

THE GAZETTE

Published for members of the SHAPE/Chièvres, Brussels and Schinnen communities

Benelux news briefs

Town-hall meeting

A U.S. town-hall meeting is slated for Oct. 19, at the SHAPE Events Centre from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The information fair starts at 3:30 p.m., and the Q&A event starts at 4 p.m. There will be free activities for children.

You may post questions regarding quality-of-life issues via the U.S. National Military Representative Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/usnmrtoshape>.

OHA Survey

The Overseas Housing Allowance Utility Expenses Survey is being conducted through Oct. 31 for Belgium. While taking the survey is voluntary, maximum participation is essential as the Utility Allowance will be updated based on the results and will determine what Service members are paid at your location. Take the survey at <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/oha-util-oct.cfm>.

Basketball coaches needed

USAG Benelux-Schinnen CYSS is looking for basketball coaches. If interested, call CYSS for details at DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31(0)455264195.

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I want to be a firefighter

USAG Benelux-Schinnen Fire Prevention Chief Rob Walraven helps a child into a firefighter outfit. In honor of Fire Prevention Week, children were invited on the Schinnen installation Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 to climb into a fire truck, operate a fire hose or fire extinguisher and get some valuable information to help keep the family fire safe (U.S. Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)

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U.S. Military Retiree Appreciation Day in Schinnen



U.S. military retirees and their spouses visit the USAG Benelux-Schinnen U.S. Military Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) at Schinnen, Friday, Oct. 9, 2015. Representatives were present to answer questions and provide information regarding TRICARE, health and wellness, banking services, dental, VA benefits, ID Cards, and more. New this year were representatives from Defense Finance and Accounting System (DFAS) to answer retiree pay questions and audit retiree's pay records. It was also the first time flu shots, pneumovax vaccine for those age 65 and over, and shingles vaccine for those age 60 and over were available. (U.S. Army photos by Rita Hoefnagels)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Stop the Violence - Take the Pledge

and show your support by wearing purple!

USAG Benelux-SHAPE
On October 20 and 27 from 1030AM – Noon
Building 318, SHAPE, Ground Level
or stop by ACS at any time

USAG Benelux-Brussels
Every Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Building 4, Lobby (ground level)
or stop by ACS at any time

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USAG Benelux MPs train, respond to active shooters

Story and photos by Donovan Abrassart

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office



USAG Benelux MPs trained to respond to active shooter incidents Saturday in the old Commissary on Chièvres Air Base. The training, the Law Enforcement Certification, is an annual training that is mandatory for the MPs and the newly arrived Soldiers who have taken up their duties as MPs.

The exercise is divided in three phases that give the Soldiers the opportunity to learn, develop and refresh the necessary skills to respond to an active shooter incident.

The exercise kicks off when the MP

desk directs the patrol to respond to an incident in the old Commissary.

Once the patrol composed of two MPs enters the building, the MPs start screening each room of the building to track down the active shooters.

Once the Soldiers have neutralized the active shooters, they evacuate the hostages and the victims and give them the first aid treatment to sustain life, prevent shock and maintain a stable condition until professional medical staff arrives.

Finally, the MPs have to check the active shooters' vehicle for EOD.

(Clockwise from above) Spc. Austin D. Peck and Sgt. Cody A Mortimore, MPs with the Directorate of Emergency Services, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, track down the active shooters in the old Commissary building on Chièvres Air Base during their Law Enforcement Certification, Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015. • Sgt. Cody A. Mortimore handcuffs one of the active shooters. • Spc. Austin D. Peck checks the chassis of the active shooter's van. • (Background photo) Sgt. Cody A. Mortimore tries to stop the bleeding coming out of a chest wound on a fake victim.



Ten tips to stay safe online:

Protect your system:

- Use anti-virus software
- Protect home networks with firewalls
- Password-protect your wireless router and network
- Regularly download security updates and patches
- Disconnect from the internet when not in use

Protect yourself:

- Back up your computer regularly
- Restrict access to your computer and accounts
- Delete emails from unknown sources
- Use hard-to-guess passwords and keep them private

Protect your family:

- Help your family check computer security on a regular basis

IN MEMORIAM

The men and women of the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux are mourning the loss of Johanna Becker, a Directorate of Family, Morale and Welfare employee who passed away this past Oct. 8.

Johanna had been working for the CYSS middle school teen program since March 2015 and will be missed by her colleagues and friends.

HOMECOMING SPORTS

Football



(left) Spartans quarterback Noah Parker takes it down the sidelines against the Rota Admirals during the 2015 Homecoming football game Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 at SHAPE. The Spartans lost the game 27 - 15. (right) Spartans running back Pablo Pereira heads downfield against the Rota Admirals. (U.S.Army photos Keith Houin)

Cross-Country



Competitors from five high schools take off during the SHAPE homecoming cross-country race Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015. The SHAPE varsity team won in the men's division with 33 points, and the Kaiserslautern varsity team won in the women's division with 37 points. Top SHAPE finishers were second-place men's Tobias Muxfeldt with 17 minutes, 36 seconds, and fourth-place women's Anna Kyle with 21:53. (Photo by Sarah Kyle)

Energy saving tips

- Be cool! Use heating wisely! - 2° F more will add 8% to the utility bill.
- Turn the heating on only when/where needed - Turn it down in the unoccupied rooms.
- Adjust your thermostat on 20° C (68° F) in the office or in the living room.
- Close doors and windows between heated and non-heated rooms.
- In winter, close curtains and shutters at night - Open them in the morning to let the sun rays in.

HOMECOMING SPORTS

Volleyball



Lady Spartan Katherine Dyrholm jumps to block a shot by the Alconbury Lady Dragons at the SHAPE American Middle School gym during Homecoming Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015. (Photo by Art Ross)



Lady Spartan Ivana Kuzmanoska returns a volley from the Alconbury Lady Dragons. Alconbury varsity defeated SHAPE 25-23, 25-12, 25-13, and Alconbury defeated Kaiserslautern 25-9, 25-23, 25-20. K-Town junior varsity defeated SHAPE 25-12, 25-17, 16-14. (Photo by Art Ross)

Tennis



Shamus Phelan, second-seeded in boys singles tennis, serves to Wiesbaden Warrior Jalan Glover during SHAPE American High School's homecoming sports Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015. SHAPE Lady Spartans beat the Wiesbaden Lady Warriors 9-0, and the Wiesbaden boys team beat the SHAPE boys team 6-3. SHAPE's No. 1 doubles teams (boys and girls), composed of Anthony Dellorsol, Shamus Phelan and Evelyn Brunelle/Jacqueline Nilsson, already qualified to play in the European Championships in Wiesbaden, Germany, Oct. 29 to 31. (U.S. Army photo by Andrea Wales)

Venture Crew 511

A program filled with fun and adventurous activities for young men and women



VENTURING® BSA

Venture Crew 511, based out of Brussels and chartered by American Legion Post BE02 is seeking young men and women for fun and adventurous activities.

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 13

and have completed the eighth grade, or age 14 through 20.

Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

The program provides the skills needed for young adults to make ethical choices, experience a fun program full of adventure and challenges, acquire leadership skills, and to take advantage of opportunities to advance their skills and knowledge in the areas of high adventure, sports, arts, hobbies, and more.

Venturing is a new, comprehensive program developed with the needs of teenagers in mind. Time in the Venturing

program is truly time well spent.

Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and organizations in their communities. Local community organizations establish a Venturing crew by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens.

For more information about Venture Crew 511, contact us at crew511.phil@gmail.com or flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.

Education is part of the Fire Prevention Week activities



(above) Amelia Torres, 4 years old from the School Age Center and her brother Antonio, 23 months from the Child Development Center, meet with Sparky the fire dog during his visit to SHAPE, Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015. (below) Children are attracted by Sparky the fire dog while firefighter Guillaume Cauchie looks on. The visit to both the Child Development Center and School Age Center was part of the activities during Fire Prevention Week to teach the children about fire safety. (U.S. Army photos by Pierre-Etienne Courtejoie)



Dressed in the firefighters coat and wearing their helmet, children experienced how to extinguish a fire with the help of a real fire fighter. during the USAG Benelux-Schinnen Fire Prevention Week activities in Schinnen, Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)

Phil Stacey in concert



Phil Stacey performs at the SHAPE Chapel, Monday, Oct. 12, 2015. He also performed at the International Conference Center on JFC Brunssum, the Netherlands, Oct. 9. Phil is best known for his role in the sixth season of American Idol in 2007, while still an active duty Sailor. In 2013, Phil Stacey's song 'Be Good To Each Other' was picked up to be part of the National Bullying Awareness Campaign. (Photo by Shirley Houin)



Adjust driving attitude to mitigate fall's safety hazards

Special to the Gazette

The days are much shorter, there is a certain chill in the air and leaves are falling off the trees. Autumn is here and road conditions are changing.

The harvest of potatoes is ongoing and the harvest of sugar beets will start soon. Farm tractors with trailers track mud and drop beets or potatoes which create hazardous slippery conditions. They also move slowly and are poorly lighted. This combined with shorter daylight and inclement weather such as fog, represent a greater risk and accident potential. Chain reaction collisions caused by obstructions or sudden braking action on the part of the driver ahead occur frequently. Be prepared for the unexpected.



When driving in fog, turn on the mandatory fog light and set your headlight to low beam. This setting aims the beam of light down toward the roadway. (U.S. Army Photo)

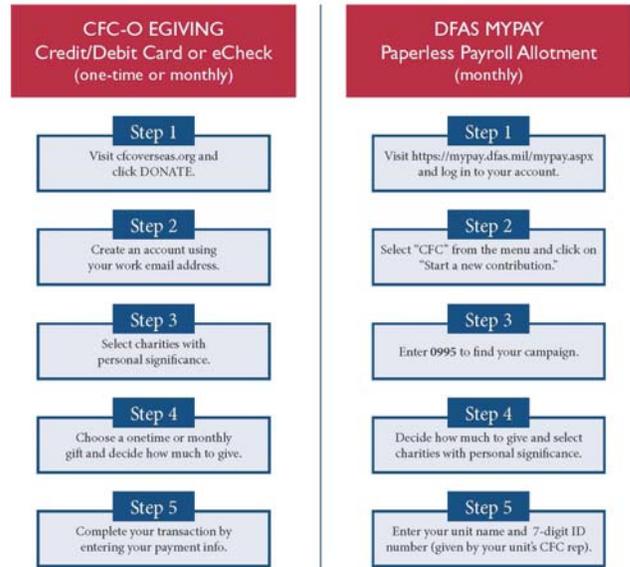
The only sensible and proven defense against these hazards is application of the simple rules of "Defensive Driving". These are:

- Maintain your vehicle in an acceptable safe condition.
- Reduce and adjust speed to weather, road, and traffic conditions.
- Allow more room for stopping and avoid the necessity of sudden stops by driving slow.
- Allow other motorists a wide margin of safety, remembering they may also be having difficulty with stopping.
- Never lock wheels when applying brakes. If wheels do lock, release brakes and slowly apply pressure again.
- Give warning to a following vehicle to allow the driver time to slow down or stop.
- Keep in mind that speed limits are set for ideal driving conditions. Drive only as fast as is safe in any other conditions.

Combined Federal Campaign *Give because you care*

The 2015 Combined Federal Campaign has begun in the Benelux and will run through Nov. 20.

Giving to charity of your choice is easier now with the online donation tools. You can either log into MyPay and click the CFC link for direct payroll allotments or use CFC-O E-Giving application to ensure safe reliable donations to the charity you feel connected with.



Whether you are interested in disaster relief, cancer research, veterans' support, mental health programs, housing the homeless or providing scholarships to military dependents, there is a CFC-O charity that aligns with your passion. There are 2,660 national and international organizations from which to choose and the Universal Giving list even allows you to support charities at your previous stateside location or even your hometown.

Donors may support as many charitable organizations as they would like in one single pledge.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Oct. 15

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy an all you can eat taco bar 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$8; children, ages 12 and under, \$4. Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.
- **Dress for Success Workshop** at Army Community Service, USAG Benelux-Brussels Complex, Bldg. 4, 2nd Floor. This lesson will allow students to visually see various examples of dress and to determine the standard for dress in an interview, for a day on the job, and then to discuss alternatives such as “business casual”, accessories, tattoos, piercing, and the like. For more information and to register call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02717-9783.

Oct. 16

- **Metro Madness** - Learn how to use public transportation from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet in the ACS conference room in Building 4 half an hour before start time. Register by calling DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

Oct. 17

- **Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Run/Walk**- From 8 to 11 a.m. with run starting at 9 a.m. For more information and to register, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 027-179667. Free tee shirts will be given to the first 50 adult registrants.

Oct. 22

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Baked Ziti, roasted chicken starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$10; children, ages 12 and under, \$5. Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.



SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Sign up now

- **Youth Center fall break trip to WB movie park** - Trip is Oct. 23 from 3:45 to 11 p.m.. Cost is \$40. Open to all eligible U.S. and NATO youth in grades 6-12 who are registered with CYSS. For information and registration, call Parent Central Services at DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31(0)455263121/2023.

Oct. 17

- **Strike out Domestic Violence** - From 6 to 8 p.m. for cosmic bowling and a quiz challenge for couples in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For more information, call DSN 360-7367 or civilian +31(0)46-4437367. Don't forget to wear purple.

Oct. 20 and 27

- **Scream-free Marriage Class** - Held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the JFC Brunssum Library. This two session training shows couples how to learn to stay calm in the face of common marital conflicts, which is key to creating and enjoying a deep, lifelong connection. For more information and to register call ACS at DSN 360-7500/7453 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500/7453.

Oct. 21

- **The Newborns, Parental Support and Music class** held at the CDC, Building H-602 on JFC Brunssum is a fun way to meet other parents, discuss transitioning as a parent and bond with your baby through sharing and music. For parents with children ages 0-12 months. For more information contact ACS at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500.
- **Pre-departure Briefing** - From 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Schinnen ACS. If you are PCS'ing, separating or retiring, learn valuable information to help in your transition. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437512/7500.
- **Sponsor Training** - From 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Schinnen ACS. Find out what the responsibilities of being a good sponsor are and the local information that will make your job stress free. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437512/7500.

Oct. 21-22

- **The New Parent Support Home Visitor** will be available for office hours, hospital and home visits to all U.S. ID card holders. To schedule an appointment call ACS at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500.



Inside the gate

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY Continued

Oct. 22

- **Circle Time** – 20 minutes of stories, songs and sharing are provided during Thursday morning Chapel play-group at the JFC Brunssum Chapel ground floor.

Oct. 22-23

- **Host Nation Orientation/Newcomer's Tour** - From 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Schinnen ACS. All newcomers and spouses are invited to learn about their new community, including local customs, culture, and language. Day one consists of local briefings from agencies and Dutch language/culture training. Day two, we go beyond the gate on this day to learn and utilize the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437512/7500.

Oct. 22-23 and 25

- **Tennessee Williams' The Glass Menagerie** - An intimate experience dinner theater at the International Conference Center in Brunssum. Admission is €20 for adults and €15 for students, including a 3-course dinner. Tickets are on sale at the AFNORTH School and for reservations see Alliance Players Facebook page. Show time on Oct. 22-23 is 6 p.m. and on Oct. 25, 2 p.m.

Through Nov. 2

- **Winter snowboarding/skiing clinic open enrollment** for ages 6th grade through 12th at the CYSS on JFC Brunssum, Building H602. Clinic dates: Dec. 2, 9 & 16; Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27; Feb. 3. Cost is \$280 paid at time of registration (incl. transportation, helmet, skis or snowboard, 2 hours of professional instruction). You must be registered with CYS services and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness for more information or details at DSN 364-4195 or civilian 045-5264195.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Now available at ACS:

- **The ACS Resiliency Room** - This room is equipped with wellness lamps and massage chairs. The wellness lamps will allow you to improve your energy, mood and overall well being and the massage chairs will relieve stress, tension and alleviate back pain. For more information, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Register now:

- **Corn Hole tournament** - Register for the monthly Corn Hole Tournament at the USAG Benelux Outdoor Recreation office or by calling DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268. Tournaments are held the first Saturday of the month at the Chièvres Air Base Community Recreation Center.

Oct. 15

- **Hispanic Heritage Month** - The USAG Benelux Hispanic Heritage Month event will be held at the SHAPE International Library at 2 p.m. In addition to a display of Hispanic-themed items and biographies, already open to visitors at the library, attendees will be addressed by Sgt. 1st Class Jaime Aparicio, the first sergeant of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 39th Signal Battalion. The event will conclude with an ethnic food-sampling. Hispanic Heritage Month is observed Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

Oct. 16

- **Fun For Kids** - Bring your bikes, trikes, scooters or skates to this free event at the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 5 to 8 p.m. You can get together a game of pickup basketball or play on bouncy castles, too. Open to all who have access to Chièvres Air Base. To find out more, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.

Oct. 19

- **Registration is open for CYSS Teen Babysitting Course** - Course is held Nov. 3 to 6 but a minimum participation is required. For more information or to register, call CYSS Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6097/6039 or civilian 065-446097/6039.

Mark your calendar

Oct. 23

- **Zombie Run** - Starting at 4:30 p.m. for grades 7 and under and at 5:30 p.m. for adults, departing at the SHAPE Event Center. Register at the Chièvres or SHAPE Fitness Center or go to the Chièvres FMWR Facebook page and click the link.

Oct. 23-24

- **The Haunted Clinic and Grimm's Garden for the little ones** - From 6 to 11 p.m. at the SHAPE Healthcare Facility. Participating fee is €5 per person (€3 per person for Grimm's Garden only)

Americans stationed all over Europe can now use a toll-free number to connect to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Military Crisis Line at 00800-1273-TALK (8255). The lifeline can also be reached from any Army garrison DSN phone at DSN 118. Anyone calling in will be able to speak confidentially with a trained Masters Level crisis counselor.

Travel the Benelux

Visit the Atomium a Brussels icon

by **Tim Clark**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Looking like a set built for a science-fiction movie, appearing futuristic and bizarre at the same time, the Atomium might make you wonder whether it is a sculpture or architecture. A tourist attraction that draws over half a million visitors every year, the Atomium is both public art and a museum.

Completed in 1958, meant to last only six months, the Atomium still stands as a key landmark of Brussels. Designed to resemble a molecule from an iron crystal, the Atomium consists of nine 60-foot diameter stainless-steel spheres connected by a series of tubes.

The main pavilion and icon of the 1958 World 's Fair, called Expo 58, the

Atomium symbolized a faith in scientific progress and the vision of a modern technological world for a better life for mankind. More than 41 million visited Expo 58, which opened with a call for world peace and economic progress by King Baudouin I of Belgium. "Building a world for the modern man," was the slogan of Expo 58.

Designed by engineer André Waterkeyn and architects André and Jean Polak, the Atomium has the shape of a molecule of an iron crystal magnified 165 billion times. Standing 335 feet tall and weighing 2,500 tons, the Atomium took 18 months to build. The tubes connecting the spheres enclose escalators and stairs, with the central

tube holding an elevator.

After falling into disrepair in the 1990s, the Atomium underwent a 22-month renovation from March 2004 until February 2006. More than 6,000 faded aluminum plates were replaced with new shiny stainless steel plates. To help pay for the renovation costs, pieces of the old aluminum were sold to the public.

A visit to the Atomium begins with an exhibit on the 1958 world's fair and details of how the structure was built. Temporary art and science exhibits fill some of the other spheres that are open to the public. The current exhibit, "Discover the Power of Light," runs through Sunday. The next exhibit "Modernika" which

is a celebration of post war Belgian architecture opens Monday.

Schoolchildren can spend the night in the Kids Sphere and sleep in mini-spheres designed by Spanish artist Alicia Framis. Intended for ages 6 to 12 and groups of 10 to 24 children with their accompanying adults, the sleepover must be within the framework of a school project.

The top sphere houses a restaurant that offers panoramic views of Brussels. Belgium Taste is open for lunch from noon until 3 p.m. and dinner from 7 to 9 p.m. with no Sunday dinner service.

Open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the Atomium is worth a visit just to take a photo of its iconic exterior.

Outside the gate



(clockwise) A painter creates an idealized image of the Atomium. • The median in front of the Atomium is a popular place to take a photo. • Seen from below, the Atomium looks like an M.C. Escher artwork.



For your GPS:
Avenue de l'Atomium
Brussels 1020

E19 Mons to Tournai to close overnight

The E19 autobahn will close for several hours between Mons and Saint-Ghislain starting Friday, October 16 at 8 p.m. until Saturday, October 17 at 10 a.m.

During this timeframe, works on the bridge over the autobahn will be going on to connect the Grands-Prés commercial area to the industrial area "Vieille Haine".

As a result, on Friday, Oct. 16 at 8 p.m., the autobahn will be closed in both directions and deviations will be in place as of Dour, Pommeroeul and Nimy, Mons.

The autobahn is scheduled to reopen Saturday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m.

During this timeframe, deviations will be as follows:

Coming from Valenciennes to Mons, the E19 autobahn will be closed as of Dour and traffic will be directed to the N552 (Route de Wallonie) towards Baudour and Nimy where access to the autobahn to Brussels/Liège will be possible.

Coming from Tournai to Mons, the autobahn will be closed at Pommeroeul and traffic will be directed to the N552 (Toute de Wallonie) towards Baudour and Nimy where access to the autobahn to Brussels/Liège will be possible.

Coming from Brussels or Charleroi/Liège to Mons, traffic will be directed to the R5 at Havré for Mons or to exit 23 at Nimy to the N552 (Route de Wallonie) to Saint-Ghislain or to Dour where access to the autobahn to Valenciennes, France will be possible.

In addition to the above works, the E19 exit to Mons coming from Saint-Ghislain will close starting Sunday, Oct. 18 as of 8 a.m. until Friday, Oct. 23 at 8 p.m., if the weather conditions remain clement.



The beams that will support the bridge over the E42 will be positioned during the night of Friday, Oct. 15 to Saturday, 16. (Photo courtesy E.G.)

Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

- **Amsterdam with optional guided tour of Van Gogh Museum, Oct. 17**
- **Rotterdam, Oct. 24**
- **Disney Halloween, Oct. 31**
- **Harry Potter studio tour, Nov. 4**
- **Romania with Transylvania, Nov. 4-8**
- **Flanders Field WWI Tour of Ypres, Belgium, Nov. 7**
- **Carolus Thermen spa in Aachen, Germany, Nov. 14**
- **Paris: Moulin Rouge, Nov. 21**
- **Snow & Ice Sculpture Festival and medieval dinner in Brugge (Bruges), Nov. 28**
- **German Christmas markets overnight, Dec. 5 to 6**
- **Alsace Christmas markets overnight in Triberg im Schwarzwald (Black Forest), Dec. 12 to 13**
- **Aachen and Monschau, Dec. 20**
- **Paris in winter, Dec. 28**

- **London New Year's, Dec. 30 to Jan. 1, 2016 (Register by Nov. 16.)**
- **The Nutcracker Ballet in Brussels, Jan. 24**
- **London with Wicked, Feb. 20**

SHAPE Travel Group - Call civilian 0470-876369.

- **A Day in Rotterdam, Oct. 20**
- **Antwerp and Red Star Line Museum, Nov. 19**
- **Cologne Christmas markets, Nov. 24**
- **Canterbury, England, Dec. 3**
- **Aachen Christmas Market, Dec. 10**
- **Paris Lights, Dec. 15**
- **Snow World, Jan. 19**
- **Trocs and Leuven, Jan. 28**

Schinnen Trips & Tours - Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **NFL Games at Wembley Stadium in London, Book your tickets now for Oct. 24 to 26 (Bills vs. Jaguars) and Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 (Lions vs. Chiefs).**
- **Express Trip to Paris, Nov. 21**
- **Cologne Christmas Markets, Dec. 5**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Oct. 16

- **The crossroads of savors in Frameries** - Discover local products - ice cream, honey, cheese, beer, fruit, vegetables and more - while your kids enjoy entertainment. Open from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Epicenter on Rue Des Alliés. Free admission.

Oct. 16-18

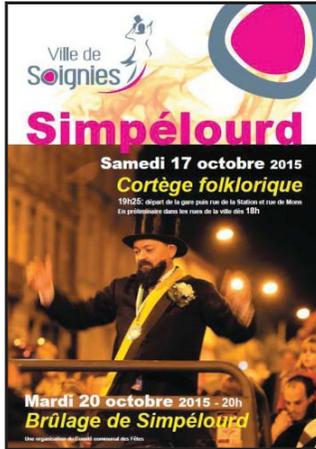
- **Wine and Catering fair in Colfontaine** - The fair will take place at the Espace Magnum at Avenue Docteur Schweitzer 1.
- **Choir concerts in Baudour** - The concerts will take place at the Church Saint-Géry on Avenue Louis Goblet from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, from 8 to 10:30 Saturday and from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Admission: €5 per concert or €12 for three concerts.

Oct. 17

- **Flea market in Soignies (150 booths)** - On Chaussée de Braine 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

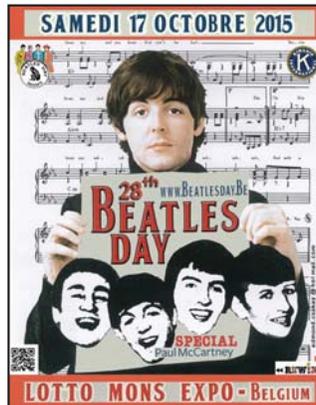
Oct. 17-18

- **Simpélourd in Soignies** - Watch the folkloric procession of Simpélourd starting at the train station at 7 p.m. Saturday and traveling downtown. See if you can catch some "carabibis" (caramel candies) thrown from the parade. Fair (rides, bumpers cars, shooting gallery, etc.) throughout the weekend.



Oct. 18

- **28th Beatles Day in Mons** - This edition will be a Paul McCartney special edition. It will take place at the Lotto Mons Expo. More information at <http://beatlesday.eu>
- **Volksmarch in Ecaussinnes for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue de l'Avedelle from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Neder-Over-Hembeek (Brussels) for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Trassersweg 346-349 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Beaumont for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from rue du Vivier 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Bernissart for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from rue du Préau 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Read about events near Brunssum and Schinnen (in the Netherlands unless otherwise indicated).

Oct. 16.

- **The Oyster Market in Elsene (BE)** in La Quincaillerie at Rue du Page 45 is the opening of the oyster season. Open from 5 to 9 p.m. Admission: between €3 and €20.

Oct. 16 to 18

- **"Limantica" Antique Fair in Herkenbosch** held at Castle Daelenbroeck at Kasteellaan 2. Admission: €5. Open from 6 to 11:30 p.m. Oct. 16, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 17 and 18.
- **Indoor Fall Fair in Venray** held at De Voorde 30 in Venray with the newest trends, home-garden and interior design, art, antiques, curiosa, exclusive products, activities, food tasting, demonstrations and more. Open all days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €8; children (6-11) €4.

Oct. 17, 24 and 31

- **Antique & Curiosa Market in Roermond** at Kloosterwandplein from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oct. 17 to 18

- **Cruise Event Amsterdam in Amsterdam** at Passenger Terminal at Piet Heinkade 27 offers many possibilities and destinations from all over the world. Experts will answer your questions and you can book your dream cruise. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €10.
- **Castle Days in Booischoot (BE)** is an attractive fair held in the beautiful surroundings of the Castle Booischoot Park on Ter Laken 7 with ideas for lifestyle, decoration, interior and exterior design, jewelry, art, curiosa and more. The castle is open as well. Admission: €5; children 14 and younger, free entrance. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **The Pasar Malam Rijswijk in Harderwijk** is an indoor Oriental Fair with Asian products, culinary delicacies, music, lifestyle, demonstrations, shows, songs, dance and lots more held at Sportscomplex de Sypel on Parkweg 4 in Harderwijk . Open: Oct. 17, noon to 10 p.m. and Oct. 18, noon to 8 p.m. Admission: €8; children (7-12 year) €3.
- **Market with local products in Hannut (BE)** is a culinary event held on Rue Des Combattants. Open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Free admission.
- **The Hasselt Gin/Jenever Fest in Hasselt (BE)** is held on many squares and locations in the center of town and is all about the Dutch "Jenever." Open: Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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- **Volksmarch in Warchin for 6, 12, 20 or 30 km** - Departs from rue Boucher from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jemappes (200 booths)** - On Avenue Maréchal Foch 873 from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ath (80 booths)** - On Rue de l'Abbaye 6 from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu (200 booths)** - On Route de Mons from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Flea market in Waterloo** (500 booths) - On Chaussée de Charleroi 579 from 4 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Megavino in Brussels** - Largest wine fair in the Benelux held at the Brussels Expo, Belgiëplein in Laeken. More than 330 participants from 32 countries have 10,000 wines to taste. Admission: €10 (includes glass and catalogue.) Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 23, from 6 to 11 p.m. Oct. 24, from noon to 8 p.m. Oct. 25 and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 26.

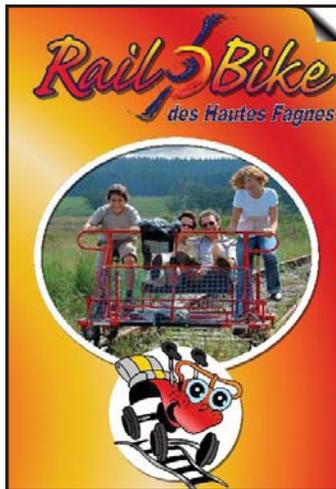
Ongoing

Through Oct. 18

- **German culture week "From Saint-Vith to Silly" in Silly** offers theater, bars, art, crafts, history and tourism. Find a complete program at <http://www.silly.be/loisirs/culture/culturel/evenements/201510semainegermanophone.pdf>.

Through Nov. 15

- **Railbike in Elsenborn** at Am Breitenbach 35. Discover the Ardennes and the Fagne in an original way on an old railway. Open every weekend from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €30 for four people. More information at <http://www.railbike.be>.



Through Dec. 10

- **Brussels Museums Nocturnes** - Every Thursday evening from 5 to 10 p.m., at least seven museums will stay open to visitors. It is the ideal opportunity to (re)discover the cultural treasures of Brussels. Enjoy festive activities in 66 museums. Admission: 3€ per museum, 1,50€ for 25 and under. Some late-evening openings are free. More information at <http://brusselsmuseum-snocturnes.be/en/>.



Oct. 17 to 25

- **The Dutch Design Week in Eindhoven** is the largest design event in the Netherlands. It is the place where industrial design, concept design, graphic design, textile & fashion, spatial design, food design and design management and trends come together. Around 300 events are held in more than sixty locations in the city. Find more information at <http://www.ddw.nl>.



Oct. 18

- **Fall Festival in the center of Delbrück (GE)** with all kinds of activities on the themes of fall, hunting and horseback riding.
- **Harvest Fest in Nettetel (GE)** held at Naturschutzhof "Sassenfeld" visitors offers all kinds of natural products such as juices, liqueurs, honey, fruits and herbs. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **The Amsterdam Marathon** is one of two largest-running events in the Netherlands. Thousands of professional and recreational runners from over 50 countries participate in this annual marathon. Start and finish is always the Olympic Stadium in Amsterdam. Find more information at <http://www.tcsamsterdammarathon.nl>.



- **Flea market in Horst** - In the Merthal on Gasthuisstraat 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Entrance fee is €2.50 per adult, children up to 12 years old get in free of charge.
- **Flea market in Reuver (Beesel)** - At "de Paardenvriend" on Bergerhofweg 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entrance fee is €2.50 per adult, children up to 12 years old get in free of charge.

Oct. 21 to 25

- **Martini Market held in the center of Bad Honnef (GE)** is a traditional pre- Christmas market. Open: Wednesday-Saturday, noon to 9 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m.

Oct. 21 to 27

- **LEGO World in Utrecht** held in the Jaarbeurs, Jaarbeursplein 6 is the largest children's event in the world. It offers building pleasure for the whole family. Discover the newest theme of the brand. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €25; children 2 and younger, free.

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