

THE GAZETTE

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

3 Star Lounge

The 3 Star Lounge reopens. Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community tonight at 5:30 p.m. for the Thursday dinner special. Enjoy a rib-eye steak or grilled chicken dinner served with mashed potatoes and vegetables. For more information and reservations contact DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.

Volunteers needed

If you would like to assist with Eggstravaganza to be held on Chièvres Air Base March 29, follow the link to the registration information on the Chièvres FMWR Facebook page or call DSN 361-5589 or civilian 068-27-5589. Volunteers are also needed to set up and decorate March 27 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Call for bloggers

The USAG Benelux is looking for bloggers for an upcoming historical program. For more information email usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil with 'interested in blogging' as the subject line.

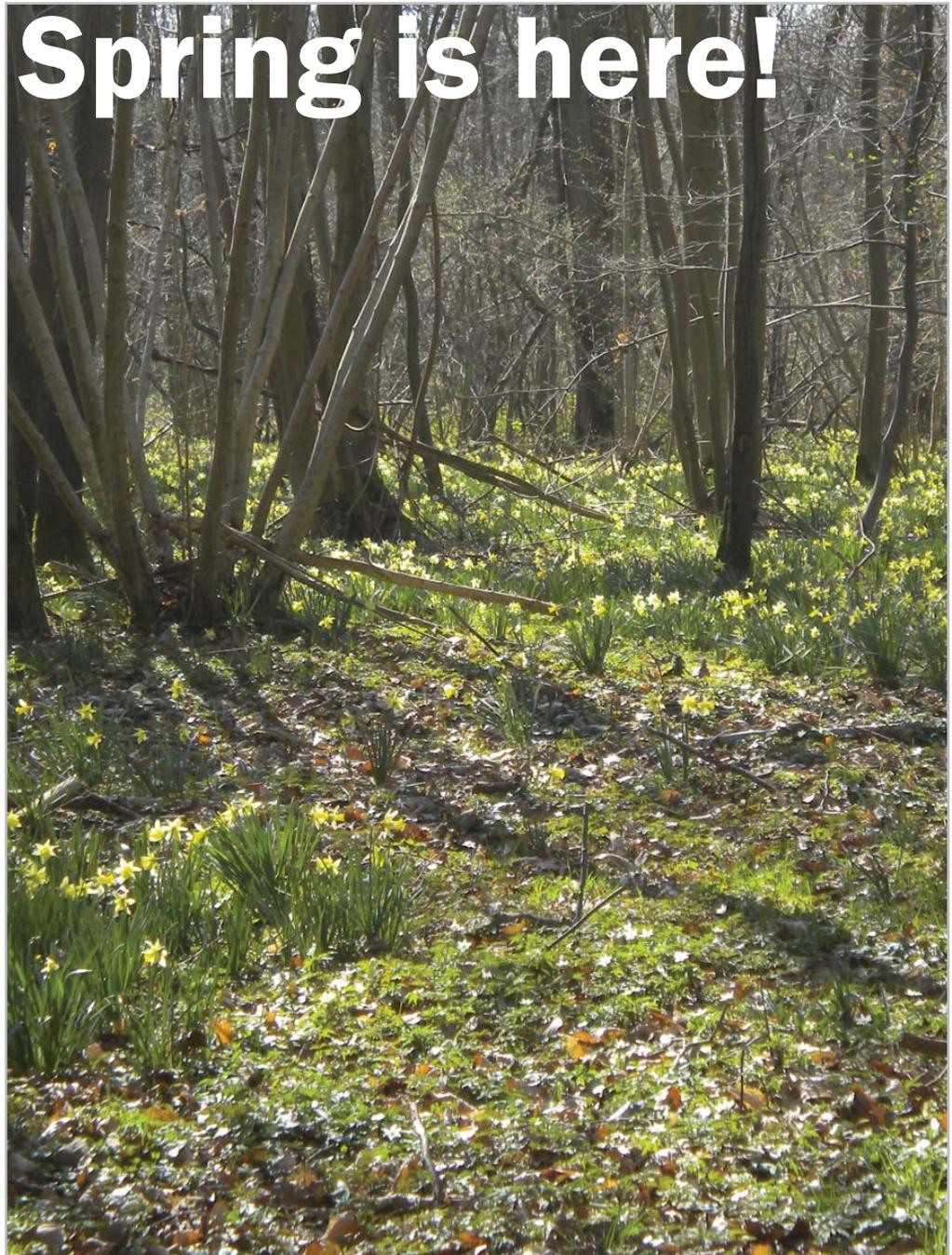
No Zumba at Schinnen

Zumba classes at the Schinnen Fitness Center have been cancelled until further notice. Contact the Andre Bruls Fitness Center, DSN 360-7561 or civilian 046-443-7561 to verify class activity before arriving.

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Spring is here!



Spring has arrived in Belgium and daffodils are blooming in the woods. The above picture has been taken in the woods at Roisin where it is allowed to pick a bouquet of daffodils per person. When picking the flowers, make sure you don't pull the bulbe to allow for the daffodil to bloom again next year. (U.S.Army photo by Cis Spook)

Military Saves Week encourages personal financial readiness

By Autumn Lombardi

Airman & Family Readiness Center

The Geilenkirchen community recently participated in the 8th annual partnership of America Saves Week and Military Saves Week from Feb. 24 to 28. This event was hosted by the 470th ABS Airman and Family Readiness Center in collaboration with representatives from Andrews Federal Credit Union, Community Bank, and USAG Benelux-Schinnen's Army Community Service.

The week-long event was kicked off with a "Breakfast Pledge". Community members were encouraged to come by the A&FRC, take the saving's pledge and receive a complimentary breakfast. "We were pleased with the interest and the participation for this year's Military Saves Week. Any chance we get to encourage financial readiness is a golden opportunity," said Mustak Keval, flight chief of Geilenkirchen's Airman and Family Readiness Center.

This year's theme for Military Saves Week was "Set a Goal, Make a Plan, Save Automatically." The A&FRC spread the theme by offering a weeklong series of free luncheons that focused on reducing personal debt, increasing savings, and encouraging financial readiness.

In addition to these luncheons there were also varied informative classes, individualized financial consultant appointments, and daily giveaways offered to all participants.

For more personal financial information, stop by the Airman and Family Readiness Center in Bldg. 78, Geilenkirchen Air Base or call DSN: 458-6015.



Did you know that . . .



Doctor and dental bills can break your budget?

No kidding! However, Army Emergency Relief may help pay those bills for necessary medical treatment at civilian clinics, doctors' offices, and hospitals. AER can also help your family defray the cost of essential medical care beyond the scope

*of military hospitals, or outside TRICARE and/or MEDICARE coverage. AER will help with the cost of cranial helmets for infants. Inquire at your local Army Emergency Relief Office today. **Soldiers Helping Soldiers for 72 Years** www.aerhq.org AER Campaign runs through May 15*

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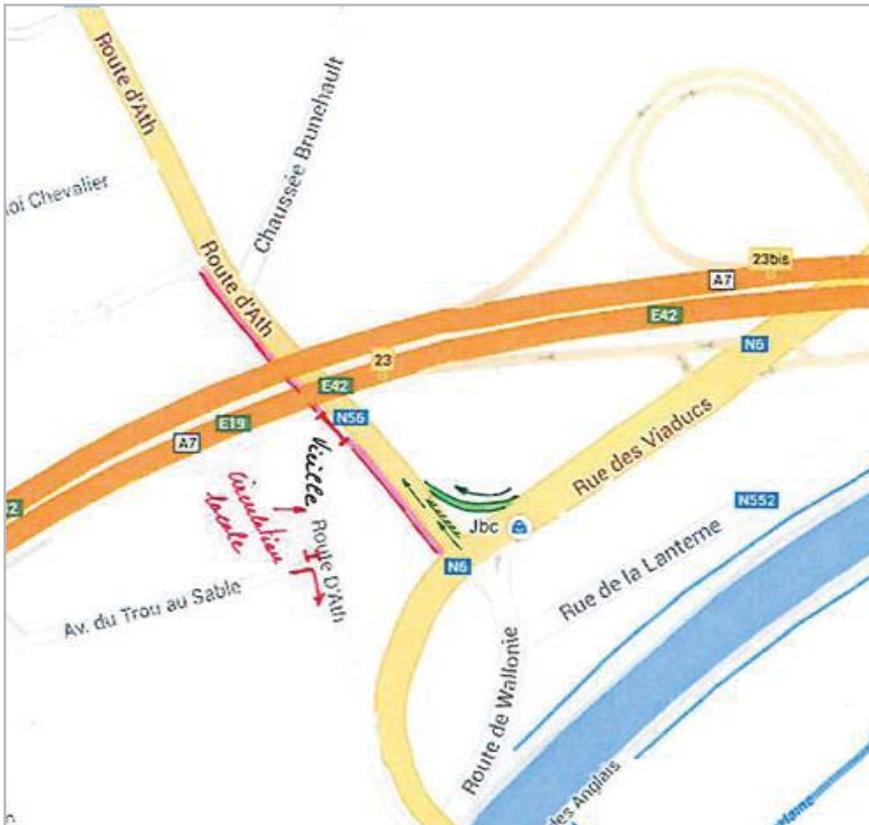
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Works have started at the Nimy crossroads



a. Works started March 17 and will go through April 4 to create a bypass for traffic coming from the autobahn or Soignies and heading to Ath on the N56. Once the works completed, drivers will bypass the traffic lights.

b. Works also started March 17 and will be going on through April 4 to redo the markings from Rue Grande starting at the crossing with Avenue des Epinois, until the Nimy traffic lights. Traffic will be on one lane instead of two in both directions. Markings will also be modified on the Route d'Ath, coming from Ath and prior to reach the traffic lights. Once the works completed, there will be two lanes to turn left at the traffic circle, one lane to go straight to Baudour and one lane to turn right to Mons.

c. From March 24 to April 4 the works will involve the creation of an additional lane (see stretch in red). The Vieille Route d'Ath, the shortcut when coming from Chièvres and heading to Mons, will be closed to traffic, except for local residents during the works.

Other works going on in the SHAPE/Chièvres neighborhood

a. Works have started to build a two kilometer road giving straight access from the N56 to Pairi Daiza. The road will be between the Bauffe intersection and Lens. Works will last for approximately two months.

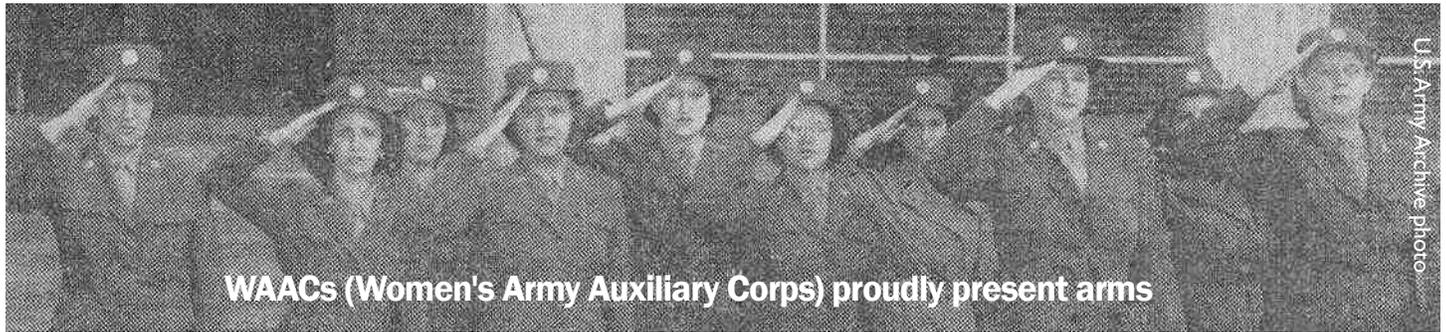
b. Works have started on the E19 Mons to Valenciennes. From Saint-Ghislain to Hensies, traffic will be on two lanes instead of three and from two to one lane after the Tournai exit. From Hensies to Saint-Ghislain, traffic will be on one lane instead of two and from three lanes to 2 after the Tournai access onto the autobahn.

c. Works have started downtown Chièvres. Traffic may be on one lane, in alternating directions but the road should not be blocked off to traffic until May.



Do you want to be in the spotlight?
Do you or someone you know have an interesting hobby?
Let us know at usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil.





WAACs (Women's Army Auxiliary Corps) proudly present arms

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Celebrating women of character, courage and commitment

Women have achieved incredible progress that seemed unimaginable not so long ago in American history. They persevered through social and cultural challenges and overcame past legal restraints to create a new legacy of achievement for generations that followed. They opened doors and breached barriers, and they inspired those who witnessed their character, their courage and their commitment.

The collective contribution of women to our country is extensive. Women work in every facet of American life and have expanded opportunities and possibilities for generations to come. They have demonstrated their mettle in countless ways, one of which is soldiering. Even before they could serve officially as Soldiers, women served the Army in various positions and became invaluable sources of support for fighting troops. They shared hardships during wartime and some shared duties in combat. For more than two centuries, women have served and sacrificed as members of the profession of arms. Today's female Soldiers continue to serve with valor and distinction, carrying on the rich and long tradition of character, courage and commitment that

"The best protection any woman can have ... is courage."

**- Elizabeth Cady Stanton
a leader of the Women's Rights Movement**

makes our Army the Strength of the Nation. History is clear: when put to the test, our Army women stand tall with their brothers-in-arms to prevent, shape, and win the Nation's wars.

We are equally proud to recognize the talented women who lend their depth of experience to our civilian work force. Their steadfast commitment is critical to the success of the total Army. We especially acknowledge the women in our families who provide untiring support through peace and war. As we pause to honor the many and important contributions of women to our Army and our country, we encourage our entire Army family to pay tribute with us. Together, we are Army Strong.

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General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

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Women in the U.S. Forces

Did you know that there are almost two million women veterans? From the American Revolution to Operation Allied Force around Kosovo, women have served in some way in every conflict. Not that they were legal in the early days. History tells us that 33,000 women served in World War I and almost 500,000 took part in World War II. During the Korean era 120,000 women were in uniform and 7,000 were deployed in theater during the Vietnam war. During Desert Storm seven percent of the total U.S. Forces deployed were women - over 40,000 of them.



5K SHAMROCK FUN RUN

USAG Benelux-Schinnen community members had fun



About 30 enthusiasts, many of them wearing something in the color green, took part in the 5K Shamrock Fun Run organized by the USAG Benelux-Schinnen Fitness Center in honor of Saint Patrick Day. First to cross the finish line was Lee Bacon (picture above), U.S. Coast Guard, who finished in a time of 24.47 (U.S. Army Photos by John Bruls)

Army Safe Spring Campaign now live online

By Julie Shelley

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The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center launched the annual Army Safe Spring Campaign online providing leaders and Soldiers easy access to seasonal safety materials.

The spring campaign, along with its counterparts for autumn, winter and summer, are designed to augment safety programs already in place in formations throughout the Army.

“Our goal is to help leaders and safety professionals develop the most robust safety programs possible,” said Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Edens, director of Army Safety and commanding general, USACR/Safety Center. “This campaign helps them maximize their time and reinforce safety messages unique to their formations.”

Edens said this year’s campaign topics, many of which emphasize private motor vehicle safety, correspond with the factors most often seen in accident reports during the March-May time frame.

“Now is when we’ll see the beginning of the uptick in PMV accidents,” he said. “The weather is nice, and more Soldiers are traveling than in the previous months. Those who ride are also bringing their motorcycles out of storage after the winter hiatus.”

Edens said early planning could reap large rewards later in the year, especially during the critical days of summer.

“Getting these messages out now reminds Soldiers of the risks before they have a chance to encounter them,” he said. “It’s a proactive way to ensure safety doesn’t get lost in the rush to enjoy their off-duty time.”

Command Sgt. Maj. Leeford C. Cain agreed, adding that leaders should set the standard



for their Soldiers.

“Leaders have a personal responsibility to be a positive role model,” he said. “They should live safety, not just talk about it.”

What to do when picking up your Privately Owned Vehicle

Special to the Gazette

Upon arriving at the Vehicle Processing Center (VPC) the contractor's agent will meet you. You and the contractor's agent will jointly inspect your POV to note any loss or damage during shipment. Be careful and thorough. Any loss or damage not noted during the joint inspection will require written notification and explanation to the contractor why the damages were not noted at delivery. If you do not note the damage at the time of pickup your claim will likely be denied. Claims service policy provides that obvious external damage that is not listed is not payable.

Your responsibilities at the VPC are:

- Carefully and completely list any loss and all damages to your vehicle on your vehicle inspection and shipping form (VISF), on the back side, column 1. The contractor's agent will record his agreement or disagreement on the backside of the form, column 2.
- Do not rely on the contractor's agent that shipped your vehicle to list loss or damage for you. Make sure you have listed all losses, damages, or destruction to your vehicle before you leave the VPC.
- Verify you mileage on your odometer. Understand that someone will drive your POV on and off the vessel; however, note any unusual mileage increase and report it to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) who is a Government employee.
- Carefully inventory items that were shipped in the POV, such as jumper cables, first aid kit, warning triangle, tools, jack, tire iron, and small convenience items.



When picking up your POV, among others, check your tires to ensure they were not damaged by improper tie down.

- Ensure stereo components, telephones, antennas and other audio equipment mounted to the POV are still there.
- Check the interior of your POV for any transit damage.
- Check your tires to ensure they were not damaged by improper tie down.

- When you sign the bottom of page 2 on the VISF, you acknowledge that this is the true condition of the POV when you received it.

If you feel the contractor's agent has interfered, or somehow frustrated your ability to enter exceptions on the VISF, then immediately report the matter to the COR at the VPC. Do not depart from the VPC. The COR is a Government employee who manages the VPC, then the COR cannot resolve your problem with the agent and reporting it to the claims office is too late.

If you discover damage after you leave the VPC, you must immediately notify the claims office and company that shipped

your vehicle in writing. Be sure to describe in detail the damage discovered and why it was not discovered at the final inspection at the pickup point. Failure to do this may result in no payment for this damage.

You have two years from date of pick-up to file your claim with the Military Claims Office (MCO). You must bring all shipping forms, and a copy of your orders in order to begin the claims process. Once you file a claim, the MCO will conduct an inspection of the damage. The MCO can assist with finding a local mechanic to obtain an estimate of repair.

For additional information, contact claims personnel at the Northern Law Center, Bldg. 318 on SHAPE at DSN 423-4061 or civilian 065-44-4061.

This week is Belgian week without pesticides

The following are tips to naturally fight pests at home:

Weeds

Mix a tablespoon of vinegar or of organic soap with hot water and spray the weeds.

Prevention: cover your soil with sun-blocking layer like straw, woodchip or a plastic cover.

Aphids

Spray the affected area with black soap or Marseille soap.

Prevention: Burying shredded banana peels around the base of plants

Prevention: Attract aphid natural predators like Ladybug or Lacewing. Nearby plantings of mint, fennel, dill, yarrow, and dandelions will help attract these insects to your garden.

Slugs

Use a caffeine based spray. Spray around infected areas, especially on leaves and soil surrounding any slug delicacies.

Crush up some egg shells and put them around your plants. Similar to coffee grounds, crushed egg shells work wonders on blocking out slugs with their sharp edges.

Prevention: Attract slugs natural predators like birds or hedgehogs by offering them shelter.

Prevention: Use slug trap like a small jar of dark beer buried in the soil.

Mouse and rats

Rats and mice hate the smell of mint. Sprinkle mint plant or leaves around your house to prevent them to invade your home. You can also use peppermint oil.

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Paid internships with CYSS

If you are a U.S. citizen between 15 and 18 years old, currently attending high school, if you possess and maintain a C grade-point average or better and are subject to the satisfactory completion of local police background check, you are eligible to apply for a paid internship with CYSS Sports & Fitness. CYSS will offer a paid internship for 12 continuous work weeks once all goals are met with 15-18 hours of work during school weeks and a maximum of 40 hours during non school weeks. CPR training, First Aid and child abuse prevention class will be offered. If interested, call CYSS at DSN 423-5611 or civilian 065-44-5611.

New Bowling Center hours at Schinnen

The Pin Point Café at USAG Benelux-Schinnen is open as follows:

- Mondays-Tuesdays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesdays-Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Sundays: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Regular menu is every day from 11 a.m. to closing and new is breakfast on Mondays-Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

West Point graduates and friends

The annual West Point Founders Day Dinner for West Point graduates, ex-cadets, cadet parents, former faculty and friends will be held March 22, at 6 p.m. at the Royal Club des Guides, Rue d'Arlon 32, 1000 Brussels. All graduates, ex-cadets, former faculty and friends are invited. All-inclusive price is € 55 or \$75 per person. Dress is formal. For reservations or information contact Chuck Westpheling at 081/22 39 65 .

Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Program

The Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program (CSF2) launched a new social media platform, ArmyFit, for Soldiers, Army families and Army civilians to use in building their resilience and enhancing their performance. This online, self-development platform offers members of the total Army an opportunity to access tools and resources that will help them improve their physical and psychological strength in the areas of social, emotional, spiritual, family and physical fitness. For information go to <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-131521>.

CYSS SHAPE/Chièvres

Softball for girls ages 10-12 - Registration is open until March 21 for season starting March and running through May. Cost is \$40. For more information or to register, call DSN 423-5612/5611 or civilian 065-44-5612/5611.

CYSS Schinnen

Youth Baseball/ Softball NAYS Coaches Clinic - Sign up by March 24 for the March 26 clinic, held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Bldg.# 602. The class is free. NAYS Coaches Training is a mandatory requirement to coach CYSS Sports & Fitness Programs. In addition, you will receive Child Abuse & CPR Training also mandatory for all volunteers. For more information or to register, contact CYSS at DSN 364-4195 or civilian 045-526-4195.

AFCU \$1,500 scholarship

Andrews Federal Credit Union is now accepting applications for one of the eight \$1,500 non-renewable scholarships for higher education and books. Any AFCU member or member's dependent pursuing a degree from an accredited college or university is eligible. Application forms are available online and in branches through April 25. All applicants have to be members or members' dependents with an Andrews Federal account in good standing as of Feb. 1. (If student is a member's dependent, the student does not have to have an account; parent/guardian must be the account-holder). Scholarship applications must be received no later than April 25 at Andrews Federal Credit Union, 5711 Allentown Road, Suitland, Md. 20746 by 4 p.m. via mail, 5 p.m. via branch-delivery or 11:59 p.m. via email. The 2014 scholarship application form is available at any branch or online at <http://www.andrewsfcu.org/scholarship2014>. Judges will not know the identities of applicants during the selection process.

WIC Overseas Program

The U.S. Department of Defense offers the Women, Infants, and Children Overseas Program to eligible overseas beneficiaries. The WIC Overseas Program provides participants with benefits, including:

- Nutrition and health screenings
- Nutritious foods
- Tips on how to prepare balanced meals
- Access to other resources that help you and your family to lead healthier lives

The WIC Overseas Program is available to eligible participants living overseas, including:

- Members of the uniformed services and their family
- DoD civilian employees and their family members
- DoD contractors and their family members

For more information contact WIC Overseas USAG Benelux at DSN 423-5971 or civilian 065-44-5971, or WIC Overseas USAG Benelux-Schinnen at DSN 360-7489 or civilian 046-443-7489.



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Benelux News is a compilation of translated news stories from regional media sources

New U.S. Ambassador in the Netherlands

A new U.S. Ambassador has been appointed after more than two years without one. The senate last week voted in favor of naming lawyer Timothy Broas as America's new representative in the Netherlands. The naming of Broas comes just ahead of President Barack Obama's visit to the Netherlands to attend the Nuclear Security Summit at the end of this month. Broas should have been named in 2012 but he withdrew after he was caught drunk-driving. A partner in law firm Winston & Strawn, Broas has no diplomatic experience. However, he collected more than \$500,000 for Obama's 2012 campaign from family members, colleagues and other wealthy associates, the Washington Post said in April 2012, when his candidacy was announced. The US has not had an ambassador in the Netherlands since Fay Hartog Levin left in September 2011.

Humboldt penguins born at Blankenberge

Four Humboldt penguins were born at the Sea Life marine center in the West Flemish resort of Blankenberge. For some years now, Sea Life Blankenberge had been engaged in a breeding program for the endangered species of penguins. The chicks and their parents are reported to be doing well, although the baby penguins are reported to still be very weak. The penguin chicks will have to stay inside under the warmth of their parents' wings during the first forty days of their lives. Only once they are strong enough, will they be allowed out. To see the penguins, you can do so via this link: <http://www.visitsealife.com/blankenberge/webcams/pinguin-cam/>. The Humboldt penguin is one of the most endangered species of penguin and is named after the German explorer Alexander von Humboldt

7,000 evicted from their Dutch homes

Last year almost 7,000 individuals and families were evicted from their homes, an 8% increase on 2012. In 88% of cases, people were evicted because they did not pay their rent. Others were told to leave because they were a public nuisance, they were illegally living in the property or were growing marijuana on a large scale. Housing corporations are currently owed some €250m in unpaid rent.

Jump in stress at work in Belgium

A survey commissioned by the European Social Fund reveals that half of all Belgians say that they are experiencing more stress at work than five years ago. Nathalie Bekx of Trendhuis that conducted the research: "Our respondents link increased stress to increased work pressure, juggling work and personal commitments and poor management. Many are the employees that want to work from home or have flex-time work arrangements." The survey also shows that many highly skilled youngsters have taken a job that is below their potential or academic qualifications. "Last year only one in three youngsters was doing work that didn't require any diploma at all. Today the figure is one in three. Many young people can't find a job because highly skilled candidates are getting there first. This is bad news for both the highly skilled and low skilled candidates. Don't be surprised if you encounter a receptionist with a stack of university degrees," Bekx added.

Zebra fish to help Belgian research project

A new research facility at the University of Ghent's Medical Genetic Center will house some 6,000 zebra fish. The fish and mice that are already at the center will be used for research into heredity illnesses such as cancer, cardio-vascular defects, blindness and osteoporosis. There are a number of disadvantages with using traditional lab test animals such as mice and rats that you don't have with zebra fish. A zebra fish lays its eggs outside the body and the eggs are fertilised and embryos developed outside the body too. This means that it is easy to follow their development into larva. While it can easily take between one and two years before any data can be gained from mice. This is between just three and five months with zebra fish.

Dutch soccer team out of Fifa Top 10

The Dutch national soccer team has dropped out of the Fifa top 10 world rankings for the first time since 2002. Oranje's 2-0 loss to France earlier this month pushed the Dutch squad from 10th to 11th place, behind Belgium. In June 2011, Oranje headed the rankings and was in the top three for a long period.



This column includes events within close distance to Chièvres, SHAPE, Brussels

22-23 March

- **"Ducasse" of Messines in Mons** - Known as one of the oldest events of this type in Hainaut, the "Ducasse" of Messines held at Quartier de Messines between la Rue Bertaimont, l'Avenue Jean d'Avesnes and Place des Martyrs has been able to keep the charm and traditional appeal of old times in the guise of a flower market on Sunday morning. Other activities include a flea market and a procession.

22 March

- **Bastogne War Museum** - Opening of the new Bastogne War Museum, located next to the Mardasson Memorial.



The museum allows the visitor to step back in time and understand the reality of the Battle of the Bulge. It is a brand new building with a daring architecture and contemporary scenography. It highlights the causes, events and results of WWII in a modern and interactive manner. The original scenography is filled in by three sceno-visions, real multi-sensory 3D scenes, which ensure a complete immersion in history. More information at <http://www.bastognewarmuseum.be>.

- **Park of Enghien and its water's management** - Discover the hydraulic structures of the park and the work of the landscape architects. The visit is free and is held from 2:30 to 5 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Buissenal** for 4, 7, 15, 20, 25 km. Departure is on the square from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

22-23 March

- **Chocolate fair in Mons** - Enjoy tasting, shows, entertainment and many surprises around the theme of chocolate from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Rue de la chaussée 42. The shops will also exceptionally open Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

- **Boat trip on the Dendre river in Ath** - During a two hour trip, discover the natural resources of the Dendre, learn about the history of the streams and the functioning of locks. The trip starts from Rue des 4 Fils Aymon at 9 a.m. Participation is free.



This column includes events within close distance to Brunssum and Schinnen.

21-23 March

- **Garden & Home Fair in Goes** is held in the Zee-landhallen. Participants offer the newest trends for interior and garden. Open March 21 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and March 22-23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance is free.

22 March

- **Jazz Maastricht** - This annual festival takes place at several locations in the center of Maastricht (bars, pubs and terraces).
- **Volksmarch for 6, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or 40 km in Rucphen** - Departure is from Campsite De Posthoorn on Pierestraat 16 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. for the 6 and 10 km routes, from 8 to 11 a.m. for the 15, 20 and 25 km routes and from 8 to 9 a.m. for the 30 and 40 km routes.
- **Trunk sale in Herkenbosch** - From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Schaapsweg. Everyone can sell items from their trunk. No entrance fee.

22-23 March

- **Indoor Easter market in Düren (GE)** held at Haus der Stadt on Stefan-Schwer-Strasse 4 with all kind of spring and Easter decorations. Open March 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. and March 23 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **International Alpaca Show in Hapert** with more than 300 alpacas and their breeders from the Netherlands and Belgium is held at Sportpark de Lemelvelden, Burgemeester Van Woenseldreef. Alpacas are very sweet and easy to keep as pet or hobby. Entry is free. Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Jazz Maastricht Masters** is held at Theater aan het Vrijthof on March 22 and at Bonbonnière on March 23 and has world famous artists perform on different stages. Starts at 7:30 p.m. Entry on March 22 is €42.50 and €22.50 on March 23. More info and the program are available on www.jazzmaastricht.com.
- **Flea market in Wieze (BE)** will be held in Oktoberhallen on Schroverstraat 8. Both days open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €2.50.

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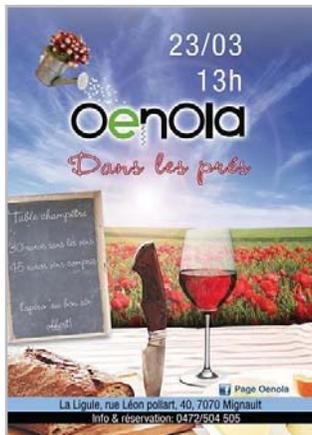
- **Art & Antique Fair "TEFAF" in Maastricht** - The world's largest, most important and exclusive Art & Antique Fair "TEFAF" is held at MECC. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and March 23 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €55 (catalogue included), children (12-18 years) €20. More information at <http://www.tefaf.com>.





23 March

- **Volksmarch in Ath** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Rue de l'Agriculture 301 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Blaton** for 5 and 10 km - Departure is on 26 Rue des Ecoles from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Participation fee is €3.
- **Volksmarch in Linkebeek** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Rue Hollebeek 212 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Engraving exhibition by Michel De Clercq (USAG Benelux DPW employee) in Thuin** - The exhibition is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is held on Rue Verte 1. Entrance is free.
- **Micro-brewery and creative activities in Horrues** - Learn about the making process of a brewer, enjoy tasting and meet with other craftsmen. This free event is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on 361 Chaussée de Lessines.
- **Local products in Mignault** - Enjoy a menu with the whole family made of local products at the Gîtes de la Ligule on Rue Léon Pollart 14 as of 1 p.m. The price is €45 per person, including wine. Registration needed at 0472-504505.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies** for 4, 6, 12, 21 km. Departure is on Rue Chanoine Scarmure 15 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Mont-Saint-Hubert** for 15, 25, 35, 50, 65 km. Departure is from the school on Rue des Ecoles 2 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. A breakfast is offered. Participation fee is €4 for the 15 and 25 km routes, €5 for the other routes.



Ongoing

Through 23 March

- **Eurantica in Brussels** - 33rd edition of the fine arts and antiques fair held at the Brussels Expo on Belgiëplein 1. Open from 2 to 7 p.m. on weekdays and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the weekend.

Through 4 May

- **Display on Marguerite Bervoets in Mons** - Discover her role in the resistance during WWII but also her life as a little girl and a woman. At Salle Saint-Georges on the main square, next to the city hall from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays and from 2 to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Through 26 April 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 is €12, children 6 to 18 pay €8, family package (2 adults and 2 children) are at €32.



23 March

- **Indoor flea market in Haarlem** - Held in Kennemerhal on IJsbanaanlaan 2 with more than 300 booths from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Entry is €3.50, children 12 and younger get in free of charge.
- **Volksmarch for 7, 13 or 22 km in Mheer** - Departure is from Harmoniezaal on Dorpsstraat 1 from 8 a.m. to noon for the 22 km route, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 13 km route and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the 7 km route.
- **Nordic walking for 12 km in Eys** - Departure is from Brasserie Eyserhof on Wittemerweg 7 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Children clothing and toys market in Swalmen** - At De Robijn on Robijnstraat 3 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. No entrance fee.
- **Flea market in Reuver** - At the events center De Paardenvriend on Bergerhofweg 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry is €2, children until 12 years old get in free of charge.

27 March - 19 April

- **Easter market in Essen (GE)** - Held in the center and on Kettwiger Strasse with lots of art, decorations, traditional Easter pastries and more Easter delicatessen. Open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on April 18.

Through 18 May

- **Keukenhof Gardens near Lisse** opens its gates again to show floral displays planted in endless varieties among works of art. This year the international flower exhibition has chosen "Holland" as its central theme with the focus on the tulip and its history. The Keukenhof is open daily from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Entry is €15, children age 4 to 11 pay €7.50. More information at <http://www.keukenhof.nl>.



Mark your calendar

19 April

- **Kennedy Mars** - Register now for the Kennedy Mars held April 19 in Sittard. To register go to <http://kennedymars.org>. In a 1963 speech, John F. Kennedy said as a result of the modern affluent society, "nobody can walk 50 miles within 20 hours anymore". After this statement, people around the world walked 50 miles/80 km to prove he was wrong.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

For information on the trips below, call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-44-3884

- **Dover Castle and Canterbury, March 22** - Enjoy the view of the White Cliffs of Dover as we cross the English Channel. You will be inspired by this castle fit for a king as we explore the medieval grounds and it's Secret War Tunnels which are also included. Our trip continues to Canterbury where you will have some free time to see the Cathedral, Canterbury Tales and more. Departs Brussels at 4:30 a.m., departs SHAPE at 5:30 a.m., returns to SHAPE at 00:30 a.m. and returns to Brussels at 1:30 a.m. Price is €113 for adults, €106 for youth (5-15) and €96 for children (0-4).



Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trips below call DSN 360-7561 or civilian

- **Trout fishing, March 29** - Included in the \$35 fee is transportation to and from the fishing location plus cleaning of the fish. No rods or reels included. All trout will be collected and evenly divided. Space is limited so book early for this popular trip. Register with full payment.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below call civilian 0486/56.53.71

- **Polish Pottery Outlet & Utrecht, March 21** - Come with us to the Polish Pottery outlet at Nijkerk and stock up. We will spend a couple of hours at the outlet, and then we will continue to Utrecht. Utrecht boasts beautiful canals with extraordinary wharf cellars housing cafés and terraces by the water. Besides the Dom Tower, Utrecht has many other monuments that each contribute to the special atmosphere in this centuries-old university town. There are a variety of shops lining the canals and streets and the city center is small enough to explore on foot, but you may need to visit again to see all the art and culture available. The Rietveld Schröder Huis, Dick Bruna Huis, Catharijne Convent Centraal Museum and Museum Speelklok are just a few of the many places to visit. On a nice day you can take a walk in the Wilhelminapark, Lepelenburg park and botanical gardens. Price is €35 per person.



Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Maastricht, March 29**
- **Monet's Home and Gardens, April 12**
- **Keukenhof and Gouda, April 18**
- **Hans caves and safari park, April 19**
- **King's Day Amsterdam, April 26**
- **Rhine in Flames, May 3**
- **Champagne, May 10**
- **Paris, May 17**
- **Versailles, May 24**
- **Polish pottery, May 29 - June 1**
- **Normandy Beaches, May 30 - June 1**
- **Dutch Day, June 7**
- **London, June 21**
- **Stonehenge with Salisbury, June 28**
- **7 Night Mediterranean Cruise, July 4-11**
- **London, August 15-17**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Keukenhof Gardens, April 12**
- **Trip to Malgrat De Mar, Spain, April 18-27**
- **Miami Dolphins VS Oakland Raiders in London, 27-29 September**

SHAPE Travel Group

- **Nivelles & St. Feuillien, March 25**
- **Champagne in Epernay, April 24**
- **Keukenhof & The Hague, April 29**
- **Strasbourg, May 8**
- **Versailles Palace & Gardens, May 22**
- **Tongeren & the antiques market, June 1**
- **Fontainebleau Palace, June 5**
- **A day in Paris, June 19**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

20-21 March

- **Host nation and Newcomer's Tour** - On day one, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., explore the Dutch culture with an introduction to the language and get an overview of Tri-Border services. On day two, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., visit the Tri-Border communities, take a hospital tour, visit local attractions and shopping areas, and learn how to use the local trains and bus systems. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian 046-443-7512/7500.

22 March

- **Basketball Tournament** - 3 on 3 basketball tournament starts at 10 a.m. For more information contact the USAG Benelux-Schinnen FMWR at DSN 360-7561 or civilian 046-443-7561.

25-27 March

- **Department of Labor Employment Workshop (formerly TAP)** - From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the USAG Benelux-Schinnen ACS Conference room. This three day workshop is designed especially for service members leaving the military and for their family members. Learn skills needed for life beyond the military including how to locate a job and get that job by studying effective job search, resume writing and interviewing techniques. For information or to register call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian 046-443-7269/7500.

26 March

- **Heinsberg hospital tour** - Meet in the Heinsberg (Germany) Hospital Lobby at 6 p.m. No registration required. For more information call DSN 360-7335 or civilian 046-443-7335.

28 March

- **Financial planning** - From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the class offers financial planning and budget preparation tools required to complete the mandated 12-month post-military budget. For information or to register call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian 046-443-7269/7500. Class is mandatory for retiring or separating service members.
- **Parents' Night Out** - Enjoy a night out while CYSS takes care of your children. Care is \$12 per child with each additional sibling at \$10. New hours of care are from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. AFC benefits can be used. Care is located at JFC Brunssum. To sign-up contact PCS at least two days prior at 045-526-3121 or stop by to make your reservation. Open to CYSS Registered Children Infant-5th Grade. Fees are non-refundable.
- **Hearts Apart** - For youth separated from a loved one, whether through a deployment or a family situation. Meeting is from 2 to 3 p.m. at the AFNORTH International School. For more information, call ACS at DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian 046-443-7269/7500.

31 March (register now)

- **Women of the World Inspiring Change** - Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the E3A-Club, Geilenkirchen Airbase, Germany, in honor of International Women's Day and Women's History Month, a group of women residing within the Tri-Border community (Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands) are hosting a "women's History Month" luncheon to honor, celebrate and recognize women globally. To register, call +49 (0)2451-63-3791 or sent an email to womenshistorymonth@yahoo.com.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

20 March

- **Jazz and poetry night** - Performers can register on the Facebook page "Jazz and Poetry Night". This free event starts at 7 p.m. in the Mons Bar, SHAPE Club.
- **Preteen/Teen book club** - Meets at 4:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library to discuss *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi. Registration is not required and there is no fee for this program. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book, call DSN 423-5631, civilian 065-44-5631, e-mail at mwr.shape.library.info@us.army.mil or stop by during regular hours.



Community Roundup

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY Continued

21 March

- **Lunchtime concert** - Come, sit down, relax and listen to classical music performed by musicians from the SHAPE community from 12:15 to 1 p.m. at the SHAPE Chapel Center, East Chapel.

22 March

- **Purple Belt Self Defense Class** - Protect yourself, using your mind and your body. The class is led by a female self defense instructor and a male 2nd Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate. The class will be held at the SHAPE Gym from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Each participant will be awarded a purple belt. For more information or to register call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.
- **West Point Founders Day Dinner** - The annual dinner for West Point graduates, ex-cadets, cadet parents, former faculty and friends will be held at 6 p.m. at the Royal Club des Guides, Rue d'Arlon 32, 1000 Brussels. All graduates, ex-cadets, former faculty and friends are invited. All-inclusive price is €55 or \$75 per person. Dress is formal. For reservations or information, call 081-223965.

27 March

- **SHAPE Newcomer's briefing** - Briefings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., information fair from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., guided tour of the city of Mons from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Open to all personnel new to SHAPE. Register at <http://www.shape2day.com> or at DSN 423-4265, civilian 065-44-4265.

27-28 March

- **7th patchwork exhibition** - If you have created a patchwork project, you can bring it and take part in the show. Bring your project for exhibition and unused fabric to sell on March 27 from 10 a.m. to noon. The three best projects will be awarded a prize. Exhibition is held at the SHAPE Arts & Craft center from 1 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

20 March

- **Hospital guided tour** - Tour a local hospital with the Brussels Clinic Patient Liaison from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9783/9729 or civilian 02-717-9783/9729.
- **Cultural adaptation** - Learn about local customs and helpful basic French and Flemish vocabulary from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9783/9729 or civilian 02-717-9783/9729.
- **Food Handler Training Course** - This basic food handler training course is for those fund raising groups and activities that intend to participate in food sales at special events on SHAPE and Chièvres. Courses will be held at the SHAPE Health Care Facility, second floor conference room, Bldg. 401, SHAPE from 3 to 5 p.m. For additional information, call DSN 423-5823 or civilian 065-44-5823.

21 March

- **Metro Madness** - Learn how to use public transportation and take a trip to explore Brussels from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9783/9729 or civilian 02-717-9783/9729.

Save the date! Wednesday, March 26

USAG Benelux-Brussels

Women's Wellness Symposium

Let's talk health!

Nuket Veral : Life Coach
Katherine Mihm: Massage and Mediation
Dr. Stephens: Heart Health
Dr. Furduicarr: Oral Heart Health

3 Star Lounge

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Lunch is served! Make your own salads served with shrimp (\$8) or chicken (\$7).

Drawing to win a beauty and wellness gift basket...just by showing up!

For more information
DSN: 368-9822 or CIV: 02-717-822



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BRUSSELS COMMUNITY Continued

26 March

- **Women's Wellness Symposium** - At the 3 Star Lounge from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with four guest speakers to discuss the significance and benefits of health and wellness. Lunch will be available at \$8 or \$7. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.
- **"The 7 Habits of 24/7 Dads"** - Held at the ACS Conference Room, Bldg. 4, second floor from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information and to register, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.

31 March (Register by 26 March)

- **A special Italian wine-tasting dinner** - Hosted by the American Club of Brussels at the Hôtel du Berger, centrally located at the Porte de Namur. The chef for the evening will be Vincenzo Marino from the restaurant Vini Divini located just next door to the hotel and renowned for its outstanding Italian cuisine. The hotel itself has a fascinating history and is frequented by movie stars and celebrities, including Stromae who spent several days there with his team to work on a special project. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., price is €50 for members, €55 for non-members, four glasses of wine included. Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, March 26, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org. Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Wine-tasting" in the communications section.

Movie schedule at the SHAPE Cinema

Rates: 2D movies are €7 for adults and €4 for 11 years and under; 3D movies are €9 for adults and €6 for 11 years and under. Movies are subject to change. Check <http://www.shape2day.com/cinema/february-movie-schedule.aspx> for updates.

March 21	4 p.m.	Mr. Peabody & Sherman 3D	PG	92 min
	6:45 p.m.	Pompeii 3D	PG-13	106 min
	9:30 p.m.	That Awkward Moment	R	94 min
March 22	4 p.m.	Tyler Perry's Single Moms Club	PG-13	98 min
	6:15 p.m.	Need for Speed	PG-13	124 min
	9 p.m.	That Awkward Moment	R	94 min
March 23	3 p.m.	Son of God	PG-13	95 min
	5:45 p.m.	Pompeii 2D	PG-13	106 min
March 26	4 p.m.	Mr. Peabody & Sherman 3D	PG	92 min
	6 p.m.	300: Rise of an Empire 3D	R	102 min

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres 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). Check the schedule at: <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. Check the schedule at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.

Movie schedule at the JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Adult admission is €5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3 (ages 11 and under). Check <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/Movies-Brunssum.htm>.

March 21	7 p.m.	That Awkward Moment	R	94 min
March 22	4 p.m.	Mr. Peabody & Sherman	PG	92 min
	7p.m.	Tyler Perry's Single Moms Club	PG-13	98 min

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