

THE GAZETTE

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

Benelux news briefs

VE Day to be celebrated

Join the garrison for Victory in Europe, or VE Day events:

- **Chièvres: 10:30 a.m.**

Ceremony including wreath laying at the War Victims monument in front of the city hall.

- **Bruglette: 11 a.m.**

Ceremony including wreath laying at the War Victims monument next to the church.

USAG Benelux will participate in both ceremonies.

Clinic reduces services

The SHAPE Healthcare Facility will operate on a Belgian/SHAPE holiday schedule May 2 for Belgian Labor Day, which falls on Sunday, May 1, and May 5 for Ascension Thursday:

- Acute Care Walk-in Clinic from 8 to 10 a.m. only.

Cleaners changes hours

The Cleaners (laundry, dry-cleaning and alterations provider) in the Chièvres PX building will change its hours May 3:

- Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Next Gazette comes out day later than usual

The Gazette will be published May 6 next week since Thursday, May 5, is a Belgian holiday.

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'Thank you for your service'

Derrick Hood, USAG Benelux-Brussels deputy garrison manager, presents a length-of-service certificate to Lawrence O. Brown at USAG Benelux-Brussels Wednesday, April 27, 2016. Brown has served the United States government for 50 years, and he is willing to serve as long as he can. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart) Read more about Brown in the next issue of the Gazette.

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

Caring team helps victims despite challenges

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

“All statistics in sexual assault are fluid,” a SHARP victim advocate said at the USAG Benelux briefing in Chièvres April 27.

Most victims don’t report the crime or they report it days, weeks, months and even years after it occurred, said Sandra Beecher, a USAG Benelux-Schinnen VA who facilitated the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, or SHARP, briefing, which was projected to the Brussels and Schinnen communities via video teleconference.

Besides garrison VAs, others in the Benelux are: 650th Military Intelligence Group, 39th Signal Battalion, SHAPE Healthcare Facility, AFNORTH Bn and 424th Air Base Squadron.

“There’s a lot of self-blame,” Beecher said, adding that, after a report is made, many victims say, “That’s the day my healing started.”

Beecher said that, once a report is made, dozens of people work on providing help to the victim in various way: victim advocate, sexual assault response coordinator, health-care providers, military investigators or host-nation law enforcement depending on where it occurred and other factors, lawyers (trial counsel and special victims counsel) and others.

“We extend our hand to the victim, but that doesn’t mean the victim is going to take it,” Beecher said.

The victim advocate helps the survivor through the reporting process or just listens if the survivor doesn’t want to report.

“Being a victim advocate means being there as much or as little as they want,” said Staff Sgt. Regan Davis, USAG Benelux VA. “The bottom line is: It’s the victim’s choice. There’s not one thing I do that isn’t chosen by the victim.”

Not only can reporting the crime help the victim recover, it helps the military know the extent of the problem, Beecher said.

“Recovery isn’t a trajectory,” she said, describing it more like a roller coaster.

History of prevention efforts

As with American culture as a whole, the military mindset on prevention has changed over the years. Risk reduction was emphasized at the beginning, but that approach often results in blaming the victim, Beecher said. In addition, it often has the victim wondering, “What did I do wrong?” instead of placing the blame squarely where it belongs – on the perpetrator.

The military prevention model has moved to bystander intervention with many briefers emphasizing the role of consent (and diminished consent due to drugs or alcohol) in sexual-assault scenarios.

Prevention challenges

Mandatory briefings are designed to raise awareness, but changing “hearts and minds” takes more than a briefing, Beecher said. The Department of Defense is finding new ways to do that, including current work on a video game on sexual-assault prevention and intervention.

Face-to-face social exchanges are less and less frequent among youths so they may have more and more difficulty confronting people who are out of line, Beecher said. Dates often consist of two people on their cell phones sitting across a table from one another.

“Kids grow up in a culture where we do a lot of our socializing on this,” she said, holding up a smart phone. “Bystander intervention might be, ‘Quit, dude.’ ” via text message.

Despite the challenges, spreading the word about prevention, intervention and reporting is crucial, she said.

“Your role is about thinking outside the box,” Beecher said, adding, “If someone in your life has been sexually assaulted and hasn’t reported it, help them find a way if that’s what they want to do.”

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

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Volunteers give back to Benelux community

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Two Benelux communities honored their volunteers this week.

The SHAPE/Chièvres community celebrated its volunteers in a recognition ceremony at the SHAPE Club April 26.

Six volunteers were singled out as being tops among the 176 volunteers who are registered through Army Community Service:

- Retiree Volunteer of the Year: Tim England
- Youth Volunteer of the Year: Beautiful Lawson
- Military Volunteer of the Year: Master Sgt. Rhonda Lawson
- Family Member Volunteer of the Year: Elizabeth Morgan
- Volunteer Organization of the Year: Grandma's Attic
- Volunteer of the Year: Colleen Tucker

The Brussels community celebrated its 155 volunteers in a ceremony at the 3 Star April 27.

Brussels winners of the different volunteer categories were:

- Youth Volunteer of the Year: Kalani A Villa;
- Military Volunteer of the Year: Air Force Master Sgt. Robert J. Mocerino;
- Volunteer Family of the Year: Butera family;
- Volunteer Organization of the Year: Brussels American School PTSO/Booster Club, Tutor/Coaches;
- Tender Heart: Meagan Strebe and

Tara Chyma;

- Deputy Garrison Manager Award (given for community member who stands out in the community as a volunteer): Joe Bautista; and

- Overall Volunteer of the Year: Lisa Quanbeck.

Volunteers are encouraged to visit Army Community Service and register in the Volunteer Management Information System, or VMIS, which tracks volunteer hours, according to Wallace "Spider" Turner, the USAG Benelux volunteer coordinator.

VMIS does more than track your volunteer hours, however. VMIS lists available volunteer opportunities and more.

People volunteer for lots of reasons. For many, it's the chance to be part of something bigger than themselves and to give something back to the community.

"Volunteering is about giving back, serving other and making our community better," said Sgt. 1st Class Meaghan Davis, one of the Presidential Award winners at the Bronze level with 100 to 249 hours. "We all have gifts and talents that can benefit others; we just have to be willing to share them. That's how we make our community better."

Beautiful Lawson, 16, who was named Youth Volunteer of the Year, had a different reason. When Beautiful first arrived at SHAPE with her mother, Master Sgt. Rhonda Lawson of AFN Benelux,



Elizabeth Morgan moves in new inventory at Grandma's Attic thrift shop, which is located on Caserne Daumerie during renovations of its Chièvres Air Base store, Thursday, April 28, 2016.

the young woman didn't feel like she belonged so she went out and found a way to belong through volunteering.

"I just like to volunteer because I think it's really fun," she said.

Named Family Member Volunteer of the Year at the ceremony, Elizabeth Morgan volunteers because she enjoys dealing with people.

"Grandma's Attic is a truly amazing organization — filled with volunteers who have such diverse backgrounds and experiences," she said.



Beautiful Lawson, 16, marks another lap on a runner's sleeve at the CYSS Colorful Run Friday, April 8, 2016. (Photo by Master Sgt. Rhonda Lawson)



USAG Benelux-Brussels volunteers are honored during a ceremony held at the 3 Star Wednesday, April 27, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart)

IMCOM-E names its best in community theater

Special to the Gazette

SHAPE Players nabbed eight awards at the April 24 Topper Awards in Kaiserslautern, proving that SHAPE Performing Arts Centre puts on some of the best community theater in Europe.

In an April 25 news release, Installation Management Command-Europe announced the winners of its annual Topper Awards. Almost 50 awards were presented for 16 shows at military installations throughout Belgium, Italy and Germany.

The Toppers shine a spotlight on those who take the stage as well as many who work behind the scenes, with everyone involved giving their time freely, whether as backstage crew members, designers, technicians, ushers, performers, directors or musicians. Overall last year, some 3,000 people contributed more than

300,000 volunteer hours in producing plays, musicals and special events held on region installations.

"These folks do so much for our communities," said Michael Formica, director of IMCOM-Europe. "We cannot thank them enough for providing such quality entertainment for our enjoyment."

The winners of the 2016 Topper Awards from the SHAPE Players Performing Arts Centre were:

Best Set Design for a Play

Dan LaMorte, "The Lucky Spot"

Best Costume Design for a Play

Mary-Louise Manning, "The Lucky Spot"

Best Technical Director for a Play

Thomas Reich, "The Lucky Spot"

Best Military Actor in a Play

Senior Airman Eli Rios (Turnip Moss), "The Lucky Spot," [who tied with Senior

Airman Micajah McCollough (George Gibbs), Our Town, Aviano Community Theater, Aviano Air Force Base]

Best Actor in a Play

Peter Hofmann (Reed Hooker), "The Lucky Spot"

Best Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical

Alice Santo (Little Becky Two Shoes), "Urinetown, The Musical"

Special Performance Achievement Award (Judges' Choice Award)

Edward Martin for original music for "The Lucky Spot"

Outstanding Stage Combat and Violence Design

"The Lucky Spot," SHAPE Players.
To read more about who won the Topper Awards, visit <http://www.army.mil/article/166666>.

American cemetery in Margraten needs volunteers to find photos

Faces of Margraten at Netherlands American Cemetery runs May 1 to 5 at which time volunteers will place photographs of those laid to rest at the cemetery next to their graves. May 5 will be the 71st anniversary of the Dutch liberation from the Nazis in World War II.

More photos of the fallen American WWII Soldiers are still needed. However, privacy laws make contacting family members and obtaining photos difficult.

Last year 25,000 grateful Dutch citizens came to the cemetery during the Faces of Margraten to pay their respects, according to the American Battle Monuments Commission website.

To find out more about how you can help, visit <http://www.abmc.gov/news-events/news/dutch-group-collecting-thousands-world-war-ii-soldier-photos-honor-fallen>.

Keep Earth Day message alive

Special to the Gazette

The USAG Benelux Environmental Division has extended its Earth Day drive for "orphaned socks" through May 10.

The drive illustrates that almost all waste can find a way to be recycled.

"All it takes is good sorting practices and dedicated treatment solutions," according to Marion Guihard, an environmental scientist at USAG Benelux Env Div. "Instead of throwing away socks that you can no longer pair, take these

orphaned socks to one of the collection points."

Drop off orphaned socks in the box at the launderette on Chièvres Air Base or stop by Environmental Division in Hangar 6. All clean socks, including those that are well-worn, are welcome.

Collected socks will be sent to Chaussettes Orphelines so the association can spin them again and transform them into new clothes.

Jobs, training available

Jobs and job-readiness training are available in the Benelux:

Credit union has openings

Andrews Federal Credit Union is now hiring in both its Brussels and Chièvres locations. Interested applicants may apply online at <https://www.andrewsfcu.org>.

CYSS offers internships, more

The CYSS Youth Centre on SHAPE has two programs for youths in ninth through 12th grades:

- An eight-week internship May 2 to June 10 offers "job-ready" knowledge through the HIRED! program.

Pick up applications at the SHAPE Youth Centre.

- Prepare for your first job, and explore career choices and post-secondary education options during Job-Ready Training at SHAPE's Building 503 Wednesdays through June 1 from 10:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch is provided.

To register, call DSN 366-6839/6797 or civilian 065-326839/6797.

Alcohol Awareness Month

ASAP helps youths make 'healthy, safe choices'

Special to the Gazette

Established by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence in 1987, Alcohol Awareness Month has served to increase public awareness and understanding, reduce stigma and encourage local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues each April.

The Alcohol Awareness Month Campaign seeks to educate and draw attention to the broad impact that alcohol misuse and abuse has on service members, civilians and families within the Army community. The Army Substance Abuse Program has sponsored numerous activities supporting that goal.

"It takes all of us — service members, civilians, educators, friends and family — to work together to fight and not tolerate the cancer of alcohol abuse, which steals the future of our children and country," said Jay J. Khalifeh, the chief of the USAG Benelux Army Substance Abuse Program.

With increased awareness and understanding, this campaign's aim was to reduce stigma associated with individuals seeking help for alcohol-related problems and alcoholism. The main objective for Alcohol Awareness Month allowed the ASAP to seize every opportunity to raise responsiveness by encouraging people to make healthy and safe choices concerning their alcohol use. During this month, ASAP partnered with several community organizations to provide alcohol-awareness education at community events: Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR); Sexual Harassment and Assault Response Program (SHARP); Health Promotion Council (HPC) and SHAPE Healthcare Facility.

Drinking too much alcohol increases the risk of injury, violence, drowning, liver disease and some types of cancer. This April during Alcohol Awareness Month, USAG Benelux staff members encourage you to educate yourself and your loved ones about the dangers of drinking too much.

With this year's theme, "Talk Early,

How to cut back or quit drinking

If you are an adult and drinking too much, you can improve your health by cutting back or quitting. Here are some strategies to help you cut back or stop drinking:

- Limit your drinking to no more than one drink a day for women or two drinks a day for men.
- Keep track of how much you drink.
- Choose a day each week when you won't drink.
- Don't drink when you are upset.
- Avoid places where people drink a lot.
- Make a list of reasons not to drink.

If you are concerned about someone else's drinking, offer to help.

For additional information or assistance, call USAG Benelux ASAP at DSN 423-2658 or civilian 065-442658.

Talk Often: Parents Can Make a Difference in Teen Alcohol Use," the month of April has been filled with local, state and national events aimed at educating people about the treatment and prevention of alcoholism, particularly among America's youth, and the important role that parents can play in giving children a better understanding of the impact that alcohol can have on their lives.

Local NCADD leadership — as well as schools, colleges, churches, and countless other community organizations — sponsored a host of activities that create awareness and encourage

individuals and families to get help for alcohol-related problems.

In the Benelux, ASAP conducted an alcohol screening April 7, intended to help individuals assess their alcohol usage. In keeping with the theme of "Talk Early," two ASAP staff members addressed the students of SHAPE American High School and Middle School during "Take Over the School Day," April 21. In addition, the ASAP prevention coordinator participated in the Benelux Kids Day April 23, educating children and parents on the dangers of alcohol abuse as well as where and how to get help.

Youth and alcohol

Alcohol use by young people is extremely dangerous — both to themselves and to society — and is directly associated with traffic fatalities, violence, suicide, educational failure, alcohol overdose, unsafe sex and other problem behaviors, even for those who may never develop a dependence or addiction. Adolescence is a time of heightened risk-taking, and, as alcohol and drugs enter the picture, parents are faced with a unique set of challenges. They can simply sit back and hope their children will "get through it," or they can take an active role in learning about alcohol and drugs, and in helping their children do the same.

It can be daunting to talk with children about drinking and drug use, but it is well worth the effort parents put into it. In fact, research has shown that children who have conversations with their parents and learn a lot about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50 percent less likely to use these substances than those who don't have such conversations. USAG Benelux leadership has been proactive and strives to create an environment where children are educated and encouraged to avoid alcohol.

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to work together to fight and not tolerate
the cancer of alcohol abuse.'

FRENGLISH PAGE

Interns help US community with French touch

Special to the Gazette

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

Useful expressions

- Voici /vwa si/ Here you are
- De rien /Da rhea/ You are welcome
- S'il vous plait /sil voo play/ Please
- Merci /Muh see/ Thank you

Word search

Here are some words in French related to the theme "corps/body" / cor/ that you can find in the grid. Have fun!

- YEUX: eyes /yew/
- BOUCHE: mouth /boosh/
- NEZ: nose /nih/
- OREILLE: ear /o- hay/
- ORTEIL: toe /oc tay/
- PIED: foot /pia/
- MAIN: hand /muh/
- DOIGT: finger /da wa/
- BRAS: arm /brah/
- JAMBE: leg /jomb/
- VENTRE: stomach /vont/
- DOS: back /duh/
- COU: neck /coo/
- POITRINE: chest /pwa twin/

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Dialog: Introduce yourself

A : Bonjour, je m'appelle Julia.
 B : Je suis Antonio
 A : D'où venez-vous ?
 B : Je viens des États-Unis. Je suis américain. Et vous ?
 A : Je suis belge et je vis à Bruxelles. Où vivez-vous ?
 B : J'habite près de Mons. Quel âge avez-vous ?
 A : J'ai 28 (vingt-huit) ans. Et vous ?
 B : J'ai 25 (vingt-cinq) ans. Je dois vous laisser, j'ai un rendez-vous. Ravi de vous avoir rencontré.
 A : Enchanté, également.

A: Good morning, I am Julia.
 B: I am Antonio
 A: Where are you from?
 B: I come from the United States. I am American. And you?
 A: I am Belgian and I live in Brussels. Where do you live?
 B: I live around Mons. How old are you?
 A: I am 28 years old. And you?
 B: I am 25. I have to let you I have an appointment.
 It was nice to meet you.
 A: Nice to meet you, too.

All eight USAG Benelux interns, Marêva Baudart, Roxane Rasneur, Jérémy De Leeuw, Pauline Chevalier, Adeline Durot, Julie Anicotte, Margaux Warnotte and Alessio Stincheddu have contributed to this page.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Make reservations now

- **Mother's Day Brunch** - Treat Mom to brunch at the 3 Star **May 8** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make your reservation by April 30. Cost: adults, \$17; children, \$8.50. For more information or to make reservations, contact reservations3star@yahoo.com or call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.
- **Free comedy show and more** - AFE Comedy Show: "Don Barnhart's Battle Comics" appears on the 3 Star stage **May 11** from 5:30 to 9 p.m. A \$5 party-snack buffet will be available from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Open to all NATO ID card-holders. RSVP for show and food by May 6 at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Hourly child-care will be provided at Brussels CYSS from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$12 per child, non-refundable. Call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651 to make your child-care reservation by May 10.

April 29

- **Community Support Group** - In response to recent global events, USAG Benelux-Brussels Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program will offer a support group to individuals looking for a safe environment to express their feelings and discuss their concerns. The group will meet for discussion at ACS in Building 4 from noon to 1 p.m. The community support group won't offer clinical services; however, any participant requiring clinical services will be referred to Behavioral Health or support services within the community.
- **Venture Crew 511 Open House** - The Venture Crew is a program that is fun and full of challenge and adventure for young men and women, ages 14 (or 13 and have completed the eighth grade) to 20, from the American and international communities. Venturing is a coed program offered through the Boy Scouts of America. The open house will be held at the 3 Star from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.

May 6

- **Cinco de Mayo at the 3 Star** - The 3 Star Recreation Center has a Mexican celebration planned to observe Cinco de Mayo, including a taco dinner, from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost: adults \$10, children, ages 12 and under, \$5. Reserve by May 3 at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Mother's Day volleyball tournament** - Attention all. The staff of the USAG Benelux-Schinnen Fitness Center is looking for female volleyball players in the Tri-Border area to play in the tournament it's hosting **May 7**. This single or double elimination (depending on number of participants) will begin at 10 a.m. Come catch all the action and support your team. Stop by the fitness center to sign up your team. If you aren't on a team and would like to play, come sign up and you will be placed on a team. For more information, contact the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561 or civilian + 31 (0) 46-4437561.
- **Military Spouse Appreciation Night** - Hosted by the Geilenkirchen A&FRC, the event will be held **May 13** at 6 p.m., E-3A Club. The theme for the night is "NATO Rocks" and will include a Lip Sync Battle competition. All military spouses are invited to attend. Admission: €5. Spouses can sign up by calling DSN 458-6015 or civilian +49(0)2451-63-3791 or sending an email to 470abs.dpf2@us.af.mil. Child-care will be provided.
- **Flea market** - Schinnen Outdoor Recreation will host a flea market **May 14** inside the Schinnen Activity Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Setup is at 9 a.m. Cost: \$10 per table. Sell your goods or buy some treasures. To reserve a table, call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

May 2 to June 27

- **Military hand-to-hand combat training** - U.S. Army Combatives Level 2 (Tactical Combative) Course will be held at JFC Brunssum Gym's Main Hall. Open to qualified U.S. Army Combative Level 1 and Level 2 NATO partners -- both military and civilian. To sign up, call DSN 364-3728/3890 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263728/3890.

May 3

- **Family Readiness Group training** - Learn the latest policies and how FRGs can assist families and Soldiers at the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Community and military agency representatives will provide updates on FRG topics, including fundraising. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269.

May 4

- **Mindfulness Meditation** - Learn the basics of Mindfulness Meditation in Building 22's DPW Conference Room from noon to 1:30 p.m. Research has demonstrated a number of health benefits that result from the daily practice of meditation, including increased physical relaxation and increased emotional regulation. Registration is required. Call DSN 423-2658 or civilian +32 (0) 65-442658.

May 5

- **5K Cinco de Mayo Fun Run/Walk** - The fun run will start from the Schinnen Fitness Center at 9 a.m. For more information, contact the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437561.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Tickets now available

- **Jazz Brunch** - This charity event will fill the SHAPE Events Centre with music **May 14** at 10:30 a.m. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Alpha Alpha Theta Zeta Chapter, otherwise known as the Belgium Zetas, will be putting on the event to benefit its scholarship fund. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/belgiumzetas> or belgianzetas@gmail.com. Cost: €40 (includes a full champagne buffet and a live band); children, ages 8 and under, free admission with a paying adult.

April 28

- **Thrifty Thursday: Marvel Night** - Get in spirit of Marvel heroes in anticipation of "Captain America: Civil War" (coming soon to SHAPE Cinema) with half-price popcorn and two free Marvel movies: "Captain America: The First Avenger" (PG-13) at 4:30 p.m. and "Iron Man" (PG-13) at 6:45 p.m. Thrifty Thursday is a recurring event spotlighting earlier films in movie series or films with related subjects to upcoming movies.

April 30

- **Self-Defense Class** - April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Adults and youths, ages 13 and older, can learn to protect themselves using their minds and bodies at the Chièvres Fitness Center from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information and to register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

April 30, May 1

- **Spring Garage Sale and Flea Market** - Drive through SHAPE's on-base housing areas from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to choose among the many garage sales or browse the booths set up in the parking lot in front of the Pizza Bowl. There is no fee to set up a garage sale or booth. For details, call the SHAPE Morale and Welfare Branch, or MWB, front office at DSN 423-8340/8341 or civilian 065-448340/8341.
- **Spring Bazaar** - The SHAPE American High School Scholarship Committee presents its Spring Bazaar at the SHAPE American School cafeteria Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds go toward scholarships for SAHS students.

May 5

- **2nd Annual SHAPE Baseball Camp** - This sports camp will be held for all SHAPE children from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the SHAPE American High School baseball field. Register at the Rendez-Vous April 29 from 5 to 6 p.m. or at the baseball field behind the fuel station April 28 or May 3 to 4 from 5 to 6 p.m.

May 6

- **"Captain America: Civil War" Night** - Pre-sale souvenir movie tickets (adults, €6.50; children, ages 12 and under, €3.75) for this showing of "Captain America: Civil War" are now available at the Pizza Bowl. Pre-sale tickets give theater patrons 50 percent off popcorn the day of the event (or come in costume to receive half-off on popcorn). Doors to SHAPE Cinema open at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7:30 p.m. Chances for attendance prizes. Captain America and other Marvel characters will be available for photos prior to the movie. The Pizza Bowl will offer Captain America shield pizzas for sale. After the movie showing, the Marvelous Party moves to B3's in the SHAPE Events Centre from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. A costume contest will be held at midnight.

May 7

- **Strong B.A.N.D.S.: Dog Jog** - Meet at the Chièvres Kennel for a 5k/3k with your dog that will have agility obstacles along the route. Strong B.A.N.D.S. is a resiliency initiative whose initials stand for "Balance, Activity, Nutrition, Determination and Strength." Army wellness experts encourage you to participate in a Strong B.A.N.D.S. event, wear your band to show your commitment to a healthy lifestyle and visit <http://www.armymwr.com/strongbands.aspx> to learn more.

May 9

- **Holocaust Days of Remembrance** - The USAG Benelux Equal Opportunity Office and SHAPE International Library are joining forces to assist the community in observing Holocaust Days of Remembrance with a display in the Chièvres Exchange complex from noon to 2 p.m.

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates — 2D movies: adults, €6.50; children, ages 12 and under, €3.75. 3D movies: adults, €8.50; children, ages 12 and under, €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon.

Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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

Travel the Benelux

Fortress of Breendonk was a concentration camp in WWII

By **Jérémy De Leeuw**

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During World War II, the Nazis butchered their way across Europe. No country was spared and traces are still to be found all across the continent.

In Belgium, the fortress of Breendonk, built in 1906 and located in the « Petit-Brabant » region, less than 16 miles away from Brussels, is one remaining of this harrowing time. Although the camp was first aimed at protecting Antwerp and its port, on September 20 1940, the Fort became officially a transit camp.

During the first year, prisoners were majorly Jews but soon enough, many of them were deported to death camps, leaving a handful of Jews and numerous political prisoners and members of the Resistance in the camp.

In total around 3,500 people were imprisoned in the camp, half of them perished on site before they could even reach the death camp that they were assigned to go to, as the conditions they were living in were unbearable: Food was rationed, fifty prisoners were sleeping in a room designed for 38 people. Prisoners were beaten up, tortured, dehumanized.

Not only the living conditions were hard to put up

with. Indeed, forced labor was also draining prisoners' energy. The inmates had to work more than 12 hours a day at an excruciating pace. In the few years during which the camp was managed by Nazis, 250,000 cubic meters of soil were emerged by prisoners to create a high wall to hide the camp from view.

In 1944, the camp was liberated and two years later, The SS guards were tried. The Nazi camp commandant, Philipp Schmitt, who was sentenced to death, never showed any remorse during his trial and tried to make up for his past misdeeds by saying that he had just tried to reeducate the prisoners.

The fortress of Breendonk was considered as a national memorial in 1947 and is now open to public. During your visit at the fort, you will see the rooms in which the prisoners were sleeping, the torture chamber in which prisoners were interrogated, the execution pole where prisoners were shot by firing squads and to better understand the cruelty of what happened, you will hear accounts of prisoners who were victims of the gruesome acts committed by the Nazis in the fortress of Breendonk.



Entrance to the Fortress of Breendonk (Courtesy Photo)

GPS Address

Brandstraat 57
2839 Willebroek

Opening Hours

Monday through Sunday:
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (July and August)

Admission

€11 per adult
€10 for ages 6 to 18 and over 65
Free of charge for children under 6 years old.

Parking

Parking is available free of charge

Stromae: Biggest pop star in French-speaking area

by **Marève Baudart**

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One of the best and funny ways to get to know a culture is by listening to its music. I wonder if you have already paid attention to what 2000s Belgian music sounds like? If it is not the case, don't miss the chance to be familiar with the biggest Belgian singer, rapper and lyricist Paul Van Haver.

The 31-year-old man is better known by his stage name, Stromae, a scramble of Maestro. Born in 1985, in Etterbeek, he hit the limelight with his song "Alors on Danse" in 2009. Stromae's music has the particularity to overflow with emotion and you can't help dancing to the music. The lyrics stay in mind because they are easy to understand with little figures of speech, but many repetitions and specific plays on words.

Throughout his music, Stromae depicts today's modern society and its vice (alcohol, debts, adultery...). Very creative, each of its clips surprises us more and more. For instance, one of its videos called "Formidable" portrays clichés in a relationship. For this video, he set up hidden cameras in a busy street in Brussels and then acted drunk. For "Tous les Mêmes", Stromae made one half of his head female and the other male to embody a quarreling couple.

Stromae, often compared to Jacques Brel (famous Belgian singer), is a symbol of Belgium's unity. Belgium is known for its regional tensions; however, proud of his country, Stromae promotes living together.



Phéline Baudart

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Amsterdam, April 30**
- **Poland: Polish pottery, Auschwitz, Krakow and Wroclaw, May 5 to 10**
- **Monet's House and Gardens, Giverny, France, May 21**
- **Dover Castle and Canterbury, Great Britain, May 28**
- **Asparagus Dinner and Cruise, Maastricht, the Netherlands, May 28**
- **Normandy Beaches and Mont St-Michel, June 5 to 8**
- **Paris, June 11**
- **Amsterdam, June 18**
- **Scotland, June 18 to 26**
- **London, June 25**
- **Disney Paris, June 29**
- **Legoland, July 1 to 3**
- **Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, July 5 to 9**
- **Durbuy and Namur with the Citadelle, July 13**
- **EuropaPark and Strasbourg, France, July 16 to 17**
- **Tour of the Harry Potter Studios, July 18**
- **London: One Night, Two Musicals, July 20 to 21**
- **Grottes de Han, July 27**

- **Xanten (Germany) with Archaeological Park, July 30**
- **Rhine River Cruise, Cable Car and Fortress, Aug. 6**
- **Rotterdam with Splashtour, Aug. 9**
- **Copenhagen (Denmark), Aug. 12 to 15**
- **Moulin Rouge, Paris, Nov. 19**
- **Crete (Greece), Spa and Middelkerke (Belgium), all year**

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- **Keukenhof Gardens and Scheveningen, May 3**
- **Versailles, May 19**
- **Honfleur and Calvados, May 26**
- **Arnhem, June 7**
- **Canterbury, June 23**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **London, May 28**
- **Day trip to Disneyland, Paris, France, June 4**
- **Berlin Express, Germany, June 25**
- **Weekend Trip to the D-Day Landing Beaches, Memorials & Battle Monuments in Normandy, France, July 15 to 18 (Payment due by May 6.)**
- **Regular Season NFL Game Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 29 to 31 (Pay by July 29.) Pickups at Schinnen and SHAPE.**



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April 29

- **Run in Ecaussinnes** - Run for children, ages 5 to 12, will depart at 7 p.m., two runs for adults (5 and 10 km) will depart at 8 p.m. from the school "Ecole du Sacré-Coeur" on Rue Legrand. Award presentation starting at 9:30 p.m.
- **Bourbon Street Jazz Band concert in La Hestre** - Performing New Orleans Revival jazz at Salle v. Motte on Rue de Jolimont starting at 8 p.m. Admission: €8. For details, visit <http://www.centritudes.be>.

April 29 to May 1

- **Naturama Fair in Maisières** - Arts & crafts with highlight this year on Belarusian crafts at Salle Calva, Cité des Espinois from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Friday and from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Free admission.

April 30

- **Flea market in Ligne (250 booths)** - On the square, Rue de la Brasserie from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Childrens flea market in Binche** - For children's toys and clothing at the fest tent at Rue des Masures 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Farm animals come to Mons** - Farm animals will be in the center of town, farm products market and various activities related to the farm from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Local products and arts & crafts in Neufvilles** - At the workshop for disabled with products from the farm that you can visit as well, decorations, jewelry and more from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking is on Rue de Godimont with regular shuttles to the farm.

April 30 to May 1

• **Plant fair in Bois-d'Haine**

- At the Ferme de la Verdinie (Farm), Rue Basse, which will also open its doors for visits from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission.



May 1, Belgian Labor Day

- **Antique and flea market in Ronse** - Held on Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Baudour (250 booths)** - On Rue du Parc from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Blaton (120 booths)** - On the square from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Brugelette (110 booths)** - On Rue de la Sucrierie from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Goegnies-Chaussée (350 booths)** - On Rue de la Chaussée from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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April 29

- **Illuminated evening market in Hoogstraten, Belgium**, will be held in the center of town. Open from 5 to 10 p.m. Free admission.

April 30

- **Flower-and-plant market in Wichelen, Belgium**, will host participants from Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg at Oud Dorp, Pasto-rijdreef, Paddenhoek and Nederkouter. Open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Spring in the City in Zutphen** at Groenmarkt with food trucks, children's activities, markets, live music and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Free admission.

April 30; May 7, 14, 21, 24

- **Antique-and-curiosa market in Roermond** will be held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of town. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 30 to May 1

- **Burgi-Spargelmarkt in Brügggen am Niederrhein, Germany**, will be held in the center of town. You can taste many asparagus dishes and wines. Open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Medieval festival in Vaassen** will have lots of medieval activities and entertainment at Castle Cannenburch. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €9.50; children, €5.50.
- **Pasar Malam Zutphen in Zutphen** is an indoor Asian year market with many stands displaying exotic and tropical products as well as delicious food. The market will be located in the Hanzehal at Fanny Blankers-Koenweg 2. Open Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 7 p.m. Admission: €7; children (6-12) €5.

May 1

- **Spring Fest in Gilze** will be held at the Lodge at Alphensebaan 14. This fest will be a country-western festival with live music, food, country-western activities and demonstrations, such as preparing bullets. Open from noon to 6 p.m. Admission: €2.
- **City Fest in Kalkar, Germany**, will take place in the historic center of town and offer a large market for flowers, herbs and plants as well as many delicacies.
- **Asparagus and arts & crafts market in Walbeck/Geldern, Germany**, will take place in the center of town. Open from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The parade with the princess will start at 3 p.m.

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May 1 continued

- **Flea market in Hyon (350 booths)** - On Rue du By from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jemappes (300 booths)** - In the center of town from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ronquières (up to 850 booths)** - At Plan Incliné, Route Baccara 1w from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Book and cartoon fair in Lens** - In the fest tent on Place de la Trinité from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Possibility to sell your books at €5 per table. For additional information, visit <http://www.lens.be>.
- **Volksmarch in Malèves-Sainte-Marie for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue d'Orbais 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Nivelles for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue Clarisse, 10 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saint-Denis/Obourg for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the Abbaye de St Denis, Rue de la Filature 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Sars-la-Bruyère for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the fest tent on Rue des Ecoles from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Neufvilles** - Hosted by the school on Rue des 7 Blasons, rides are for 15, 25, 40 or 60 km starting at 7:30 a.m.
- **Little Montmartre in Tournai** - Painters, cartoonists and draftsmen will be available to have your portrait made at the Vieux Marché aux Poteries between the belltower and the cathedral every Sunday starting in May from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Through May 1

- **Floralia in Gent** - A flower-and-plant festival is being held at four sites: Bijlokesite, Leopoldskazerne, Citadelpark and Sint-Pietersplein. Open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

May 5 to 7

- **Medieval activities in La Roche-en-Ardenne** - Archery, faconry shows and more at Château Féodal, Rue du Vieux Chateau from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: adults, €7; children, ages 3 to 12, €5.

Through May 6

- **Floralia Brussels in Groot-Bijgaarden** - Admire 500 varieties of bulb flowers in the park of Château at Is. Van Beverenstraat 5, every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: adults, €12, children, ages 6 to 14, €5; children 5 and under, free admission.
- **Visit the Royal Greenhouses in Laeken** - Twenty full time gardeners tend the giant ferns, fruit-bearing banana trees, grottoes and a collection of tropical plants. At Avenue du Parc Royal, open everyday except Mondays. Admission: adults, €2.50; youths, ages 17 and under, free admission.



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May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

- **Antique-and-curiosa market in Maastricht** will be held at Vismarkt on Boschstraat. Open from noon to 5:30 p.m.

May 4 to 5

- **Vintage flea market in Sprimont, Belgium**, will offer design furniture, toys, paintings, clothes, curiosities and more at Carriere on Rue Joseph Potier. Open May 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. and May 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €2.

May 4, 5, 7, 8

- **Festival weekend in Woudrichem** will be held in the center of the historic fortified fishing village. The weekend will include a year market, flea market, street theater and music. Open May 4 from 1 to 11 p.m.; May 5 from noon to 5:30 p.m.; May 7 from 9 a.m. to midnight and May 8 from 1 to 9 p.m. The weekend includes the national fish-frying championship May 5. Free admission.

May 5

- **Liberation Day in the Netherlands** is always celebrated May 5 with many festivities in the whole country. Every province has a Liberation Festival with many national and international artists. In the evening, many cities will have fireworks. You'll find many free festivals, including:
 - **Westerpark, Amsterdam**, at Cultuurpark Westergasfabriek - from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.;
 - **Den Bosch** at Pettelaarse Schans;
 - **Den Haag** at Malieveld from 1 to 11 p.m.;
 - **Heerlen** at Pancratiusplein from 2 to 11:30 p.m.
 - **Roermond** at Munsterplein from noon to 11:45 p.m.;
 - **Rotterdam** at Euromast Park on Westzeedijk/ Parkkade in from 12:30 to 11 p.m.
- **Annual asparagus market in Arcen** will be held in the center of town. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **May Fest in Bad Waldliesborn, Germany**, will take place in the center of town. The fest will have culinary delicacies, music, attractions and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Asparagus market in Ennigerloh, Germany**, will be held at Marktwiese and der Hauptstrasse. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Traditional Parisian Market in Helmond** with painters and other artists will be held on Suyt Kade. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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