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Benelux news briefs

FEGLI open season starts today

Open season for the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program will be held from Sept. 1 to 30.

Employees don't need to be currently enrolled in FEGLI to elect coverage during open season. Open-season elections have no medical exam required and no health questions to answer.

Coverage elected in the September 2016 open season will be effective on the first day of the first full pay period on or after Oct. 1, 2017, as long as the employee meets pay and duty-status requirements.

For details, visit the Office of Personnel Management website at <https://www.opm.gov/life> or talk to your human resources representative.

JFC theater has job opening

JFC Brunssum/Base Support Group, or BSG, Family Support, Morale and Welfare, is trying to fill the position of Alliance Theatre assistant in Brunssum.

For additional information, call civilian +31 (0) 45-5263188.

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US WWII veteran honored on former battlefield

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth "Rock" Merritt, 82nd Airborne Division, salutes during a ceremony at the monument in Rencheux (Vielsalm), Belgium, Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016. The event honored Merritt who served 35 years with the U.S. Army and fought in combat in the Vielsalm area during World War II. See story in next week's Gazette. (U.S.Army photo by Kristin Ellis)



**Preparing Army Communities Today
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Be prepared for power outages

September is National Preparedness Month.

Ready Army officials recommend that Army employees and their families prepare themselves and maintain a basic level of preparedness for all potential hazards, such as the possibility of power outages.

Ready Army is the Department of the Army's emergency-preparedness campaign.

Every employee should always be prepared to manage without power for an extended period of time because the electricity can go out for various reasons, said John Hopper, the USAG Benelux-Schinnen emergency manager. During a power outage, your family's emergency preparedness kit can be critical to your comfort and survival.

An unexpected outage can have unforeseen consequences. Without electricity, shortages of food and clean water as

well as extreme temperatures can occur. A home emergency-preparedness kit may already offer many items that will also be useful during power outages, such as flashlights, batteries and a hand-crank radio.

For guidance on how to make a kit and a printer-friendly emergency-kit checklist, visit http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/ra_get_a_kit.htm.

In the event of a power outage, remember to:

- Use flashlights instead of candles to minimize the risk of fire.
- Turn off the electrical equipment being used when the power went out.
- Try not to open the freezer or refrigerator frequently. A full freezer should safely keep food for 48 hours.
- Pack dairy products, meat, fish, eggs, refrigerated medicines and other items that can quickly spoil in a cooler surrounded by ice to extend their usability.

In Memoriam

A Dutch former employee of USAG Benelux-Schinnen died Aug. 25 in the United States.

René Giesberts succumbed to cancer in Virginia. Born in Geleen,



Courtesy photo

René Giesberts

the Netherlands, he was 59.

In 1984, Giesberts began his career on the American base in the Dutch town of

Schinnen, then known as Allied Forces Central Support Activity, or AFCENT SUPACT (US), in the Housing Division.

Giesberts started out as quarters inspector and later worked as housing-referral officer.

Giesberts immigrated to the United States in 2000 and settled in Woodbridge, Virginia. He worked until the end as a managing broker at a real-estate business.

A drummer at heart, Giesberts played in several bands, first in the Netherlands and later in the United States.

He is survived by his wife, Anna, and his son, Toine.

A get-together to remember the life of Giesberts is planned for Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hubertushuis at Jan Willenstraat 1 in Geleen, the Netherlands.

**Americans can vote.
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Suicide Stand-down will strengthen resiliency skills, reduce stress

September is Suicide Prevention Month.

The USAG Benelux Army Substance Abuse Program is spearheading the Suicide Stand-down for USAG Benelux employees at SHAPE Sept. 15 from 8 a.m. to noon at the SHAPE Main Gym. Tenant units are also invited.

Attendees will be divided into groups for Resiliency Olympics, then rotate through different game/learning stations, according to Leah Ellis, the ASAP coordinator for the

Employee Assistance Program (for civilian employees), Risk Reduction, Prevention and Drug Testing. The Brussels community is invited and coming to participate in the SHAPE activities.

The garrison is planning a different resiliency-building activity for Chièvres Air Base and Caserne Daumerie.

The Schinnen/Brunssum Suicide Stand-down is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 30 from noon to 4 p.m. at Brunssum Fitness Center.



Women's Equality Day: Job still not done

Story and photo by Andrea Wales
USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

On almost a daily basis, you can watch the news and see stories that underscore the fact that women's status in society is still in question, said the speaker at the Women's Equality Day breakfast at the SHAPE Club Monday.

"The glass ceiling has yet to be broken, and women are not always viewed on the same level as men," Tashina "Shina" Collins said.

As the program director for the University of Oklahoma at SHAPE, Collins helps each community member who asks to pursue a degree that could possibly lead to a promotion, a change in career path or the completion of a long-held personal dream, she said.

Women's Equality Day celebrates the ratification of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing the vote to women, Aug.

26, 1920, after a struggle of more than 70 years.

"Since 1848, women in the U.S. have publicly spoken out. We've marched, protested, engaged in various forms of passive and active resistance," Collins said, "and, when words of peaceful protest seemed to fall on deaf ears, we've chosen civil disobedience in an effort to be seen, heard, understood and respected."

While obviously propelled forward with the 19th Amendment, women's equality still has far to go, she said.

"Equality between the sexes must be viewed as a long-term goal," she said, "and, for each individual woman, the drive for equality is a means of self-actualization, personal development and character-building."



Tashina "Shina" Collins addresses the audience at the Women's Equality Day breakfast on SHAPE, Monday, Aug. 29, 2016.

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DOD Safe Helpline: +49 (0) 611-143-537-SAFE (7233)**

Some USAG Benelux facilities closed for Labor Day

Labor Day will be celebrated Sept. 5 so you should be aware of the closures and operating hours of several offices and retail spaces in the Benelux.

All communities

- The Benelux Disbursing Offices will be closed Monday. In addition, the SHAPE office will be open holiday hours tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Brussels Cashier Cage only will be open Friday regular hours; Military Pay will be closed Friday. The Brunssum office will be open regular hours Friday.

SHAPE

- The U.S. Community Services Center in Building 253 on SHAPE will be closed Sept. 5. The USCSC will also be closed Sept. 9 for a USAG Benelux resiliency-

building activity.

- SHAPE and Chièvres post offices will be closed Sept. 5 to celebrate Labor Day.
- SHAPE Healthcare Facility will operate with reduced staffing Sept. 5. Acute Care Walk-In Clinic will operate with Medical Officer of the Day, or MOD, coverage only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All other services will be closed.

AAFES offers improvements to OCONUS school lunches

Special to the Gazette

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service will implement several improvements to its overseas school-lunch program this year, according to AAFES headquarters in Dallas.

Starting in the fall semester, the Exchange will expand menu options, bring in higher-quality food ingredients and implement a new electronic payment system.

The changes come in response to requests from students and parents and will enable the Exchange to serve a wider variety of students than previously possible, said Dora Rivas, school nutrition program specialist for AAFES.

Parents can now deposit money to their child’s account from a centralized website that keeps up with the account

balance from duty station to duty station. Parents can also access the website from their local AAFES customer service.

A greater number of vegetarian menu options are now available, and an improved food-allergy tracking system uses a centralized database to alert cafeteria workers if a child attempts to purchase something containing an allergen.

“Parents can even use the system if they don’t want their children buying certain types of items,” Rivas said. Parents can also download the MyPaymentPlus app from iTunes or Google store for their mobile phone or tablets and have access on the go. It’s much faster and more comprehensive now that we have a fully automated system.”



Dogs Day Out

A trio waits for customers at the Kissing Booth during Dogs Day Out in the SHAPE Fest Tent, Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016. • At right, a poodle is shorn at the grooming station. (U.S. Army photos by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation)

Eagle Scout project builds partnership

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

When writing those famous "What I did on my summer vacation" essays, most boys can't say much more than they went to the local pool, but a SHAPE teenager could say he got to know 20 international boys.

Simon Johnson, 15, a Boy Scout with SHAPE Troop 325, worked on an Eagle Scout project that raised money to buy 20 duvet covers and inserts for the Don Bosco Home for Boys, located in Petit Hornu. Belgium.

In addition to teaming up with other Boys Scouts to sell baked goods in the lobby of a local grocery store and a discount store, Johnson worked with Don Bosco to put on a bicycle ride to Mer de Sable recreation area in Beloeil, where they enjoyed an American barbecue picnic together in the woods.

Over the years, the Boy Scouts have done many functions with the boys of Don Bosco, and the Bosco boys wanted to do something for the Scouts, Johnson said. The Bosco boys led the bike ride through the town and through the forest until the group arrived at the picnic site.



Eagle Scout candidate Simon Johnson (second from left) directs adult Scouters on how to set up a canopy for a barbecue picnic with the boys from Don Bosco during part of his project to earn the highest rank in Boy Scouts recently. (Photo by Anne Johnson)

"I've worked with Don Bosco before, and I really enjoy the boys," he said. "They don't get to experience fun the American way."

After the Eagle project, which is de-

signed to show leadership and planning abilities, Johnson had to go through an Eagle Board of Review and will be honored in an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony this fall.



AFE show brings country music, resiliency tour to Benelux

Ayla Brown performs a song from her country-music repertoire during the Armed Forces Entertainment show at Brussels, Monday, Aug. 29, 2016. Part of the AFE experience was a resiliency tour with Hope for the Day. The two halves of the show performed in the Schinnen/Brunssum community the following day. (U.S. Army photo by David Coldwell/Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation)

FRENGLISH PAGE

US community can have fun with French touch

Each week, English speakers will be in contact with French language in a friendly way. This 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 (Dialogue) is brightened up with a French dialogue and its English translation.

Useful expressions

-Sliced bread
-Sandwich filled with cheese/ham

-Assorted pastries
-Earn a living ("To earn your bread")
-For almost nothing ("For a piece of bread")
-Having a lot of work to do
("having bread on the board")

-Un pain coupé/"uh(n) pah(n) koo peh"
-Un sandwich garni au fromage/jambon/
"uh(n) sah(n) dweesh gahr nee oh froh mahjh/zhahm boh(n)"
-Assortiment de pâtisserie/"ah sohr tee mah(n) duh pah tees ehr ee"
-Gagner son pain/"gahn yay soh(n) pah(n)"
-Pour une bouchée de pain/"poohr oon boo shay duh pah(n)"
-Avoir du pain sur la planche/"ahv wahr duh pah(n) soor lah plah(n)sh"

Word search

Here are some words in French related to the theme "introduce yourself" that you can find in the grid.

pâtisserie/"pah tees ehr ee"/pastry
tarte/"tahrt"/pie
macaron/"mah kah roh(n)"/macaroon
baguette/"bahg et"/(French) baguette
pain/"pah(n)"/bread
biscuit/"bees quee"/cookie
pistolet/"pee stohl ay"/small round bread
mie/"mee uh"/crumb
boulangier/"boo lah(n) zhay"/baker
complet/"koh(n) play"/whole wheat
blanc/"blahnk"/white
croûte/"kroo tuh"/crust
four/"foohr"/oven

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Dialogue: At the bakery/A la boulangerie

B: Good morning! Can I help you?
A: Good morning! Yes, I would like a (loaf of) bread.
B: What kind of bread? White, whole wheat, brown?
A: I'll try a whole wheat bread, please.
B: Would you like it sliced?
A: Yes, please.
B: Would you like something else?
A: I'd also like to buy an apple pie.
B: Here you go. That will be 10,50 Euros.
A: Sorry, I only have a 50 Euro bill.
B: No problem. I can give you the change.

B: Bonjour ! Je peux vous aider?
A: Bonjour ! Oui, je voudrais un pain.
B: Quel genre de pain? Blanc, complet, gris?
A: Je vais essayer un pain complet, s'il vous plaît.
B: Est-ce que vous le voulez coupé?
A: Oui, merci.
B: Souhaiteriez-vous autre chose?
A: Je souhaiterais aussi une tarte aux pommes.
B: Voici. Cela fera 10,50 Euros.
A: Désolée, je n'ai qu'un billet de 50 Euros.
B: Il n'y a pas de problème. Je sais vous rendre la monnaie.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Brussels Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Schinnen ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783:
 - **Dress for Success Workshop** -Join the ACS Employment Readiness staff for an informative workshop on dressing appropriately. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **Sept. 8** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 - **Lunch and Learn** - Learn about "Stress Management." VTC-projected from Schinnen ACS **Sept. 8** from noon to 1 p.m.

Sept. 1, 2

- **Community Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers sponsors free movies "Me Before You" (PG-13) Sept. 1 and "Conjuring 2" (R) Sept. 2 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on Building 1's third floor. Make your reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

Sept. 2

- **Pizza Fridays at the 3 Star** - Pick up a pizza to take home for dinner or eat in 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 from 5:30 to 11 p.m. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822, or DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

Sept. 7

- **Pizza Wednesdays at the 3 Star** - Eat in or take out pizza for lunch 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.

Sept. 8

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - The special is Oriental ribs and stir-fried noodles with rice and salad from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Facility open until 10 p.m.) Cost: adults \$12, children, ages 12 and under, \$6. (Alternate children's menu: chicken strips with potato wedges.) For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

Sept. 10

- **9/11 5k Remembrance Day Run/Walk** - The 9/11 5k Remembrance Day Run/Walk is scheduled from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Brussels Fitness Center. Registration for this free event lasts from 8 to 8:45 a.m. Run/Walk begins at 9 a.m. For additional information, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program** - Registration is now open for SFL/TAP classes. To register or for more information, call DSN 606-244-3475 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263475. SFL/TAP classes 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's Multipurpose Room **Sept. 26 to 28** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. DOLEW includes effective job search, résumé-writing and interviewing techniques. Be sure to bring a laptop computer or electronic tablet to all three days.
 - **Veterans Affairs I and II briefings** - VA Benefits I and II briefings are part of VA's portion of Transition Goals, Plans, Success, or GPS, which is designed to help military members make the transition to civilian life. Find out the latest on VA policies, benefits and eligibility from the people who know at JFC Brunssum Library's Multipurpose Room **Sept. 29** from 2 to 4 p.m. Read more about what's in these briefings at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/tap>.
- **New Parent Support Home Visitor** - U.S. ID card-holders schedule an appointment with the New Parent Support Home Visitor for office hours, hospital and home visits for **Sept. 14 to 15** by calling Schinnen Army Community Service at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes offered by Schinnen Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Brussels ACS by video-teleconference. To register, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500:
 - **Dress for Success Workshop** -Join the ACS Employment Readiness staff for an informative workshop on dressing appropriately. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **Sept. 8** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 - **Lunch and Learn** - Learn about "Stress Management." Given in person at Schinnen ACS **Sept. 8** from noon to 1 p.m.

Make your appointment now

- **Transition Assistance Program/Veterans Affairs** - A VA overseas military service coordinator visits JFC Brunssum Library **Sept. 15 to 16**. Ask questions about disability, home loans, health care, survivor and burial benefits, and claims. To schedule an appointment, call DSN 606-244-3475 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263475.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Register now

- **STOMP** - Parents with an interest in special education are invited to attend Specialized Training of Military Parents, or STOMP, at the SHAPE Club **Sept. 15 to 16** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop will provide information about parent rights and responsibilities in achieving special-education services for military children whether located in the United States or overseas. STOMP also assists military families in gaining access to resources for their children by enabling them to navigate a variety of educational and medical systems/programs, both military and civilian, regardless of their current duty station/location. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders. Children are welcome to attend. To ensure a place for you and your family, register at <http://stomp-benelux.eventbrite.com>. If you have questions about STOMP, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- **Food-handler training** - SHAPE Healthcare Facility offers this **Sept. 15** training at 3 p.m. in the second-floor conference room in the Washington, D.C., wing (yellow wing). The course is designed for all family readiness groups, Group 2 activities and volunteer groups that intend to sell food at 2016 SHAPE Morale and Welfare Branch/Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or MWB/MWR, events and functions at SHAPE and USAG Benelux facilities. To register for this date or any of the two other dates, call DSN 566-5336 or civilian 065-325336.
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- **Mindfulness Meditation course** - A free, eight-week Mindfulness-Based Stress-Reduction Course will be held on the second floor of SHAPE Healthcare Facility Sundays, **Oct. 2 to Nov. 20**, from 8 to 10 a.m. Class is limited to 15 participants. Register by Sept. 26. To inquire about class specifications and registration, call DSN 423-2474 or civilian 065-442474.
- **SHAPE Performing Arts School** - For details on classes for adults as well as children, including Puppet Theatre Workshop and a children's show choir, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. Classes will be held Sept. 12 to Dec. 2.

Sept. 3

- **Corn Hole Tournament** - Meet new people and provide fun for the whole family at the Corn Hole Tournament at Chièvres Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental from 2 to 4 p.m. Corn Hole is a happy marriage between a bean-bag toss and horseshoes. If you've never played, you can use this as an opportunity to familiarize yourself with the game.

Sept. 8

- **Hearts Apart** - If your sponsor has been, is or will be deployed soon OR if your sponsor has been, is on or will be going on extended temporary duty, or TDY, you're invited to connect with others in the same circumstances. To register or for more information, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Sept. 9

- **Patriot Run** - The Patriot Run, a 9/11 memorial 5K and 3K run, starts at 9:11 a.m. at Chièvres Community Activity Center. All SHAPE/NATO/Chièvres service members and families are welcome. Registration for this free event lasts from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. For additional information on this run, call DSN 361-5129 or civilian 068-275129.

Sept. 9 to 10

- **SHAPE Fest** - Amusements, ethnic food and live music are all part of SHAPE Fest. Get the program, which includes fireworks Saturday night, at <http://www.shape2day.com/whats-happening/shape-events/shape-fest-2016>.

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

Chimay area commemorates liberation, honors liberators

by **Donovan Abrassart**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

In the days leading up to Sept. 2, 1944, Germans posted in Belgium across the French border were getting nervous as the Allied Forces were approaching.

The Allies had liberated northern France and prepared to cross the border to liberate Belgium.

On Sept. 2, 1944, Cendron was the first village to be liberated by American Forces that had landed on Normandy's beaches a few months earlier.

Seventy-two years later, people from Cendron and Monceau-Imbrechies, where the first 12 American Infantrymen died on Belgian soil during the liberation, still commemorate their liberation and honor their liberators.

The first ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday at the monument in Monceau-Imbrechies where 12 white headstones bear the names of the first 12 American Soldiers who were killed Sept. 2, 1944.

The second ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday at the monument in Cendron, at the Belgian-French border, marking the spot where the U.S. Ninth Infantry Division entered Belgium Sept. 2, 1944, during the liberation offensive.

(From top to bottom) The USAG Benelux Color Guard stands by the monument in Cendron during the liberation ceremony, Sunday, Aug. 30, 2015.

• A Belgian Soldier salute during the playing of the national anthems at the monument in Monceau-Imbrechies during the liberation ceremony, Sunday, Aug. 30, 2014. • The USAG Benelux Color Guard stands by the headstones in Monceau-Imbrechies during the liberation ceremonies, Sunday Aug. 30, 2016. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)



Outside the gate

While you're there ...

- Visit the Brasserie du Poteaupré, where you'll find the specialty of the region, Chimay beer and cheese. You can also enjoy a meal, stay overnight and visit the museum. For more information, visit <http://chimay.com/en/>.
- Visit the pond of Virelles: It is one of the largest natural free-standing bodies of water in Wallonia, covering an area of 80 hectares. For more information, check page 10 of the July 7 issue of the Gazette at <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/GazetteArchive/7JulGazette2016.pdf>.

Pick up poffertjes at Dutch summer festivals

Poffertjes are a typical Dutch treat resembling very small, fluffy pancakes. They are a must-eat on national holidays, during summer festivals and other festivities in Holland.

In the Christmas and New Year's Eve period, you can find poffertjes stalls on every Christmas market. Traditionally they are served with powdered sugar and hot melted butter.



Poffertjes are a not-to-be-missed holiday treat. (Photo by A Little Tune)

Poffertjes are baked in a special pan. Their name is derived from the way they are prepared since the dough puffs up in the pan in the process of baking.

Poffertjes

Ingredients

- 200 ml (0.85 cup, or 1 scant cup) hot milk
- 3/4 teaspoon yeast
- 250 grams (3/4 cup) flour
- 2 eggs
- Pinch of salt
- Powdered sugar
- Butter

Stir the yeast into the hot milk.

Stir the milk into the flour and eggs little by little, mixing well to avoid lumps. Add a pinch of salt.

Cover the batter and leave to rise for 45 to 60 minutes.

Heat the pan, melting a little butter so the batter won't stick to the pan. Pour about a spoonful of batter into every hollow of the special poffertjes pan (if available).

Turn the poffertjes with a fork as soon as bubbles appear on the surface of the batter.

Serve poffertjes with powdered sugar and some butter, which will melt into gooey deliciousness.

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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- **Amsterdam, Sept. 17**
- **Paris with Secret Food Tour (optional), Sept. 24**
- **Carolus Thermen spa, Oct. 8**
- **Alsace, Oct. 15 to 16**
- **London, Oct. 22**
- **Oldest Halloween extravaganza in Germany: Castle Frankenstein with stage shows in Darmstadt, Oct. 29**
- **Portugal (Lisbon, Sintra, Evora and Sesimbra), Oct. 30 to Nov. 4 (school break)**
- **Amsterdam with Madame Tussauds wax museum, Nov. 5**
- **Flanders Field/World War I tour, Ieper (Ypres), Belgium, Nov. 12**
- **Lord of the Dance in Oostende, Nov. 19**
- **German Christmas markets (Rothenburg, Frankfurt/Main and Aachen), Dec. 3 to 4**
- **German Christmas markets (Bonn and Cologne), Dec. 10**
- **German Christmas markets (Dortmund, Berlin and Potsdam), Dec. 16 to 18**
- **Paris in winter, Dec. 27**
- **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**
- **Discount tickets to local attractions, such as Walibi, Aqualibi and Bellewaerde.**

SHAPE Travel Group

For details, visit <http://www.facebook.com/groups/SHAPETravelGroup>.

- **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**
- **Cologne Christmas markets, Nov. 22**
- **Valkenburg, the Netherlands, Nov. 29**
- **Canterbury, Dec. 8**
- **Paris Lights, Dec. 15**
- **London sales, Jan. 19, 2017**

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- **Family Day Trout Fishing, Sept. 10**
- **Largest Wine Festival in the World at Bad Durkheim Wurstmart, Sept. 17**
- **National Liberation Museum 1944-1945 and Battle of Arnhem (Operation Market Garden, "A Bridge Too Far"), Sept. 24**
- **Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 29 to 31 (Full payment due at registration.) Pickups at Schinnen and SHAPE.**
- **Paris, Nov. 19**
- **Malgrat de Mar, Spain, April 14 to 23, 2017**



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Sept. 1 to 4

- **Jazz in 't Park in Gent** will be held at Zuidpark. Annual event offering the newest and best of Belgian jazz. Open Sept. 1 to 2 from 12:30 to 11 p.m.; Sept. 3 from 6 to 11 p.m. and Sept. 4 from 2 to 8 p.m. Free admission. For additional information and line up, check <http://www.gent.be/jazzintpark>.

Sept. 2

- **Evening flea market in Saint Ghislain (150 booths)** - From 5 p.m. until midnight, in downtown Saint Ghislain.

Sept. 2 to 4

- **Belgian beer weekend in Brussels** - During the weekend, some 50 known and less known Belgian breweries will offer a wide range of their products on the Grand'Place. Free admission. To pay for your beers, you need to buy the special crowncorks and a deposit chip for the beer glass. First beers are served Friday afternoon, and event goes on until Sunday evening.

Sept 2 to 25

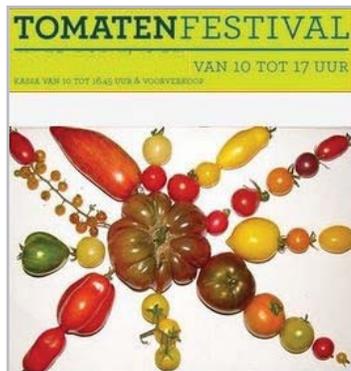
- **Archeologic display in Chièvres** - The display held at St. Martin's Church, shows the findings of archeologic research made in Chièvres since 1991. Open from 1 to 5 p.m. weekdays and Saturday; from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Guided tours are scheduled at 2 and 3:30 on Sept. 10 and 11. Free admission.

Sept. 3

- **Flea market in Thuin (150 booths)** - On Avenue de Ragnies from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Vinyl records market in Neufvilles (33 and 45 rpm)** - Over 4,000 records will be for sale at Rue de Neufvilles 339 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Rebecq (120 booths)** - On Chemin Haute Franchise from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Leuze-en-Hainaut (80 booths)** - On Rue Pont de la Cure (across from train station) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Neder-over-Heembeek (350 booths)** - On Rue François Vekemans from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sept. 3 to 4

- **Tomato Festival in Kalmthout** will be held at Arboretum at Heuvel 2 with exhibitions, cooking demonstrations and food-tasting. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €8.50.



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Through Sept. 2

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



See cheese carriers in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon.

Through Sept. 4

- **Hiswa Fair in Amsterdam-Noord** is Europe's most complete in-water boat show. More than 450 luxury yachts will be on display at this event at NDSM-werf at Werfkade 2. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €15; children, ages 7 to 17, €5. Get details at <http://www.hiswaterwater.nl>.
- **Culinary festival in Lippstadt, Germany**, will be held in the old town center. It offers a chance to taste the many culinary highlights.

Sept. 2 to 4

- **City fest in Brühl, Germany**, will be held in the old inner city with a wine village, food-tasting, music and more.
- **Taste and Eat Fest in Enschede** at Oude Markt is a culinary event where some 20 international and renowned restaurants from the area present their best dishes to the public. Open Sept. 2 from 5 to 11 p.m.; Sept. 3 from 1 to 11 p.m. and Sept. 4 from 1 to 9 p.m.
- **Wine fest in Geilenkirchen, Germany**, will be held on market square in the city center with live music. Open Friday from 6 to 11 p.m.; Saturday from 3 p.m. to midnight and Sunday from noon to 7 p.m.
- **Culinary Gouda 2016 in Gouda** is a culinary event held at Koudasfalt at Gouderaksedijk 34 where some renowned restaurants from the area will showcase their specialties.
- **World Harbor Days festivities in Rotterdam** include shows, demonstrations, excursions and more. For more information, visit <http://wereldhavendagen.nl>.

Sept. 3

- **Open Cockpit Days in Lelystad** will be held at Aviodrome at Pelikaanweg 50 where one can climb into the cockpit of a Boeing 747, Saab Viggen, MiG-21 and Fokker 100. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €17; children, ages 3 to 11, €15.

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Sept. 3 and 4 Continued

- **Flea market in Monceau-sur-Sambre (300 booths)** - On Place Albert 1er, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.
- **Flea market in Tournai (130 booths)** - On Plaine des Manoeuvres, Avenue des Frères Rimbaut from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through Sept. 4

- **Visit the Royal Palace in Brussels** - Visits are free of charge Tuesday through Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Access is from Place des Palais.

Sept. 4

- **Volksmarch in Haulchin for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs Chemin d'Harmignies 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Gibecq for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ittre for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs Pré de l'Aîte, Rue du Centenaire, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Van Gogh memorial walk in Wasmes** - Starting at 9:30 a.m. at the former coal mine site "Marcasse" on Sentier de Saint-Ghislain 7 (Colfontaine) with welcome and coffee, followed by guided walk in the steps of Vincent Van Gogh (approx. 10 km). At 1:30 p.m., musical aperitif at Marcasse and barbecue (optional). Cost for the walk is €10 per person; barbecue is €15 per person. To register, call 0487/685859.
- **Essence of Thailand in Sint-Pieters-Woluwe** will have more than 70 booths on Dumontplein where the embassy of Thailand will present itself and its culture with authentic food, dance, music, merchandise and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ongoing

Fridays through Sept. 9

- **Roller Bike Parade in Brussels** invites rollers, bikes, longboards and freelines 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.

Through Sept. 11

- **Harry Potter exhibit in Brussels** - Open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Brussels Expo on Place de Belgique at Palais 2. Since 2009, the exhibit has traveled to Chicago, Boston, Toronto, Seattle, New York, Sydney, Singapore, Tokyo, Paris and Shanghai and drawn more than 3.5 million visitors. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://ticketmaster.be>.

Through October

- **Treetop Adventure Trail in Tertre** is being 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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Sept. 3 continued

- **"Bos Fair Doornse Gat" in Doorn** is a lifestyle-and-food event held at Doornse Gat recreation area on Leersumsestraatweg. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €2.
- **Airborne Remembrance Walk in Oosterbeek** near Arnhem is the village where marches are held the first Saturday in September. With distances of 10, 15, 25 and 40 kilometers, this "all-age" march has routes through several villages along the battlefields and drop zones of Operation Market Garden, which took place in 1944 and was the subject of the movie "A Bridge Too Far." For details, visit <http://www.airbornewandeltocht.nl>.
- **Celtic festival in Wijhe** will be held at Park Wijhezicht in the center of town. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.

Sept. 3 to 4

- **European art market in Aachen, Germany**, will be held in the historic city center.
- **Days of the Viking in Den Oever** will be held at Viking Information Center at Havenweg 1. It is a weekend full of activities centered around Viking life, including a Viking encampment with re-enactors, traditional crafts, demonstrations and more. Open from noon to 5 p.m.
- **Late-summer fair in Kerkrade** will be held at the court of the Rolduc Abbey at Heyendaallaan 82. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €3.50.
- **"Irmgardis Markt" in Viersen-Süchteln, Germany**, is a traditional crafts market that will be held in the center of town. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sept. 4

- **Rural festival in Altweeterheide** will be held at Heltenbosdijk 10 with traditional crafts, traditional machines, animals, history and entertainment. Open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: €4; children, €1.50.
- **Scottish/Celtic festival in Hank** will be held at recreatiepark "De Kurenpolder" at Kurenpolderweg 31. Open from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Admission: €7.50; children, €5.
- **Knapkoek festival in Maaseik, Belgium**, will be held at market square in the center of town where an enormous "knapkoek" (local cookie) will be baked in an original wood oven. It's also where you will find a lot of activities. Opens at 2 p.m.
- **Year Market in Meerssen** will be held on the square in front of the basilica. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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