7 p.m.	2 Guns (R)

Admission: 3D first run (*), adult, \$8, under 12, \$5.25; 3D second run, adult \$7.50, under 12, \$5; first run (*), adult, \$6, under 12, \$3.25; second run, adult \$5.50, under 12, \$3.

Advance tickets: On sale Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the PX Food Court entrance. Up to 50 percent of seats will be on sale; the remainder go on sale one hour before show time at the theater box office.

Film ratings and reviews are available at www.imdb.com

One Direction: This is Us

A look at one of the hottest bands on the planet. This documentary style feature takes a look at Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne, Louis Tomlinson and Harry Styles and their meteoric rise to fame, from their humble hometown beginnings through competing on the X-Factor, to conquering the world and performing at London's famed O2 Arena.

2012-2013 POL Coupon Refund Information



Your POL coupons expire each year on 30 September, which affects your coupon purchases during the months of September and October. Note the following:

1. 2012-2013 POL coupons are valid through 30 September 2013.
2. Maximum refund is for two month's allotment.
3. 2012-13 POL coupons will be refunded 21 September through 30 November, 2013 only.

- Price of refund will be price of purchase. If the price cannot be determined, the lowest purchase point of sale will be used.
- Coupons must be in fair condition - serial numbers and denominations must be legible.

Exception: Customers deployed during refund period. Orders must be presented in order to receive refund.

If you are unable to visit an Exchange within Italy during the refund period, please send your 2012-2013 POL coupons to:

AAFES Europe
Aviano Accounting Office
Unit 6195
APO AE 09603

The Exchange will begin selling the 2013-2014 POL coupons in late September. These coupons are usable beginning 1 October and will be charged against your October 2013-2014 rations. (Sale date determined by Tax Free Products Administrator.)



WARRIOR
ZONE



Saturday
SEPT
28
at 7 p.m.



Registration Begins: **September 1**
Deadline: **September 26**
Register at the Warrior Zone | Free to Register

For full contest rules, info on judging & additional registration details visit www.vicenza.armyMWR.com or call DSN 634-5530.

Nove

Pottery Festival

Saturday, September 14
from 2 - 10 p.m.

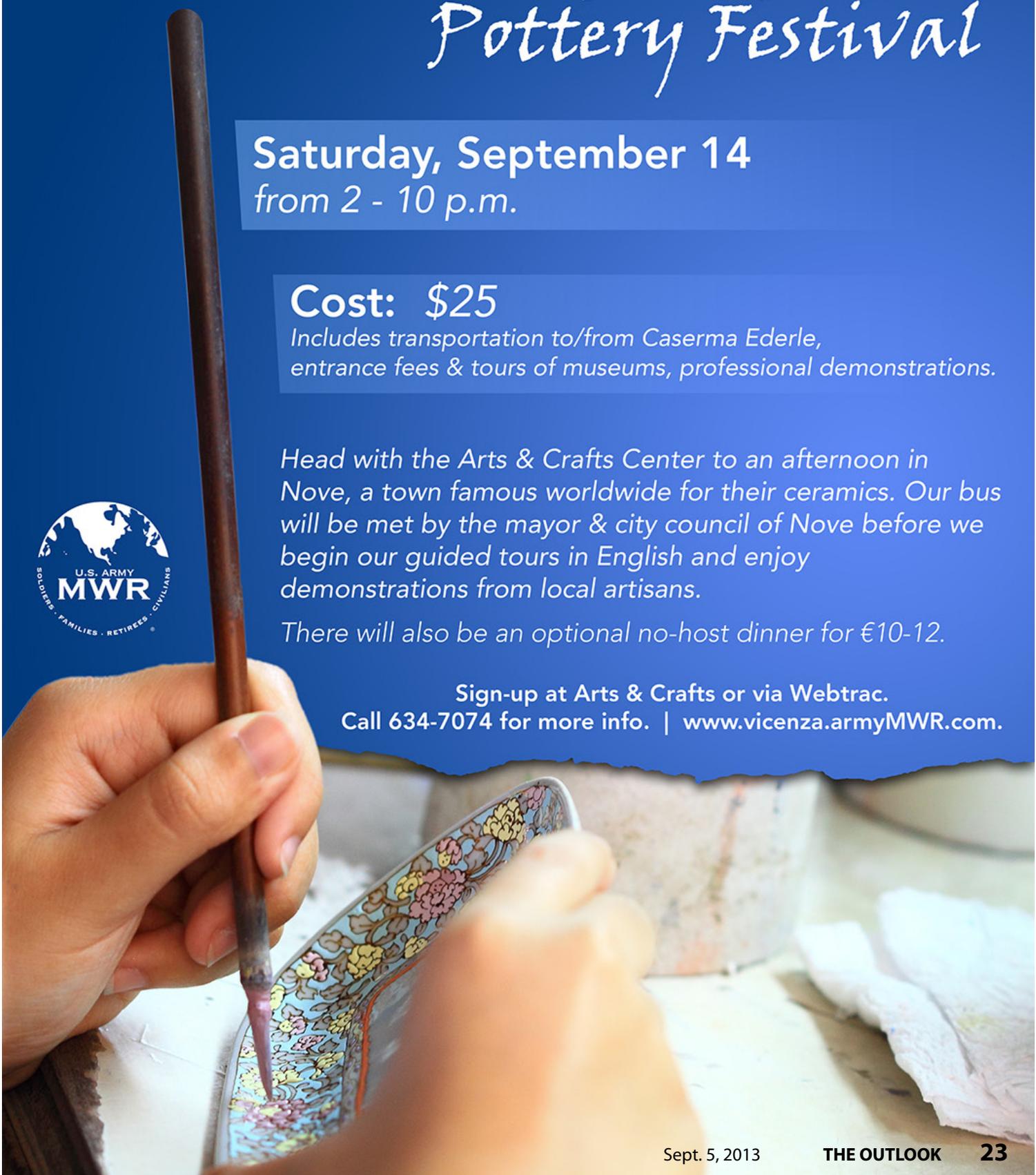
Cost: \$25

Includes transportation to/from Caserma Ederle, entrance fees & tours of museums, professional demonstrations.

Head with the Arts & Crafts Center to an afternoon in Nove, a town famous worldwide for their ceramics. Our bus will be met by the mayor & city council of Nove before we begin our guided tours in English and enjoy demonstrations from local artisans.

There will also be an optional no-host dinner for €10-12.

Sign-up at Arts & Crafts or via Webtrac.
Call 634-7074 for more info. | www.vicenza.armyMWR.com.



Outlook Religious Activities

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

The Vicenza Chapel invites all community members to attend the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony Sept. 11 at the VMC Chapel beginning at 2:45 p.m. Guest speaker will be World Trade Center attack survivor Mickie McNamara. All are welcome.

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Vicenza

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

Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

Wednesday

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

Thursday

9:30 a.m.: St. Mark's Catholic Women

5:30 p.m.: Gospel choir rehearsal

7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

Faith group contacts

Bahá'í Faith: Call 389-133-4627 or 348-603-2283

Church of Christ: Call 345-469-9974 or 0444-335-135 or email vicenzaitalychurchofchrist@gmail.com

Muslim: Call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519

Jewish: Call 345-907-2108

Latter Day Saints: Sunday services, 1:30 p.m. in Vicenza. Call 389-268-5605 or email drbob143@gmail.com

Trinity Church Vicenza: An International Presbyterian Church congregation. Call 328-473-2949 or email

trinitychurchvicenza@gmail.com

Vicenza Hospital-ity House: A good place for anyone: single Soldiers, men, women and couples to enjoy food,

fun and fellowship.

Tuesday: Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with PMOC Bible Study and Women's study following at 7:30.

Friday: Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with Walk in the Word following. Call 0444-581-427 if you need transportation or more information.

Call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519 for info on VMC Chapel activities

For DMC Chapel activities call 633-7267



Camp Darby

Sunday services

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship and children's service

Catholic Mass: please call the Chapel at 633-7267 to confirm times as it changes depending on which priest is conducting mass.

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

The Outlook Religious Activities

page provides announcements and may offer perspectives to enhance spiritual or religious resiliency in support of Army Comprehensive Fitness programs. Comments regarding specific beliefs, practices or behaviors are strictly those of the author and do not convey endorsement by the U.S. government, the Department of Defense, the Army, Installation Management Command or the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza.

MIXED LEAGUE AT THE ARENA BOWLING

Wednesdays
beginning September 11
6 - 8:30 p.m.

Mixed Teams of Four | Adults 18+
League limited to 14 teams
Sign-up at the Arena by September 4
Leagues Run for 14 Weeks
Meeting at the Arena on Sept 4 at 6 p.m.

QUESTIONS? CALL 634-8257