

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux news briefs

Father's Day celebrated this Sunday

In America and many other countries, friends and family will honor "dear old Dad" June 19. Celebrated the third Sunday in June, Father's Day is a chance to say, "Thanks, Dad."

CAC closure planned

The Fitness Center, Library and Outdoor Recreation in the Chièvres Activity Center will be closed for the USAG Benelux change of command June 27 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Family Haircare re-opens

Family Haircare at Schinnen Concessions Mall will re-open tomorrow providing barber, beauty and nail/wax services Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Clinic reduces staffing

SHAPE Healthcare Facility will operate with reduced staffing June 17 because of a unit function:

- Acute Care Walk-In Clinic will operate from 8 to 10 a.m. with Medical Officer of the Day, or MOD, coverage only.
- All other services will be closed.

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5th Fusiliers honor proud heritage

Military Province commander Col. Pierre Bancu, Maj. Cesar Ocasio of USAG Benelux and attendees salute after the wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the activation of the 5th Fusiliers Battalion in Mons. In early September 1944, the Belgian government, returning from London, launched a notification to the youth to join the Army and participate to the final push along with the Allies. The first of these war volunteers joined in late September and early October. Six battalions (two Flemish, two Walloon and two bilingual) were created upon the liberation of part of the country, and the 5th Fusiliers Battalion was among them. After two months of instruction and intensive training, the battalion left to join the 1st U.S. Army under Gen. Courtney Hodges whose headquarters were at Spa. The mission of the 5th Fusiliers Battalion was to guard the fuel depots and communication centers at Spa, Stavelot and Malmedy. With the arrival of German Col. Joachim Peiper's army in Stavelot, members of the 5th Fusiliers Battalion hurried to the fuel depot and were ordered to set it on fire as well as the road in front of the depot. Not able to get fuel for vehicles, Peiper's army had to abandon some 200 vehicles near La Gleize. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook)



Hats off to Class of 2016

Science teacher Randall Stumler addresses the audience at the SHAPE American High School graduation at the Alliance Auditorium Thursday, June 9, 2016. SAHS graduated 66 Spartans. (Photo by Kori Lawrence)
 • Members of the senior class of AFNORTH International School toss their mortarboards into the air after graduating at Castle Hoensbroek, the Netherlands, Friday, June 10, 2016. A total of 37 AFNORTH Lions graduated: 25 seniors from the American Section and 12 seniors from the Canadian Section. (Photo by Erieten Doesschate) Brussels American High School (not shown) graduated 18 Brigands Friday, June 10, 2016.





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WING offers camaraderie

The Women's International NATO Group began with an idea and the hard work and determination of three women in the Schinnen/Brunssum community.

Sgt. 1st Class Cindy K. Clark, Staff Sgt. Kathy Boone and Sgt. Maj. Libbie Adams organized WING's first meeting, which was held April 21 with 18 women in attendance. This was a great start with so many other events occurring at the same time.

The members decided to develop this group into something that is beneficial not only to the participants but to NATO as a whole.

The members of WING decided to meet the third Thursday of the month at the same time.

The next WING meeting will be held today in Josies's at 3 p.m.

WING also has a presence at Facebook.com. If you are interested in joining, just click on the "Groups" tab at the top of the Facebook screen and do a search for "Women's International NATO Group" and one of the administrators would gladly approve you for admittance.

If you prefer, you may call DSN 364-3701 or civilian +31 (0) 46-5263701.



Dergneau remembers crew of downed B-24

(Left to right) Lt. Col. Daniel William, the commander of the 424th Air Base Squadron, stands next to Michele Wingard, Javier Altamirano and Rebecca Altamirano during a ceremony in Dergneau, Belgium, Sunday, June 12, 2016. Michele and Rebecca are the grandchildren of 2nd Lt. Henry Wynia who was part of the crew of a Consolidated B-24 Liberator bomber (Pale Ale) when it crashed in Dergneau Feb. 20, 1945. Wynia, the bombardier aboard the Pale Ale, survived the crash, but pilot Lt. Robert Gordon, navigator Lt. Ferdinand Kjar and nose gunner Sgt. Harold Hendrickson were killed on site. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook)

Senior NCOs help junior Soldiers in Brunssum

by Sgt. 1st Class Cindy K. Clark

Vice president, Brunssum Senior Enlisted Association

The Brunssum Senior Enlisted Association officially became an association April 12 and hit the ground running.

BSEA is an alliance of senior noncommissioned officers who have joined together in support of all aspects of the NCO corps in Brunssum. The group began meeting in November 2015 because junior Soldiers needed them to teach, coach and mentor.

Being stationed in the NATO environment can create a different set of problems for junior Soldiers than being stationed in other units. The majority of junior Soldiers haven't been exposed to working in a joint environment, and this unfamiliarity can cause hardships both at work and at home.

The Brunssum Senior Enlisted Association meets once

a month, and its members plan to be an integral part of the community. BSEA has already planned several events throughout the community beginning with the Month of the Military Child in April.

If you are a junior Soldier who would like to take advantage of its members' mentoring services or you are a senior NCO who would like to volunteer to help out at one of BSEA's upcoming events like the BSEA booth at the Independence Day celebration July 2, call DSN 364-3701 or civilian +31 (0) 46-5263701.

BSEA also has a page on Facebook.com where you can request to join the organization. Just click on the "Groups" tab at the top of the Facebook screen and do a search for "Brunssum Senior Enlisted Association" or go straight to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1000875080004132>.



Dale Barnett, the national commander of the American Legion, and Sharon Conatser, the national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, meet up with Col. Lee Flemming, the commander of SHAPE's Base Support Group, at the SHAPE Club gathering Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

American Legion leaders visit Belgium

Photo and story by John Raughter
American Legion

American Legion national commander toured military commands in Europe, stopping in Belgium in early June.

The briefings that Dale Barnett, American Legion Auxiliary National President Sharon Conatser and leaders from the American Legion Department of France received from U.S. military officials in Germany stated that increased operational tempo and increased manpower should go hand-in-hand. They also agreed that families play an important part.

In addition to meet-and-greet events aimed at adults in Brussels and on

SHAPE, Barnett and Conatser visited SHAPE American High School, where they met with students and some graduates of American Legion family programs, such as Boys State, Girls State and the Oratorical Constitutional Speech contest.

"I know the impact that Boys State had on my life as a young man in Indiana, so it's very important that young people continue to have access to these great programs," Barnett told the students.

The Belgium leg of the tour wrapped up June 4 with Barnett and Conatser laying wreaths at Flanders Field American Cemetery in Waregem, Belgium.



Celebrate Army birthday

Two events will commemorate the Army birthday on SHAPE and Chièvres Air Base.

Obstacle course. Celebrate the Army Birthday at the Chièvres Fitness Center June 18. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Event starts at 10 a.m. An awards presentation, a guest speaker and a cake-cutting will be part of the festivities.

To find out more, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.

Birthday ball. Experience military tradition and enjoy some dancing at the Army Ball at the SHAPE Club June 25 from 5 p.m. to midnight.

Celebrate the Army birthday with toasts, dinner, a cake-cutting ceremony and dancing. Guest speaker will be the SACEUR, Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti. The SHAPE International Band will perform, and couples photos will be available.

The attire for the evening will be dress uniform with bow tie for the military or formal (black tie) for civilians.

Social hour, which features an open bar, starts at 5 p.m. Members of the receiving line will greet guests at 6 p.m.

Attendees have the choice of:

- beef stroganoff
- chicken in puff pastry with mushroom sauce
- vegetarian rotello.

Contact your unit representative to find out more about the ball. If you don't know who your unit rep is, call DSN 361-5288 or civilian 068-275288.

Emergency numbers

Brussels

Any emergency - Dial 112
Brussels MP station:
DSN 368-9769
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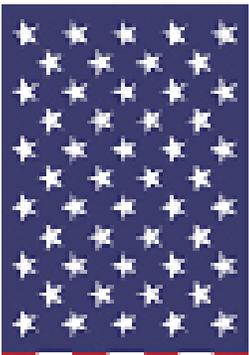
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SHAPE Police Desk:
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Make plans for Benelux fun over Independence Day

Make plans for Independence Day fun in the Benelux at one of the community events being planned to celebrate America's 240th birthday.

Brussels

The Independence Day observance in Brussels will be held July 2.

- Firecracker Fun Run – Meet at the Brussels Fitness Center for the Firecracker Fun Run. Registration for this 5- to 10-kilometer run begins at 8 a.m. Run begins at 9 a.m. All NATO welcome. For registration or additional details, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

- Come out to Sterrebeek Annex in the Brussels community for the American Independence Day Celebration, and have fun with your friends and/or family from 4 to 11:30 p.m. Enjoy plenty of attractions for children and adults, including children's games, bouncy castles, food/drinks, live entertainment and fireworks.

The American Independence Day Celebration is open to all U.S., NATO and Embassy ID card-holders.

Schedule of Events

4 p.m.: WWII vehicle display begins

4 to 8 p.m.: Bouncy castles, children's activities, balloon-sculpture artist

4 to 11 p.m.: Disc jockey variety of music, food and drink sales

4:15 to 4:45 p.m.: Live music

5:15 to 5:45 p.m.: Live music

6 p.m.: Opening remarks

- Color Guard presented by the Boy Scouts

- Belgian national anthem, American national anthem and "God Bless America" presented by the Brussels American Community Chorus.

7 to 8:30 p.m.: Live music

7 p.m.: Children's relay races

9 to 10 p.m.: Live Music

11 p.m.: Fireworks

Schinnen/Brunssum

Join the Independence Day holiday fun at JFC Brunssum sports fields July 2 from 4:30 p.m. to midnight. Enjoy live music, karaoke, food and fireworks. Open to U.S. and NATO ID card-holders and dependents; guests will be sponsored. Backpacks will be subject to search. No pets. All fees will be in euro.

SHAPE/Chièvres

Independence Day comes to the SHAPE shopping area and fest tent July 1 from noon to 11 p.m.

The SHAPE/Chièvres community invites you to grab your friends and family for some fun at the SHAPE shopping area. Enjoy plenty of attractions for children and adults, including carnival rides, food, World War II vehicles, vintage cars, live entertainment and a rodeo bull. The night will finish off with a fireworks display.



Families enjoy picnicking on the lawn at last year's American Independence Day Celebration. (Archive photo)

Look for new job at Employment/Career Expo

Organizers of the 2016 Employment and Career Expo have finalized their list of prospective employers attending their event in the SHAPE Club in Building 903 June 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sponsored by SHAPE Army Community Service's Employment Readiness Program, the Career Expo will host

- AEON: Anything and Everything on the Network;
- Andrews Federal Credit Union;
- AAFES/The Exchange;
- Benelux Education Center (Oklahoma University, University of Maryland, Central Texas, and National Testing Center);
- Civilian Personnel Advisory Center;
- Bradley Morris (representing Fortune 500 companies) Recruiting top/senior enlisted and officers;
- Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA);
- Department of Veterans Affairs benefits consultant;
- Association of the U.S. Army;
- FASTPORT (Trucking Industry);

- Moral and Welfare Branch Personnel Office;
 - National Language Service Corps;
 - NATO Special Operations;
 - NetworKing Corporation; Charles D.A. Ruffolo;
 - USAG Benelux Language Center;
 - Child Youth and School Services;
 - USAG Benelux Language Center;
 - U.S. Army Recruiting-Europe;
 - U.S. Post Office;
 - U.S. Tri-Mission Brussels;
 - Vets4Heroes and
 - Vinnell Arabia (Northrup Grumman).
- The Career Expo will also include
- an employment-readiness expert (who will manage four laptops for résumé review and critiquing services.);
 - informative and interactive workshops;
 - web-based seminars, commonly called webinars;
 - guest speakers; and
 - a networking area with free, catered food and drinks.

Interactive workshops, presented by some of the field's best, will include "Career planning and dealing with civilian employers," "Working with a military placement firm," "Interviewing techniques and what recruiters look for," "Small Business start-ups and Independent contracting for Veterans and Military Spouses," "Networking and Selling Yourself" and "Hiring Eligibilities, Preferences, Federal Application Process and the Do's and Don'ts When Applying for Federal Employment."

Some employers will offer immediate interviews and possible hiring on the spot so have your résumés with you.

For details, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Brussels residents who wish to reserve a seat on the shuttle to the expo must call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

To reserve a seat on the shuttle from Schinnen ACS, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.

Local Scouts earn prestigious awards at SHAPE International Chapel ceremonies



New Eagle Scouts Bret Huston and William "Drew" Lawrence wear their new rank on their pockets at the Boy Scouts' court of honor in the SHAPE Chapel annex recently. Eagle Scout is the highest rank in Boy Scouts. Besides having to earn at least 21 merit badges, each Boy Scout must lead a community-service project. Lawrence's project involved building airsoft targets for the Air Force Junior ROTC at SHAPE American High School. Airsoft is a type of BB-style gun that can be spring powered, gas (CO2, green gas) or automatic electric guns (AEGs). Huston spearheaded a drive benefiting L'Arche de Noé (Noah's Ark) in Maisières, Belgium, as well as cleanup, painting and minor repair of the local no-kill animal shelter. (Photo by Vicki Huston)



Elizabeth "Lizzie" Morrow shows off her newly earned Gold Award, the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn, at SHAPE East Chapel Thursday, June 9, 2016, the Gold Award centennial year. Only 4 percent of qualifying Girl Scouts earn it. Girl Scout Gold Award projects are required to make a lasting difference in the local community, region or beyond and must include provisions to ensure sustainability. Morrow's Gold Award project centered around hunger awareness: a canned-food drive and an Anti-Hunger Games teen lock-in. (U.S. Army photo by Pierre-Etienne Courtejoie/Training Support Center Benelux)

FRENGLISH PAGE

Interns help US community with French touch

Special to the Gazette

Each week, English speakers will be in contact with French language in a friendly way. The interns' page is divided into three sections. The first one (Useful expressions) is dedicated to commonly used expressions translated into English and accompanied by a phonetic transcription. The second part (Word search) is a fun way to learn French words, along with their English translation. The last part (Dialog) is brightened up with a French dialog and its English translation.

Useful expressions

- Happy Father's Day Bonne fête des pères /bohn feht deh pair/
- I think of you Je pense à toi /zhuh pah sa twa/
- Kisses/XOXO Bisous /bee zoo/
- See you tomorrow A demain /ah duh mah/

Word search

Here are some words in French related to the theme "année/year"/ah nay/ that you can find in the grid. In French the stress always falls on the last syllable of the word.

- Janvier : January /jahv yeh/
- Février : February /feh vree yeh/
- Mars : March /mars/
- Avril : April /ah vree/
- Mai : May /meh/
- Juin : June /jwuh/
- Juillet : July /jwee yeh/
- Août : August /oot/
- Septembre : September /sep tuh br/
- Octobre : October /oh kto br/
- Novembre : November /no vuh br/
- Décembre : December /deh suh br/
- Jour : day /zhoor/
- Semaine : week /suh men/
- Mois : month /mwa/

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Dialog: Buying greeting cards

- A : Hey Julie, which card should I buy for Father's Day? I still don't understand French.
- B : You can buy a « Bonne fête Papa » card.
- A : What if the date is passed and no more cards of that type are available?
- B : Well then, you can choose among the general greeting cards such as « Bonne journée, » « Je pense à toi » or « Bisous. »
- A : All right. Let's go for that « Bisous » card, full of red hearts. Thanks for your help, Julie.
- B : My pleasure.

- A: Dis Julie, quelle carte devrais-je acheter pour la fête des pères? Je ne comprends pas encore le français.
- B: Tu peux acheter une carte « Bonne fête Papa ».
- A: Comment faire si la date est passée et qu'il n'y a plus de cartes disponibles de ce genre?
- B: Eh bien, tu peux choisir parmi les cartes de salutations basiques telles que « Bonne journée, » « Je pense à toi » ou « Bisous. »
- A: D'accord. Va pour cette carte « Bisous », remplie de coeurs rouges. Merci pour ton aide, Julie.
- B: Avec plaisir.

All USAG Benelux interns, Maréva Baudart, Roxane Rasneur, Jérémy De Leeuw, Pauline Chevalier, Adeline Durot, Julie Anicotte, Margaux Warnotte, Alessio Stinchettu and Gemma Tirabassi have contributed to this page.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camps** - For details, call Brussels CYSS at DSN 368-9535 or civilian 02-7179535.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take a class that is offered by Schinnen Army Community Service or SHAPE ACS by video-teleconference at Brussels ACS. To sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783:
 - **Interviewing Tips and Techniques Workshop** - Learn to ace any interview with these tips on how to prepare for an interview, get into the right mind set, and convince potential employers you are a perfect fit for the position. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **June 21** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 - **Ten Steps to a Federal Job** - Learn the steps to apply for a federal job, including researching hiring agencies, analyzing job announcements, understanding USAJobs, writing effective résumés, answering questionnaires and more. VTC-projected from Schinnen ACS **June 23** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

June 17

- **Benelux Employment and Career Expo** - Brussels residents who wish to reserve a seat on the shuttle to the expo must call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783. *For more about the expo, see page 6.*
- **Pizza Fridays at the 3 Star** - Pick up a pizza to take home for dinner or eat in Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m. To place an order, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.
- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community Fridays from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Recreation Night features games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages available for purchase. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822, or DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

June 22

- **Summer Reading Program begins** - "Read for the Win" is this year's theme for the Summer Reading Program. You can pre-register at the Brussels Library on the first floor of Building 4.
- **Pizza Wednesdays at the 3 Star** - Eat in or take out pizza for lunch Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Traditional and personal pan pizza available. To place an order, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

June 23

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Chicken and cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice and salad will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Facility will be open until 10 p.m.) Cost: adults \$8, children, ages 12 and under, \$4. (Alternate children's menu available.) Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations-3star@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camps** - Discover Europe with the School Age Center and Youth Center at JFC Brunssum June 20 to Aug. 12. Camp placement will be based on grade attended (first grade through 12th grade) during 2015-2016 school year. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders. For more information about summer camp, call DSN 364-3121 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121.
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- **Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program** - Registration is now open for SFL/TAP classes, which are mandatory for separating and retiring service members:
 - **Department of Labor Employment Workshop** - Learn the skills needed to make your transition to civilian life successful at the JFC Brunssum Library **June 20 to 22** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. DOLEW includes effective job search, résumé-writing and interviewing techniques.
 - **Veterans Affairs and Disabled Transition Assistance Program briefings** - Find out the latest on VA policies, benefits and eligibility from the people who know at the JFC Brunssum Library **June 23**. The VA briefing is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the DTAP briefing is from 2 to 4 p.m.
 - **Personal Financial Planning for Transition** - Help ensure your family's financial future at this briefing in the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room **June 24** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Get the tools and resources you need to get started. To register, call DSN 364-3475 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263475.

June 17

- **Benelux Employment and Career Expo** - To reserve a seat on the shuttle to the expo, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437269/7500. *For more about the expo, see page 6.*

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY *continued*

June 21

- **Summer Reading Program begins** - "Read for the Win" is this year's theme for the Summer Reading Program. You can pre-register at Brunssum Library. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders in the Tri-Border community.

June 21 to 22

- **VA benefits** - A military-service coordinator from the Benefit Office under the Veterans Affairs National Capital Region will be at Geilenkirchen Airman & Family Readiness Center in Building 78 for one-on-one appointments with active-duty service members from 8 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, contact A&FRC at 470abs.dpf2@us.af.mil.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Fun Mudder** - Join the CYSS staff **June 17** for the children's run from 2 to 4 p.m. and the adult run from 4 to 6 p.m. Open to all CYSS-eligible children/youth. Parents must be present for children, ages 5 to 11, to be in the children's run. Children may not participate in adult run. Sign up your 5- to 18-year-old in SHAPE's Building 503. Sign up for the Adult Fun Mudder at SHAPE Gym. Cost: adult run, €10; children's run, \$5. For details, call CYSS Parent Central Services at DSN 366-6839 or civilian 065-326839. Volunteers can register at <http://chievres.armymwr.com/europe/chievres/chievres-events/cys-services-fun-mudder-volunteer?eID=503784>.
- **CYSS Summer Camps** - For details, call SHAPE CYSS at DSN 366-6839 or civilian 065-326839.
- **SHAPE Performing Arts School** - For details on classes for adults as well as children, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. Both camps will be held June 27 to July 31 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The final two weeks will include evening rehearsals and weekend performances. No class July 4 or 21.
 - **Summer Theatre Camp** - Children, ages 10 to 17, will learn the actor's craft from 1:30 to 6 p.m. in the classic Broadway musical "Once Upon a Mattress."
 - **Fractured Fairy Tales Camp** - Children, ages 7 to 10, will receive an innovative introduction to acting, singing and dancing from 10 to 12:30 p.m. and will perform "Disney's 101 Dalmatians."
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take a class that is offered by Brussels, Schinnen or SHAPE Army Community Service by video-teleconference at SHAPE ACS. To sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824:
 - **Interviewing Tips and Techniques Workshop** - Learn to ace any interview with these tips on how to prepare for an interview, get into the right mind set, and convince potential employers you are a perfect fit for the position. Given in person at SHAPE ACS **June 21** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 - **Ten Steps to a Federal Job** - Learn the steps to apply for a federal job, including researching hiring agencies, analyzing job announcements, understanding USAJobs, writing effective résumés, answering questionnaires and more. VTC-projected from Schinnen ACS **June 23** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

June 16

- **Youth Centre Summer Barbecue Bash** - Join the SHAPE Youth Centre staff from 3:30 to 8 p.m. for some food, fun and games celebrating the end of the school year. Open to all CYSS-registered youth in grades 6 through 12. For additional information, call DSN 366-6810 or civilian 065-326810.

June 17

- **Benelux Employment and Career Expo** - Get expert insights and talk to prospective employers. See page 6.
- **Fun for Kids** - Bring your bikes, trikes, scooters or skates, and join other children at the Chièvres Fitness Center from 5 to 8 p.m. You can get together a game of pickup basketball or play on bouncy castles.
- **Rock 'n' SHAPE music festival** - Enjoy live music at the SHAPE Fest Tent from 3:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

June 18

- **Army Birthday Obstacle Course and cake-cutting** - Celebrate at the Chièvres Fitness Center. See page 4.

June 25

- **Army Ball** - Celebrate the Army birthday in the SHAPE Club ballroom from 5 p.m. to midnight. See page 4.

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates — 2D movies: adults, €6.50; children, ages 12 and under, €3.75. 3D movies: adults, €8.50; children, ages 12 and under, €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon. Ticket sales begin 30 minutes prior to each showing. Films will start promptly. Thrifty Thursday means half-price popcorn and free movies from the same film series (or related subject matter) as an upcoming film as well as half-price pizza and calzone at the Pizza Bowl.

Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Rates — adults, €6.50; children, ages 11 and under, €3.75. For the movie schedule, visit <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146>.

Travel the Benelux

To slow life's hectic pace, tour Belgium by foot or bike

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The RAVel, Réseau Autonome des Voies Lentes (Slow Lanes Autonomous Network) is a project developed by the Walloon Region for walks and bicycle rides. The routes in the green-paths network are wisely located on the paths of abandoned railways, canal and river towpaths. That means the rides and walks are very easy because the ground is flat.

More than 1350 km are put at pedestrians', cyclists', cavaliers' and people with reduced mobility's disposal. This represents 45 different routes which intertwine to create 9 regional itineraries and four international itineraries. The whole Walloon Region is covered and will peacefully lead you through its most beautiful places.

Start one of the international routes, and you will discover a lot on Belgium already. Its nature, architecture, history and industrial heritage will charm you.

"La Meuse en Vélo," 150-km long, is the first bike itinerary to be completely marked out. It will lead you to one of the most beautiful river valleys in Europe and allow you to discover bucolic landscapes. You can either start your journey near Maastricht (in the Netherlands) or near Givet (in France).

EuroVelo 3 is 213-km long. It departs from Aix-la-Chapelle/Aachen (Germany) and goes to Liège. You will come across the so-called "Tri-Border area" of Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium. You will then join the Ligne 38 where you will discover the woody countryside of eastern Belgium, which is totally different from the flat west of the country.

EuroVelo 5, 316-km long, departs from Lille, France, and goes through Wallonia to finish its journey near Arlon. You will follow the green path of the Canal of Roubaix to enter Belgium. You will reach Brussels through Les-sines, following the Canal de l'Espierre and the course of the Dendre river. The itinerary will take you through places like the Natural Park of the Hill Land in the Flemish Ardennes and the picturesque villages of Pajottenland, an agricultural region also called Northern Tuscany, which is famous for its local fruity beers. Once Brussels is passed you will be guided to Namur, capital of Wallonia, passing through the Forest of Soignes and the Hesbaye, considered the cereal-growing area of the region.

The EuroVelo 5 itinerary follows the course of the River Meuse to Bastogne before reaching the end of the itinerary. Without leaving the seat of your bicycle, you will get the chance to see the Citadel of Dinant,

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Courtesy Photo

RAVel Ligne 109 near Chimay

go through the plateau of Condoz and see the typical houses made of limestones and lose yourself in the wild twists and turns of the valley made by the River Ourthe.

One of the nine regional itineraries, the W4 Canals and rivers, goes from Estaimpuis to Charleroi (Hainaut).

The 19-km long fourth step going from Mons to La Louvière via the Canal du Centre is considered one of the best rides. It follows a canal where boats take elevators listed as UNESCO World Heritage since 1998. Elevators allow them to ascend a difference in level of 66 meters. They are now used for pleasure boating. You will then see the biggest ship elevator in the world, located in Strépy-Thieu. Wait for it and you will see the spectacular engine at work.

For a map of RAVel routes, visit the RAVel et Vélo-routes website at <http://ravel.wallonie.be/home/carte-interactive.html>.

Belgium has the most Trappist beers worldwide

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Of all the beers in the world, only eleven may carry the name “Trappist”. The name “Trappist” was derived from “La Trappe”, a French abbey where the order of Trappist was created. The Trappist beers strongly contribute to the fame of Belgian beers on an international scale. For a beer to hold the “Authentic Trappist Product” (ATP label), three criteria must be strictly met:

- The beer must be brewed within a Trappist monastery. Nowadays it is mostly laymen who brew the beers, but monks maintain the highest control on the commands of the brewery.
- The monastery must maintain its primary practices proper to a monastic way of life, the brewery must be the secondary function within the monastery.
- The monetary gains must cover the living expenses of the monks and the maintenance of the buildings and grounds, any financial remaining is given to charity and social work.

The taste of the beers varies depending on the brand, one criteria they all have in common is a high level in alcohol (approximately between 6% and 12%), and are fermented a second time in the bottles. Belgium counts twelve Trappist abbeys. Six of them have a brewery: three in Flanders (Westmalle, Westvleteren and Achel) and three in Walloon Region (Chimay, Orval and Rochefort). Two of them are located in the Netherlands (Zundert and Berkel-Enshot), one in Austria, one in America and one in Italy.



Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

Chièvres Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268.

- **Belgian Target Masters, July 9 (All NATO welcome.)**

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **London, June 25**
- **Disney Paris, June 29**
- **Legoland, July 1 to 3**
- **Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, July 5 to 9**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, July 9**
- **Durbuy and Namur with the Citadelle, July 13**
- **Paris, July 23**
- **Grottes de Han (Han Caves/Wildlife Park), July 27**
- **Xanten (Germany) with Archaeological Park, July 30**
- **Rhine River Cruise, Cable Car and Fortress, Aug. 6**
- **Rotterdam with Splashtour, Aug. 9**
- **Copenhagen (Denmark), Aug. 12 to 15**
- **Ghent with City Beer Discovery Boat trip, Aug. 20**
- **Notting Hill Carnival, Aug. 27 to 29**
- **Cochem, Germany, with medieval dinner in castle, Sept. 3**
- **Amsterdam with three-course dinner show, Sept. 17**
- **Paris with Secret Food Tour (optional), Sept. 24**
- **Carolus Thermen, Oct. 8**
- **Alsace, Oct. 15 to 16**

- **Flanders Field/World War I tour, Ieper (Ypres), Belgium, Nov. 12**
- **Lord of the Dance in Oostende, Nov. 19 (Purchase by June 29.)**
- **Crete (Greece), Spa and Middelkerke (Belgium), all year**

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Call civilian 0470-876369 for details.

- **Canterbury, June 23**
- **Gouda and Kinderdijk, the Netherlands, Aug. 25**
- **Champagne in Epernay, France, Sept. 8**
- **Delft, the Netherlands, Sept. 15**
- **Blegny Mine and Liège, Sept. 29**
- **Lille, France, Oct. 6**
- **Monschau, Germany, and Spa, Belgium, Oct. 13**
- **Roermond, the Netherlands, Oct. 25**
- **Taste of Belgium, Nov. 15**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **Berlin Express, Germany, June 25**
- **Weekend Trip to the D-Day Landing Beaches, Memorials & Battle Monuments in Normandy, France, July 15 to 18 (Pay when you register.)**
- **Dutch Day Trip: Alkmaar, Zaanse Schans, Volendam, July 29**
- **Amsterdam, Aug. 6**
- **Regular Season NFL Game Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 29 to 31 (Pay by July 29.) Pickups at Schinnen and SHAPE.**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

June 16

- **Cinema Club presents "Julietta" in Mons** at Imagix Grands Prés at Boulevard Delvaux 1. Open from 2:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission ranges from €6 to €10.



June 17

- **After-work Happy Hour in Soignies** takes place in the parking lot in front of "étangs de la Cafenièrre" on Rue Marais Tiria. Socialize with other like-minded patrons, and enjoy electronic music. Open from 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Free admission.

- **Back2Rock in Mouscron** will be held in Wap Doo Wap at Rue du Beau Chêne 20. Cover versions of classic pop and rock music. Open from 8 to 11 p.m. Free admission.



June 17 to 21

- **Music party in Wallonia Province** will be held in Tournai, Thimougies, Ath, Chièvres and a few more towns. Open from 10 a.m. to late at night. Free admission. For the whole schedule, visit the website at <http://www.fetedelamusiquewapi.be/programmation>.

June 18

- **Bike trail in Harchies** - Ride departs from Centres régionaux d'initiation à l'environnement d'Harchies, commonly known as CRIE d'Harchies, at Chemin Des Préaux 5. Reservations are required for this event at the Harchies Regional Center for Introduction to the Environment. Ride this 30-km bike trail to discover swamps, forests, sand pits, coal pits and groves in the area of Bernissart and Condé-sur-Escaut. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participation fee: adults, €10; children under 15, €6.
- **Introduction to Scandinavian walking in Roelux** departs from Rue de la Station. Reservations recommended. Come and practice a new form of walk. Open from 9 to 11 a.m. Free.
- **Empty-your-dresser event in Soignies** will be held on Rue de la station. The perfect occasion to empty your wardrobes and buy clothes, thrift-shop style. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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

June 17

- **Evening Market in Neeroeteren, Belgium**, will be held in the center of town. Open from 5 to 10 p.m. Free admission.

June 17 to 19

- **Midsummer Fest in Cologne, Germany**, will take place at Rheinauhafen on am Schokoladenmuseum with folklore, tradition, art market, culinary delicacies and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Free admission.
- **Food Truck Festival in Eindhoven** will be held at Eindhovense Karpendonkse Plas on Sumatralaan with many mobile kitchens, food, live music and amusement. Open June 17 from 4 to 11 p.m.; June 18 from 2 to 11 p.m. and June 19 from 2 to 10 p.m. Free admission.
- **Culinary open-air fest "Eten op Rolletjes" in Wageningen** will offer more than 30 food trucks, theater and live music at Arboretum Belmonte at Generaal Foulkesweg 94. Open June 17 from 3 to 11 p.m.; June 18 from noon to 11 p.m. and June 19 from noon to 10 p.m. Free admission.
- **Pasar Malam Istimewa Zeist in Zeist** is a large Oriental festival with market, live music, cultural dance demonstrations and different Asian food and snacks in and around Sporthal Dijnseburg at Badmeester Schenkpad 2. Open June 17 from 1 to 10 p.m.; June 18 from noon to 10 p.m. and June 19 from noon to 8 p.m. Admission: €9.50; children, ages 3 and under, free admission.

June 18

- **"Vlaggetjesdag" in Scheveningen** will take place at the harbor. This festival features first-caught herring, available for sampling at practically every corner of the city. This event will have craft demonstrations and people dressed in the traditional costumes of the area. Open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

June 18 to 19

- **Monastery Fair in Culemborg** will be held in the surroundings of Fortress Everdingen at Goilberdingerdijk 40. This fair will offer crafts, snacks, a curiosa-and-retro market and music. Open June 18 from 11 a.m. till the end and June 19 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.
- **Arts and Crafts Market in Jülich, Germany**, will be held at Schlossplatz. They offer ceramics, garden art, jewelry, purses and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

June 18 continued

- **Flea market in Soignies** will be held at Rue de la Station. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

June 18 to 19

- **Flea market in Saint-Aubin** will take place at Rue Notre-Dame du Mont Carmel. Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

June 19

- **Flea market in Ath** will be held in the Delhaize parking lot at Rue de l'Abbaye 6. Open from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons (Ghlin)** will be held on Rue du Grand Large. Open from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Jogging in La Louvière** – Participants in the adult runs of 6, 11 and 21 kilometers must finish registering before 2:30 p.m. Adult runs depart from Place Jules Mansart at 3 p.m. Youth short runs will take place on a 1-kilometer circuit. Children's registration ends at 10:30 a.m. After registration, meet on Rue Kéramis at 10:30 a.m. Departs from in front of Pizzeria Gennaro at 11 a.m. Youth run ends at Place Mansart. Entry fee: adults, €7 if purchased in advance or €10 the day of; youth, €4 if purchased in advance or €5 the day of the event. Open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You may also register online at http://www.maisondusport.be/mds_exp/jogging.
- **Walking trail in Amougies** - The adventure begins at Place d'Amougies 2. Open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free.
- **Walking Trail in Hoves** - Departs from Buvette du jeu de balle at Place 11. Open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free.



Ongoing

Fridays through Sept. 9

- **Roller Bike Parade in Brussels** – Rollers, bikes, longboards and freelines are invited to participate in this event. Departs from Place Poelaert, going to Hasselt and passing by Leuven. Open from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Free admission.

Through October

- **Treetop Adventure Trail in Tertre** will be held at Rue de la Hamaide 79. Three trails will be available for children, ages 7 and older, and for adults, too. Two trails will be available for children, ages 3 and older. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €9 to €19.



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June 18 to 19 continued

- **Art of Living Fair in Remagen, Germany**, will take place in the center of town. In addition to music and dance, this fair will have a market like the ones in Provence, France, as well as Mediterranean gastronomy.
- **Scottish festival in Xanten, Germany**, takes place at Wiesen am Ostwall with Highland games, live music (including bagpipe competitions) and more. Admission: €6; children, ages 11 and under, €3.

June 19

- **Scottish (father's) Day in Arcen** will take place at the Castle Gardens at Lingsforterweg 26 with kilts, whisky tasting, Highland games and bagpipes. The Venlo Caledonian Pipe Band will play, and birds-of-prey demonstrations begin at 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €15; children, ages 4 to 17, €7.50; children, ages newborn to 3, free admission.
- **Antique and Curiosa Market in Bemelen** will be held in the old town center and surrounding farm courtyards. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Monnikenmarkt (monks market) in Geetbets, Belgium**, will take place at Monnikenhof van Vlierbeek at Kasteellaan 5. The market will have traditional crafts, art, culture, regional products, curiosities and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.
- **Midsummer Festival in Westmeerbeek, Belgium**, offers art, culture, crafts, culinary delicacies and more in and around the church ruins at Hoogzand 1. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.
- **Beemster Fortfair in Zuidoostbeemster** is a fair held at Fortress Benoorden Purmerend at Kwadijkerweg 2 with a diverse offering of articles for home, garden, art, curiosities and delicatessen. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €5.

Ongoing

Through Sept. 2

- **Cheese market in Alkmaar** is famous worldwide for its cheese, which has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands



of kilos of cheese from "Waagplein" square to the weighing house. See them in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September.

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