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Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

Maintaining readiness at all times The 839th Transportation Battalion consolidates the storage of packages to expedite the deployment readiness. "This is a very productive process to speed the deployment readiness," said Staff Sgt. Delano Hamler. "We have to be able for deployment within 36 hours from the call and finding all the needed package supply in one location is going to expedite the process." Learn more on www.usag.livorno.army.mil.



Fresh pasta made before your eyes Members of Friends of Camp Darby visited the Martelli Pasta factory in Lari Jan. 21 and saw first hand how to make fresh pasta. Learn more about upcoming Friends of Camp Darby trips and events on their facebook site or click their link on www.usag.livorno.army.mil (Photo courtesy of Friends of Camp Darby)

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Chiara Mattiolo**

A soldier from 839th Transportation Bn. does an inventory of equipment to make sure it is good to go at a moments notice.

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New principal arrives at LUS

By Principal Steve Brown
Livorno Unit Schools

Thank you students, parents, and teachers for the warm welcome that you have extended to me as the new Livorno Elementary/Middle School principal. I am excited to be a part of the Livorno learning community, and I look forward to working with each of you in the future.

As a school, we are looking forward to our AdvancEd accreditation visit scheduled for April, and we are hard at work documenting the learning opportunities and activities that occur each day at our school. There will be several opportunities for you to help us with this process, and I hope that you will be able to offer your observations and suggestions.

I am sure you join me in thanking Dr. Hoag for her support of our school as Acting Principal the past few months. She has briefed me on various aspects of being a part of the Camp Darby community and has stressed how she has enjoyed the privilege of being the leader of our fine school. She returns to her job at the Mediterranean District Superintendent's Office, but she looks forward to her next visit to Livorno in her DSO role to



(Center) Steve Brown is the new principal at Livorno Unit Schools. Learn more about events and happenings at the school by visiting their web site at <http://www.livo-ems.eu.dodea.edu/>

support our curriculum and school improvement activities.

My wife, Delisa, and I are thrilled to be living in Tuscany and we want to be an integral part of this community. Please call or come by the office any time that you have a question or concern. Together as a family, our school will continue to grow and improve as we focus on student learning.

Get free help at Darby Tax Center

By Army Capt. Daniel Hill
Camp Darby Command Judge Advocate

The Camp Darby Legal Office will be providing free tax preparation assistance by beginning Feb. 6. When you arrive to your appointment, you should have in your possession:

- 1) A completed 2011 Darby Tax Intake Sheet
- 2) Copies of Social Security Cards
- 3) Copies of W-2s
- 4) Copies of 1099s/1098s
- 5) Any receipts necessary to substantiate itemized deductions
- 6) Any other documentation you would like to have considered in the preparation of your tax return.

The required intake sheet is available for pick up at the Installation Legal Office or on the USAG Livorno web page

under the taxes banner. Call DSN: 633-7920 or 7227 for an appointment.

If you are interested in preparing your own tax return, Military One Source, in conjunction with H&R Block, provides access to tax preparation software qualifying individuals online at <http://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/FindInformation/Category/TaxFilingServices.aspx>.

By visiting www.irs.gov, you can find out the latest tax credits and taxes benefits unique to military members such as: first-time homebuyer credit, economic stimulus payments for military combat personnel and tax breaks related to military service, including two provisions that may require amended returns.

Community events & happenings



The DHR is Hosting
the Second Annual
**Sweet
Competition**

On February 14 @1600

All entries must be delivered to DHR NLT 1500 on 14 February

Judging will take place promptly at 1600

Tasting will immediately follow the judging

All entries must be home prepared (no store bought entries will be accepted for judging)

Prize - Bragging Rights

Judging will be based on the following criteria

1. Taste - Maximum 10 points
2. Presentation - Maximum 5 points
3. Theme Related Decoration (Valentine's Day) - Maximum 5 points

Barrier Maintenance on Monday and Tuesday
Semiannual barrier maintenance will be performed on all active barriers at gates 1 and 4 (main gate) on Camp Derby and gates 27 (main gate) and 29 on Depot next Monday and Tuesday (Jan. 30-31). The maintenance will be conducted on one barrier at a time; this should reduce the disruption to traffic.

African American Heritage Month
February is African American Heritage Month and will kick off with a cake cutting ceremony on Feb. 1 at the Darby Community Club at noon.

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.

Parent Information
633-7681

♦ Parent's night out is Jan. 28

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.

♦ 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

Extended Health Clinic Hours
633-7357

The health clinic now has a Thursday evening clinic, as a walk-in basis between 4 p.m. and 5:45. The pharmacy, radiology, and laboratory will also be open during this time.

Army Community Services
633-7084

♦ Play group, Feb. 1

Friends of Camp Darby

- Jan. 27 - Bunco!
- RSVP by contacting friendsofcampdarby@yahoo.com

Bowling Alley
633-7458

- ♦ Dollar day bowling every Sunday from 5-9 p.m.
- ♦ Buy ten games and get next one free

ITR
633-7589

- ♦ Rome Trip, Jan. 28

Outdoor Recreation
633-7775

- Ski trips to Abetone and Monte Cimone are offered every Saturday in January.
- Need a ride to the airport? ODR has an Airport Shuttle service provided 7 days a week. Reservation and payment must be made at least 72 hours in advance.

Fitness Center
633-7440

- Tuesdays: Pilates with Federica noon - 1 p.m. and Spin with Nicole (FREE CLASS) 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Wednesdays: ZUMBA Classes 5:10 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Thursdays: Pilates with Federica noon - 1 p.m. and Step & Body Forming 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Religious Activities
633-7267

Catholic Mass for Jan. 29 will be at 5 p.m. at the Chapel. Potluck fellowship meal in Mertz Hall immediately following.

11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD

AAFES Movies

- Jan. 27 - 6 p.m. J. Edgar (R)
- Jan. 28 - 6 p.m. Joyful Noise (PG-13) 1st Run
- Jan. 29- 1 p.m. Happy Feet Two (PG)
- Feb. 3 - 6 p.m. The Twilight Saga : Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG-13)
- Feb. 4 - 6 p.m. Contraband (R) 1st Run
- Feb. 5- 1 p.m. The Muppets (PG)

**CAMP DARBY
NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST**

*YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
THE CAMP DARBY NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
HELD AT THE DARBY COMMUNITY CLUB*

*WHO: Camp Darby Community
WHAT: National Prayer Breakfast
WHERE: DCC
WHEN: 2 February 2012 @ 0800-0900
COST: FREE HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET!
SPEAKER: CH(MAJ) Paul Fritts*

POC IS SGT MILLER AT DSN 633-7267

Order **Red Roses**
for your **Sweetheart**
on
**Valentine's
Day**

*Order one dozen
long-stemmed roses to be
delivered to you or your
sweetheart on Darby or Depot
for \$55*

*Deliveries made on
Tuesday, February 14
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

*For more information, contact
a BOSS representative or the
MWR BOSS Liaison
at 633-7438.*




MWR **SKI TRIPS 2012**

Sat, Dec 17	Abetone	Departure 6:30 a.m.
Sat, Jan 7	Abetone	Departure 6:30 a.m.
Sat, Jan 14	Abetone	Departure 6:30 a.m.
Sat, Jan 21	Monte Cimone	Departure 6 a.m.
Sat, Jan 28	Abetone	Departure 6:30 a.m.
Sat, Feb 4	Abetone	Departure 6:30 a.m.
Sat, Feb 11	Monte Cimone	Departure 6 a.m.
Sat, Feb 18	Abetone	Departure 6:30 a.m.
Sat, Feb 25	Abetone	Departure 6:30 a.m.
Sat, Mar 3	Monte Cimone	Departure 6 a.m.
Sat, Mar 10	Abetone	Departure 6:30 a.m.
Sat, Mar 17	Abetone	Departure 6:30 a.m.
Sat, Mar 24	Monte Cimone	Departure 6 a.m.
Sat, Mar 31	Abetone	Departure 6:30 a.m.

TRIP INFORMATION:
Transportation cost \$15
Equipment cost \$10
Trip registration deadline is one day prior to trip departure. Call ODR at 633-7775 for information or register on WEB TRAC online at: www.vicenzaMWR.com/livorno.html

Ski lessons available for beginners at no extra cost

OUT & ABOUT- EXPLORE YOUR WORLD

Compiled by Barbara Ranieri
USAG Livorno Community Affairs Advisor

SAGRA & FESTIVALS

Sapori (taste) of Italy tour

Jan. 27-29

If you like excellent gastronomy, then you'll enjoy this touring show in Pisa at the Piazza Gambacorti. Over 50 stands offering organic items, meats and salami, wine and specialty items are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

<http://www.fierasaporiditalia.it>

The Children Carnival

Jan. 29, Feb. 5

Enjoy the 17th edition of Children Carnival at Vitolini, Vinci – Firenze. The parade will start at 2:30 p.m.. Free entrance

Info: www.lacompagniadegliortacci.com

57th Edition of the Children Carnival of Orentano

Jan. 29- Feb. 25

On Jan. 29 the Orentano Carnival at Castel-franco 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

Jan. 29- 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/>

Hot Ice Village at Pontedera

Until Feb. 6

Try out the skating ring near the Pontedera



Kid's really enjoy Orenatno special Disney theme carnival parade just for them.

Photo courtesy Castel-franco di Sotto commune.

rail station.

The rink will be open with the following schedule:

-Holidays: 10.00-12.30, 14.30-19.30, 21.00-24.00

-Week days 14.30-19.30, 21.00-24.00

International Cat exposition in Florence

Feb. 4-5

If you love cats, why not visit this competition held in Florence's Garden of the fortress.

<http://www.toscanaetirreno.com/sagre-in-toscana/8302/esposizione-internazionale-felina>

Opera at the Theater Verdi in Pisa

Pisa's Teatro Verdi offers seven opera performances till February.

- Feb. 11-12 The Threepenny Opera
- Feb. 25-26 Zanetto / Mozart and Salieri

Info: www.teatrodipisa.pi.it

Swan lake ballet at Firenze

The brilliant ballet of Tchaikovsky will be at the Teatro Verdi of Firenze on 22 January 2012 at 16:45.

Info: www.teatroverdionline.it

Valdarno Jazz Winter 2012

The 18th edition of the Valdarno Jazz Winter 2012 will be performed in the province of Firenze and Arezzo in the month of January and February:

Info: www.eventimusicpool.it - www.ticketone.it - www.boxol.it, tel: 335 6919900



Got your costume ready?

Whether you visit Viareggio for street parade carnivale or Venice for elaborate old fashioned costumes, don't miss carnivale while stationed in Italy.

Mamma Mia Musical at Roma

Till 29 February 2012 the Mamma Mia musical will be performed at the Brancaccio theater of Roma.

Info: www.teatrobrancaccio.it/content/view/169/

Pablo Picasso exhibition in Pisa

Until Jan. 29

Last chance to see more than 200 works in Pisa from the Picasso Museum in Barcelona.

Info: www.palazzoblu.it

Van Gogh and Gauguin at Genova

Show will take place at Palazzo Ducale di Genova till April 15. Info: www.lineadombra.it

Excursion on Monte Faeta, San Giuliano Terme

Jan. 28, 9 a.m.

Why not try to hike the Mountain of Pisa? Meeting point is at Chiesa di Asciano (San Giuliano Terme). It is necessary to book in advance.

Info: tel. 334 6009333; carraragames@email.it

Middle Age among towers, castles and hermitage in Ripafratta and Monte Maggione

Jan. 29, 9:30 a.m.

There will be a hike at Ripafratta medieval sites. Meeting point: rail station of Ripafratta (San Giuliano Terme). Duration of the event: all day long (bring your lunch). Cost of the event is 12 Euro and it is necessary to book in advance.

Info: tel. 347 5870026; info@vadoevedo.it • www.vadoevedo.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.

Local Carnevale's feature family-friendly entertainment

By Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

There is something brilliant about having a carneval during the coldest and gloomy parts of the year. Kids get to throw confetti eggs and silly string at others without getting into too much trouble and adults can dress up in wacky outfits without fear of ridicule. Marching bands can make all the noise they want and a spirit of childish joy seems to make you forget about winter.

In Italy, you'll find small villages crowded with tractors pulling floats of all sort. Kids really seem to get a kick out of riding in a cart behind the tractor around the main square. The carnevale near Vitolini- Vinci is best for this (see ad on page 6).

If you are not adverse to crowds, visiting Venice during carnevale is a must. People from all over the world dress up in fabulous gowns and masks and promenade the streets, especially around Saint Mark's Square. There is always a small chance in hades in finding a hotel room, but its easier to either take the ITR trip or catch a train from Vicenza. Just make sure to check that there is not a scheduled train strike on the day you visit.

If you like political satire, then the Viareggio carnevale will have you in stitches laughing. You don't need to understand Italian to understand the social commentary. I imagine this year will be quite full. Parking is non-existent, so either take the train or the ITR bus. There is an entrance fee.

For those who like to travel, Lucerne, Switzerland has a great carnevale with some high speed cleaning machines that follow the revelers.

The important thing is to enjoy Italy while stationed here.

