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National Prayer Breakfast Camp Darby community members join together at the local National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 3 at the Darby Community Club for food for the body and soul.



Do you deliver to Texas? (Right) Master Sgt. Billy Harford asks the Camp Darby BOSS program if they will deliver Valentine's Day roses to his loved on in Texas. Order your flowers today by calling DSN 633-7438, but know they can only be delivered to Camp Darby and the Depot.



No need to suffer with warts If you suffer from planter warts the U.S. Army Livorno Health Clinic has a new injection therapy that is very successful. It will be intermittently available.

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Joyce Costello**

Airmen, Soldiers and Civilians gather for breakfast and fellowship Feb.3 during the National Prayer Breakfast.

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Celebrating National Prayer Breakfast

'Saving of Colonel Kappler'

By Maj. Paul Fritts
Camp Darby Chaplain

Camp Darby joined the President of the United States, Members of Congress and other dignitaries gathered with leaders from across the country and around the world in celebrating the 2012 National Prayer Breakfast. The act of forgiving one another is an essential ingredient to building relationships which might not otherwise be possible. I invite you to think about forgiveness and the lessons to be learned from the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant and the story of 'Saving Colonel Kappler'.

Kappler was the kind of villain that we love to hate in the movies. But this was no movie: It was the city of Rome under Nazi rule during the Second World War. Our villain is Colonel Herman Kappler, commander of the SS forces occupying Rome.

Kappler's SS routinely tortured and executed suspected members of the resistance, but for all his brutality, Kappler had not been able to capture the man who was behind the massive underground network that aided escaped Allied POWs and Jews in Rome. Kappler knew who the man was, but there was a problem: He was a Vatican priest-Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty. So Kappler had O'Flaherty watched, and finally, on one brilliant sunny winter morning, had him cornered away from the Vatican.

The Nazi SS had the Palazzo of Prince Filippo Doria Pamphili surrounded with O'Flaherty inside. O'Flaherty raced down a narrow stone staircase into the cellar -- no way out, nowhere to hide.

Too much was at stake for too many people for him to surrender to Kappler now -- especially for Prince Filippo and the others upstairs who were compromised by O'Flaherty's presence.

As he edged along the passageway that led to the cellar beneath the courtyard, he noticed a strange sound, like rocks rolling down a stone mountain face. As he moved closer to the sound, he saw



(Left) SS officer Col. Kappler (right) Vatican priest, Monsignor O'Flaherty.

light -- daylight! The prince's winter coal supply was sliding into a coal bin through an open trapdoor in the courtyard.

O'Flaherty took off his black monsignor's robe and hat put them into an empty coal sack. He tore his collarless shirt to his waist and rubbed coal dust all over himself from head to toe. With the cooperation of one of the coalmen who had no love for the Nazis, O'Flaherty strolled right past the two lines of SS troops, who disdainfully moved aside so they wouldn't get their uniforms dirty.

The bitter rivalry between this German Nazi and this Irish priest sets the stage for O'Flaherty's most remarkable rescue.

After the war, Colonel Kappler was tried and convicted for war crimes. He was sentenced to life imprisonment for his part in the slaughter of the 320 at the Ardeatine Caves.

Forgiveness is not saying the offense never happened. It did. Forgiveness is not saying that everything's okay. It isn't. Forgiveness is not saying we no longer

feel the pain of the offense. We do.

For Father O'Flaherty, forgiveness was saying "I still feel the pain, but I am willing to let go of your involvement in my pain." For Father O'Flaherty, forgiveness was an attitude of faith whereby he was able to turn over to God the business of how the other guy is doing.

For Father O'Flaherty, forgiveness was saying to Kappler, "I'm okay, and I am willing to let God deal with whether you are okay, and I am willing to let go of my need to be the instrument of correction and rebuke in your life."

In fact, Father O'Flaherty continued to visit Kappler and show him the love of Christ.

In March 1959, Herman Kappler, former SS colonel, Nazi war criminal, sought forgiveness and salvation in the waters of baptism poured by the hand of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty. Amen.

The expanded version and photos are available on www.usag.livorno.army.mil

Community events & happenings

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.

New program for parents

633-7480

Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. at ACS, learn what a parent Co-op is, how it is run, what the parent responsibilities are, what the time commitment may be. This is a great opportunity to start up a new, fun program for parents, run by parents and for kids.

Job opening

♦ 839th Transportation Battalion (SDDC) has an opening for a GS-7 Transportation Assistant in their Italy Detachment at Leghorn Army Depot (Camp Darby), Italy. The vacancy announcement closes on Feb. 14. The full announcement is on www.usajobs.gov. Call DSN 633-8511 for details.

♦ 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.

♦ The USA Girl Scouts Overseas is accepting applications for Resident Camp Health Care Manager for the camp is held at Camp Lachenwald in Germany July 1-31 in Germany and August 3-5 at Camp Darby. BSN, RN, LPN, EMT, Medic or equivalent preferred. Interested parties need to contact amiller@usagso-na.org for an application prior to Feb. 15.

♦ 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

Red Roses for Valentines

633-7438

Camp Darby's Better Opportunities for Single Service members are selling a dozen long-stemmed roses for Valentine's Day. The flowers will be delivered on Darby or the depot. Contact a BOSS representative to place your order.

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

- ♦ Bus transportation to Viareggio Carnival Feb. 19, 26
- ♦ Bus transportation to Venice Carnival Feb. 12
- ♦ Pistoia Zoo Feb. 25

Darby Community Club

633-7855

- ♦ Texas Hold 'em Feb. 10

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

Get your pulled pork sandwich lunch on Feb. 23 at 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. at Mertz hall. Club Beyond is hosting a lunch in order to gather donations for our High School students to attend the Service Project trip to Romania this summer.

AAFES Movies

- Feb. 10- 6 p.m. Red Tails (PG-13) 1st Run
- ***In support of African American history month George V. Lottier Masonic Lodge #130 will sponsor the first 20 patrons. Please come and support your local movie theater and discover the history of these brave men who rose above obstacles in their lives to help defeat the Nazis overseas and "Jim Crow" segregation laws at home.***
- Feb. 11- 6 p.m. Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG-13) 1st Run
- Feb. 12- 1 p.m. Arthur Christmas (PG)
- 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) 1st Run



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

Monthly Vet Visit

Livorno Veterinary Treatment Facility

Thursday

23 February 2012

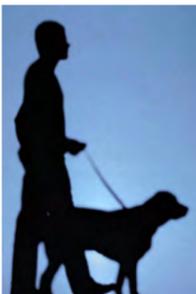
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Have you been meaning to call?

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



Mammo-van Feb. 15 to Vicenza

Do you really need an excuse?
Call Health Clinic at DSN 633-7357 for details

**Club Beyond
Pulled Pork
Lunch**

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

Want inclement weather warnings?

Tune in to AFN Livorno 106 F.M. or
visit www.usag.livorno.army.mil or
the Camp Darby Facebook for alerts
and updates.

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SAGRA & FESTIVALS

Chocolate Fair in Firenze

Feb. 10-11, 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

An authentic folk festival where the people of Santa Croce turn their inspiration and fantasy into masks of unique beauty and originality in five processions, four held in the afternoon and one at night.

The four masked groups (Il Nuovo Astro, La Lupa, La Nuova Luna and Gli Spensierati) put their all into the magnificent costumes covered in sequins, parading on the "fossi" (the central square of the town) in a triumph of colours and choreography.

The Carnival processions are held on:

- Sunday, Feb. 12 and 26 at 3 p.m.
- Saturday Feb. 18 at 9 p.m. till late at night

Info: • www.carnevesantacrocese.it



THE JOLLY ROGER PIRATE SHIP!

Enjoy carnevale in Venice dressed up on the pirate ship. Tour comes complete with English speaking guide and open bar on the bus. Call 0444 25051 or visit www.travelshopvicenza.com

The Carnival of Viareggio

The parades filled with floats, marching bands, dancing and music take place in a ring-like circuit 2 km. long, on the seaside avenues of Viareggio. Enjoy fun for children and adults.

Parade Program - Masked Parade

12th February at 3 pm

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 Carnival of Venezia

The Carnival of Venice this year renews the

city's ancient 'liaison' with its spectacular performances- the staging of the Commedia- which had its own unique historical relationship to the famous masks of the Carnival.

From the 11th to 21st of February, and with a colorful preview on February 4th and 5th, we are going to celebrate and remember Venice as the ancient capital of modern theater - with over 25 active theaters throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth century. Furthermore we are going to recall the sense of disguising: the discovery of a new "character" of our personality through the wearing of a costume.

We want the festival to turn into a major event of performing arts, in which each visitor of the city becomes a protagonist of this famous Festival that is a fundamental part of our country's cultural heritage.

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.

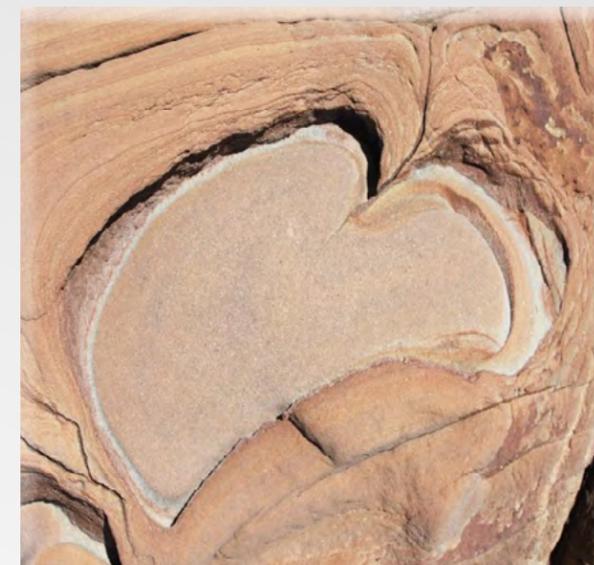
Info: www.carnevale.venezia.it

Carnival in Pisa Province

Floats, masks and streamers: Carnival is here! In every part of Pisa province spectacular processions come to life while each town puts in its own initiative to Carnival time. The traditional processions of allegorical floats and the mask parades are sometimes accompanied by rites and traditions linked to local history and culture. The floats are the result of painstaking work carried out over a period of many months by craftsmen and masters of colour. On Sunday 29th Carnival will make its debut at Orentano (Castelfranco di Sotto), Pontedera, San Miniato Basso (San Miniato), Terricciola, Vecchiano and Vicopisano.

Info: infoturismo@provincia.pisa.it

This is a collection of events. Dates and times could be changed at the last minute; it is advisable to double check the information.



Happy Valentine's Day

Hearts are all around us. Share your surprise hearts you've found with us on Camp Darby's Facebook Feb. 14. Photo by Matt LaBrise

Seasonal flu likely to peak in coming weeks

By Douglas DeMaio

Bavaria Medical Department Activity Public Affairs

Influenza affects several million people every year. Small children, pregnant women and people with chronic illnesses like diabetes and asthma are considered high-risk persons for contracting the flu and should take precautions to protect themselves.

"Their immune systems are weakened and, if they get the flu or any other illness, they don't have the mechanisms to fight it off as much as the folks who are healthy," said Lt. Col. Gwendolyn L. Davis, chief of Army Public Health Nursing for Bavaria Medical Department Activity. "That is why we encourage them to get the vaccine. High-risk people, especially the pregnant women, they definitely need it. The myth that it is not safe and will affect the unborn child is just a myth. It is safe."

High-risk persons are more likely to suffer from serious complications caused by the flu, Davis said.

Staying active, getting plenty of rest, taking vitamins and drinking an ample of liquids to stay hydrated can all help boost a person's immune system and help fight off germs, but she said, there is one sure way a person can significantly reduce their odds of contracting influenza.

"The most important is the flu vaccine," Davis said. "It is never too late to get it throughout the year, but we prefer you get it at the beginning of the season so you will have better protection. It's free to all the beneficiaries. Most of the clinics offer it on a walk in basis, so there is no need to make an appointment."

FluMist, which is given through the nose, is good for children who are 2 years of age up to adults who are 49 years old. Anyone not in that age group would need to get an injected vaccination known as Fluzone.

There is a common misconception out there that the FluMist will give people the flu because it is a live vaccine, but that is just a myth, Davis said.

"You will not get the flu from the flu vaccine," she said. "You get protection. Some people have gotten sick but not because of the vaccine. They were going to get sick anyway."

The vaccine takes between 10 to 14 days to take effect, Davis said. Every year, the influenza strain changes, so Davis encourages people to be protected seasonally.

"It changes just enough to make a difference," she said. "The vaccine is available through the end of June."

Flu season starts in fall and ends in the spring. Historically, winter is flu season, and flu activity peaks after January, according to the Center for Disease Control



Camp Darby Health Clinic has extended hours on Thursday afternoons from 4 p.m.- 5:45 p.m. on a walk in basis. (Photo by Joyce Costello)

and Prevention's website. Since 1976-77, February has proved to have the highest flu activity. A report titled "influenza is slowly progressing in Europe" by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control listed the spread of flu in Germany for the third week of January to be "sporadic."

Last year, during the same week, the organization's Weekly Influenza Surveillance Overview listed the spread of the flu to be "regional," but by the fifth week, the weekly overview listed the spread of flu to be "widespread."

Practicing good hygiene like washing hands frequently and sneezing in ones sleeve rather than in ones hands will help slow the spread of influenza, but there are other ways to help prevent the spread of the virus.

"If you get sick, don't spread it," Davis said. "Stay at home if you are sick. We encourage supervisors who have someone sick in their office to send them home. It is very contagious and you don't want to spread it around. We know it interferes with the work, but still it is better for them to stay at home and get well for a couple of days than to come in and have the whole office get sick."