

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux news briefs

Make Bastogne lodging reservations today

The commemoration of the Battle of the Bulge Dec. 13 and 14 makes Bastogne a popular travel destination. Most accommodations are sold out already.

However, simple lodging in a common room in the Bastogne sports center is still available, but reservations are only accepted until Nov. 21. Look online at <http://www.centresportifbastogne.be>. Cost is €15 per person for one night or €25 for two nights with breakfast. (Bring your own sleeping bag.)

SHAPE schools closed Monday

SHAPE American schools will be closed Nov. 24 because of labor strikes in Belgium.

CDC has new number

The CYSS Child Development Center on SHAPE now has a new phone number: DSN 366-6721 or civilian 065-326721.

Gazette submissions

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Ribbon-cutting at SHAPE American Schools

Officials perform the ribbon-cutting to officially open SHAPE American Elementary School and SHAPE American Middle School Nov. 17. Children have been attending both schools (which are sections of SHAPE International School) since school started in August, but the buildings and grounds weren't entirely finished. From left, Chuck Fannin, SHAPE American High School principal; Mario Vanheuckelom, MS principal; Bernadette Schlueter, ES principal; Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers commanding general; Thomas M. Brady, director of U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity, or DoDEA; Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Cindy Breedlove, the SACEURS's wife; and Benoît Davin, director general of SHAPE International School.

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FREEDOM 6 SENDS New USAREUR CG introduces himself 'It's great to be on the USAREUR team!'

by **Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges**

Commanding General, U.S. Army Europe

Hello, U.S. Army Europe,
I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to join the tremendous Soldiers, civilians, families and host-nation Allies here at U.S. Army Europe. It's great to be on the USAREUR team!

I was first stationed in Germany as a young first lieutenant in 1983 with the 2nd Armored Division (Forward) in Garlstedt. I remember one day there was a lot of commotion in the company area when we heard the commanding general of USAREUR, Gen. Glen K. Otis, was coming to visit us. I thought that was really cool, and then I asked my company commander, "Sir, what is USAREUR?"

Now, I am very certain that U.S. Army Europe, along with our joint teammates, is the manifestation of the United States' commitment to the most powerful Alliance in history, NATO.

Coming from NATO Allied Land Command in Izmir, Turkey, I have seen firsthand how USAREUR uses its exceptional capacity, and maintains a responsive force posture and effective network of installations and capabilities to protect U.S. interests and those of our Allies.

This is a pivotal time in the history of USAREUR and NATO. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the fall of the

Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain. We face a resurgent Russia that has illegally annexed Crimea and which threatens our friends and Allies. It will require a trained, ready and resilient U.S. Army Europe, as part of a joint team and a reinvigorated Alliance, to assure our Allies and deter Russia from further encroachment.

USAREUR's contribution to the success of U.S. European Command and our Alliance will be based on three enduring priorities: leader development, readiness, and enabling the Alliance and our partners.

Positive, adaptive leadership can solve any problem and accomplish any mission. I believe that USAREUR is the leadership laboratory for the Army as we have the unique advantage of working side by side with our Allies and partners every day. This emphasis on leader development will also ensure that we have an environment in our formations where every man and woman feels valued, empowered and confident in their fellow Soldiers and civilians.

Readiness to perform any mission is why we are forward-stationed in Europe. Though we make up only 5 percent of the Army's manpower, USAREUR touches or is involved in most of what the U.S. Army delivers in terms of strategic effect.



Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges

U.S. Army Europe will continue to be ready, reliable and forward-stationed to underwrite the guarantee of collective defense, our Article 5 obligation of "An attack on one is an attack on all." We've been here for 65 years doing just that, and we will continue to be prepared to win in a complex world.

I consider it an honor and privilege to lead this historic team and look forward to seeing you all in your formations and communities throughout Europe.

Strong Soldiers, Strong Teams!

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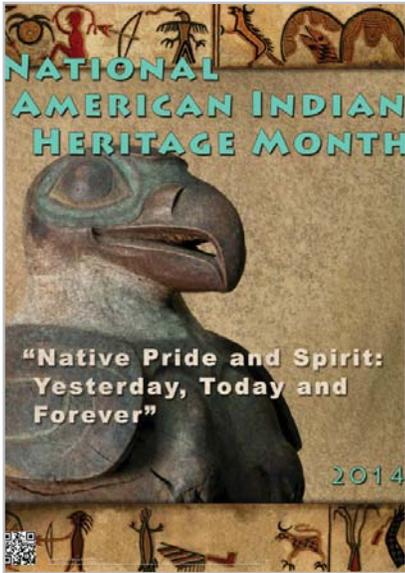
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American Indian heritage remembered at Benelux

Celebrate "Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today and Forever" at an observance of National American Indian Heritage Month at the SHAPE Auditorium in Building 100 Nov. 21 at 11:30 a.m.

Guest speaker Staff Sgt. Josie Rising Sun is an information-technology specialist at 39th Signal Battalion on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres, Belgium.



Staff Sgt. Josie Rising Sun

A member of Sister Nations Color Guard, Monica Weeks will perform several Navajo dances. Weeks is a Department of the Army civilian who works as an IT specialist with the 839th Transportation Battalion at Leghorn Army Depot in Livorno, Italy. Her son, Nakai Weeks, will sing a Navajo song.

Sandwiches and a commemorative cake will be served.

For details about National American Indian Heritage Month, call DSN 361-5235 or civilian 068-275235.

New HN union agreement signed

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Gathering at the Benelux Civilian Personnel Advisory Center in Chievres, Belgium, Nov. 19, the director of U.S. Army Europe G-1's Civilian Personnel Directorate, representing management, and six elected host-nation employee representatives, representing labor, signed a union agreement that updates a 1993 document by addressing reduction-in-force entitlements.

CPD director Vera Garcia said it was a victory under the realities of fiscal constraints in this time of sequestration.

"With all the budget constraints, you cannot hope to get huge increases in your entitlements," said Jackie Peremans, labor-relations specialist at the Benelux CPAC. "That's the problem of negotiating entitlements in a very difficult financial time."

The elected employee representatives who signed the "Belgium Social Plan" were: Bruno Eeckhaut, Joel Frere and Corinne Van Simaey (for the Socialist Union) and Chantal Deprez, Jean-Pierre Ghisbain and Olivier Hannecart (for the Liberal Union).

Last year, the Belgium elected employee representatives submitted a proposal for the agreement to be reviewed, Peremans said. Not all elements of the proposal were accepted, but this is a new agreement.

"The main focus is on the right for an out-placement program for those affected by a reduction in force (RIF) to assist them in finding new employment outside the U.S. Forces in Belgium," she said. "It's not so much compensation for having lost your job; it's more, 'How can we help you find another job?' and the answer is, by having experts in the field helping you to find a job on the economy."

The new agreement has been coordinated with a joint committee of Army, Air Force, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, and the Defense Commissary Agency. A 60-hour out-placement program is specified in the new Belgian Social Plan as well as the specifics on how much the out-placement program can cost.

Management and labor couldn't have reached an agreement without the elected employee representatives considering what is practical nowadays, said Peremans, adding that she would like to commend them for being practically focused and knowing what can reasonably be attained.

"It's a small step, but it's a step forward," Peremans said.

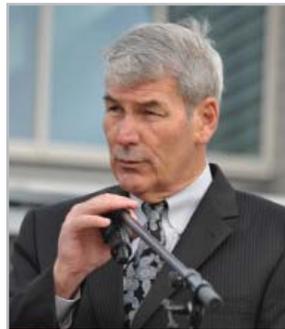
Local man rewarded for good deed



Jeremy Key, 19, who saved a baby from certain death in the path of an oncoming train was recognized by SHAPE Top III Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014. Key was presented with the organization's Most Valuable Professional award as well as an \$800 scholarship. The MVP award is usually presented to military people, said SHAPE Top III vice president Master Sgt. Justin Laurie, but Key's exceptional action was worth the award. You can find the complete story about Key in the Oct. 30 issue of the Gazette. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)



(Clockwise from above) Benoît Davin, director general of SHAPE International School, is the first among the senior leaders to address the crowd at the ribbon-cutting of SHAPE American Elementary School and SHAPE American Middle School Monday, Nov. 17, 2014. • A student choir performs "I Love America" Nov. 17. • Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, explains that the concept of the new schools has been around since April 2008. • Thomas M. Brady, director of U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity, says that the schools are "absolutely top-notch" among the 192 DoDEA schools. • Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, praises the student-centered, functional spaces.



American schools hold ribbon-cutting

Story and photos by Andrea Wales
USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Hundreds of school children and other community members gathered Nov. 17 to witness the ribbon-cutting for SHAPE American Elementary School and SHAPE American Middle School.

They have been filled with children since the term began, but the finishing touches were completed only recently.

The middle and elementary schools are part of a \$180 million endeavor to build an expansive, state-of-the-art campus at SHAPE International School, represented by 19 NATO nations, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Completion date for the multi-school campus is set for the summer of 2018.

"This project is a reflection of the values and principles on which it was built – the heart and soul of the NATO partnership," said Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove,

Supreme Allied Commander Europe, noting that it is a model of collaboration. "Our community knows how to roll up its sleeves and get to work!"

Thomas M. Brady, director of U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity, explained that the American children in the school make up just half of the student body; the other 42 percent are international students. This environment allows student to experience the traditions, lifestyles and cultures of the nations comprising NATO.

"The educational experience here offers interactions with a more diverse population than any other school in DoDEA," Brady said.

The commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, said that the 114,000

square foot elementary school with its 58 classrooms and the 93,000 square foot middle school with its 44 classrooms were designed to encourage interaction.

The SHAPE learning experience will be enhanced by state-of-the-art technology (whiteboard, digital phones, wireless Internet), and the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, Silver school integrates sustainable energy, Bostick said.

"This step in the construction process has been years in the making," said Benoît Davin, director general of SHAPE International School.

It has been the result of "foresight, careful planning and opportune funding," Davin said. The schools create an environment that "will inspire the next generation of student leaders."

Intermediary fees by rental agencies in the Netherlands generally not payable

Special to the Gazette

Netherlands Law Center

Some U.S. Armed Forces personnel have acquired rental properties through rental agencies that charge fees for "intermediary fees," "rental assistance," or the like. In accordance with Dutch law, such charges, however, generally aren't allowed and therefore constitute undue payments.

Pursuant to Article 7:417 of the Dutch Civil Code, a rental agency can provide intermediary services to both the landlord and a tenant, but, in that case, he can only charge the landlord, not the tenant.

When the rental agency, for example, places the property of the landlord on his website or advertises it in his shop with the aim of concluding a lease and subsequent intermediary activities performed for both landlord and tenant, then this is an example of intermediary

services for both tenant and landlord.

If the tenant chooses a property from a list of properties provided by the rental agency, then this serves as strong evidence that the rental agency already has an agreement to provide intermediate services to the landlord. The tenant doesn't need to pay any fees in that case.

Only if the rental agency doesn't provide any intermediate services to the landlord, can the rental agency then charge the fees from the tenant. For example, if the rental agency is really looking for new property (in other rental agencies) and hasn't been commissioned by the landlord, then such an agency may indeed charge a fee to the tenant.

The rental agency may also charge fees for other services. However, the

nature of the services provided determines whether the fees are intermediary services, not the name. "Marketing costs," "administration," "contract cost" and "administration costs" can therefore still be considered fees for intermediary services, which, again, aren't payable by the tenant. In case of doubt, the Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM) will examine whether these costs may be charged in accordance with applicable law. ACM can reprimand or fine companies in case of violations.

In a situation where this wasn't allowed, tenants who paid an intermediary service fee to a rental agent can claim back this undue payment. Contact the Netherlands Law Center at 046-4437688 to schedule an appointment for assistance.

Avoid vehicle damage from security barriers

Military Claims Act precludes payouts for most damage

Special to the Gazette

Northern Law Center

Security barriers are common throughout the SHAPE and are frequently located at the entrance and exit points of various posts. They are useful tools in maintaining the security of the installation; however, they sometimes protrude from the ground and pose a potential hazard for vehicles passing over them.

Drivers whose privately owned vehicles, or POVs, suffer damage as a result of impact with a security barrier may file a claim under the Military Claims Act. However, for the Claims Office to pay such a claim the claimant must demonstrate that the damage was caused by a negligent act or omission of an employee of the U.S. Government acting within the scope of his employment.

To pay a claim for damage caused by a security barrier, investigation by the Claims Office must indicate that the security barrier wasn't properly installed. Nasatka barriers are the most common type of security barrier. Showing that a Nasatka barrier wasn't properly installed can be a difficult task because these barriers require little installation. Nasatka barriers are portable and are designed to rest on top of the road surface. In some locations, these barriers are sunk into the road surface; however, in many other cases the barriers are simply placed on top of the road. They are designed so that a vehicle with normal clearance can pass

over them without damage if driven slowly and carefully.

There is a strong presumption that damage to a POV caused by impact with a security barrier is due to the negligence of the driver and not a negligent act or omission of U.S. government personnel acting within the scope of their employment. Such driver negligence includes lowering the clearance of a vehicle and/or crossing the barrier at an inappropriate speed.

Claimants who suffer damage to their vehicles as a result of a negligent act or omission by a Pond guard will be referred to the appropriate point of contact with the Pond Security Service to file their claim. These incidents typically involve accidental deployment of security barriers.

Driving tips to avoid impact with security barriers:

- Drive very slowly across the barrier.
- Don't cross the barrier at an angle. Drive straight across the barrier.
- Don't lower your vehicle. Drivers who modify a vehicle to have lower ground clearance assume the risk of damage from objects on the ground.
- Maintain proper tire pressure. Low tire pressure can lower the height of the vehicle.
- Keep in mind the number of persons in the vehicle. Increased weight in the vehicle can lower the vehicle.

Trenches to Foxholes

Next week in World War history (Nov. 23 to 29)

World War I

1914

Nov. 27 - German commander Paul von Hindenburg issues a triumphant proclamation from the battlefields of the Eastern Front, celebrating his army's campaign against Russian forces in the Polish city of Warsaw.

Nov. 28 - The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) reopens for bond trading after nearly four months, the longest stoppage in the exchange's history. The outbreak of World War I in Europe forced the NYSE to shut its doors July 31, 1914, after large numbers of foreign investors began selling their holdings in hopes of raising money for the war effort. All of the world's financial markets followed suit and closed their doors by Aug. 1.

1915

Nov. 23 - Entente Powers send note to Greek Government demanding noninterference with Allied troops and guaranteeing eventual restoration of occupied Greek territory.

1916

Nov. 26 - Thomas Edward Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), a junior member of the British government's Arab Bureau during World War I, publishes a detailed report analyzing the revolt led by the Arab leader Sherif Hussein against the Ottoman Empire in the late spring of 1916.

1917

Nov. 24 - Aine Douleh succeeds Ala es Sultaneh as Persian prime minister.

1918

Nov. 25 - A full two weeks after an armistice ended World War I in Europe, Col. Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck of Germany finally surrenders his forces in German East Africa.

A master of guerrilla warfare known for his brave and honorable conduct, Lettow-Vorbeck emerged from the First World War as the only undefeated military commander on either side of the conflict. From the beginning, the colonel knew the British navy's dominance of the seas meant that few reinforcements would be sent from his homeland and, as a result, that the German war effort in its African colonies would have to be carried out on his own initiative.

Nov. 29 - Maude Fisher, a nurse in the American Red Cross during World War I, writes a heartfelt letter to the mother of a young soldier named Richard Hogan to inform her of her son's death in an Army hospital.

"My dear Mrs. Hogan," Fisher began, "If I could talk to you I could tell you so much better about your son's last sickness, and all the little things that mean so much to a mother far away from her boy." Richard Hogan, who survived his front-line service in the war unscathed, had been brought to the hospital with influenza Nov. 13, 1918 — just two days after the armistice was declared. The influenza soon developed into pneumonia. Hogan was "brave and cheerful," Fisher assured Mrs. Hogan, "and made a good fight with the disease....He did not want you to worry about his being sick, but I told him I thought we ought to let you know, and he said all right."

World War II

1939

Nov. 23 - Adolf Hitler gathers the top German leaders and lectures them on his vision for the future of Germany, which involves an invasion of France.

1940

Nov. 28 - Flight Lt. John Dundas of No. 609 squadron shoots down Maj. Helmut Wick over the English Channel. Wick was Germany's highest scoring ace of the war at the time with 56 kills to his credit.

1941

Nov. 25 - Adm. Harold R. Stark, U.S. chief of naval operations, tells Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, that both President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull think a Japanese surprise attack is a distinct possibility. "We are likely to be attacked next Monday, for the Japs are notorious for attacking without warning," Roosevelt had informed his Cabinet. "We must all prepare for trouble, possibly soon," he telegraphed British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Nov. 26 - Adm. Chuichi Nagumo leads the Japanese First Air Fleet, an aircraft carrier strike force, toward Pearl Harbor, with the understanding that should "negotiations with the United States reach a successful conclusion, the task force will immediately put about and return to the homeland."

1942

Nov. 27 - French Adm. Jean de Laborde sinks the French fleet anchored in Toulon harbor, off the southern coast of France, in order to keep it out of German hands.

Nov. 29 - Coffee joins the list of items rationed in the United States. Despite record coffee production in Latin American countries, the growing demand for the bean from both military and civilian sources, and the demands placed on shipping, which was needed for other purposes, required the limiting of its availability.

1943

Nov. 29 - Fifty-three B-26's bomb Chièvres Air Field.
- The Japanese ship, Suez Maru, carrying troops as well as 200 Japanese, 422 British, and 127 Dutch sick and wounded, is torpedoed by submarine USS Bonefish in the Java sea. Many are trapped in the holds and drown, but others take to the water. A Japanese minesweeper in escort picks up nearly 300 of its own nationals but leaves between 200 and 250 Allied prisoners thrashing in the sea. The minesweeper then begins shooting the defenseless swimmers. Of the 549 British and Dutch prisoners, there is only one survivor, Kenneth Thomas, who is picked up 24 hours later by an Australian ship.

1944

Nov. 24 - One hundred and eleven U.S. B-29 Superfortress bombers raid Tokyo for the first time since Capt. Jimmy Doolittle's raid in 1942. Their target: the Nakajima aircraft engine works.

"Next week in World War history" is compiled from various sources by Keith Houin, USAG Benelux Public Affairs.

DIABETES

Lifestyle changes can make difference

by Dr. (Maj.) Jaime L. Torres II
SHAPE Healthcare Facility

November is American Diabetes Month.

Diabetes mellitus is a medical disorder of metabolism that leads to high sugar levels in the blood, also known as hyperglycemia. The pancreas, an organ located behind the stomach, is responsible for producing the hormone Insulin. Insulin is produced in a special type of cell in the pancreas, known as beta cells. When food is broken down in the digestive tract, the sugars and starches found in foods are broken down into simple sugars known as glucose. Insulin helps the cells of our body absorb glucose. The cells can then use glucose for energy.

Diabetes develops when the body either cannot produce enough insulin and or when it cannot effectively use it. If beta cells don't produce enough insulin, and or if the body doesn't respond to the insulin that is available, then glucose begins to build up in the blood. Despite high glucose levels in the blood, the body's cells are unable to use it and are starved of energy. Over time, high blood glucose damages nerves and blood vessels. This can lead to complications such as erectile dysfunction, blindness, kidney disease, heart disease, stroke, dental disease and amputations.

Prediabetes is a condition in which blood-glucose levels or A1C levels, which reflect average blood-glucose levels, are higher than normal but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. People with prediabetes can substantially reduce their risk of developing diabetes by losing weight and increasing physical activity.

There are three main types of diabetes: Type 1, Type 2, and gestational diabetes. Type 1 diabetes occurs when the body's immune system (white blood cells) attacks and destroys the beta cells in the pancreas. This is known as an autoimmune process. This leads to a lack of insulin in the body. Type 2 diabetes, the most common form, occurs when the body can't effectively produce insulin and or can't effectively respond to insulin anymore. This latter phenomenon is known as insulin resistance. Gestational diabetes only occurs during pregnancy. Other types of diabetes can occur due to genetic defects, diseases of the pancreas, infections, certain drugs or chemicals, and other conditions.

Type 1 diabetes typically occurs in children and younger

adults, although it can appear at any age. In Type 1 diabetes, an autoimmune disease, beta-cell destruction by white blood cells may take place over several years, but symptoms of the disease typically develop over a short period of time. Symptoms at onset of diagnosis can include frequent urination, unusual thirst, extreme hunger, weight loss, extreme fatigue and irritability. At this point, a person will need daily insulin treatment to survive. Finding ways to modify or stop this autoimmune process and preserve beta cell function is a major focus of current medical research.

Type 2 diabetes is caused by a combination of factors to include insulin resistance, a condition in which the body's cells cannot effectively use insulin. Type 2 diabetes develops when the body can't produce enough insulin to compensate for the impaired ability to use insulin anymore. Type 2 diabetes develops most often in middle-aged and older people who are also overweight or obese. This disease is becoming prevalent in overweight and obese children and adolescents. Scientists think genetic susceptibility and environmental factors are the most likely triggers of Type 2 diabetes. The role of genes is suggested by the high rate of type 2 diabetes in families and identical twins as well certain ethnic groups. Type 2 diabetes occurs more frequently in African-Americans, Alaska Natives, American Indians, Hispanics/Latinos, and some Asian-Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander Americans. Treatments include weight loss, dietary changes and exercise as well as oral medications and/or insulin.

Scientists believe that gestational diabetes is caused by the hormonal changes and metabolic demands of pregnancy together with genetic and environmental factors. Risk factors for gestational diabetes include being overweight and having a family history of diabetes. Treatments are the same as for Type 2 diabetes and include weight loss, dietary changes and exercise as well as oral medications and/or insulin.

Although some forms of diabetes can't be avoided, you can reduce your risk for development of Type 2 diabetes and gestational diabetes by losing weight and increasing your physical activity. If you believe you are at increased risk for diabetes, simple blood and urine tests can be performed by your primary care provider.

Diabetes can lead to complications like erectile dysfunction, blindness, stroke, kidney disease, heart disease, dental disease and amputations.

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Register now to give thanks with ACB

Come join the American Club of Brussels for one of the club's most popular events: a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, consisting of roast turkey with all the trimmings, followed by an assortment of real American pies. This very American event will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Brussels on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. The group will hold its celebration at the Sheraton's Horizon Room (30th floor), Place Rogier 3, 1210 Brussels (St.-Josse-ten-Noode).

Cost: €70 for members; €80 for non-members; €38 for children under 12.

Reservations are due Nov. 21 by noon: by telephone to the ACB office manager at civilian 0476-996870, via email message to info@americanclubbrussels.org, or online at the club's website.

Find out more at <http://www.americanclubbrussels.org>.

AAFES offers holiday hours

Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities in the Benelux will celebrate Thanksgiving with changes in their hours.

• AAFES Main Exchange and PXtra on Chièvres Air Base will share the schedule below unless otherwise indicated:

Main Exchange will be closed Nov. 24, but the PXtra will open Nov. 24 its regular hours from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Both will be open Nov. 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27.

Open Nov. 28 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Open Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Open Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• The Schinnen AAFES Main Store and the Shoppette will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. They will open Friday at 8 a.m. They resume normal hours Saturday.

Cash cage closes

The 266th Benelux Finance Office's cash cage on SHAPE will be closed Nov. 27.

Chaplains offer Thanksgiving get-togethers/meals

Local military chaplains offer opportunities for many community members to celebrate Thanksgiving together. See Community Roundup starting on page 13 for your community's event.

Commissary has holiday hours

Commissaries in the Benelux will be open Monday, a day that they are normally closed.

• The Chièvres Commissary will have the following schedule during Thanksgiving week:

Open Nov. 24, 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, and Nov. 28.

Open Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Open Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• The Schinnen Commissary will have the following operating hours during Thanksgiving week:

Open Nov. 24, 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, and Nov. 28.

Open Nov. 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

CSC/CPF closes

The U.S. Community Services Center, once known as the U.S. Central Processing Facility, in SHAPE's Building 253 will be closed Nov. 27.

Credit union closes

Every branch of Andrews Federal Credit Union will be closed Nov. 27.

FMWR facilities close, reduce hours

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will close some of its facilities and adjust the operating hours of others in celebration of Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. Most facilities will be open Friday, Nov. 28.

Throughout the USAG Benelux, the following facilities will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27:

- Army Community Service; and
- Library.

The facilities below will also be closed Nov. 27:

- Brussels Auto Crafts;
- Brussels CYS Services;
- Brussels 3 Star;
- Schinnen Auto Crafts;
- Schinnen Fitness Center; and
- Schinnen Pin Point Lounge.

Holiday operating hours will be in effect at:

- Brussels Fitness Center Nov. 27 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.;
- Chièvres Fitness Center Nov. 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and
- Chièvres Boarding Kennel Nov. 27 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

The following facilities will be closed Nov. 28:

- Brussels Library; and
- Brussels 3 Star.

Health clinic reduces, closes services

The SHAPE Healthcare Facility will be operating on a holiday schedule Nov. 27 in celebration of Thanksgiving, a U.S. federal holiday. Nov. 28 will be a Clinic Training Day.

The following services will be available both days:

- Acute Care Walk-in Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Healthcare Finder Windows will be open both days.
- Appointment line will be open both days.
- Physical Therapy will be open both days.

Pharmacy will be open Nov. 28.

All other services will be closed both days.

Law centers close

There will be no U.S. services (notary, power of attorney, wills, taxes, etc.) available at either the Netherlands Law Center or the Northern Law Center Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28.

To find out more, contact the Netherlands Law Center at DSN 360-7691 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437691, or the Northern Law Center at DSN 423-4868 or civilian 065-444868.

Post office closes

U.S. postal facilities in the Benelux are closed on all federal holidays so they will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27.

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Power up with education:

In celebration of National Education Week, UMUC Europe is waiving all \$50 application fees (for new students) during the month of November through the end of November.

With UMUC Europe, military students throughout Europe and the Middle East can reap the benefits of having a regionally accredited public university on base where they need it. Over 35 bachelor's and master's degree programs are offered on site in Europe and online.

For more information and to apply for admission, visit <http://www.europe.umuc.edu>.

Winter tires in Germany

Until Apr. 15, all vehicles on German roads must have approved tires for winter driving. Acceptable tires are approved winter tires or all season tires with the M+S symbol or the snowflake with the three pinnacles. They must have a minimum tread depth of 1.6 mm.

Winter tires aren't mandatory in Belgium, but they are strongly recommended, according to Rudy Magain, the USAG Benelux safety manager.

Job openings at AFCU

Officials at Andrews Federal Credit Union would like to hire a new senior teller at the Chièvres Branch and a part-time teller at the Brussels branch. Both jobs are listed on the AFCU website at <http://www.andrewsfcu.org>. Once on the website, just click on the "Career Opportunities" link at the top left of the screen. After you are taken to the Career Opportunities Center page, click on "Employment Listings."

Alterations now open on Chièvres

A new alterations contractor recently opened up shop on Chièvres Air Base. Stripes, located in the PXtra, is trying out a test schedule: Mondays from 2 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:30 to 6 p.m.

Auditions planned for two SHAPE plays

Tryouts will be held at the Performing Arts Centre Nov. 24 and 25 for two SHAPE Players productions.

Auditions for "You Can't Take It With You," a 1937 Pulitzer Prize-winning play and 1938 Academy Award winner, will be Nov. 24 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. and Nov. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. Tryouts for "Little Shop of Horrors," a Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical that has devoured the hearts of theater-goers for more than 30 years, will be Nov. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Nov. 25 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Open season for FEHB going on now

Federal Employees Health Benefit, or FEHB, Open Season runs through Dec. 8.

A link to FEHB 2014 Open Season information is posted on the Army Benefits Center-Civilian website at <http://www.abc.army.mil>, under the "Announcements" section.

SHAPE Clinic raises awareness about men's health through facial hair

The SHAPE Healthcare Facility will sponsor its second annual best moustache competition Nov. 26 at 10 a.m. in the clinic main lobby to raise awareness about men's health. Contestants will be judged on moustache thickness, overall appearance and symmetry.

The Movember Foundation, whose motto includes the phrase "changing the face of men's health," challenges men to grow their moustaches for 30 consecutive days to spark conversations about men's health.

SHAPE clinic offers flu shots

The SHAPE Immunization Clinic is now offering flu vaccines Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Register for Schinnen B-ball, cheer

CYS Services Sports & Fitness is getting ready for winter sports. The season runs from Jan. 17 to Feb. 21, 2015. Open to all U.S./NATO ID card holders. Volunteer coaches are needed. Must be registered with CYS Services (it's free) and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. You may enroll in basketball or cheerleading and register for CYSS by stopping by the CYSS Parent Central Services Office at JFC Brunssum's Building H602. Contact the Child, Youth and School Services Sports & Fitness Office for details at DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.

- Open enrollment for the Junior Girls Basketball season runs through Nov. 28 for ages 13 to 15. Practice at JFC Brunssum gym begins on or about Jan. 6, 2015. Cost: \$40.
- Open enrollment for cheerleading ages 6 to 15 will be held through Nov. 28. Practice begins on or about Jan. 6, 2015, at the CYS gym or AFNORTH. Cost: \$40.

Sign up for SHAPE B-ball

CYS basketball season is coming up on SHAPE so sign up for it now. (Must be qualifying age by March 15, 2015.) CYSS free annual registration is required prior to enrollment in basketball. Sign up at Parent Central Services in SHAPE's Building 503 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Last walk-in taken at 4:50 p.m.) Payments are accepted in both dollars and euros. Euros are based on a set monthly exchange rate.

Call Parent Central Services at DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-445612, or call the SKIESUnlimited instructional-programs specialist at DSN 423-5611 or civilian 065445611. Visit the website at <http://benelux.armymwr.com/europe/benelux>.

• Enrollment for SHAPE Skills Developmental Basketball for boys and girls 4 to 5 will be open through Nov. 29. Basketball runs January to February 2015. Cost: \$20.

• Open enrollment for the SHAPE basketball season is being held through Nov. 28. The season runs December 2014 to March 2015.

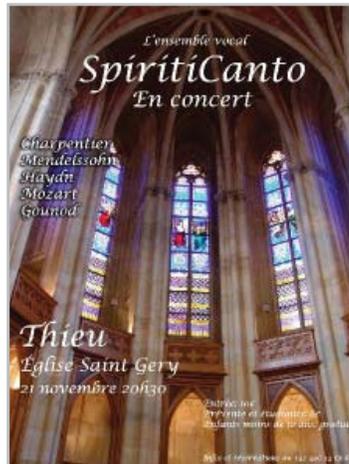
Peewee League: co-ed ages 6 to 7; Minor League: co-ed ages 8 to 9; Bantam League: co-ed ages 10 to 12; Junior Girls: ages 13 to 15; Junior Boys: ages 13 to 15. Cost: \$40.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Nov. 21

- **Concert by the Vocal SpiritiCanto in Thieu** - Classical music concert (Mendelssohn, Haydn, Mozart, etc.) at the Church on Rue Saint Géry 11. Admission: €10; children under 12 years, free admission.



Nov. 22

- **Secondhand fair in Lens** - Toys, clothing, books and baby equipment will be sold at the city hall on Place de la Trinité from 1:30 to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Quevaucamps (70 booths)** - On Place du Pâturages from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Christmas flea market in Pâturages (50 booths)** - On Rue Neuve from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Concert by the Jazzy Jazz Band in Hautrage** - Jazz, blues, folk concert at Maison Villageoise on Place d'Hautrage from 8 to 10 p.m. Admission: €9.
- **Volksmarch in Ath** for 8 or 13 km - Departs from Espace Intergénérationnel on Rue Defacqz from 5 to 9 p.m. Small participation fee.

Nov. 22 to 23

- **Artists fair in Oeudeghien** - Artists will show their work and some will be working on site at the Espace Leulier on Rue du Petit Dieu Saturday from 3 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free of charge.
- **Concert by the Royale Harmonie de Vacresse in Herchies** - From 10 a.m. to noon in the Herchies Church.
- **Indoor flea market in Ath (95 booths)** - At the Ath Ceva on Zoning des Primevères from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Admission: €3.

Nov. 23

- **Volksmarch in Bonsecours** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departs from Rue des Sapins from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Bornival** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km. Departs from Rue du Centre from 9 a.m. to 20 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Chaussée-Notre-Dame-Louvignies** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km. Departs from Rue de la Justice 3 (near the castle) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Secondhand clothing in Cuesmes** - You can either sell your cloths or buy secondhand at Salon Cardi on Place de Cuesmes 10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vendors pay €15; visitors get in free.
- **Evening volksmarch in Masnuy-Saint-Pierre** - Guided walk of approximately 10 km from 5 to 8 p.m. Departs from Place de Masnuy-Saint-Pierre.
- **Flea market in Leuze-en-Hainaut (100 booths)** - On Rue Erna from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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

Through Nov. 22

- **Scaldis Fair in Goes** at Magdalenakerk on Singelstraat 21 is a way-of-life fair where one will find all kinds of quality products from interior design to culinary delights and from jewelry to exclusive fashion. Open Nov. 19 from 7 to 10 p.m., Nov. 20 and 21 from 2 to 9:30 p.m. and Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €5.

Through Nov. 23

- **Spirit of Winter Fair near Apeldoorn** provides “royal enjoyment” in a winter garden. The park of Palace Het Loo is turned into a magical winter garden filled with all kinds of winter fest ideas. The fair will show you how attractive and warm your winter home and garden can be. Admission: €17.50, which includes admission to the palace as well; children 12 and under get free admission. Learn more about it at <http://www.spiritofwinter.nl>.
- **Finnish Christmas Market in Rotterdam** on Gravendijkwal 64 offers lots of Finnish articles and delicacies. Open Wednesday to Friday from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Free admission.

Nov. 21 to 23

- **Bourgondisch Breda in Breda** is a culinary festival held in Grote Kerk, Kerkplein 2, in the center of town. Open Nov. 21 from 4 p.m. to midnight, Nov. 22 from 2 p.m. to midnight and Nov. 23 from 2 to 9 p.m.

Nov. 21 to 24

- **Christmas Creations Fair (Kerstbeleving) in 's-Hertogenbosch, or Den Bosch**, at Brabantthalen is an indoor fair that gives you hundreds of ideas on how to attractively decorate your home for holiday festivities. You can also enjoy music, food-tasting, workshops and many attractions for children. Admission: €12.50; children 4 to 12, €5. Visit at <http://www.kerstbeleving.nl>.

Nov. 21 to 30

- **Magical Winter Moments in Bruges (Brugge), Belgium**, at “Oud Sint-Janshospitaal” (now a museum) in the city center offers a variety of gifts, Christmas decorations and workshops. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €12; children 13 and under, free admission.

Nov. 22

- **Winter Market in Belfeld** is held on Koninginneplein and Muldersplein in the town center from 1 to 8 p.m.
- **Saint Nicolas/Sinterklaas Market in Doorn** held in St. Martinuskerk (church) on Dorpsstraat in the town center. This indoor market is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Nov. 23 continued

- **Concert by the local band in Ghlin** - Concert will be held after the religious service in the Saint Martin Church on Place de Ghlin from 11 a.m. to noon. Admission is free.

Through Nov. 28

- **Exhibition at the SHAPE Club** - Oil painting and engraving by Michel De Clercq. Open Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call DSN 423-4133 or civilian 065-444133.

Nov. 28 to Jan. 4

- **Brussels Christmas Market "Winter Wonders"** - Market with some 230 booths, fairground, ice-skating rink and sound-and-light show take place on the Grand'Place, around the Bourse, Place de la Monnaie, Place Sainte-Catherine and Marché aux Poissons weekdays from noon to 10 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. "Guest of honor" this year is the city of Quebec.



Trenches to Foxholes

Nov. 22

- **Concert by USAFE jazz band "The Ambassadors" in Bastogne** - starts at 8 p.m. at the Salle Jean XXIII on Rue Gustave Delperdange.

Through Dec. 24

- **Exhibition "Regards croisés sur la Guerre 14-18" (crossed perspectives on World War I) in Ath** on Rue de Pintamont 18 Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from 2 to 6 p.m.

Through April 26, 2015

- **Expo 14-18: It's our history in Brussels** - At the Royal Army Museum on Parc du Cinquantenaire 3, daily from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:45 p.m., except Mondays. Admission fee is €12 and €8 for children 6 to 18 years old. Family package is €32 (two adults and two children). You can look into day-trip specials on Belgian rail at <http://www.belgianrail.be>.



Nov. 23 and 25

- **Swedish Market in Kerkrade** offers all kinds of Swedish products and activities at Abdij Rolduc on Heyendallaan 82. Open Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Nov. 23 to 30

- **PAN Amsterdam in Amsterdam** is a large international Art and Antique Fair held at the RAI. Every year more than a hundred art and antique dealers participate with paintings, jewelry, design, silverwork, glass, statues, Asian art and more. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €15; children (12 to 18) €7.50; 11 and under - free admission. Catalogue is €12.50.

Nov. 26 to 30

- **Country and Christmas Fair near Haarzuilens** at Castle De Haar, Kasteellaan 1, is held in the beautiful setting of the castle. The fair has more than 200 stands featuring exclusive articles, attractive accessories and festive novelties. Admission: €17; children (12 to 16), €10.
- **Winter Fair in Mechelen, Belgium**, is held in Nekkerhal on Plattebeekstraat. This indoor fair gives visitors a taste of the coming festive season. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €11.

Nov. 27 to 30

- **Car Fair in Rotterdam** at the Ahoy multifunctional events venue on Ahoy-weg 10 caters to people with a passion for cars. Besides the newest models (many top car dealers will be on hand), many stands will also offer all kinds of accessories. Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nov. 28 to 30

- **Altstädter Nikolaus Market in Bergneustadt, Germany**, is a traditional Saint Nicolas Market located in the Heimatmuseum among the timber-framed houses in the historic town center. Open Nov. 28 from 6 to 10 p.m., Nov. 29 from 3 to 10 p.m. and Nov. 30 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Nikolaus Market in Geilenkirchen, Germany**, brings life to the city center. Open Nov. 28 from 5 to 11 p.m., Nov. 29 from noon to 11 p.m., and Nov. 30 from 6 to 11 p.m.
- **Christmas Market in Höxter, Germany**, is held in and around the romantic Castle Corvey. Open Nov. 28 from 2 to 6 p.m., and Nov. 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €6; children €3.

Nov. 28 to Dec. 1

- **Art and Antiques Fair in Antwerp, Belgium**, is held at Congresscenter "het Elzenveld" on Lange Gasthuisstraat 45. Open Nov. 28 from 2 to 8 p.m. and Nov. 29 to Dec. 1 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Nov. 29 to 30

- **Ceramic Market in Langerwehe, Germany**, is held at the Ceramic Museum. Open both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE

For information on the trip below,

call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

Brugge Snow and Ice, Nov. 29 - Come see 300 tons of ice and 200 tons of snow that a team of 30 international artists has transformed into "Ice Magic." This treasure-trove of icy artwork is preserved under the roof of a giant ice hall kept at -5 degrees Celsius (23 degrees Fahrenheit). The festival is unique in Europe – a fun-packed adventure for everyone. Top off the afternoon by warming your mitts around a hot cocoa at the ice bar next door. Don't forget to dress warmly. Then head into town for the festive Christmas markets complete with ice-skating rink. Departs from SHAPE at 8 a.m. and from Brussels at 9 a.m. Returns to Brussels at 8 p.m. and to SHAPE at 9 p.m. Cost: adult €48, children 4 to 11, €45, and children newborn to 3, €35 (includes admission to Snow and Ice Festival 2014).

Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trip below

call DSN 360-7561 or civilian

0031-(0)46-4437561.

Cologne Christmas Markets, Dec. 6 - Coach departs from Schinnen at 9:30 a.m. Arrives in Cologne, Germany, at 11 a.m. Departs from Cologne at 6:30 p.m. Arrives back in Schinnen at 8 a.m. Cost: \$35 per person. Included in tour price: round-trip coach transportation. Register with full payment at the Trips & Tours office in Schinnen.

SHAPE Travel Group

You're invited to the New Trips Launch Party and Open House at the SHAPE Rendezvous Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy coffee with a friend while you peruse the fliers for all 16 of STG's upcoming trips.

For information on the trip below

call civilian 0486-565371.

Cologne Christmas Markets, Nov. 25 - This beautiful city offers several Christmas markets within walking distance and/or accessible with a little shuttle train. (Cost for the Bimmelbahn is €8 for adult and €5 for children under 12.) You will delight in the selection of delicious snacks, Christmas decorations, crafts, candles, fine linen and much more. After Christkindlmarkt shopping, venture over to the main shopping streets, Hohe Straße and Schildergasse. Don't miss the Cathedral of Cologne. This Gothic masterpiece is the third tallest cathedral in the world and boasts the highest church spires ever built. The view from the cathedral tower is breath-taking, and, if you are feeling energetic, you could climb 509 steps until you reach the viewing platform. [Admission: adults €3. There is a guided tour in English (45 minutes) at 2:30 p.m. Admission: adults €7, children €5. Meeting point: inside the main portal.] Cost (motor-coach transportation): €25.

Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips & Tours



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- **London overnight, Dec. 6 to 7**
- **Christmas Market Overnight- Nürnberg, Rothenburg and Cologne, Dec. 13 to 14**
- **Aachen and Monschau Christmas Markets, Dec. 20**
- **Paris in Winter: Paris Day Trip, Dec. 27**
- **New Year's Medieval Dinner in Brugge (Bruges), Dec. 31**
- **Amsterdam with optional tour of Anne Frank House, Jan. 24, 2015**
- **Day trip to Centro Shopping Center in Oberhausen, Germany, Jan. 31, 2015**
- **Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, April 6 to 15, 2015 (10 days round-trip)**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Express Shopping Trip to London, Dec. 13**

SHAPE Travel Group

- **Leeds Castle and Dickens Christmas Festival, Dec. 6**
- **Paris Lights and Moulin Rouge, Dec. 9**
- **Strasbourg Christmas Market (Christkindelmarkt), Dec. 16**



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BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Nov. 20

- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is offered Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy Burger Night: 100 percent beef or chicken burger served with french fries. Make your (required) reservation at reservations-3star@yahoo.com. Cost: Adults \$8, children 12 and under, \$4.

Nov. 22

- **Turkey Trot** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community for the annual Turkey Trot Nov. 22 at 9 a.m. Stop by the Brussels Fitness Center today to register. For more information, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

Nov. 26

- **Chaplain's Thanksgiving Lunch at 3 Star** - Enjoy a Thanksgiving meal and the company of others from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call in your reservation to the Brussels Chaplain's Office at RSOreserve@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Sign up today

- **CYSS Parents Night Out** - Enjoy a night out while CYSS takes care of your children Nov. 29 from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. A light dinner will be served to the children. Care is \$20 per child with each additional sibling at \$18. Army Family Covenant, or AFC, benefits can be used. Care is located at JFC Brunssum. Open to CYSS-registered children, infant to fifth grade. Fees are nonrefundable. To sign up, contact Parents Central Services at least two days prior at 31 (0) 45-5263121 or stop by to make your reservation. A minimum of 10 children must be enrolled to hold the event. In case of cancellation due to lack of participation, all registered patrons will be notified by close of business the Monday prior to the event.

Register now

- **Snowboarding Clinics at CYS** - Open enrollment for sixth- through 12th-grade students is ongoing through Nov. 21 at CYSS Central Parent Services in Brunssum. Open to all US/NATO ID card holders. The \$280 fee includes transportation to and from Snow-World, helmet, snowboard and two hours of professional instruction. For details, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.

Nov. 21

- **Turkey Trot** - Run off some calories in preparation for all of that pumpkin pie and dressing. Come and join other members of the Schinnen Community for a refreshing 5K run/walk through a nearby nature trail. Be part of the annual Turkey Trot from 8:45 to 11 a.m. Stop by the Schinnen Andre Bruls Fitness Center today to register. For more information, call DSN 360-7561 or civilian+31 (0) 464-437561.

Nov. 27

- **Thanksgiving Dinner with the Chapel** - Joint Forces Command Brunssum International Chapel invites you to a family-style potluck dinner to celebrate Thanksgiving together at the International Conference Center from 6 to 8 p.m. For information, call DSN 364-2940 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5262940. Everyone is welcome, but the main target audience is people who don't have their extended family here.

Nov. 29

- **AFNORTH Christmas Market** - AFNORTH International School is putting on a Christmas Market from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to all NATO card holders. Experience the many international vendors. Enjoy the music of the school choir and band. Savor the festive food. Tell Father Christmas your Christmas wishes. Admission: Adults €2.

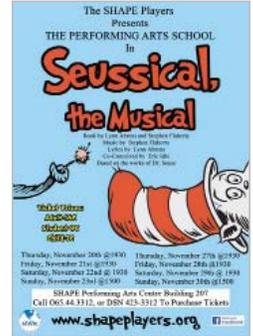
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SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Happening now

- **Tickets on sale for *Seussical, The Musical*** - The SHAPE Players present the Performing Arts School in a musical based on the whimsical works of Dr. Seuss at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. It runs Nov. 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. with matinee performances Nov. 23 and 30 at 3 p.m. Admission: adult €16, student €9, child €7. Call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.
- **Registration open for Winter Theater Camp** - Children in grades 3 through 9 can join the SHAPE Players at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre through Winter Theater Camp, which will culminate in the musical "Shrek." The next session of the Performing Arts School begins Jan. 12, 2015. Call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. In related news, separate classes are also available in theater, music and dance.



Nov. 21

- **Spartan Turkey Trot** - Register to participate in the Nov. 21 Spartan Turkey Trot now. The 5k Run/Walk starts at the main gym at 4 p.m. while the Kids Fun Run will take place on the track at 5 p.m. Open to all NATO/SHAPE ID card-holders and authorized guests - walkers and runners of all ages. Race T-shirts are available for the first 150 people to pre-register. Cost: 5k - €10, Kids Fun Run - free. For more information, contact the race director at SHAPE International High School at DSN 423-5715 or civilian 065-445715.
- **BOSS Glow Party** - Come join the fun at the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, 25th Anniversary Glow Party at the SHAPE Events Centre Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. This BOSS event is open to all single service members, who will each leave with a party favor. The disc-jockey competition winner will be presented with a high-quality prize at an awards ceremony. Enjoy food, music and dancing. Bring your own black shirt to customize your very own BOSS T-shirt. To register for the DJ competition, call DSN 361-5217 or civilian 068-275217.

Nov. 25

- **Lunch and Learn** - Meet Tuesdays in the SHAPE Army Community Service Training Room in Building 318 from noon to 1 p.m. to hear the military family-life consultant present "Effective Discipline for Children Ages 2 to 5." Brown-bag it, and join the discussion group. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- **U.S. Single Service Members Thanksgiving Dinner** - Join the chaplains for a Thanksgiving dinner in the SHAPE Fellowship Hall at SHAPE Chapel at 5 p.m. The Benelux Chaplain's Office invites all U.S. Single Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Sailors to a Thanksgiving dinner. For information, call DSN 423-6019/5604 or civilian 065-446019/5604.

Nov. 26

- **Job-search training** - Learn to ace any interview at employment-search training in the Army Community Service Conference Room in Building 4. Interviewing Tips and Techniques Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. Call ACS at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Nov. 29

- **German Christmas Market** - A Christindlmarkt will be held at the SHAPE School Cafeteria from noon to 5 p.m. Browse through crafted gifts and Christmas decorations, or pick up homemade German cakes, cookies and stollen (a sweet yeast bread with fruit and nuts) as well as bratwurst and more. Santa Claus will also visit.

Dec. 2

- **Christmas concert on SHAPE** - The SHAPE International Band will put on a Christmas concert at the Alliance Auditorium (SHAPE Cinema) at 6:30 p.m. Free admission. No tickets necessary. For more information, visit <http://www.shapeband.be/en/home.html> or call DSN 423-3322 or civilian 065-443322.

Community Roundup

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates - 2D movies: adults €7 and children 11 and under €4. 3D movies: adults €9 and children 11 and under €6. Check <http://www.shape2day.com/cinema.aspx> for the movie schedule.

Theaters near SHAPE/Chievres that play movies in English:

Only the British or American movies listed as VO (Version Originale or Originele Versie) will be in English.

Plaza Art - Rue de Nimy 12, 7000 Mons (next to the main square). Visit <http://plaza-art.be/index.cgi?p=Grille>.

ImagiBraine - Boulevard de France, 1420 Braine l'Alleud. Check the schedule and purchase your tickets at: <http://kinopolis.be/nl/bioscopen/kinopolis-imagibraine>.

Kinopolis - Boulevard du Centenaire 20, 1020 Bruxelles. Take a look at movie listings at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.

Movie at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Adult admission is €5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3 (ages 11 and under). Check the new web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.