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Benelux news briefs

Memorial Day ceremony to be held in Bastogne

The USAG Benelux Color Guard will participate in the Memorial Day ceremony, which includes wreath-laying and a memorial service, at Mardasson Memorial in Bastogne Friday from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Mobile-phone center coming soon

Renovation of what was once a Belgian souvenir shop in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, or AAFES, complex will begin Monday, transforming it into the Mobile Center, a retail location for cell phones and related items. AAFES officials expect it to open July 1.

Sort trash, be careful where you put it

USAG Benelux Environmental Division has observed a recurring issue with trash in the paper-and-cardboard container on Caserne Daumerie.

It creates problems for the contractor and compromises completely the effort of the entire community to recycle.

Break down boxes and flatten the cardboard. When disposing the shredded paper, be sure to remove any plastic bags.

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Memorial Day observed in Benelux

A Boy Scout and a Daisy Girl Scout plant the American and Dutch flags at the grave of a fallen service member at Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, the Netherlands, Saturday, May 28, 2016. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts do this at every one of the 8,301 graves the day before the Memorial Day ceremony. Other ceremonies took place last weekend as well. (U.S.Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)

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Career Expo: Employers look for employees

Those pursuing employment and career opportunities will find expert insights and prospective employers at the 2016 Employment and Career Expo in the SHAPE Club in Building 903 June 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

- subject-matter experts to critique and tailor résumés;
- informative and interactive workshops;
- web-based seminars, commonly called webinars;
- guest speakers;
- a networking area with free, catered food and drinks; and

• more than 30 agencies looking to hire highly qualified and motivated military spouses, veterans and retirees.

Vendors representing local and worldwide employment opportunities, including government contractors and home-based businesses, will attend. You can also review volunteer and educational opportunities.

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

For details, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824. Brussels residents who wish to reserve a seat on the shuttle to the expo must call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

USAG Ansbach has openings in eastern Europe

U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach has several temporary-duty positions available in support of Installation Management Command-Europe operations at Mihail Kogalniceanu, Romania, and Novo Selo, Bulgaria, according to an article by the garrison in Ansbach, Germany.

"Currently, we have three openings at MK and one at Novo Selo," said Chuck Walls, deputy to the commander of USAG Ansbach. "Eventually, more people are expected to come aboard."

The specific positions now being filled are:

- Engineer, target grade GS-11/12;
- Morale, welfare and recreation background, target grade GS-11/12;
- Operations, target grade GS-12;
- Human resources, target grade GS-11.

The positions, which must be filled immediately, are open to all IMCOM employees in Europe, with other volunteers being able to compete for permanent positions once vacancies are announced, said Walls, adding that "this is a great developmental opportunity."



Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges (at far left), commander of U.S. Army Europe, and Michael Formica (second from right), director of IMCOM-Europe, receive a project briefing at Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria, Friday, May 27, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Staci Evbuomwan/194th Engineer Brigade)

People selected for the positions will be TDY three to four months and housed in military quarters, along with access to the post dining facility.

For details, talk to your supervisor who, in turn, will transfer your application to the deputy to the garrison commander or your deputy garrison manager.

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MEMORIAL DAY

Americans, Dutch, Belgians honor fallen during ceremonies

Americans, Dutch and Belgians honored their brothers in arms and liberators during Memorial Day ceremonies Saturday and Sunday.

The ceremonies took place Saturday at the Ardennes American Cemetery in Neupré, Belgium, and Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Hombourg, Belgium, and Sunday at

the Flanders Field American Cemetery in Waregem, Belgium, and the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, the Netherlands.

U.S. service members and civilians joined their host-nation partners to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice to guarantee the freedom they enjoy today.



(Clockwise from top) The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Joint Color Guard marches through rows of white tombstones during the Memorial Day ceremony at the Ardennes American Cemetery Saturday, May 28, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Marie-Lise Baneton) • A C-130 of the Belgian Air Force flies over the Ardennes American Cemetery during the Memorial Day ceremony Saturday, May 28, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Marie-Lise Baneton) • A joint combined honor guard at the Netherlands American Cemetery during the Memorial Day ceremony Sunday, May 29, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Nino Antonacci)

• Children from a local school raise Belgian and American flags after singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during the Memorial Day ceremony at Flanders Field American Cemetery Sunday, May 29, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Marie-Lise Baneton) • A Belgian WWII veteran attends the Memorial Day ceremony at Flanders Field American Cemetery Sunday, May 29, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Marie-Lise Baneton) • (Background photo) American and Belgian flags planted by each tombstone at the Ardennes American Cemetery Sunday, May 29, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Marie-Lise Baneton)



Chièvres American Festival enhances understanding

The city of Chièvres puts on its second annual American Festival at the Maison de la Cité on Rue de la Chapelle and in the vicinity Friday to Sunday.

The fest is designed to help strengthen ties among the Belgian, U.S. and SHAPE communities. Belgians can get to know the United States a little better through various American activities and food, and Americans and members of the international community can socialize with their neighbors and get a taste of typical Belgian culture.

The themes and highlights will be as follows:

Friday, June 3 "Rock '60s"

Admission: €5.

7 to 8:30 p.m.: Rock dance demonstrations.

8:30 to 11:45 p.m.: Rock concerts.

Midnight: Fireworks.

Saturday, June 4 "Texas"

2 to 3:30 p.m.: Country Dance demonstrations.

2 p.m.: Poker tournament.

6 p.m.: Line-dancing and Country.

8 to 11 p.m.: Country-music concert. Admission: €5.

Sunday, June 5

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: American market.

11 a.m.: SHAPE Band concert.

Noon: Classic-car display.

2 p.m.: Harley-Davidson motorcycle display.

4 p.m.: Wrestling demo.

Admission: adults, €10; children, €5.

7 p.m.: Concert. Admission: €5.

For the success of this event, the city is working with USAG Benelux, local shops, social groups, artists, schools and the Chièvres Air Base International Museum.



PCS moves: Know rules about taking pets with you

by Robert Szostek

U.S. Army Customs Agency-Europe Public Affairs Office



Pets are like family. Be sure you know the rules about taking them home. (Photo courtesy Customs PAO)

People moving stateside this summer may take most types of pets with them if they plan ahead. However, endangered-species laws prevent people from taking some turtles, birds and reptiles to the United States.

"Dogs must be free of disease and be vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days before they reach the USA," said Mike Dean, director of the U.S. European Command's Customs and Border Clearance Agency. "Puppies younger than 3 months and dogs in rabies-free areas, such as the United Kingdom, may be exempted, however," he said.

It varies by state, but generally unvaccinated dogs will be inoculated on arrival and confined for 30 days at the owner's expense. Cats must show no signs of disease, and rabies vaccination is required in most states.

People wanting to ship pet birds should consult the U.S. Department of Agricul-

ture website for the latest information on shipping birds because procedures can change at short notice. Visit <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/importexport>.

Arrangements to ship pet birds to the United States must be made 120 days in advance of the permanent change of station, or PCS.

Hawaii is the only place in the United States that is permanently free of rabies. Personnel moving to the Aloha State should consult the Hawaii Department of Agriculture website to find out about its special quarantine requirements for pets. Visit <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/aqs/animal-quarantine-information-page>.

For additional information on shipping pets and endangered-species legislation, visit a military customs office or consult the military customs website at <http://www.eur.army.mil/opm/customs/pets.htm>.

USAG Benelux focuses on safety – on and off duty



The USAG Benelux Safety Stand-Down Day was held May 26 on Chièvres Air Base for the SHAPE/Chièvres and Brussels communities and at USAG Benelux-Schinnen for the Brunssum/Schinnen community. The event on Chièvres drew some 220 people, to include participants from several tenant units.



(Clockwise from top left) Andy Daie, USAG Benelux fire inspector, helps a schoolchild from the Lens elementary school to operate a fire hose during Safety Stand-Down Day at Chièvres Air Base Thursday, May 26, 2016. • USAG Benelux 1st Sgt. Delonica Boyce is behind the steering wheel of the roll-over car. • Army Community Service representatives talk to a visitor to their information booth. • Belgian Federal Police give a briefing on the various services they provide to the SHAPE community as well as an update on the latest traffic rules. • A "cherry picker" rises above the Directorate of Public Works display of heavy equipment at Schinnen's Safety Stand-Down Day Thursday, May 26, 2016. • Phil Sorensen, USAG Benelux Industrial Hygiene, teaches a class on hearing conservation at USAG Benelux-Schinnen. • Schoolchildren from the Lens elementary school get a tour of a fire truck from Air Force Staff Sgt. Matthew Franck, a firefighter with 424th Air Base Squadron on Chièvres Air Base. • Wearing goggles that simulate drunk driving, Spc. Carl Brown, USAG Benelux Military Police, operates a pedal car. (U.S.Army photos by Cis Spook except where otherwise indicated)



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FRENGLISH PAGE

Interns help US community with French touch

Special to the Gazette

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

Useful expressions

- Il faut chaud /ill feh show/
- J'ai froid /zeh fwa/
- J'aime ... /zeh
- Je n'aime pas ... /zuh nem pa/

- It is hot
- I am cold
- I like ...
- I don't like ...

Word search

Here are some words in French related to the theme "temps/weather" /tahn/ that you can find in the grid. In French the stress always falls on the last syllable of the word. Have fun!

- Printemps : spring /pruh tahn/
- Été : summer /eh tay/
- Automne : autumn /oh ton/
- Hiver: winter /ee vair/
- Soleil: sun /so lay/
- Éclaircie: sunny spell /eh clair see/
- Neige: snow /nehz/
- Pluie: rain /plwee/
- Vent: wind /vuh/
- Orage: storm /orahz/
- Nuage: cloud /nu ahz/
- Grêle: hail /grail/
- Tornade: tornado /tor nahd/
- Ouragan: hurricane /ooh ra gah/
- Éclair: lightning /eh clair/

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Dialog: Call a cab

A : Bonjour, j'ai besoin qu'un taxi vienne me chercher. Je suis à Mons, rue de Nimy et je voudrais aller à Chièvres, rue du Château. Est-ce possible ?
 B : Oui, l'un de nos chauffeurs va venir vous chercher.
 A : Ok, merci. Combien cela coûte-t-il?
 B : Cela coûtera 55€.
 A: OK, merci.

A: Hello, I need a taxi to pick me up. I am in Mons, rue de Nimy and I would like to go to Chièvres, rue du Château. Is it possible?
 B: Yes, one of our drivers will come to pick you up.
 A: Ok, thank you. How much does it cost?
 B: It will cost 55€.
 A: OK, thanks.

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

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Registration now open

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service or SHAPE ACS by video-teleconference at Brussels ACS. To sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783:
 - **Dress for Success Workshop** -Join the ACS Employment Readiness staff for an informative workshop on dressing appropriately. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **June 9** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 - **Résumé-writing Workshop** - Just in time for the Benelux Employment and Career Expo June 17: Make your résumés match your experience and expertise so that perspective employers sit up and take notice. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **June 15** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **CYSS sports programs** - Open enrollment is going on now for several sports programs. Open to all U.S./NATO/embassy ID card-holders, but spaces are limited. Register by Aug. 26. Youths must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health assessment (that will remain valid throughout the season) at the time of enrollment. Youths must meet age requirements by Nov. 15, 2016. To register, stop by Parent Central Services in Building 3, or call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651. Volunteer coaches are needed. Coaches receive waived/discounted registration fees for their children. If interested, call DSN 368-9539 or civilian 02-7179539.
 - **CYSS Fall Cheerleading** - The season runs **Aug. 30 to Oct. 29** at the Sterrebeek Youth Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cheerleading squad is designed for children, ages 6 to 12. Cost: \$40.
 - **CYSS Fall Flag Football** - The season runs **Aug. 29 to Oct. 29** on the Brussels American School football field, Sterrebeek Annex, Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Teams will be made up of children, ages 10 to 13. Cost: \$40.
 - **CYSS Fall Soccer 3 to 5** - The soccer season for children, ages 3 to 5, runs **Sept. 1 to Oct. 27** on the Brussels American School football field, Sterrebeek Annex, Thursdays only from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$20.
 - **CYSS Fall Soccer 6 to 12** - The season runs **Aug. 30 to Oct. 29** on the Brussels American School football field, Sterrebeek Annex, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Teams will be organized based on the following ages: 6 to 7, 8 to 9, and 10 to 12. Cost: \$40.
 - **CYSS Fall Volleyball** - The season runs **Aug. 29 to Oct. 26** at the Sterrebeek Youth Center Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Teams will be made up of children, ages 10 to 14. Cost: \$40.

June 3

- **American Legion national commander** - The American Legion national commander and the American Legion Auxiliary president will be in Brussels for dinner and a meet-and-greet at the 3 Star Lounge at 6 p.m. Although it's too late to make the required reservation for the meal at this event, everyone is welcome to be part of the event. Harold "Dale" Barnett and Sharon Conatser will be open for questions – including how the American Legion is helping service members, their families and American communities abroad.

June 9

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Burgers and hotdogs with salad and fries will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Facility will be open until 10 p.m.) Cost: adults \$10, children, ages 12 and under, \$5. (Alternate children's menu: chicken strips with potato wedges, \$5.) Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

June 10

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community Fridays from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Recreation Night features games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages available for purchase: spring rolls, chicken tenders, ham-and-cheese sandwiches, chicken wings and potato wedges. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822, or DSN 368 9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program** - Registration is now open for SFL/TAP classes, which are mandatory for separating and retiring service members:
 - **Department of Labor Employment Workshop** - Learn the skills needed to make your transition to civilian life successful at the JFC Brunssum Library **June 20 to 22** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. DOLEW includes effective job search, résumé-writing and interviewing techniques.
 - **Veterans Affairs and Disabled Transition Assistance Program briefings** - Find out the latest on VA policies, benefits and eligibility from the people who know at the JFC Brunssum Library **June 23**. The VA briefing is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the DTAP briefing is from 2 to 4 p.m.
 - **Personal Financial Planning for Transition** - Help ensure your family's strong financial future at this briefing in the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room **June 24** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This briefing will give you the financial-management tools and resources you need to get started. To register or for more information, call DSN 364-3475 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263475.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY *continued*

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Brussels ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500:
 - **Dress for Success Workshop** -Join ACS Employment Readiness staff for an informative workshop on dressing appropriately. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **June 9** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 - **Résumé-writing Workshop** - Be ready for the Benelux Employment and Career Expo June 17: Make your résumés match your experience and expertise so that perspective employers sit up and take notice. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **June 15** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **Men's volleyball** - Attention, all male volleyball players in the Tri-Border area: The USAG Benelux-Schinnen Fitness Center will host a Father's Day volleyball tournament **June 18**. This double elimination will begin at 10 a.m. Stop by the fitness center to sign up your team by June 14. If you aren't on a team but would like to play, sign up and you will be placed on a team. For details, call DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437561.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Theater classes for adults** - The SHAPE Performing Arts Center offers those 18 and older an opportunity to explore drama. For details, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.
 - **Scene Study Class** - This class is designed to inspire interpretation, create true relationships and develop the individual's instincts while working with the texts of great modern plays. Meets Tuesdays **June 14 to July 19** from 7 to 10 p.m., but participants will be required to rehearse with partners outside of class.
 - **An Actor Prepares: Basic Technique** - Free yourself to play honestly and fully by learning technical exercises that break down inhibitions, develop improvisational instincts and build confidence. Meant for those who are serious about acting, this class meets Mondays and Wednesdays **June 13 to July 20** from 7 to 10 p.m.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Brussels, Schinnen or SHAPE Army Community Service by video-teleconference at SHAPE ACS. To sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824:
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- **Food-handler training** - SHAPE Healthcare Facility offers this **June 16** training at 3 p.m. in the second-floor conference room in the Washington, D.C., wing (yellow wing). The course is designed for all family readiness groups, Group 2 activities and volunteer groups that intend to sell food at 2016 SHAPE Morale and Welfare Branch/Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or MWB/MWR, events and functions at SHAPE and USAG Benelux facilities. To register, call DSN 566-5336 or civilian 065-325336.

Tickets now available

- **Army Ball** - Celebrate the Army birthday at the Army Ball in the SHAPE Club ballroom **June 25** from 5 p.m. to midnight. Cost: €60 per person. Call DSN 361-5288 or civilian 068-275288 about tickets and child care.

June 2

- **Greek Summer Night** - Enjoy authentic Greek food, a live Greek band and dancing at the SHAPE Fest Tent at 5 p.m.

June 4

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

June 8

- **Writers Write** - The Writers Write prompt group will meet at SHAPE International Library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It encourages spontaneous writing, reading aloud of that writing and positive feedback about elements of the writing that "work" for the listeners. Don't forget paper and pencil or pen.

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

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

Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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

Travel the Benelux

Tongeren holds a rich historical heritage

By Gemma Tirabassi

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The Belgian city called Tongeren in Dutch or Tongres in French is one of the culturally richest cities to visit in the Belgian province of Limburg.

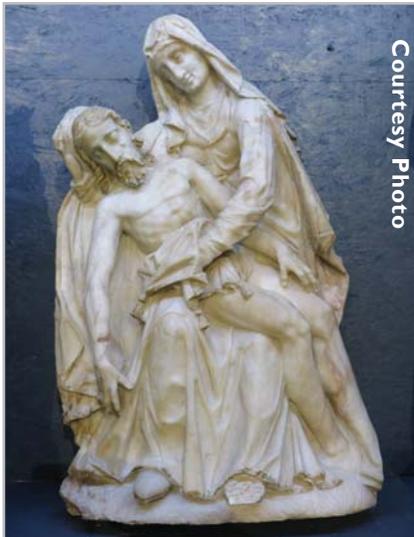
Located just above the linguistic border, Tongeren is at equal distance from Hasselt (capital city of the province), Maastricht in the Netherlands and Liège.

Tongeren has existed since the longest time. Considered as the oldest city of Belgium, it was first under the command of Ambiorix, King of Eburons, one of the tribes established in Gaul. In the first century B.C., the Romans invaded the city and almost exterminated the Eburons. They then authorized the Tungri to settle there.

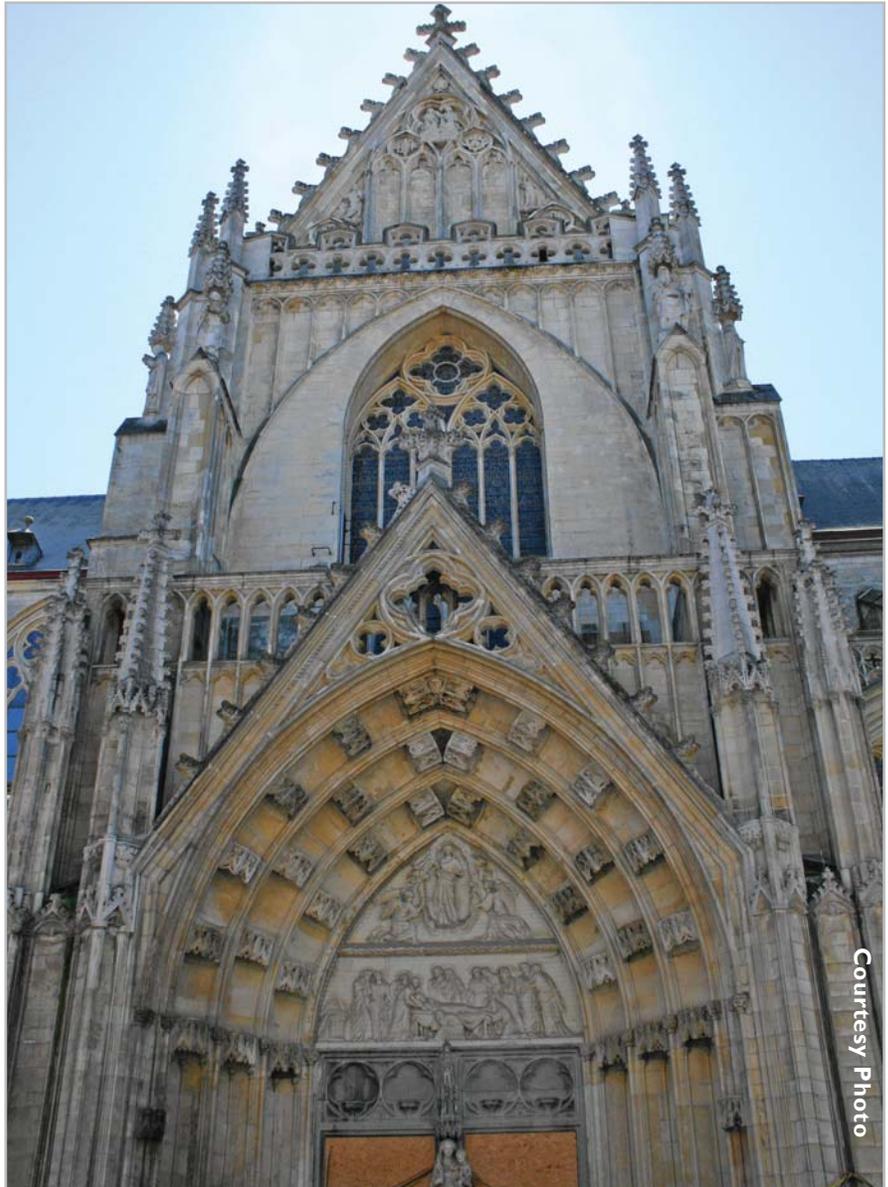
The city got its name by the Romans who also built it. Roads, buildings, the city wall that used to protect the city from invaders and other remains of that period are still visible in the city. The Gallo-Roman Museum existing since 1954 contains much more information. A statue of Ambiorix, symbol of resistance against the Roman invasion takes center stage on the main square of the city.

Among Tongeren's rich historical heritage, is the basilica Our-Lady, which is worth a visit. Located on

Outside the gate



A 16th-century statue inside the basilica



The front of the Tongeren basilica

the main square, the gothic building requested 300 years of work and was completed in 1254. It holds a very rich collection of religious items of art.

Talking about religion, the Museum of the Beguine convent offers a return trip to those ancient times and an uncommon way of life.

Another reason to go and visit Tongeren is the famous flea market. Every Sunday morning since 30 years, the biggest flea market of the Benelux

is held downtown from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. With more than 350 exhibitors and about 40 antique shops, you will have the chance to find a large variety of items. It draws visitors from the Netherlands, France, Germany and even the United Kingdom.

The flea market is held on Leopoldwal, Veemarkt, Maastrichterstraat, de Schiervelstraat, Clarissenstraat, Eburonenhal and the first floor of Julianus parking lot.

Courtesy Photo

Cuberdon: A typical Belgian candy

by Gemma Tirabassi

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Whether you want to call it a neuzeke as the Flemish do (little nose in Flemish) or bonnet de curé (vicar hat in French), stay there, we are on the same page.

Cuberdon is a Belgian candy. The recipe is pretty simple even though only a few candy makers know how to make it. As every other candy, it is made of sugar and water with aromas and colorant. A major ingredient is the arabic gum, collected in Subsaharan Africa from acacia trees, which is added for the texture of the candy. Method, here, is the key: copper cooking pots and a particular temperature will give tenderness and crunchiness to the crust. The liquid mixture is poured in flour conical molds and then placed in a hot room for several days so that the candy dries and hardens but not for too long to keep



the heart of the candy liquid. Once it is ready to eat, you will only have eight weeks to savor it before its composition changes and hardens from the inside.

Its original flavor is raspberry, which explains the purple color. Nowadays, it is found in more than thirty different flavors such as apple, melon, orange but also cinnamon, anise or vodka.

The original story of the candy varies from one region to another. Some say it is originally from Gent or Bruges, others say from Liège. Brussels also claims for fatherhood. One of the versions tells that a member of the clergy invented the cuberdon in the area of Bruges. That explains the 'vicar hat' designation. The other version comes from Gent: a pharmacist would have invented the candy after having thrown a preparation in the trash. After a few days of fermentation he saw that a crust appeared on the external layer and would have developed it until the making of the candy we know today. Everybody agrees though that the candy appeared in the second half of the 1900s.

Upcoming organized trips

Chièvres Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental

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- **Dinant Kayak Trip and Brewery Visit, June 11**

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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- **Paris, June 11**
- **Amsterdam, June 18**
- **London, June 25**
- **Disney Paris, June 29**
- **Legoland, July 1 to 3**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Belgium, July 9**
- **Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, July 5 to 9**
- **Durbuy and Namur with the Citadelle, July 13**
- **Tour of the Harry Potter Studios, July 18**
- **London: One Night, Two Musicals, July 20 to 21**
- **Paris, July 23**
- **Grottes de Han (Han Caves and Wildlife Park), July 27**
- **Xanten (Germany) with Archaeological Park, July 30**
- **Rhine River Cruise, Cable Car and Fortress, Aug. 6**
- **Rotterdam with Splashtour, Aug. 9**

- **Copenhagen (Denmark), Aug. 12 to 15**
- **Ghent with City Beer Discovery Boat trip, Aug. 20**
- **Cochem, Germany, with medieval dinner in castle, Sept. 3**
- **Paris with Secret Food Tour (optional), Sept. 24**
- **Flanders Field/World War I tour, Ieper (Ypres), Belgium, Nov. 12**
- **Moulin Rouge, Paris, Nov. 19**
- **Crete (Greece), Spa and Middelkerke (Belgium), all year**

SHAPE Travel Group

Call civilian 0470-876369 for details.

- **Arnhem, June 7**
- **Canterbury, June 23**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **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 (Full payment due upon registration.)**
- **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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June 3 to 11

- **Artists Trail in Mons** – Held at Le Passé Composé at Rue de la Coupe, 33-35. Discover historical art from the area of Mons. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.

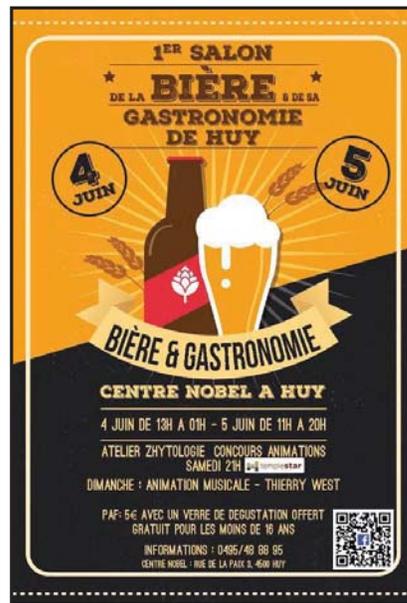
June 4

- **Fair Food Fest at Ledeberg** - Market with music and food held on Hundelgemsesteenweg. Open from 2 to 10 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ath** – Held at Grand'Rue des Bouchers. Open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.
- **Flea market in Brugelette** – Held at Avenue Gabrielle Petit, 6. Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Soignies** – Held on Rue de Cognebeau. Barbecue, bar and dancing entertainment will be held on the street. Open from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.



June 4 to 5

- **Beer-and-food fest in Huy** – Held at Centre Nobel at Rue de la Paix 3. Open Saturday from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: €5.
- **Arts-and-crafts market in Fe-luy** - Market will take place at the castle at Rue Victor Rousseau 2. Open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission: €2.
- **Traditional-crafts market in Kuurne** - Held at Market Square in the center of town. Open Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m.; Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.
- **Food-truck festival in Malle** - Held at Park de Renesse on Lierselei, this festival is a movable feast. Open Saturday from noon to 11:30 p.m.; Sunday from noon to 10:30 p.m.



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Through June 5

- **Tong Tong Fair in The Hague** will be held at Malieveld and is the largest Eurasian festival in the world. The fair is laid out like a town: It has streets, squares and theaters; and is a combination of culture, fair and food with lots of entertainment. Admission: weekdays, €15; weekends, €17; children, ages 11 and under, €5.
- **Curiosa Market in Grobbendonk, Belgium**, will be held in the historic surroundings of a water mill along the river Nete on Watermolenweg. This market offers vintage, retro, ceramics and more.
- **A Taste of Amsterdam in Amsterdam** will be held in Amstelpark and on Europa-boulevard. A selection of renowned restaurants will offer delicacies, and visitors can also taste and buy the many snacks and drinks at more than 100 booths. Open June 2 from 5 to 11 p.m.; June 3 from 4 to 11 p.m.; June 4 from noon to 11 p.m. and June 5 from noon to 9 p.m. Admission: €15; children 16 and under, free admission.

June 3

- **Evening Year Market in Maaseik, Belgium**, will take place on Market Square in the center of town. Open from 5 p.m. to midnight.

June 3 to 5

- **“Lepeltje, Lepeltje” food festival in Dordrecht** will be held at Weizigtpark. Besides the many food trucks, visitors can enjoy live music and a crafts market. Free admission.
- **Wheels ‘Bites Food Truck Festival in Heerlen** will take place in the town center and city park with food, live music, street theater and more. Free admission.

June 4

- **Safety Day at the Beach in Noordwijk** will take place around the Lighthouse with lots of activities, demonstrations and more. Participating are helicopters, lifeguard boats, the navy of the Netherlands and others. Open from 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- **Bos Fair in Rhenen** will be held at Recreatiegebied Kwinteloijen on Oude Veensegrindweg. You will find all sorts of ideas, merchandise and curiosities at this lifestyle, food and flea-market event. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €2; children, free admission.
- **’90s Megaparty in Geleen** will be held in Fest Pavillion on Market Square in the town center. Opens at 7 p.m. Admission: €23.

Outside the gate

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June 4 to 5 continued

- **Artists Trail in Engghien** – Held in the locality of Engghien. On Saturday evening a party will be held for locals to meet with artists, and chat over a drink. Open Saturday from 10 a.m. until late; Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.

June 5

- **Thé Dansant Beach in De Lilse Bergen** – Held at the lake beach at Strandweg 6. Open from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free admission.
- **Family Day in Brussels** – Held in Coudenberg-Ancien Palais at Place des Palais 7, Family Day is a chance to explore the Renaissance. You can look forward to a visit to Coudenberg Palace, thematic workshops, dance class, traditional games and Renaissance cuisine. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €4 to €6.

June 7

- **Walking Club in Fosse-La-Ville** – The walks will start between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. depending on the length of the walk. All walks depart from Place au Vent and end by 5 p.m. Admission: €0.75; children under 14, free admission.

Ongoing

Fridays through Sept. 9

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



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June 4 continued

- **Year Market in Geleen** will take place in the center of town. Besides the many booths, you'll find activities and live music. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 4, 11, 18 and 25

- **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.

June 4 to 5

- **Herb-and-spice garden fair in Bedburg-Hau, Germany**, will be held in the park of Castle Moyland. Besides all kinds of herbs and spices, the fair includes works of art and merchandise for your garden. Open June 4 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and June 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €5.
- **Roman festival in Heilig Landstichting** near Groesbeek will take place at Museumpark Orientalis at Profetenlaan 2. Experience ancient Roman games, re-enactments, Roman market and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €9.50; children, €6.
- **Jazz Festival in Maastricht** will fill the streets and the squares of the Jeker Quarter in the city center with music. Free admission. Open June 4 from 2 p.m. to midnight and June 5 from noon to 5 p.m.

June 5

- **Speed and Sound Fest in Meerssen** will take place at Harley-Davidson Club B.I.G. at Burgemeester Kisselstraat 75 with live music, truck show, custom bikes and cars and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Hammerslagdag in Roggel** is a festive international meeting of blacksmiths in and around St. Petrus-molen (mill) at Nijken 24. Starting at 10 a.m., blacksmiths will give demonstrations and promote their craft. Free admission.
- **Regional Art Market in Susteren** will be held near the historic church in the center of town. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 5, 12, 19 and 26

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

June 10 to 12

- **Pinkpop Festival in Landgraaf** is the Netherlands' most famous open-air music festival and Europe's longest-running uninterrupted outdoor pop festival. For details, visit <http://www.pinkpop.nl>.

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