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“You’re love makes me all bubbly”
Photo courtesy of Ameer King



“Love is a handmade gift” Photo courtesy of Lory King



“You’re love is sweeter than ice cream” Cake by Dona Brooks, Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

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**Front Cover Photo by
Chiara Mattiolo**

Members of Better Opportunities for Single Service Members deliver Valentine's Day Roses to Camp Darby community members Feb. 14.

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Helping those who can't help themselves



Chiara Chelossi, USAG Livorno, plays with a homeless puppy at the Pisa homeless dog shelter, “Rifugio Tom”, when she dropped off donated food and blankets.

Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

When temperatures plummet in Tuscany, it is not just the elderly who are a risk. Rather there are those without a voice for whom a blanket can make a huge difference. The Kennel “Rifugio Tom” in Quattrostrade is home to over 350 abandoned dogs, each needing love, care and comfort.

According to Chiara Chelossi, USAG Livorno Safety Office and avid dog lover, Camp Darby community members can make a difference.

“I learn about this kennel from the news on the local television and they were talking about the serious damages the recent heavy snow caused to the building roof, and how the animals were in need of anything to keep them warm,” said Chelossi.

She found out that the Rifugio was in need of blankets, bed sheets, towels or anything that can keep the animals warm (though not comforters because the animals destroy them and the inside is a potential choking hazard for them), along

with disinfecting soaps, plastic bags and dry or canned food.

“If we cannot take care of a dog we can always sponsor a particular dog, from our home we can supply a specific dog with food and funds to help him, and we can also visit him whenever we want,” explained Chelossi.

A volunteer at the kennel explained that while some of the dogs may be somehow traumatized either physically or psychologically and are in bad need of tenderness and care, others are better off at the kennel, but they still need help and support.

“Even if I can’t adopt a dog I know I can still do something to better their lives,” Chelossi said.

If you have items you can donate, Chelossi is volunteering to collect and deliver the goods. You can drop off items at the Safety Office located on the ground floor of the Air Force Headquarters building on Camp Darby. Please contact Chelossi at DSN 633-7841 for more details.

Adopt a dog and make a difference in your life and theirs

Community events & happenings

New combined retail store hours

Effective March 1, there will be one operating schedule for Exchange and Shoppette. The entire facility will now be open 7 Days a week and U.S. holidays.

Mon-Fri 7 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Sun./holidays 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

African American Heritage Month

The EO committee is looking for volunteers for events throughout the month, such as the food tasting on Feb. 24. If you are interested in learning more, please join them at the DCC every Thursday at 3 p.m. or call SSG Keathley at 633-8667 for more information.

Club Beyond Luncheon

633-7261

Club Beyond is looking for anyone who is willing to help cook/prepare, set-up, or serve for our Club Beyond Donation raiser on Thursday, Feb. 23. The lunch will be from 11:30-13:00 in Mertz Hall and they will be serving pulled pork sandwiches and some tasty sides. The High School Students are trying to raise money for the Romania Service Project this summer and would greatly appreciate your support.

National Children's Dental Health

633-7461

The Livorno Dental Clinic will be offering limited appointments for all middle school and elementary school age children Feb. 27- March 2. There will be dedicated appointment times for comprehensive exams and cleanings for the children after school hours. Space is limited so contact the dental clinic for an appointment.

Job opening

• Test examiner substitute position at the Camp Darby Education center is now open immediately until filled. Salary is \$10 per hour. If you have a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university, we will train you. Apply at Central Texas College. Call DSN 634-8923 for detail on how to apply.

• CACI is currently seeking a Part-Time-On-Call (PTOC) IACS Registrar to support the Camp Darby office. Interested applicants please send your resume to psun@caci.com

Parent's Night Out / Game Day

633-7681

• School Age Center Game Day Feb. 25, 2-5:30 p.m.
• Parent's Night Out, Feb. 25, 5:45-11 p.m.
• Youth Center Game Day / Kick Back Night Feb. 25 from 2-5:30 p.m. free of charge with plenty of fun games planned for indoor and outdoor play. After 5:45 p.m. the Kick Back night starts with even more fun.

ITR

633-7589

• Rome Feb. 18
• Bus transportation to Viareggio Carnival Feb. 19, 26
• Pistoia Zoo Feb. 25

For more information about these and other scheduled trips and events, download in Fall/Winter Catalog available online at: www.vicenzamwr.com Call ITR at 633-7589 for information or register on WEB TRAC online.

Youth Sports and Fitness registration

633-7681

Register March 1 – 31
Start Smart --- 3 to 4 years of age
Pee-Wee --- 5 to 6 years of age
Minor --- 7 to 9 years of age
Bantam --- 10 to 12 years of age
Junior --- 13 to 15 years of age
Cost: \$45.00 per youth regardless of family income, rank, or civilian grade. Start Smart cost is \$20.00 per child. A 10% discount applies to additional siblings that enroll in the sport. Children must be registered in CYS/ Youth Services thru June 15.

Outdoor Recreation

633-7775

• Ski trips to Abetone and Monte Cimone are offered every Saturday in February.

Religious Activities

633-7267

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
10 a.m. Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD

AAFES Movies

Feb. 17- 6 p.m. New Year's Eve (PG-13)
Feb. 18- 6 p.m. Sitter (R)
Feb. 19- 1 p.m. One For The Money (PG-13)
Feb. 24- 6 p.m. Sitter (R)
Feb. 25- 6 p.m. Sherlock Holmes : A Game Of Shadows (PG-13)
Feb. 26- 1 p.m. Big Miracle (PG)



African American Heritage Food Tasting
Feb. 24, 6 p.m.
Darby Community Club

Monthly Vet Visit

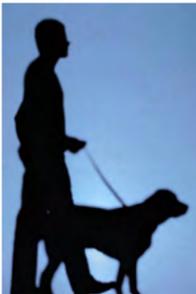
Livorno Veterinary Treatment Facility

Thursday
23 February 2012
0830-1200
1300-1600



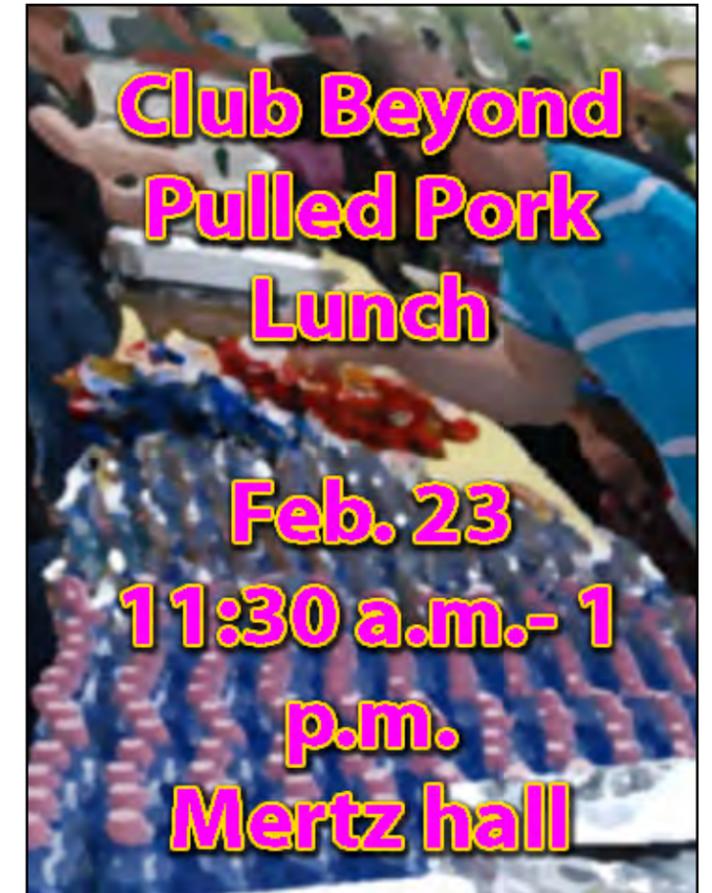
Have you been meaning to call?

The Veterinary Clinic will be open on
Thursday, 23 February 2012



- Annual Vaccines
- Microchipping
- Sick Calls

To make an appointment please call the Vicenza VTF
COM: 0444714841
DSN: 6354841



Club Beyond
Pulled Pork
Lunch

Feb. 23
11:30 a.m.- 1
p.m.
Mertz hall



Date: **March 25** Time: **7 p.m.** Place: **Darby Community Club**

American Airlines, American Express, Best Western, Clear Channel, Coca-Cola, Delta, FedEx, GE, Home Depot, Intel, Microsoft, Verizon, and others.

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Compiled by Barbara Ranieri
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SAGRA & FESTIVALS

Antiques Market in Lucca

This weekend Lucca will host the Antiques Market, organized by the Consorzio del mercato Antiquariato of the city of Lucca. Search for treasures amongst the 230 antiques dealers, Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Info: www.luccavirtuale.it

Chocolate Fair in Firenze

Feb. 18-19

Enjoy the sweet temptations of the 2nd edition of Chocolate Fair in Piazza della Repubblica – Firenze.

Info: www.fieradelcioccolato.it

6th Car Tuning Show during the Viareggio Carnival

On Feb. 19, the "Evolution Car Tuning Club" will organize the 6th edition of this car competition. The competition will take place at Viareggio Port.

Program: 10:00 Opens for participants

14:00 The competition begins

19:30 Awards Ceremony

Trophies will be awarded for external, internal, Neon lights, sound pressure level of the inside and outside of the vehicle. And many more special awards will be presented.

For further info: www.evolutionctc.it

Santa Croce Carnival 2012

• Saturday Feb. 18 at 9 p.m. till late at night

• Sunday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m.

Info: • www.carnevesantacrocese.it

The Carnival of Viareggio

The parades filled with floats, marching bands, dancing and music take place in a



Venice Carnevale

Dress up and join in the festivities at the Venice Carnevale. Wander the squares or pose against the cast iron light poles with gondolas in the background. This is one of the best times of the year to visit Vernice. (Photo courtesy of Jesslyn Jackson).

ring-like circuit 2 km. long, on the seaside avenues of Viareggio. Enjoy fun for children and adults.

Parade Program - Masked Parade

19th February at 3 pm

21th February at 3 pm

26th February at 3 pm

3th March the parade begins at 7 pm

Ticket prices

Daily ticket € 15,00

Military and Children age 11 – 13 -€ 10,00

Children till 10 years old – free entrance

www.viareggio.ilcarnevale.com

57th Edition of the Children Carnival of Orentano

Now until Feb. 25

On Jan. 29 the Orentano Carnival at Castelfranco di Sotto will begin every Sunday until Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. in the town square. The parade has many Walt Disney characters and floats. Children will be able to play the organized games.

Info: www.orentanocarnevale.it

Il Carnevale della Piana di Lucca

Now until Feb. 26

The parade begins at 2:30 each Sunday. Children under 12 get in free, adults cost 5 Euro.

Info: <http://www.carnevalmarlia.it/>

The Venice (Venezia) Carnival

Daily until Feb. 21

The city of Venice will be the host of different scenic shows and events in main Campos and on the Grand Canal featuring concerts, live performances by international artists and mask parades. The Carnival offers a daily and diverse artistic program in the Grand Theatre of St. Mark's Square and in dozens of other public art spaces from early in the morning until late at night.

Info: www.carnevale.venezia.it



Viareggio Carnevale... the fun continues until March 3. Photo courtesy of Viareggio Carnevale committee

Pisa Guided Tour Days

Enjoy organized tours with Pisa town and Province.

Saturday, Feb. 18

10.30: Certosa di Calci Meeting Point: ticket office of the Certosa

11.30 Certosa di Calci Meeting Point: ticket office of the Certosa

15.00: Piazza dei Miracoli (Pisa) Meeting Point: Piazza dei Miracoli – Main ticket office

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Info: www.pisaunicaterra.it/

Night excursion at Villa Bosniascki

Feb. 17 at 9:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening hike on the mountain of Pisa. Meeting point: Rail station of San Giuliano Terme (Pisa). Duration of the event: 90 minutes

Cost: 12 euro

It is necessary to book in advance.

Info: www.vadovedo.it

Scandicci Half Marathon

Feb. 19, the 9th Edition of the Scandicci's Half Marathon will take place. It starts from Piazza Matteotti at 9:30 a.m.

Info: www.podisticailponte.it/

Fucecchio Half Marathon

On March 4 the 7th Edition of the Fucecchio's Half Marathon will take place.

Info: www.mezzamaratonafucecchio.it

Dates and times could be changed at the last minute; it is advisable to double check the information.

Give us a second, and glance around

The Second Glance thrift shop always has deals. Make some extra money from items you no longer need, or find items you need.



By Nicole Marquez
Special to the Outlook

Camp Darby, it's servicemembers, and spouses are very fortunate to be afforded an organization that has distributed countless dollars, volunteers, and scholarships to its community.

Friends of Camp Darby is a nonprofit organization that has been built by-in-large; to bridge the gap between military services on post, and needs of the community. The organization's board is 100% volunteer, and are the overseeing authority of the communities only thrift store, "A Second Glance".

At a minimum, 70% of Thrift Store gains are donated directly back to the Darby community resulting in over \$16,000 being donated annually. The bulk of it is, when people donate to the thrift store, or even consign, it goes a long way.

Whereby; Friends of Camp Darby are able to gift and award service members and families money for schooling, provide equipment to the PTSO, offer funding assistance for DARE, and other projects that are important to the community at large. Many military community projects need financial assistance and we bridge the gap.

What happens to the other 30%? It goes to funding Friends of Camp Darby operating cost such as organization insurance, wages for our thrift store clerk, and the surplus

goes right back into the community to facilitate events for its members.

So, if you have some items you would like to sell on consignment (a small fraction of your sale goes back to FCD) or you would like to donate your used or unused items we would love to have them. It gives us a chance to continue to give back to this community that has given us so much.

Oh and one more thing, don't forget we sell items too. So come in and shop.

Second Glance is open Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the first Friday of the month from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Consignment hours are 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, and first Friday of the month. You can also make an appointment.

Upcoming FCD events

Feb. 21	Lunch brunch club
Feb. 25	Sweetheart dinner
March 5	Book Club
March 10	Organic cheese farm tour and tasting