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AFN Call in show
LTC Steven Cade, and CSM Felix Rodriguez, will be live on 106.0 AFN The Eagle on Dec. 24, 8-9 a.m. to answer questions you have about anything going on throughout the Camp Darby community. Email your questions to james.allen@smc.army.mil

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Thanksgiving at Camp Darby over the years

By Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

From the pilgrims to modern day, Thanksgiving has been a time of reflection and celebration. People who were stationed at Camp Darby over the years took time this Thanksgiving to share their special memories and moments.

Camp Darby, which was dedicated on Nov. 15, 1952, did not have the big Thanksgiving celebration that was planned. Joe Mularski, who was a Pfc. at the time, recalled the great "Turkey Tragedy" of 1952.

"One of the ships that was carrying all of our turkeys for Thanksgiving got a crack in the hull," said Mularski "and all of the turkeys ended up floating in the sea.

It was the funniest thing I did see. I remember seeing all these frozen turkeys bobbing in the sea. The Italians were smart and they grabbed their dinghy's, boats, anything that would float and went out and scooped up the turkeys. But, the biggest loss to us GI's were the two foot lockers of liqueur that sunk."

Thanksgiving 1954, Lyman Carter said he didn't have any special memories about his first Thanksgiving as a Soldier at Camp Darby, but when he looked back at the menu from 1954, that it must have been good "as we never had shrimp cocktails or condiments before."

Also in 1954, the USFA Camp Darby Base Commander, Col. Charles Williams told troops stationed here "Our forefathers seeking religious freedom and freedom from oppression migrated to America. Through their hardships and industry we were fortunate in inher-

iting a land that is rich in resources and the Champion of the Four Freedoms.

As members of the Armed Forces of the United States, we are actively engaged in the preservation of liberty abroad. We enjoy the unique privilege of performing this duty as guests in a friendly, sovereign nation, the Republic of Italy.

Let us remember these thoughts as we enjoy the material advantages of an American Thanksgiving," concluded Williams.

In 1956, Patrizia McCammon was just four months old at the time, but says her mother recalled Thanksgiving being held downtown in Tirrenia. In the 60's the officers and civilians club held a big celebration.

"It was a nice, large spread and we'd invite all of our Italian friends to come share the celebration with us," said McCammon. "I remember there being a huge cornucopia with all the nuts and goodies come out of it on the main table.

I would always eat the nuts because I was not a big meat eater and I felt sorry for the turkey...in fact tomorrow I'm going to eat fish," said McCammon.

Harry Kronley was a dependant child in 1965 and it was his first thanksgiving at Camp Darby.

"My mother was Italian and occasionally she would make a turkey for my family, but, my favorite Thanksgiving memory was when I was a senior in high school," said Kronley. "I went on a ski trip to Cervinia with friends and we a great time away from the parents...it was an organized MWR trip, but it wasn't called that back then."

For Jim Addlesberger, who was work-

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Lt. Col. Steven Cade
*U.S. Army Garrison
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Caring for others during holidays

By Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

This Thanksgiving, 18 families from six units were given a little extra help with a free Thanksgiving Outreach meal, according to Elizabeth Speck, Army Community Services Financial Aid advisor.

"Thanks in part to magnanimous food and monetary donations from the community and S&K Sales Co (which supplies turkeys and pie's to the commissary) generous support in providing turkeys and the pies, we were able to ensure these families that need a little extra help were able to have a good Thanksgiving meal," said Speck.

But, the generosity during the holidays doesn't stop at Thanksgiving.

"For the Christmas Outreach meal, S&K Sales Co also kindly donated the hams for the meal, but we'll need community members help by donating food items beginning Dec. 5 at the designated box at the commissary exit," added Speck. "There is a list of key items needed posted at the commissary to make things easier."

Also on Dec. 5 the Angel tree will be set up outside the PX.

"This is your chance to pick a girl or a boy



(Left to right) Camp Darby Commissary manager, Giuseppe Ricci and 31st Munitions Squadron, 1st Sgt. James Poole load up Thanksgiving Outreach meals for needy families. Camp Darby Girl Scouts decorated the boxes for the Thanksgiving Outreach meal. (Photo by Elizabeth Speck, ACS)

and brighten the holiday season for a military family," said Speck. "During the holiday season, its hard to be separated from family and this helps you be connected to the community whether you're the giver or the receiver."

Speck adds even during low economic times, it's important to keep the right attitude towards money and giving.

"Money is a tool to help others and yourself," said Speck "it's not a cord to imprison us."

USAG Livorno Soldier returns from Iraq

Story and photo by Chaira Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

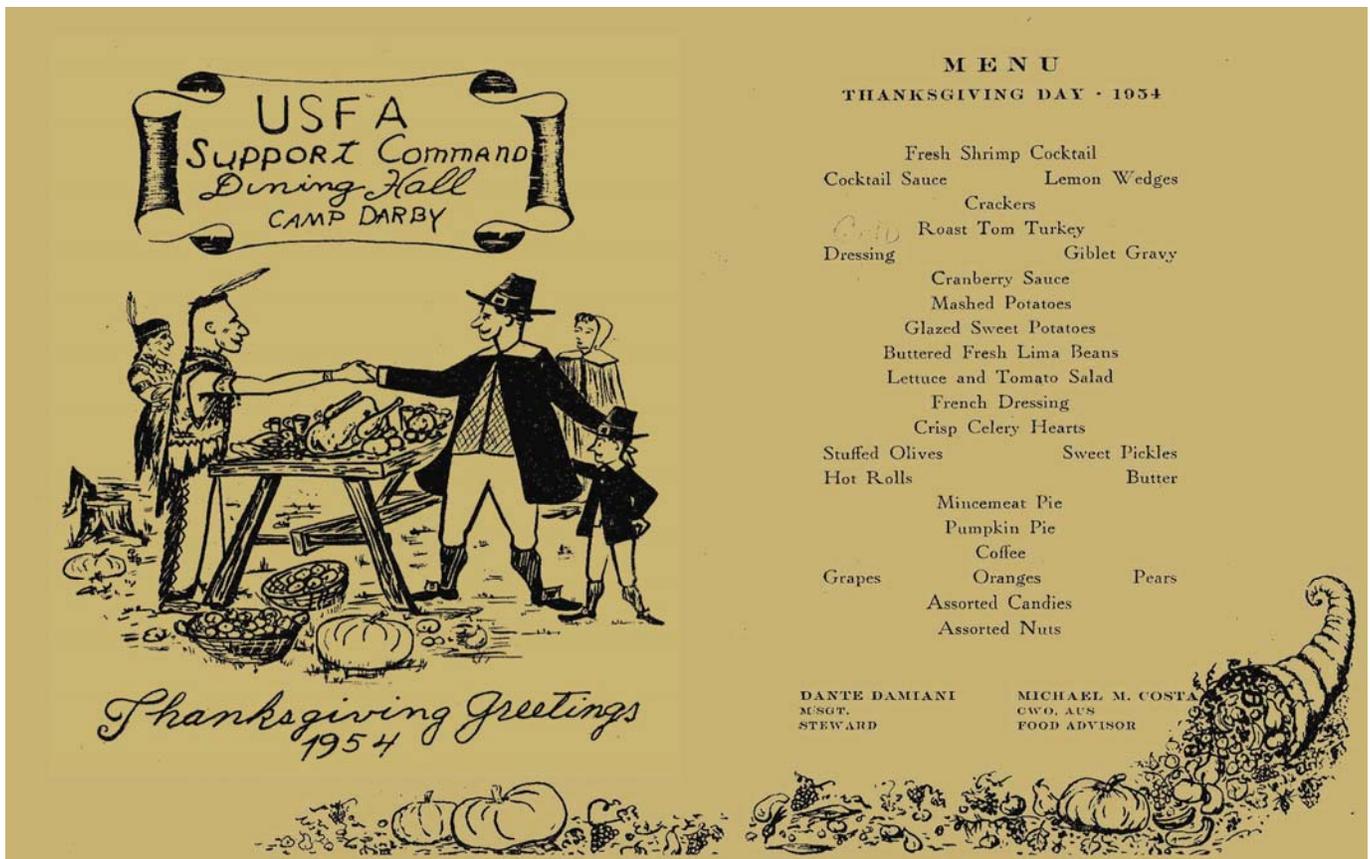
Camp Darby community gathered on Dec. 2, at the Army Community Services, to welcome back Sgt. Wanita Wilson, USAG Livorno HHC, from a 7 months deployment to Baghdad, Iraq.

"My first month there was really hard, I arrived there in the middle of a crazy period, they were bombing constantly, the second month was my "whatever" month and I adjusted to the situation, the rest of the period, I was just fine, but I love to be back," said Wilson.

"Before I leave this place I want to thank the community of Camp Darby for their warm welcome back, they really made me feel welcome back" continued Wilson.



Wilson left the war zone on Nov.2 and spent some time with her family in Guyana, South America before returning to her unit, she will leave Camp Darby on Jan 3, to be reassigned to 501st Military Intelligence, in Korea, where she will rejoin with her husband.



Menu from 1954 shows what troops had to look forward to for their Thanksgiving meal. (Photo courtesy of Lyman Carter, Veteran assigned to Camp Darby in 1954)

ing on Camp Darby from 1968-79 as a civilian with the Corp of Engineers and later Global credit union, it was a time to be with friends and family.

“At the time, my mother was here and my brothers would come from the states to share Thanksgiving together at the mess hall,” said Addlesberger. “It was easier then having to cook at home; and at the time, the population was considerably bigger and it was a way to for all to get together and meet and share the day.”

In 2007, after a long and prosperous relationship with the community, the Lion’s Den Army Dining Facility held its last Thanksgiving meal before closing a month later.

For many families and Camp Darby employees, spending Thanksgiving at the Lion’s Den had become a tradition.

“This is the second time I’ve gotten to eat Thanksgiving dinner here,” said 10-year old Alexandra Lemme. “Thanksgiving is always my favorite meal.”

“I’ve spent the last four years volunteering to serve at this meal,” said Maj. Sean Duncan, then the USAG Livorno Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. “In my 17 years as a Soldier, I think this was the best DFAC I’ve eaten at.”

Ronald Yale, a DFAC employee, who has served the Camp Darby community Thanksgiving meals for over 10 years, worked closely with the volunteer servers to

make sure they cut the meat across the grain.

“Every Thanksgiving is special to me and I really enjoy the feeling of working in a close-knit family environment,” said Yale.

For 2008, in absence of a dining facility the Darby Community Club organized the Thanksgiving meal for the community.

“We had 235 guests and single service members got to eat free,” said Giovanni Lepore, DCC manager. “Expectations from our guests and for us to meet past performances were very important and extra care was used in planning the main menu as well as the delivery of the services.”

Messages from the command to the troops have always emphasized the importance of this traditional American custom and in 2008, Southern European Task Force Commander, Brig. Gen. William B. Garrett III told the attendees at the Thanksgiving luncheon “it is a privilege to celebrate and participate in this community event in honor of our Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, families, civilians and host nation employees.”

Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice added “whether you spend Thanksgiving in the hills of Afghanistan, in a dining facility or at home what is important is that every service member knows they are important to the Army and to leadership; everyone makes a difference and it’s important we don’t leave anyone out during this holiday season.”

Camp Darby Thanksgiving Highlights



For more complete coverage of Camp Darby's 2008 Thanksgiving photo coverage, visit our website: www.usag.livorno.army.mil



Photos by Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs

KNOW before you go Winter Road conditions

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As winter quickly descends on us, its important to know the road conditions before you travel. Travelers are urged to check with the MP Desk Sergeant at DSN 63-7575 for road conditions prior to traveling out side of the Camp Darby footprint. Road conditions are also posted on the board prior to exiting the military facility.

The following is a detail explanation for road condition status:

- **GREEN:** Post operations are unaffected.
- **AMBER:** Roads are passable but with difficulty. Unsafe Driving conditions exist. (Pavement wet, covered with snow up to 3 inches or patches of ice; extremely slow traffic patterns with secondary road closures).
- **RED:** Roads are impassable and danger exists in operation of motor vehicles. Only emergency vehicles and mission essential tactical vehicles should travel. (Pavement wet/covered with snow over 3 inches with continuous accumulation and/or sheet ice; little to no mobility without 4-wheel drive and/or traction devices; primary road closures, several accidents throughout the area).
- **BLACK:** Roads are impassable and extreme danger exists in the operation of motor vehicles. **ONLY EMERGENCY VEHICLES SHOULD TRAVEL.** (Pavement covered in snow and ice; impassable to vehicles without 4-wheel drive and/or traction devices; primary road closures; stranded motorists).

Weather updates can be found on www.usag.livorno.army.mil and click weather on the top header. The weather conditions are provided by the Air Force Weather Squadron in Sembach, Germany.

Products Recalled in November

- Toy Xylophones Recalled by King Import Warehouse Due to Violation of Lead Paint Standard
- OKK Trading Recalls Toy TVs Due to Violation of Lead Paint Standard
- Claire's Recalls Children's Metal Necklaces Due to Risk of Lead Exposure
- Merck Consumer Pharmaceuticals Company Announces Urgent Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Infants' Mylicon Gas Relief Dye Free Drops (Simethicone-Antigas) Non-Staining Due To Possible Metal Fragments
- JA-RU Recalls Toy Trains Due To Choking Hazard
- Cobra Electronics Recalls Children's Two-Way Radios with Rechargeable Batteries Due to Chemical Burn Hazard; Sold Exclusively in Toys "R" Us Stores
- Children's Hooded Jackets with Drawstrings Recalled by R&D International Due to Strangulation Hazard
- Strangulation Death of a Child Prompts Recall of Roman Blinds; Sold Exclusively at IKEA
- ImagiPLAY Recalls Bead Maze Toys Due to Laceration Hazard
- JCPenney Recalls Arizona® Newborn and Infant Pants Due to Choking Hazard

For more information and the latest recall information visit: www.usa.safekids.org/

Holiday mailing deadlines



<i>SAM Parcels</i>	<i>Nov. 28</i>
<i>Parcel Airlift Mail Parcels</i>	<i>Dec. 4</i>
<i>Priority Mail Parcels</i>	<i>Dec. 11</i>
<i>First Class Letters and Cards</i>	<i>Dec. 11</i>
<i>Express Mail</i>	<i>Dec. 20</i>

New mandatory driving course for Soldiers

HEIDELBERG, Germany – Installation Management Command-Europe Region Safety Office announced that a new mandatory driving safety course will start in January 2009 for Soldiers stationed in Europe.

The Advanced Driver's Training course will be new to Europe and is designed for Soldiers who are 26 years of age and younger. As a pre-requisite, the Army Traffic Safety Training Program's Intermediate Driver's Course must be completed.

"We created the ATSTP to teach Army warriors to assess driving hazards and to make smart driving decisions," said Maj. Gen. John A. Macdonald, deputy commander of IMCOM.

The ADC is designed to "to reinforce good driving practices learned in the IDC and to create a culture of safety," said Patricia Jackson, a safety and occupational health specialist with IMCOM-Europe.

The new course is an additional requirement to the already in place ATSTP. Soldiers will ideally take the new course 12 – 18 months after completing the IDC. The training course consists of a 60 minutes block of instruction, a video presentation and discussion session.

For more information on ATSTP, such as when and where classes are being held, visit the IMCOM-Europe Web site – www.imcom-europe.army.mil – go to left-hand side and click on the "Special Staff", then "Safety Office". Then go to right-hand side and click on "IMCOM-Europe Training (ATSTP)". You may also directly access the ATSTP program at: http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sites/management/so_atstp.asp

While the schedule is subject to change, every effort will be made to give 30-days' notice before any class is canceled.

Army Traffic Safety Training Program Advanced Driver Course (ADC) *For Soldiers under 26 years of age*



Available at a
Garrison near
you
beginning
January 2009

Recommended
12-18
months
after
attending
IDC training



Go to www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sites/management/so_atstp.asp for dates, locations and times.



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Community News for USAG Livorno

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Deon Cobasky

ACS Now Offers Alternative Internet/Phone Options

With so many options out there, getting phone and internet service in Italy can be quite a challenge, especially when you don't know the language. That's why ACS now offers assistance to those interested in getting phone/internet service in their homes.

Cinzia Zahner, the Relocation Assistant, consults with those needing help by sitting down with them and reviewing their phone/internet provider options online.

Those interested in this new service need to make an appointment in order to eliminate the wait time. Call ACS for more information.



New Class for Parents-to-Be

Becoming a parent for the first time is a life-changing event that requires a lot of preparation, especially if you're in the military. That's why ACS New Parent Support Program is offering a new parent-

ing class for the Camp Darby community. The program is designed to strengthen parent's knowledge and skills so that they can provide nurturing environments where their children can thrive. Participants will

learn about budgeting for baby, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Overseas, childhood developmental stages and receive a free diaper bag bundle.

Class is December 9 10:30 a.m. in ACS.



Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Success Relies On Community

For over 25 years, the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) has been key in improving the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families.

Through AFAP, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) was created and Family Readiness Groups (FRGs) institutionalized. It has resulted in local improvements to Camp Darby as well, like the opening of the Elementary School playground on weekends and after school, and the addition of dryers to the AAFES Laundromat.

AFAP begins with issues collected on a local level and brought to the attention of community leaders. If the issue cannot be resolved locally, it is brought up the chain of command for further evaluation.

AFAP cannot succeed without community participation, so ACS is requesting issues be sent in to afap@eur.army.mil. Let your voice be heard!

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December 2008

Classes & Seminars

EMPLOYMENT READINESS

Interview Skills Training

December 5, 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Get tips on putting your best foot forward.

Resume Points Training

December 19, 11:30-12:00 p.m.
Learn how to make yourself attractive on paper!

RELOCATION READINESS

Benvenuti at Camp Darby

Monday, December 1, 8:15 a.m.
New to Camp Darby and don't know where to go to get answers? Learn about Italian customs, culture, local shopping, paying Italian bills and more. Please sign up for the next Benvenuti session by calling ACS. Free childcare, but registration is required.

MOBILIZATION/DEPLOYMENT

Spouses of Deployed Spouses Social

Thursday, December 4, 5:00 p.m.
Share tips on how to handle the holidays during a deployment.

Kids of Deployed Spouses Ornament Making

Wednesday, December 11, 3:00 p.m.
Join us as we get crafty for Christmas!

FAMILY ADVOCACY

Reintegration, Relationships & PTSD

December 17 10:00a.m.-11:00 a.m. at ACS
Tips on how to better manage family relationships following a deployment. Please RSVP at ACS for this class.

Children's Playgroup

Wednesdays, 1100 a.m.- 1200 p.m. in the Chapel Nursery
An interactive and educational playgroup for service members and their families with children from birth-3 yrs.

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En Espanol: 1-877-888-0727

FINANCIAL READINESS

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Information

December 9, 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. at ACS
Learn the benefits of TSP in this quickie class.

Budgeting 101

December 10, 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. at ACS
With the holiday season upon us, now more than ever is a great time to reevaluate your expenses.

Consumer Rights and Obligations

December 12, 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at ACS
Learn what you the consumer are entitled to and what your responsibilities are during this quickie class.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

Italian conversation & grammar at the Library

Mondays 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

English as a second language at the Library

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12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Intermediate

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Phone/Internet Information and Referral

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Community Action Council

The next council will be in January.

Send your issues to:

usaglacs@eur.army.mil or log onto www.usag.livorno.army.mil and click on CAC.

Army Family Team Building (AFTB)

AFTB training consists of three levels:
Level 1 is an introduction to the military for newcomers.
Levels 2&3 are advanced courses for Family Readiness Group (FRGs) Leaders and Volunteers.
All trainings are available online at: www.myarmylifetoo.com or sign up for classes at ACS.

ACS Staff Spotlight: *Deon Cobasky!*



Deon Cobasky is the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC).

Deon (A.K.A the "SARC Lady") is the manager for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program here at Camp Darby. She makes sure all victims of sexual assault are treated with respect and dignity and have

access to options they need in order to process and heal from the assault. Her responsibilities include assisting in maintaining annual training requirements, training Unit Victim Advocates, and various other pre-

vention and awareness projects. Deon is a native of Arizona and lived in Colorado for 11 years before moving to Italy. She enjoys living in Tuscany and long walks with her two beloved Daschunds, Dixie and Haus.

Free Christmas Dinner for Single

Mr. Ricci, Commissary Manager, Maresciallo Lettieri, Carabinieri Mensa, and Mr. Giovanni Lepore, Darby Community Club Manager, invite all the single and unaccompanied service members to a free Christmas dinner on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m., at the Camp Darby Community Club.

This dinner is at no cost to the single and unaccompanied service member. All you have to do is show up and enjoy the meal.

The club will also have a Texas-Hold-Em after the dinner. All are welcome to stay and enjoy in camaraderie

Stripes GAMER Picks for the Best of 2008

Stars and Stripes releases its latest Stripes GAMER on Dec. 6. This issue of Stripes GAMER runs down the best game picks of the year and features the results of the "Top 10 Must Play First Person Shooter Games" promotion.

What would be the best game to buy for that annoying co-worker? Find out by reading the "Holiday Game List for the Not So Special Person" feature. And as always, Stripes GAMER has previews and reviews of the latest games plus industry news.

For those who can't get enough of their Stripes GAMER fix, a PDF version of the printed publication will be online at <http://www.stripesgamer.com> by Dec. 6.



Next meeting: Dec. 23 at 5 pm at the Boss Lounge

Upcoming Events:Bologna Motor Show Dec. 13. Entrance fee is 24 Euro. ODR's Saturday) ski trips begin on Jan. 10 and single service members can go free and get ski package to includes skis or snowboard and boots (also free). BOSS will pay for the trip.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

The Meaning of Advent Symbols

By Chaplain (CPT) Kelly Porter
USAG Livorno Chaplain

In the chapel you will see many and varied symbols—some plain white, others colorful but all with a special meaning that should direct us toward Christ. Some think it idolatrous to have decorations and displays in and around the chapel. The church, though, has always used symbols to spiritually undergird its faith.

Early Christians lived in fear of imprisonment or death for having faith in Christ. Believers meeting each other in the open would write the letters or each make a half-arc in the ground that together formed the shape of a fish. The Ichthus, meaning “fish” in the Greek language, was an acronym for Iesous Christos Theou Uios Soter, translated as “Jesus Christ Son of God Savior.”



Symbols are powerful—Jesus used them in most of his sermons. Today the church continues to use symbols to convey truth in picture, encourage believers and to bring joy to their lives. This issue of The Door explains some of the symbols you see at Darby Chapel. Enjoy and be encouraged to know others out there are holding firm to the faith. †

The Colors of Advent

The primary color of Advent is **Purple**, for penitence and fasting as well as royalty. Purple is also the color of suffering used during Lent and Holy Week. This points to an important connection between Jesus’ birth and death.

The Wreath

The **Advent wreath** is a circular evergreen wreath with five candles, four around the wreath and one in the center. Because the wreath is symbolic, and a vehicle to tell the Christmas story, the symbolism can be explained in various ways. The exact meaning given to the various aspects of the wreath is not as important as the story to which it invites us to listen, and participate.

The **circle of the wreath** reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The **green of the wreath** speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. **Candles** symbolize the light of God coming

into the world through the birth of His son. The **four outer candles** represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ.

The **colors of the candles** vary with different traditions, but three purple or blue candles represent Expectation (or Hope), Bethlehem (or Peace), Shepherds (or Love); one pink candle for Joy, and a larger white candle at the center of the wreath symbolizing Jesus. The **light** reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world that comes into the darkness of our lives to bring newness, life, and hope.

Ornaments

ΑΩ Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet. Jesus is described as the beginning and the end. Same as saying, “From A to Z.”

IHS An abbreviation for IHESUS, the way Christ’s name was spelled in the Middle Ages.

 Hebrews 6.19 states, “We have this hope as an anchor for soul, firm and secure.”

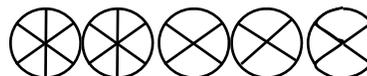
T Tau. The T-shaped cross

 Trefoil. A stylized shamrock, such as St Patrick used to evangelize Ireland. The trefoil is a symbol of the Holy Trinity.

 Quatrefoil. Symbolizes the four gospels as well as the four beasts of Ezekiel and Revelation.

 Chi-Rho. Two Greek letters superimposed. As a pre-Christian symbol, represented good fortune. Became important Christian symbol after Roman Emperor Constantine adopted. Uses first two letters in the title Christ.

 Ichthus Wheel. The stylish letters of IΧTHUS, the letters of Christ. See the wheels below. The blue lines depict each letter as they are superimposed on top of each other. The “O” is actually the letter theta. “Y” is upsilon.



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Wed 17:30-18:30

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Wait in Prayer

By Amber Gagilone

During the first week of Advent, we light one candle, a candle that is able to shine brightly amidst the darkness in our own lives and serve as a reminder. A reminder that Advent is a season of joy and hopeful expectation as we wait for the coming of our Lord. And yet, in our fast past world, how do we wait? Waiting is a concept that is foreign to most of us. Why not skip the wait and move right on to Christmas? This waiting, however, is joyful anticipation. Something to be celebrated and enjoyed. Each week we can look forward to a new way to wait for the Lord.

During this first week of advent, we should wait in prayer. We must all prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. It is a season of renewal, a renewal we cannot achieve

without God, our Father.

Through prayer, we can express to him our longing for his presence in our lives, our desire for him to change our hearts, and our need to truly know him. We can look to his Word for inspiration and wisdom. We can pray for a true understanding of the season and the ability to enjoy more than just the secularism of Christmas.

This month to prepare for the coming of Christ, take time to pray while you wait (prayers don't always have to be said right before bed), participate in reconciliation to create a clean heart within ourselves, and strive to make our actions match our prayers. †

Week 2: Wait with Patience

Week 3: Wait with Wisdom and Joy

Week 4: Wait with Anticipation

Holy Day Schedule

Mass will be held at the following dates and times

2d Advent	Dec. 7, 10 am
Immaculate Conception	Dec. 8, 10 am
3d Advent	Dec. 14, 10 am
4th Advent	Dec. 21, 10 am
Christmas*	Dec. 25, 10 am
Octave of Christmas	Jan. 1, 10 am

- *Note: Darby Chapel is invited to attend mid-night mass at Roberto Federighi's parish on 24 Dec. Service will be in both English and Italian.*

Fellowship Sunday

This Sunday, Dec. 7, Please bring brunch items for a time of fellowship after Mass.

Dec. Worship Theme

Advent: God's Christmas List

Sermon: *Jesus is the Mighty God*

Text: *Isaiah 9.6*

The Power of God through the Christ-child is available to all who believe He is the *Mighty God.*

Children's church meets this Sunday. The children will leave early in the service for additional choir practice. They will sing on Dec. 14.

Protestant Sunday School

Sunday School meets each week at 10am The children are studying Bible Blitz and are memorizing scripture verses to earn a new Bible.

The adult class has moved to the chaplain's office. The class is currently using a video series called "Faith Lessons: Walk as Jesus Walked." The lessons are divided with a video every two weeks and discussion the other Sundays. This week covers the Apostle Paul's mission to Lystra in Acts 14.

- **Night of Praise.** Next planning meeting 11:30-12:30, Dec. 11.
- **Be a good steward** Take care of the building by:
 - *Keeping windows and doors closed. Lower utility bills means more money for ministry.
 - *Ensuring your children are picking up the restrooms and Mertz Hall after use.
 - *Helping to finish the painting. Chaplain Porter will be at the chapel Dec. 6 to complete the hallway.
- **Men's Ministry** this really is a ground floor opportunity— to launch a new men's ministry at Camp Darby. Most of the previous leadership has moved and it's time to start all over again. See Barry Speck or Chaplain Porter for more details. We're looking for a time for our first get-together.
- **Men's Ministry Leadership Conference (aka PMOC).** Although it's called Protestant Men, we will combine efforts at Camp Darby to have a more effective program. The 2009 Conference at

the Sauerland Stern Hotel in Willingen, Kneippweg Germany takes place on 13-16 February. The conference will train men to lead local ministries and plan the 2009 Fall Men's Conference. Your only cost is transportation to the event. See Chaplain Porter ASAP to register.

- **Club Beyond**
 1. High School Romania Service Project meeting Thursdays at ISF during lunch hour
 2. Middle School Club every Wed. 2:30-4:15 at school gym.
 3. Girls Bible Study every Wed. 11:30-12:00 at Chapel

Club Beyond Camp Darby is teaming with YouthCompass for the 2009 Spring Service Project. We will help to rebuild houses and roads in the town of Taut, Romania. Parent meeting is at the Chapel (Mertz Hall) Dec. 9 at 5 pm to answer questions, talk about fundraisers and other details. The final cost of the trip is not set. Feel free to contact me with any questions. If you are not receiving the Club Beyond emails please let me know at jesica.barlow@eur.army.mil

Issue Title: Sick Call Hours at Health Clinic

Issue Description: My troop went to the Health Clinic on sick call (did not have an appointment) signed in at 0900 and it was 1130 and had not been seen. The front desk personnel apparently had either not updated their list of sick call or my troops' name was never placed on the sick call roster.

Recommendations: Clearly identify to all the sick call hours. Ensure front desk personnel track all sick call personnel properly.

Response: Maj. Gregory Iverson, Health Clinic Commander

Thanks for bringing this to our attention and, on behalf of the clinic, my sincere apologies for having your service member wait without being properly informed. We have implemented some protocols recently to help insure patients are updated on their wait status every 15 minutes. If that is not happening for one of your service members or any other patient, please let me know directly.

As far as sick call hours, in front of the clinic, there is a large sign which states our clinic hours including a statement which says "Sick Call: M,T,W,F 0800-0830". This has not changed in years so I am surprised if a Camp Darby unit is unfamiliar with these hours. Furthermore, I have never seen an aid station or MTF in the military with a sick call as late as 0900. This is generally something done very first thing (anywhere from 0600-0800 in most installations) in order to give the unit leadership feedback on the status of their service member. Also, our clinic hours are posted in the lobby of the clinic and on our website. Because we are a small community and our sick call numbers are unpredictable, we have purposely allowed other patients to use some of the acute appointments as well on a first-come, first-serve basis from 0745-0845 and again right after lunchtime. This has worked well and we have never not been able to take care of our active duty personnel because of the needs of other patients so we plan to continue to offer this service.

If a patient has an acute problem and there is no appointment available, they have the right to be triaged by one of our nurses who will make a determination if that patient needs to be seen immediately and will then inform a physician and we will work them in as soon as possible. Otherwise, they may have to return for the next earliest appointment or the next set of walk-in apts. Please feel free to call me directly if there are further questions or concerns. If you contact myself, our XO, or our detachment sergeant at the time of the incident, we commit to go out of our way to get the needs of your service member and your unit taken care of in a timely manner.

Thanks again for the feedback.

Issue Title: Use of Junk Car lot/PDO

Issue Description: I and other service members used get small parts at the PDO lot by the TMP. The DOL says that no one can get parts there anymore. Auto parts on the economy and even at junk yards are very/very expensive. Why are service members penalized by the DOL not to get parts on base and to find a place that speaks English to pay high prices on the economy?

Recommendations: open up the PDO yard to Service members as it used to be

Response: James Risek, Director of Logistics

IAW European Union Law and NATO SOFA Privately Owned Vehicles (POV's) registered to U.S. Forces personnel are subject to strict requirements regarding demolition. The vehicles must be intact and complete, barring accident damage. Recently this command was fined by the Italian Customs Agency because parts were removed from a vehicle prior to demolition. This incident led to the command's decision to suspend current turn-in operations for POV's destined for demolition.

Have an issue you want answers to? Submit your issues on www.usag.livorno.army.mil under CAC and then look for answers in the next Darby Digest.

AD SUBMISSIONS

The Darby Digest is now offering the USAG Livorno community another outlet for their classified advertising needs. Our goal is to provide you a direct outlet for your classified needs. If you have something you want to advertise in the classified section, please e-mail your submissions to pao.livorno@eur.army.mil.

When submitting a classified ad for publication, be sure to include your name, address and telephone number. We will not advertise commercial services. Classified ads will be erased after one month of being published in the Digest.

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DCC is looking to hire two snack bar cooks NA4, 9.83 an hour to work at the Gazebo grill. Please apply at NAF office in HQ front, building 303.

December is Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Safe Toys and Gifts Should Be at the Top of Everyone's List This Year

CHICAGO – The holidays are quickly approaching and the holiday shopping season is already in full swing. But, everyone must remember to make sure that all the toys and gifts they buy for the children on their lists are safe and age appropriate. With so much attention focused lately on dangerous toys with high lead content, those that pose choking hazards, and toys that are poorly constructed, it is more important than ever to take precautions.

Last year, more than 170,000 children under the age of 15 were treated at the emergency room for toy-related injuries, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. More than 80,000 of those were to children ages 5 and younger. The majority of those injuries were to the head and face. Lacerations and contusions made up most of these injuries.

Prevent Blindness America, the nation's oldest eye health and safety organization, has declared December as Safe Toys and Gifts Month. The group encourage everyone, whether they're buying gifts for a charitable giving tree or for their own family or friends, to make conscientious decisions based on what is best for the child.

"It can be very tempting to buy the hottest toy or game, but it may not be the best choice for your child," said Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness America. "It is much more important to make sure that the gifts we give are safe."

Prevent Blindness America suggests the following tips to help keep this holiday season safe and bright for children:

- Inspect all toys before purchasing. Monitor toys that your child has received as gifts to make sure they are appropriate for your child's age and developmental level.
- For older children, give gift certificates to movie theaters, the child's favorite restaurant, or retail stores that allow the parents to choose an appropriate item.
- Make recommendations to family members and friends about gifts that you feel are appropriate for your child.
- Remain aware of recalled products. Unfortunately, some toys that have been recalled or banned may still be available online.
- Gifts of sports equipment should always be accompanied by protective gear (such as a basketball along with eye goggles). The American Academy of Ophthalmology estimates that there are 40,000 sports-related eye injuries each year.
- Any toy that is labeled "supervision required" must always be used in the presence of an adult. Keep toys meant for older children away from younger ones.
- Always save the warranties and directions for every toy. If possible, include a gift receipt. Repair or throw away damaged toys.
- Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off. BB guns and air guns should not even be considered toys.
- Inspect toys for sturdiness. Your child's toys should be durable, with no sharp edges or points. The toys should also withstand impact. Dispose of plastic wrapping material immediately on toys as they may have sharp edges.
- Don't give toys with small parts to young children. Young kids tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking. If the part of a toy can fit in a toilet paper roll, the toy is not appropriate for children under the age of 3.

For more information on safe toys and gifts, please visit Prevent Blindness America at www.preventblindness.org or call 1-800-331-2020

Health and Dental Clinic Holiday Hours
Closed Dec. 25-26
Jan. 1-2

Dental Clinic Appointments
Available with Capt. Bullock Dec. 16-18
DSN 633-7881

Through the Aisles

A customer newsletter by DeCA Europe, Kaiserslautern, Germany



We don't profit, you do!
www.commissaries.com
December 2008, Vol. 84



Watch for this sign for short-term specials on products you may not see again!

Be the first to know! Go to [http: www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) to see monthly flyer featuring upcoming new products and other handy commissary information specific to European customers.

New products for December



Counterfeit coupons?

When we think of counterfeiters, we all picture shady characters in back rooms printing \$100 bills, but, with the advent of computers and the internet, counterfeit coupons have come upon the scene and seem to be increasing. These bogus coupons can be big business and lead to significant losses for manufacturers, retailers and, in the long term, customers, too. DeCA takes an active stance to get the word out to our stores when we are notified of counterfeits in circulation. Our personnel work hard to identify and prevent use of these "bogus bucks." We know the vast majority of our customers are honest people who are not aware of this new wave and could easily come into possession of coupons they don't even realize are counterfeit. Please use coupons originating from a valid source. Together we can beat this modern-day fraud and save everyone time, money and frustration.

DECA HOLIDAY HOURS

Dec. 21, Sunday, open extra day 10-5
Dec. 28, Sunday, open extra day 10-5
Dec. 26, Friday, St. Stephen Day CLOSED

Dec. 24, Wednesday, Christmas Eve open 10-4
Dec. 25, Thursday, Christmas Day CLOSED
Jan. 1, Thursday, New Year's Day CLOSED

ITR

- Florence Noel Dec. 6- Among many lights and special effects, "Florence Noel" comes alive! At this traditional Christmas festival, you'll find handmade articles, decorations and food. Special events include The Advent Village and the Enchanted Magic of Christmas. Visit the house of Santa Claus and the Chocolate Village! For more info, log onto www.florencenoel.it. For more information, call ITR at 633-7589
- Vicenza PX Shopping Dec. 13. You won't find a more convenient way to get to Vicenza than with ITR. DSN 633-7589
- Dec. 17, Heidelberg Christmas Market in Florence, 0900-1800hrs. Shop the German Christmas Market without ever crossing the border, \$20
- 20 December 08 – Christmas Shopping Pisa Market 0800-1300. \$10
- Travel to Rome with ITR Dec. 23. At your own pace, visit some of Rome's most important sites.
- Dec. 27, Florence trip 0900-1800. \$45

Outdoor Recreation

- Rent ski and snow board equipment at ODR at 633-7775. Are you ready for ski season?
- Ski Abetone and Monte Cimone beginning Jan. 10 with the ODR trips on Saturdays.
- Hot wax and edging services are available at ODR to prepare your skis and snowboards for the slopes! Give them a call at DSN 633-7491

Darby Community Club

- Dec. 19, USO Rock Band at the DCC. There will be two shows: 6:30-8:30p.m. and 10:30-midnight. No cost
- Dec. 20, Single Soldier/ Airmen and unaccompanied personnel can enjoy a free lunch at DCC sponsored by DeCA at 3 p.m. Meal will be followed by Texas Hold'em tournament.

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- Dec. 31, – Adult New Years Party at the DCC starting at 8 p.m. Tickets go on sale on Dec. 1 to celebrate the last night of the year with a buffet dinner, party favors, DJ entertainment, Spumante & cake at midnight and Continental breakfast! Don't drink and drive. Think ahead and book a room at the Sea Pines for New Years Eve. Show your New Year's Eve 2008 ticket and receive a \$15 discount on your room!

Fitness Center

- Gift certificates are great gift ideas! For those folks on your holiday list that have everything... What about a gift certificate for a massage? ...Spin class? ...Oriental Dance Class? ...Yoga? DSN 633-7440

SAS Holiday Social

- Dec. 19, Parents are invited to join children and SAS staff for a small holiday celebration beginning at 4:00 p.m. DSN 633-7613

Special Children's Christmas Story Hour

- Dec. 17, drop by the Library at 10:00 a.m. for the special story hour geared toward 3-5 year olds. DSN 633-7623

Darby Lanes

- Looking for a place to hold your Unit Holiday Party? Call Darby Lanes. to reserve the entire center just for you.

Camp Darby Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 14 December 2008

1400-1600

Elementary School Cafeteria

~ Hot Chocolate will be provided

~ Everyone is encouraged to bring a signature baked good for all to enjoy!

Activities, Games, and Arts & Crafts

Santa Claus will be handing out "pre-arranged" gifts

Photo Opportunity with Santa

Drawing for Surprise Door Prizes!

HO HO HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!

POC: MSgt Deborah Keene; DSN: 633-8866

email: deborah.keene@aviano.af.mil

Events in Vicenzawww.vicenzaMWR.com**Arts And Crafts 634-7074**

- Introduction to picture framing, Dec.13 from 10a.m.-2p.m.. Do it yourself and save the cost of framing! Frame your family photos, certificates, military prints, and old mirror or a collection of prints from your travels. Instruction includes measuring art work, frame cutting and assembly, double mat, glass cutting and final assembly, hanging and finishing. Supplies are included. This class is required in order to use the frame studio.

ITR 634-7094

- Christmas time in Ljubljana, Slovenia, Dec. 6. Discover Slovenia during the Holiday Season. Trip includes, transportation, guided tour, iTR! trip assistant. Passport is required.

ODR 634-7453

- Every Tuesday and Thursday Outdoor Recreation leads bike rides in the local area for all levels of riders at 4:30 p.m. The Beginner, Level I, is approximately one and a half hours on a course eight to 10 miles with level, paved surfaces at an easy pace. The Intermediate and Advanced, Level III/IV, mountain bike ride lasts approximately two and a half hours on a 25 mile course through the hills south of Vicenza on paved surfaces, gravel roads and single-track at a moderate-to-fast pace. The cost for either level is \$40 for the year, \$15 a month, or \$5 each ride. All riders should have the appropriate bike for the ride, and in good working order. Bikes are available at ODR for checkout – mountain, road, touring, and cruiser bikes are available. Sign up at ODR at least one day before the ride.
- Level III/IV Mountain Bike Ride on the Colli Berici. Dec.6, noon- 3p.m. \$5
- San Martino Ski/Snowboard Trip. Dec. 6, 6a.m.-7:30 p.m. \$30, price includes transportation

Soldier's Theatre 634-7281

- "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" is a two act joyous song and dance musical revue filled with the music of the season. The holiday musical features a talented cast performing beautiful renditions of holiday classics, enter-

taining arrangements of traditional music, rousing comedy numbers and contemporary music of the season guaranteed to get you in the holiday spirit! You will leave the theatre uplifted and ready to celebrate the season and probably singing or at least humming some favorite holiday tunes...and maybe kicking up your heels a little too! Shows will be Dec.12 (sold out), Dec 13 and 14 tickets are still available, Fri- Sat., 7:30 p.m., Sat - Sun, 2 p.m.

- Nominations for performers and technicians for the 2009 Army Soldier Show are being accepted. The nomination packet deadline is Dec.31. Information and requirements are available at the Soldier's Theatre, call 634-7281

Events in Avianowww.aviano.af.mil**Alpine Golf Course****632-7386**

- Dec. 6, 1-2pm, Golf lessons are free Saturday afternoon. No sign-up is necessary, interested participants just need to show up at the club house where the golf professional will meet you to begin the class.
- Two Person Alternate Shot Tournament Dec. 13, 9 a.m. Shotgun start (weather permitting). Entry fee is \$10 per person (green fees and cart fee not included). Players must have a valid handicap or play scratch. Prizes include gross & net places, closest-to-pin contests and door prizes. Payment required at time of sign-up; open to the first 26 two-person teams.
- Family Golf Sundays is every week starting at 2pm. Discounted rates for green fees and rental fees are offered. Families are urged to make tee times prior to that day.

ITT**632-3107**

- Christmas Market in Munich, Dec. 13
- Rome for Christmas, Dec. 23-25
- Christmas Market in Slovenia, Dec. 27
- Paris for New Years, Dec. 29-Jan. 1

Events in Naples<http://nsanaples.mwritt.org>**ITT Upcoming Extended Tours 626-4330**

- Footloose at Teatro Bolivar in Naples, Dec 13
- Pompeii 3 Amphitheatre & Cameo Factory, Dec 20
- Vienna & Bratislava, Feb 12-15
- St. Patrick's Day in Dublin, Mar 14-18.

Italy off the beaten path... Local Christmas Markets

Arezzo from Nov.29 to Jan. 6

34 stands will be displayed downtown Arezzo for the traditional Christmas Market. The market includes a children area with toys and games in the central piazza Risorgimento.

www.mercatodinatalearezzo.org

Firenze Dec.3 to Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

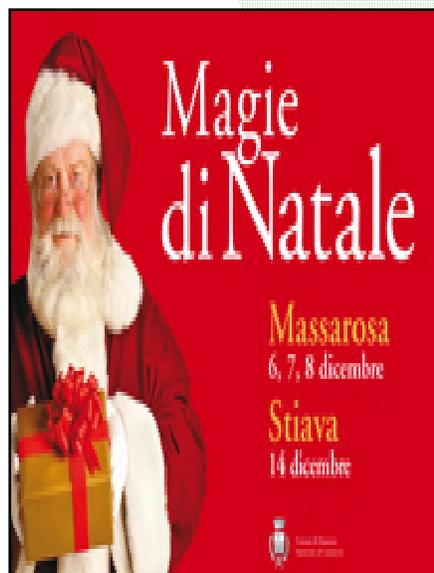
Firenze, Piazza Santa Croce will host the traditional Heidelberger Weihnachtsmarkt, Heidelberg is twined to the city of Florence. The German tradition will be brought to Florence for the 6th time. Over 40 wooden stands will sell and display typical German Christmas products. Christmas decorations, the traditional Bunzlau ceramic, the Christmas Pfefferkuchen (spicy cookies) and much more.

Massarosa (Lucca) from Dec. 6 to Dec. 8 with the following hours: Saturday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The center of town will be wrapped in a magical Christmas atmosphere,

you can walk thru the stands of the best local artisans and chocolate producers. Displays of Nativity scenes and Christmas decorations. Street artists will entertain children with fairies, and elves, Santa Claus Post Office will be represented and children's letters to Santa will be collected.

For the occasion all the local shops will remain open. For information:

www.comune.massarosa.lu.it



Palazzuolo sul Senio – Firenze Dec. 7, 8, 14, and 21

The traditional Christmas market with Christmas decorations booths, as well as typical Christmas food, hot roasted chestnuts, hot “polenta”, cantuccini cookies with wine, and much much more. Every day street artists will offer gospel choirs, wooden puppets shows, and pipers will play Christmas melodies. In the central Piazza IV Novembre, Santa Claus hut will be open to the children who want to personally give their letter to the old man. For detailed information refer to <http://magicavvento.blogspot.com>

Fiesole – Firenze Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In Piazza di Mino in center town Fiesole, there will be this one day only Christmas market where all kind of decorations and nativity scene sets can be found. For detailed information refer to web: www.comune.fiesole.fi.it or call center 055 055 (dal lunedì al sabato ore 8-20)



Italy off the beaten path...

Sagra festival in Suvereto (Livorno)

The medieval town of Suvereto will host the 41st Wild Boar Fest on Dec 6, 7, 8, 13, and 14. The program includes typical Tuscan food, folkloric attractions and music. Knights in medieval costumes will fight in duels, and a traditional historical procession will walk thru the narrow streets of the old town. For the occasion the town center will be closed to traffic.

For detailed information call Ente Valorizzazione Suvereto 338 7211204 or Ufficio turistico 0565 829304



Soweto Gospel Choir concert in Florence

Dec. 19, at the Mandela Forum in Florence, don't miss the Soweto Gospel Choir concert. The Soweto Gospel Choir was formed to celebrate the unique and inspirational power of African Gospel music.

The 26-strong choir, under the direction of David Mulovhedzi and Beverly Bryer, draws on the best talent from the many churches in and around Soweto. The choir is dedicated to sharing the joy of faith through music with audiences around the world. For further information: www.bitconcerti.it or Mandela Forum www.mandelaforum.it



Chocolate Fest in Barga (Lucca)

From Dec. 6 to Dec 8, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the historical center town Barga will host the third edition of the Chocolate fest. Stands will display, sell and offer tastes of the best Italian chocolate brands. For detailed information refer to Comune Barga 0583 72471 e-mail urp@comunedibarga.it



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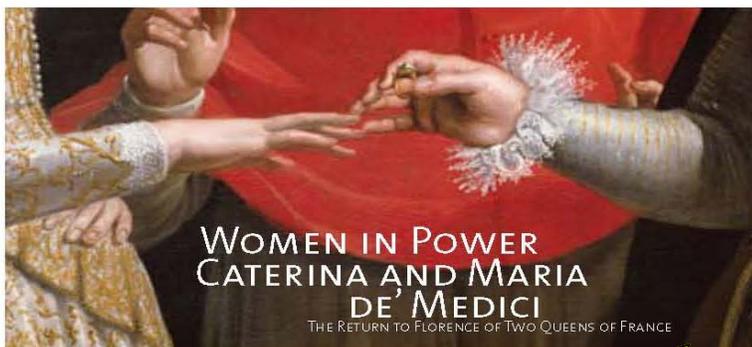
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prenotazioni@cscsigma.it**WWW.PALAZZOSTROZZI.ORG****WORKSHOP HOURS**Saturday 22 November, 10.00-12.00
Saturday 29 November, 10.00-12.00
Saturday 6 December, 10.00-12.00
Saturday 13 December, 10.00-12.00**AGE GROUP**

7-10 olds

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS 15**ADMISSION (AT SPECIALLY REDUCED PRICE)**€ 4.00 per child
(free for children aged 6 and under)
€ 8.00 per accompanying adult**WORKSHOPS ARE FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING IS REQUIRED****TRAVELLING IN TIME WITH QUEENS OF THE PAST**

Explore "Women in Power: Caterina and Maria de' Medici" with a morning of fun created for children ages seven to ten years old. Travel back in time with activities in the gallery, admiring the amazing art created for these two queens. From enormous, intricate tapestries, to a small--but powerful--talisman, discover the ways these queens combined art and power. Then come back to the laboratory where we will make our very own objects of power, drawing inspiration from what we saw in the exhibit!

In collaboration with Syracuse University in Florence.



**Workshops for children ages 7-10
in English on Saturdays**

Florence Indian Film Festival

The 2008 River to River Florence Indian Film Festival will hold a retrospective on the great director Raj Kapoor, on the occasion of his 20th death anniversary, and screen a rich selection of the latest Indian films, as well as new special sections

The eighth River to River. Florence Indian Film Festival, completely devoted to Indian cinema and directed by Selvaggia Velo, will take place in Florence, Dec. 5 – 11 at Odeon, the beautiful 20s-style theatre located right in the heart of the city.

Supported by Mediateca Regionale Toscana-Film Commission, Provincia di Firenze and Assessorato alla Cultura del Comune di Firenze as part of the Cinquanta Giorni di Cinema Internazionale in Florence.

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Book Review: "Tightwad Gazette"

Navy wife Amy Dacyczyn knew living on a military pay check could be tight, so she started a newsletter with tips and advice on promoting "Thrifty as a Viable Alternative Life Style".

This collection turned into three books full of advice of how to avoid credit card and debt disaster, how to can your own fruit and vegetables, saving on skin care products, diet on the cheap and making the holidays enjoyable with out having to sell your first born.

Dacyczyn is surprisingly a light-hearted writer for the serious topic of saving money. She comes off as a nice aunt full of practical advice.

Her books would make for a great gift to anyone who has ever been stressed about day to day living expenses. For the truly thrifty, check out her books at the Camp Darby library.

-Cheap reads rock

Book Review: "The Shack"

William Paul Young writes easy read fiction, engaging story. One mans journey from hurt and brokenness to wholeness and positive family relations. While it's a work of fiction, I think its very applicable to real life.

My mother had recommended this book to me because she wanted to talk about it with someone who would have read this with an open mind. I bought it to make my mother happy, but ended up buying a number of copies and giving them away.

As I read the book, it helped me refocus on my relationships and reminded me on how important the people around me are.

-Elizabeth Speck

Recommended Children's Movies:

"The Original Christmas Classics"

"Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer"

"Frosty the Snowman"

"Santa Claus is Comin' to Town"

"The Little Drummer Boy"

"Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol"

"Cricket on the Hearth"

"Frosty Returns"

***All are available at the Camp Darby Library

New Library Hours

Mon- Fri 10 to 6 p.m.

Sat 11 to 4 p.m.

Sun & American Holidays Closed



Dec. 5 – 6 p.m. My Best Friends Girl (R)

Dane Cook, Kate Hudson - Alexis is the girl of Dustin's dreams, but after only five weeks of dating, the love-struck Dustin is coming on so strong that Alexis is forced to slow things down permanently. Devastated and desperate to get her back Dustin turns to his best friend, Tank, the rebound specialist. Tank soon finds himself torn between his loyalty to Dustin and a strange new attraction to his best friend's girl. Rated R (strong language, sexual content, graphic dialogue, nudity) 103 min

Dec. 6 – 6 p.m Quantum of Solace (PG-13)

Daniel Craig, Judi Dench -On a mission that leads him to Austria, Italy and South America, Bond discovers that Greene, conspiring to take total control of one of the worlds most important natural resources, is forging a deal with the exiled General Medrano. Rated PG-13 (sequences of violence/action, sexual content) 110 min

Dec. 7 – 2 p.m Igor (PG)

John Cusack, Myleene Klass -Igor is sick of being a lowly lab assistant with a Yes Master's degree and dreams of becoming a scientist. When his cruel master kicks the bucket a week before the annual Evil Science Fair, Igor finally gets his chance. Rated PG (thematic elements, scary images, action, mild language) 86 min

Dec. 11 – 6 p.m Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13)

Diane Lane, Richard Gere - 92 min

Dec. 12 – 6 p.m Ghost Town (PG-13)

Ricky Gervais, Greg Kinnear PG-13 (strong language, sexual humor, drug references) 102 min

Dec. 13 – 6 p.m Bolt (PG)

Miley Cyrus, John Travolta Rated PG (mild action and peril) 96 min

Dec. 14 – 2 p.m Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG)

George Lopez, Drew Barrymore Rated PG (mild thematic elements) 90 min

Checklist & Tips for Safe Winter Driving

Get your car serviced now.

No one wants to break down in any season, but especially not in cold or snowy winter weather. Start the season off right by ensuring your vehicle is in optimal condition.

- Visit your mechanic for a tune-up or other routine maintenance.
- Have your entire vehicle checked thoroughly for any leaks, bad hoses, or other needed part repairs or replacements.
- If you plan to use snow tires, have them installed now. Check out www.safercar.gov for tire ratings before purchasing new ones. For existing tires, check to ensure they're properly inflated (as recommended by your vehicle manufacturer), the tread is sufficient with no uneven wear, and that the rubber is in overall good condition. Note that tire rubber starts to degrade after several years, and tires need to be replaced even if they have not seen much wear.

Check your battery.

When the temperature drops, so does battery power. Plus, it takes more power to start your vehicle in cold weather than in warm. Find out if your battery is up to the challenges of winter.

- Have your mechanic check your battery for sufficient voltage.
- Have the charging system and belts inspected.
- If necessary, replace the battery and/or make system repairs.

Check your cooling system.

When coolant freezes it expands. Such expansion can potentially damage your vehicle's engine block beyond repair. Don't let this happen to your vehicle this winter!

- Make sure you have enough coolant in your vehicle and that it's designed to withstand the winter temperatures you might experience in your area.
- A 50/50 mix of coolant to water is sufficient for most regions of the country. See your vehicle owner's manual for specific recommendations.
- Thoroughly check the cooling system for leaks or have your mechanic do it for you.
- If your system hasn't been "flushed" (draining the system and replacing the coolant) for several years, have it done now. Over time, rust inhibitors in anti-freeze break down and become ineffective. Coolant also needs to be refreshed periodically to remove dirt and rust particles that can clog the cooling system and cause it to fail.

Winter Driving (cont'd)

Fill your washer reservoir.

You can go through a lot of windshield wiper fluid fairly quickly in a single snowstorm, so be prepared for whatever Mother Nature might send your way.

- Completely fill your vehicle's reservoir before the first snow hits.
- Use high-quality, "no-freeze" fluid.
- Buy extra to keep on hand in your vehicle.

Check your windshield wipers and defrosters.

Safe winter driving depends on achieving and maintaining the best visibility possible.

- Make sure your windshield wipers work and replace worn blades.
- If you live in an area that gets a lot of snow and ice, consider installing heavy-duty winter wipers.
- Check to see that your window defrosters (front and rear) work properly.

Inspect your tires.

Regardless of season, you should inspect your tires at least once a month and always before embarking on a long road trip. It only takes about five minutes. If you find yourself driving under less-than-optimal road conditions this winter, you'll be glad you took the time!

- Check tire pressure and make sure each tire is filled to the vehicle manufacturer's suggested PSI (pounds per square inch) of air pressure, which is listed in your owner's manual and on a label inside the driver's door.
- Keep a tire pressure gauge in your vehicle at all times and check pressure when tires are "cold" — meaning they haven't been driven on for at least three hours.
- Look closely at your tread and replace tires with uneven wear or insufficient tread. Tread should be at least 1/16 of an inch or greater on all tires.

Know your car.

Every vehicle handles somewhat differently; this is particularly true when driving on wet, icy, or snowy roads. Take time now to learn how to best handle your vehicle under winter weather driving conditions.

- Practice cold weather driving when your area gets snow — but not on a main road! Until you've sharpened your winter weather driving skills and know how your vehicle handles in snowy conditions, it's best to practice in an empty lot in full daylight.
- Drive slowly. It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered surface. On the road, sufficiently increase your following distance so you'll have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you.

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- A word of caution about braking: Know what kind of brakes your vehicle has and how to use them properly. In general, if you have anti-lock brakes, apply firm pressure, if you have non anti-lock brakes, pump the brakes gently.
- If you find yourself in a skid, stay calm and ease your foot off the gas while carefully steering in the direction you want the front of your vehicle to go. This procedure, known as "steering into the skid," will bring the back end of your car in line with the front.

Plan your travel and route.

Keep yourself and others safe by planning ahead before you venture out into bad weather.

- Check the weather, road conditions, and traffic; plan to leave early if necessary.
- Don't rush! Allow plenty of time to get to your destination safely.
- Familiarize yourself with directions and maps before you go, and let others know your route and anticipated arrival time.
- Keep your gas tank close to full. If you get stuck in a traffic jam or in snow, you might need more fuel to get home or keep warm. Note: To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning when stuck in snow, be sure to keep your vehicle's exhaust pipe clear of snow and ice, run your vehicle only in the open with the windows partially down, and run it only long enough to keep warm.
- If road conditions are hazardous, avoid driving if possible. Wait until road and weather conditions improve before venturing out in your vehicle.

Stock your vehicle.

Carry items in your vehicle to handle common winter driving tasks — such as cleaning off your windshield — as well as any supplies you might need in an emergency. Keep the following on hand:

- Snow shovel, broom, and ice scraper.
- Abrasive material, such as sand or kitty litter, in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow.
- Jumper cables, flashlight and warning devices, such as flares and markers.
- Blankets for protection from the cold.
- A cell phone, water, food, and any necessary medicine (for longer trips or when driving in lightly populated areas).

Winter Driving (Cont'd)

Learn what to do in a winter emergency.

If you are stopped or stalled in wintry weather, follow these safety rules:

- Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself.
- Put bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light turned on.
- To avoid asphyxiation from carbon monoxide poisoning, don't run your car for long periods with the windows up or in an enclosed space. If you must run your vehicle, clear the exhaust pipe of any snow and run it only sporadically — just long enough to stay warm!

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