

THE GAZETTE

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

Luxembourg gate closure

The Luxembourg gate on SHAPE will be closed April 4 as of 2 p.m. until April 21 at 7:20 a.m. Traffic during this period of time will use either Berlin gate or Ottawa gate.

Brussels clinic

The Brussels Army Health and Dental Clinic will be closed for a training holiday April 4. No service will be provided on that day.

Intermediate driver's class

This driving class is for Soldiers under 26 years of age and will be held April 23 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in room 113, Bldg. 220 on SHAPE. Registration is mandatory prior to April 15 and can be done online at <https://imc.army.mil/airs/default.aspx>. For more information, call DSN 366-6603 or 361-6114.

Sato Travel

The Chièvres Official Travel Office will have extended operating hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting April 7 until April 11.

Gazette submissions

Send your requests for publication to usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil.

Sharing experience with students



Maureen Becker

During *School take over Day* held March 27, 2014, Spec. Lindsay F. Rasmussen (left) and Spec. Jessie A. Venable (right) from the SHAPE Health Facility, demonstrate and explain eighth graders of the SHAPE American High School what a medic does in the field.

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FREEDOM 6 SENDS

Strategic priorities - Soldiers committed to our Army profession

By Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr.

Freedom 6

The Chief of Staff of the Army's next strategic priority is, in my opinion, the most vital and all encompassing priority, as the foundation for everything that we are and achieve is built upon the commitment of Soldiers to our Army profession.

In this priority, the CSA charges us to enforce a professional environment across our Army, free of harassment that promotes and respects the individual dignity of all Soldiers and civilians, allowing them to realize their full potential.

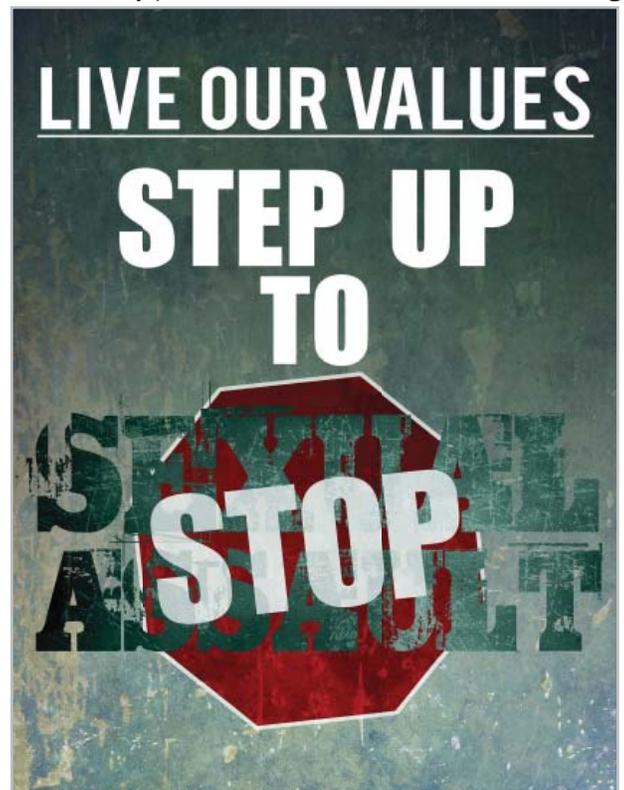
As part of our honored profession, not only must we preserve the earned trust of the American people and their confidence in our Army, but we must earn and preserve the trust that all Soldiers place in their leaders and in their chain of command.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and I would like to take this opportunity to focus on Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, because Soldiers who are committed to our Army profession are committed to combating this issue. Sexual Assault is a serious challenge facing the Army Family; to address the issue, as part of the Army's Ready and Resilient Campaign, U.S. Army Europe will conduct a theater-wide Ready and Resilient Day focused on SHARP this month. The Army SHARP Program reinforces our commitment to eradicating sexual harassment and sexual assault through a comprehensive policy that centers on awareness and prevention; training and education; victim advocacy; and response, reporting, accountability, and program assessment.

Our profession demands equal weight on character, commitment and competence. That's why I expect leaders at every level to establish a climate of trust and accountability reinforced by continuous education and training; continue to conduct assessments using tools available in order for prevention and response efforts to be successful. In the end, it is the Soldiers who are committed to our Army profession, who are disciplined and adhere to our Army Values, who will win the fight against sexual harassment and assault.

I am continually impressed as I travel around United States Army Europe; whether it's at a unit or an installation, I see increased leader engagement and Soldiers at every level looking for ways to combat the serious issues that face our force today, committed to our Army profession. I am certain that we are on the right path; together we can accomplish any mission, overcome any challenge and truly exemplify what it means to serve in the Profession of Arms.

Strong Soldiers, Strong Teams.



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Children hunt for eggs on Chièvres Air Base



Children run to get their share of Easter eggs during the Eggstravaganza event held on Chièvres Air Base, March 29, 2014. A large crowd participated in the event that included various games inside the Community Recreation Center and the egg hunt organized by age group. (U.S. Army photos by Keith Houin)

From Trenches to Foxholes Campaign shares information on both WWI and WWII



With 2014 marking the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War One and the 70th anniversary of the first stages of the Liberation of the Benelux, the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux and American Forces Network Benelux have teamed up to bring you the 'Trenches to Foxholes' information campaign.

'Trenches to Foxholes' will include print coverage in the Gazette, television and radio stories, a blog, a podcast, photo archives, story archives, listing of commemorative events, participation in numerous commemorations, and history posts via the garrison Facebook page.

You can also submit your own photos or blogs about visits to memorial sites or events.

A special section of the USAG Benelux website is set up where you can find all of the above. Just go to the USAG Benelux home page or go directly to the 'Trenches to Foxholes' link at www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/trenchestofoxholes.htm.

Did you know that . . .



Army Emergency Relief can provide assistance for funeral costs?

In many circumstances our Soldiers are the responsible members of an extended family. Depending on the situation, our Soldiers end up having to accept the responsibility for the costs associated with the funeral.

No Soldier needs to shoulder this burden alone. Funeral costs are

a specific category of assistance. In 2012, AER provided \$2.5 million in assistance to cover funeral costs.

Visit your local AER office for more information.

Soldiers Helping Soldiers for 72 Years
www.aerhq.org

AER Campaign runs through May 15

Cub Scouts learn skills at annual fun day

By Stephen McGill

Charlemagne Assistant District Commissioner



The Cub Scouts fun day held at the Brussels American School in Sterrebeek provided the opportunity for Cubs to participate in the Pinewood Derby with their homemade cars and to earn their Chess, Map and Compass, BB Gun and Archery belt loops. Photos by Marcos Alaniz.

Last weekend, 35 Cub Scouts from three different countries converged on Brussels American School in Sterrebeek for the first annual Spring Cub Fun Day and District Pinewood Derby. This event marked the first time that some of the younger Scouts had the opportunity to meet and interact with Scouts from other units in Belgium, and beyond. In addition to the great fellowship, Scouts raced homemade cars in the district Pinewood Derby and completed belt loop stations focusing on various areas of Scoutcraft.

The Pinewood Derby has long been an iconic event in Cub Scouting, and for good reason. Pinewood Derbies not only introduce Scouts to tools and the value of hard work, they also provide a great basis for teaching the scientific concepts underpinning the races. This year's races were tightly contested by all 35 Scouts representing eight different Cub Packs, but no one's car was quite as fast as Brenden Thomas' "Fast Flame." In addition to Brenden and the second and third place overall racers, the top three racers from each year-group received a special plaque to commemorate their accomplishment. Also, thanks to a donation from a dedicated Scouter, each participant received

a "100 Years of Scouting" model car. The Pinewood Derby was a great start to the day and set the tone for the events to follow.

In Cub Scouting, boys are awarded belt loops to signify the different skills that they have mastered; and thanks to the incredible talent and dedication of Scouting Volunteers from around the community, Scouts had the opportunity to earn their Chess, Map and Compass, BB Gun, and Archery Belt loops. Cub Scouts spent a half-hour session at each station learning about the different skills, then putting them into practice. To the surprise of many leaders and parents, the chess station proved a Scout favorite, with some Cubs foregoing the playground during the lunch break in favor of trying to checkmate their friends. In the shooting sports, though some Scouts weren't quite the marksmen that they thought they would be, by the end of the day everyone had hit their targets and couldn't wait to get to shoot again at the Transatlantic Council's upcoming summer camps.

Although the Cubs were the focus, the event would not have been possible without the help and support from all levels of Scouting. Eight Boy Scouts from two different Troops helped through-

out the day, doing jobs ranging from loading cars for the Pinewood Derby to helping boys with their aim at archery. Having the older Boy Scouts there not only gave the leaders a helping hand, but also gave the Cubs something to which they could aspire. The local Girl Scouts were also out in force making one last push for their annual cookie sales. The Girl Scout Cookies no doubt helped to keep the boys energized during the day.

As everyone left to return to their home Cub Packs, Cub Scouts were tired from all of the activities but energized to use their new skills. Event organizers remarked that this event would return next year with even more activities and opportunities for Cubs. This weekend provided a wonderful experience for all Cub Scouts involved, but it only scratches the surface of what Scouting can provide our youth. Summer camps and other Scouting activities are quickly approaching, and now is the perfect time to get your child involved in Scouting.

If you are interested in starting your child on the Scouting trail, would like to get involved as an adult leader, or just want more information, email BSA. Belgium@gmail.com.

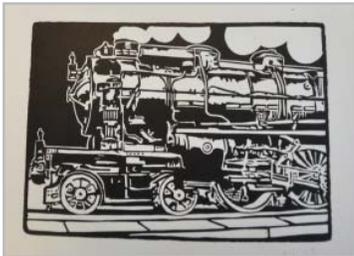
In the spotlight

Michel De Clercq



Job
Michel has been working at the USAG Benelux DPW for 29 years

Hobby
Michel loves art in general and it has a special place in his life. He started to practice with oil painting as he was only 16 years old. But as a true art-lover, he naturally discovered and learned other techniques such as watercolors and, more recently, etching. Etching was an old objective that Michel could not reach because he didn't have the right tools until he decided, about two years ago, to build his own etching press with the help of his friends. But Michel didn't want to stop there... he also practices linocut, gum bichromate or cyanotype.



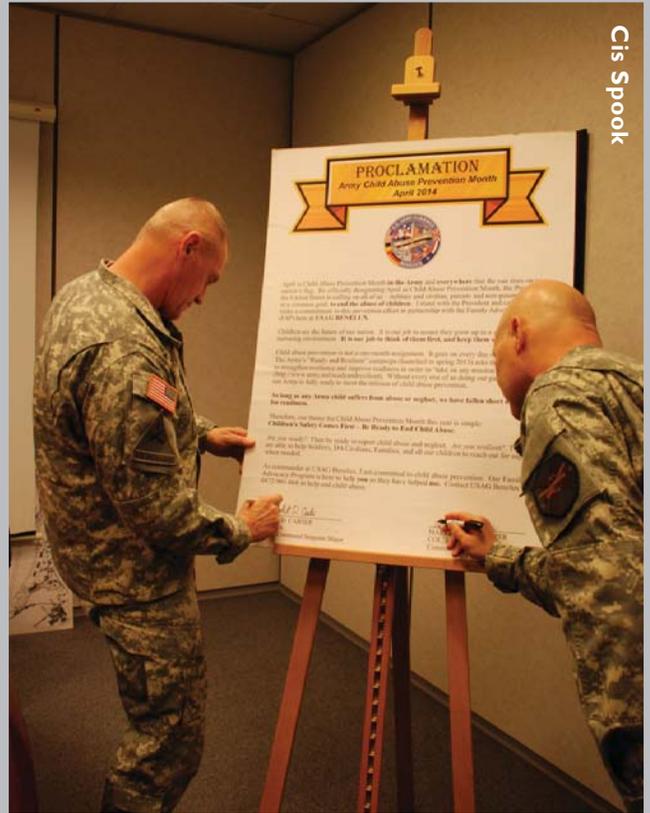
Recently, Michel got back to metal sculpture that he had put aside for some years. He recently exhibited his work in Thuin at the Maison de l'Imprimerie. He will also have another exhibition at the SHAPE Club in November. He is always looking for any opportunity to

show his work. He participated in several contests and won prizes. Michel has also been a ham radio operator for more than 25 years and even built his own radio. His callsign is ON4KMC. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)

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.



Army Child Abuse Prevention Month



Cis Spook

USAG Benelux Command Sgt. Maj. Robert D. Carter (left) and Col. Marvin G. Vannatter, Commander (right) sign the pledge to end the abuse of children. This year's theme is *Children's safety comes first - Be ready to end child abuse*. If you need help, contact the Family Advocacy program manager at 0472-901068.

Good catch



David Jenkins

Kipp Jenkins enjoys his catch at the trout pond in Wijlre, the Netherlands, March 29, 2014 during the F&MWR day trip.



Courtesy Photo

Parks to open for Spring break

Special to the Gazette

The following is a selection of the most popular parks in Belgium listed with entrance fee, address, website and opening dates:

Plopsaland La Panne

Entrance fee: Children 85 cm to 1 meter and seniors as of 70 pay €9,99. Children over 1 meter and adults pay €34 (or €30 online via their website). Special fares on "green days", see schedule on website.

Season passes: vary from €29.99 to €79.99 (see also online fares)

Parking fee: €9

Address: De Pannelaan 68 at 8660 Adinkerke.

Website: www.plopsa.be

Opens April 6 - Opening hours vary per day, see website.

Bellewaerde

Entrance fee: Children 1 to 1.4 meters and seniors as of 55 pay €26. Adults pay €30. As of 6 persons, entrance is €25 per person.

Season passes: €42.50 until end of April, then €55 (parking season pass of €16 not included)

Parking fee: €7

Address: Meenseweg 497, 8902 Ypres

Website: www.bellewaerdepark.be

Opens April 5 - Opening hours vary per day, see website.

Antwerpen Zoo

Entrance fee: Children 3 up to 17 pay €17.50. Adults pay €22.50. Seniors pay €17. Children under three have free entrance.

Address: Place Reine Astrid 20-26, 2018 Antwerpen (right next to train station)

Website: www.zooantwerpen.be

Open all year round from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Pairi Daiza

New: Two giant pandas recently arrived from China.

Entrance fee: Children 3 up to 11 pay €23.50. Adults pay €28.50 and seniors €26.50. You get a little discount when buying tickets online and avoid staying in line at the cashier's.

Season passes: Children 3-11 pay €46, adults €56 and seniors €52. Season passes also give you the opportunity to make prior reservations to make sure you get entrance into the park even if it is sold out.

Parking fee: €7

Address: Le Domaine, 1, 7940 Brugelette

Website: www.pairidaiza.eu

Opens April 3

Tip: Residents of Brugelette (you need to be registered at the Brugelette city hall) will benefit of free access through the season.

Planckendael

Entrance fee: Children 3 up to 17 pay €17.50, adults pay €24. Seniors pay €17.50. Children under three get free entrance. You get a little discount when buying your tickets online.

Parking fee: €7

Address: Chaussée de Louvain 582, 2812 Muizen (Malines)

Website: www.planckendael.be

Open all year round from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and to 6 p.m. on weekends.

Bobbejaanland

Entrance fee: Adults and children as of 1.40 meters pay €32, children 1 to 1.4 meters and seniors pay €27.50. You get a discount when buying your tickets online at least one week prior to the visit.

Parking fee: €7

Address: Olensteenweg 45, 2460 Kasterlee

Website: www.bobbejaanland.be

Opens April 5 - check the website on opening hours as they vary.

Walibi

Entrance fee: Children 1 m to 1,40 meters and senior as of 55 pay €30, children as of 1,40 meters and adults pay €35. As of 6 persons, entrance is €29 per person.

Address: Boulevard de l'Europe, 100, 1300 Wavre

Website: www.walibi.com/belgium/

Opens April 5

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Aqualibi

Entrance fee: children 1m to 1,20 meters pay €5, children 1,20 to 1,40 meters pay €15 online (€16 at the cashier's), adults pay €19 online (€20 at the cashier's) senior as of 55 pay €15 online (€16 at the cashier's). A card valid for 10 entrances is also available for €125.

Address: Boulevard de l'Europe, 100, 1300 Wavre

Website: <https://www.walibi.com/aqualibi/be>

Open all year round

Note: *SHAPE Trips & Tours has discounted tickets for €16.*

Forestia

Entrance fee:

1. Animal Parc: children €9 to €13 depending on their age, adults pay €15, seniors pay €13

2. Adventure Parc: children €14 to €23.50 depending on their age, adults pay €26,30 and seniors pay €25

Address: Rue Fond Marie 563, 4910 Theux

Website: www.forestia.be

Open all year round for the animal parc, adventure park opened mid March - see website for details.

Plopsa Coo

Entrance fee: Children 85 cm to 1 meter and seniors as of 70 pay €9,99. Children over 1 meter and adults pay €25 or €21 if buying online.

Parking fee: €6

Address: Coo 4, 4970 Stavelot

Website: www.plopsa.be

Opens April 5 - check the website on opening hours as they vary.

Monde Sauvage d'Aywaille/Grottos

Entrance fee: Children 3 to 11 pay €15/€9 for grottos or €22 for combined ticket, adults pay €19/€12 for grottos or €27 for combined ticket and seniors pay €17/€10.50 for grottos or €25 for combined ticket.

Address: Fange de Deigné 3, 4920 Aywaille

Website: www.mondesauvage.be

Opened March 15, everyday at 10 a.m.

In France

Disneyland Paris

Entrance fee: One day ticket per person is €46 - Combined ticket with Walt Disney Studios is €56 per person. Check website for special deals and opening hours.

Access: Disneyland exit on A4 at Marne-la-Vallée

Website: <http://fr.disneylandparis.be>

Open all year round

Parc Astérix

Entrance fee: Children 3 up to 11 pay €37, as of 12 and adults pay €46. Check website for special deals.

Access: 35 km north from Paris. Autobahn A1, exit Parc Astérix.

Opens April 12 but check website as park is closed on certain dates.

In the Netherlands

Below is a selection of parks in the Netherlands:

Walibi Holland

Entrance fee: €32 for an open ticket, you can buy online dated tickets with €4.05 reduction and as of 4 persons, get one entrance free of charge. Buy your season pass online at €67.50.

Parking fee: €8

Address: Spijkweg 30, 8256 RJ Biddinghuizen

Website: <https://www.walibi.com/holland/>

Opens April 5

Efteling

Entrance fee: Tickets are €35 or €32 online. Special deal tickets are also available on line for €42 or €63 Season pass is €165 + €34 for parking or you can pay a monthly fee of €15 and €3 for parking (until May 12, you pay €7.50 for the first three months).

Parking: €10

Address: Europalaan 1, 5171 KW Kaatsheuvel

Website: www.efteling.nl

Open all year round - check website for opening hours.

Amsterdam Zoo Artis

Entrance fee: Children 3 to 9 pay €16.50, adults pay €19.95.

Parking fee: €9

Address: Plantage Kerklaan 38-40, 1018 OZ Amsterdam

Website: www.artis.nl

Open all year round, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Slagharen Themepark & Resort

Entrance fee: €27.50 per person for open ticket - also check the website for rates on specific days

Address: Zwarte Dijk 37, 7776 PB Slagharen

Website: <http://slagharen.com>

Opens April 4

Pretpark De Valkenier

Park is suitable for young children

Entrance fee: Children as of 2 and adults pay €9.95, seniors as of 60 pay €3.95. Season passes are €15.95.

Parking fee: €4.50

Address: Koningswinkelstraat 53, 6301 WH Valkenburg

Website: www.pretpark-de-valkenier.nl

Opens April 18

Travel tip

Prior to visiting one of the parks, check the Belgian railway website at www.belgianrail.be. Under 'B-Excursions & Leisure' and 'Theme parks and adventure' you will find many interesting combination tickets for train (+boat) and entrance to some of the above parks. These combination tickets offer very good deals and you don't have to worry about parking.

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Brussels clinics

The Brussels Army Health and Dental Clinic will be closed for a training holiday, April 4. If you are in need of medical care on days the clinic is closed:

For routine care visit SHAPE Health Facility DSN 423-5886 or civilian 065-44-5886

For urgent care call the toll-free nurse line at 0800-80149 and/or the international sos emergency line at 0800-80806 (toll-free number for Belgium).

For medical emergencies which are life, limb or eyesight you may call 100 or 112. The emergency room we use for urgent and emergency care is Universitaire Ziekenhuizen Leuven Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven.

During weekends or after hours the on call Patient Liaison can be contacted through the MP desk at DSN 368-9769 or civilian 02-717-9769 for non-medical advice.

Always contact your MTF the next working day after you have been to the ER or when you are admitted to the hospital.

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 checks, 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.

CYSS Schinnen

Archery/Blow Darts Clinics for age group 10 to 18 - Enrollment is open through April 18. Clinics are held Wednesdays May 7 through June 11 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Rocca Indoor Facility, Gulpen, the Netherlands. Cost is \$100 and includes transportation to the facility, six two-hour sessions of professional instruction and snack. For more information or to register call DSN 364-4195 or civilian 045-526-4195. You must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health/sports assessment at the time of enrollment.

Spring Break (April 14-25) - *Week 1:* Visit to Köln Zoo, the Snow World, Roermond Outlet Center and a field trip to Geilenkirchen AWACS. *Week 2:* Nature walk in the Brunssumerheide, Düsseldorf Castle tour, Bobbejaanland and swimming at JFC Brunssum pool and movie. Limited space available. For details and to register call DSN 364-3121/2023, civilian 045-526-3121/2023, DSN 364-2575 or civilian 045-526-2575, DSN 364-3259 or civilian 045-526-3259.

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.

Brussels Fitness Classes

Yoga - Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. and Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Power Yoga - Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Shred - Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Indoor Cycling - Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

For more information on those classes, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-717-9667.

SHAPE Arts and Crafts Center

Quilling exhibition until April 30 at the SHAPE Club.

For more information, stop by the Arts & Crafts Center on SHAPE, Bldg. 307, e-mail artsandcraftsshape@gmail.com or call DSN 423-6049 or civilian 065-44-6049.

Brussels Education Center

The USAG Benelux-Brussels Education Center has changed its hours of operation to Mon-Thu 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., closed on Fridays. Reason for change is to better accommodate customers during lunch hour.

Emergency numbers

Brussels

Any emergency - Dial 112
 Brussels MP station:
 DSN 368-9769
 civilian 02-717-9769

Schinnen

Any emergency - Dial 112
 Schinnen MP station:
 DSN 360-7555
 civilian 046-443-7555

SHAPE/Chièvres

Any emergency - Dial 112
 Chièvres MP station: DSN 361-5301
 civilian 068-27-5301
 SHAPE Police Desk: DSN 423-3333/4
 civilian 065-44-3333/4



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

4 April

- **Local products fair in Dour** - Discover and taste local products from 5 to 9 p.m. on Voie du Prêtre. Entrance fee is €5.

5 April

- **Special day at Decathlon in Cuesmes** - on Rue de la Poire d'Or from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. All day, enjoy free activities such as mountain bike rides, archery, ping-pong, badminton, zumba classes, kick-boxing demonstrations, and many more activities.
- **Girly Spring Market in Soignies** on 6 Chemin du Tour Bras de Fer from 1 to 7 p.m. There will be 25 booths with second hand clothes, a make-up, hairstyle and nail booth and a food and drink bar. Entrance is free.
- **Spring market in Labuissière** on 363 Rue Neuve from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with crafts, flowers, plants, jewels, etc. Entrance is free.
- **Free concert by the music academy of Beloeil in Quevaucamps** on Rue Joseph Wauters from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Goutroux** for 3, 7, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Rue de Leernes from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.



6 April

- **Family mountain bike ride and volksmarch in Peronnes-lez-Antoing** on avenue du Lac. The route for the ride is 12km. Group departure is at 10 a.m. with registration at 9:30 a.m. Individual departure is also possible from 7 to 11:30 a.m. The routes for the volksmarch are 5 and 8 km with departure at 10:30 a.m., and 12 and 20 km with departure from 7:30 to 9:30 am. Participation is €1.50 and free under 17.
- **Volksmarch in Linkebeek** for 4, 7, 13, 21 Departure is on Rue de l'Eglise 31 from 7:30 to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Goutroux** for 3, 7, 10, 15, 20. Departure is on Rue de Leernes from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Mons** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Rue Saint-Paul 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Naast** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is on Rue de la Place 21-25 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Beloeil** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Rue de Mons 45 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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

4-5 April

- **Spring Market in Krimpen aan den IJssel** at "Streekmuseum Krimpenerwaard" on IJsseldijk 312. All the buildings, farms and courtyards are filled with beautiful curiosa, antiques, handmade items and more. There will be demonstrations, shows and old crafts as well. Open April 4 from 1 to 5 p.m. and April 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entrance is free.

4-6 April

- **Art Fair in the center of Heemstede** held in the Pinksterkerk and neighboring locations on Campaan. Open April 4 from 8 to 10 p.m. and April 5-6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance is free.

4 April - September 5

- **Cheese market in Alkmaar** - Cheese has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from 'Waagplein' square to the weighing house. Cheese carriers can be seen in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September. You'll be surprised at how important cheese used to be and still is for the city of Alkmaar.

5 April

- **Art & Antique Market in Haarlem** held at Op de Dreef from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 April

- **Antique & Curiosa Market in Roermond** held at Kloosterwandplein from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

5-6 April

- **Dutch Museum Weekend** - you can visit more than 500 museums in the Netherlands free of charge or for half price. Visit www.museumweekend.nl for a list of museums participating.
- **Egg Fair in Velp** with artistic decorated eggs at Larenstein Estate on Larensteinselaan 26b. Every participant has special techniques. Open both days from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Spring Fest in the center of Detmold (GE)** with flea market and other activities.
- **Antiques & flea market in Wijk bij Duurstede** held both days on the Market Square in the historic center with more than 95 participants and only on April 6 with 25 participants near the castle on Kasteellaan. Open April 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 6 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Through 6 April

- **Affordable Art Fair in Maastricht** in the Timmerfabriek, Boschstraat 5-9. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the artwork the galleries will have to offer. Open April 3 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., April 4-6 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets cost €10, children under 16 get free entrance.



Through 27 April

- **100 years of Belgian radio in Brussels** - The exhibi-



tion retraces 100 years of radio in Belgium, shows what listeners have been listening to for a century and also offers a preview of the future of radio. The exhibition showcases the major moments of radio, and the role it has had in history. Built around a genuine radio studio, "Vu à la radio" allows the live broadcasting of numerous radio shows and the organizing of various events that bring together past and present stars of the transistor. More information on <http://www.exporadio.be>.

Through 30 April

- **Photography exhibition in Le Roeulx** - Exhibition by Guy Brihay and Jacques Gilon. The exhibition is free and opens from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday. More information on <http://www.lechabot.be>.

Through 6 June

- **European elections since 1979 in Brussels** - The



exhibition invites you to recall the past of European elections through showcasing an abundant collection of election posters and television campaigns. You can make yourself familiar with the evolution of Europe through colorful displays of facts and figures and are invited to participate in an interactive game of the 'Voting Table' in which each visitor has the chance to voice which topics they deem important during election time. More information on <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/visiting/en/parlamentarium>.

Through 12 June

- **Musical spring in Silly** - Enjoy experienced artists and discover young ones through a series of concerts at the Château de Morval on Rue de Morval 10. Concerts are Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 to 11 p.m. Prices range from €5 to €25 or €120 for all the concerts. Find more information on <http://www.printempsmusicalsilly.be>.



6 April

- **Easter Market in Bergkamen (GE)** in Stadtmuseum on Jahnstrasse 31. Visitors will find all kinds of modern festive decorations, as well as, traditional decorations from Bohemia, Thüringen and Westphalia. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Art Market in Eersel** with old crafts, ceramics, paintings, glass and more is held in the garden of "De Acht Zaligheden" Museum, Kapelweg 2. Entry is €1 and the market is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Knights Training in Limbricht** at Castle Limbricht, Allee 1, knights train in the courtyard of the castle. The knights of the Four Quarters invite children



to come and learn what knights do and train with them. Open from noon to 4 p.m. Participation and entry are free.

6-13 April

- **Art Breda** is an inspiring fair for art, design and antiques held on Chasséveld. Besides "old" art and antiques visitors will also find "modern" art and jewelry at the fair. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 9 from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Entry is €15, youth 12-17 pay €10 and children 11 and younger get free entrance.
- **Art and Antiques Fair in Rosmalen** held at Autotron on Graafsebaan 133 is the oldest in the country and has vendors from Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., April 10 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and April 13 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €15.

Through 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 the town of Lisse** - This year the international flower exhibition has chosen "Holland" as its central theme with the focus on the tulip and its history. Keukenhof is open daily 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Entry is €15, children aged 4 to 11 pay €7.50. More information on <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>.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Monet's home and gardens, April 12** - Trip to Giverny, about an hour from Paris, at the edge of the Normandy region of France for a visit of Monet's home and gardens. The painter's house and breathtaking gardens attract hundreds of thousands of visitors every year. Price is €67 per adult and €64 for children (0-12). Departs Brussels at 5 a.m., departs SHAPE at 6 a.m., returns to SHAPE at 9:30 p.m. and returns to Brussels at 10:30 p.m.



Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trips below
call DSN 360-7561 or civilian
0031-(0)46-4437561

- **Keukenhof Gardens, April 12** - Round trip on a luxury bus to the world famous Keukenhof gardens. Price is \$59 per adult, \$55 children 4 to 11, \$45 children 0-3. Price includes entrance to the gardens.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below
call civilian 0486/56.53.71

- **Champagne in Epernay, April 24** - Join for a trip into Epernay, the Champagne capital of France. Epernay is best known as the main warehouse for champagne wines, which are bottled and kept in large cellars tucked into the chalk rock on which the town is built. You will taste some of the finest champagne Epernay has to offer. Upon arrival on Avenue de Champagne in Epernay, we will explore the legendary cellars at the Champagne House of Moët & Chandon, followed by a tasting where you will enjoy a glass of their champagne. Before heading to the next champagne house, we will have time to have lunch in town. After lunch, we will meet back up for our final stop, the Champagne House of Collard-Picard. Here we will partake in a tour of the cellars and a tasting session of three of their champagnes, which is valued at over 100 Euros. You will not want to miss this champagne experience. Price is €50, including four flutes of bubbly.



Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Keukenhof and Gouda, April 18**
- **Han's 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**
- **Peru, October 24 - November 3**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Keukenhof Gardens, April 12**
- **Trip to Malgrat De Mar, Spain, April 18-27**
- **Canoeing and biking, May 10**
- **Amsterdam, May 24**
- **Disneyland Paris, June 7**
- **Express trip to Berlin, June 28**
- **Miami Dolphins VS Oakland Raiders in London, 27-29 September**
- **Cowboys VS Jaguars in London, November 8-10**

SHAPE Travel Group

- **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

3 April

- **Tri-Border annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony** - Celebrate service volunteers changing life and communities from noon to 2 p.m. at the JFC Conference Center, Brunssum. Lunch is provided for volunteers. Registration is required. For more information or to register call DSN 360-7500 or civilian 046-443-7500.

4 April

- **CYSS party** - Party to kick off the Month of the Military Child from 3 to 6 p.m. There will be numerous activities going on including bounce castles, face painting, carnival games, sports, a dunk tank and food. The party is open to all NATO ID card holders. For information contact CYSS at DSN 364-4192 or civilian 045-526-4192.

6 April

- **Imagination Movers** - Navy Entertainment & Armed Forces Entertainment are presenting this show at the Alliance Theater on JFC Brunssum. Doors open at 4 p.m. Showtime is 5 p.m. For more information, call DSN 364-3483 or civilian 045-526-3483.

8 April

- **Home Buying** - From noon to 1 p.m. at ACS. The biggest investment many of us will make is buying a house. Learn how to weed through the home-buying jungle and gather the knowledge and strategies every home buyer should know before beginning the hunt. For more information or to register, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian 046-443-7450/7500.

9 April

- **Interviewing Tips** - From 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the ACS conference room. Be prepared for your next interview with tips to dazzle future employers. The class will cover preparing for an interview, getting into the right mind set, and how to convince potential employers you are a perfect fit for the position. For information or to register, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian 046-443-7269/7500.

11 April

- **Silly Stories to Subdue Stress** - At the JFC Brunssum library from 11 a.m. to noon. This parent/child event during National Stress Awareness Month and Month of the Military Child provides fun activities and literature to teach parents how to help their children manage stress through humor.
- **Her Knight Under the Stars** - Tickets are now on sale at the front desk of the Airman & Family Readiness Center in Geilenkirchen, Germany for the Father-Daughter Dance from 6 to 9 p.m. held at Castle Limbricht near Sittard (the Netherlands). Cost of the ticket is €40 per couple and €15 per additional daughter. Limited tickets are available. For more information, call DSN 458-6015 or civilian 0049-2451-63-3791.

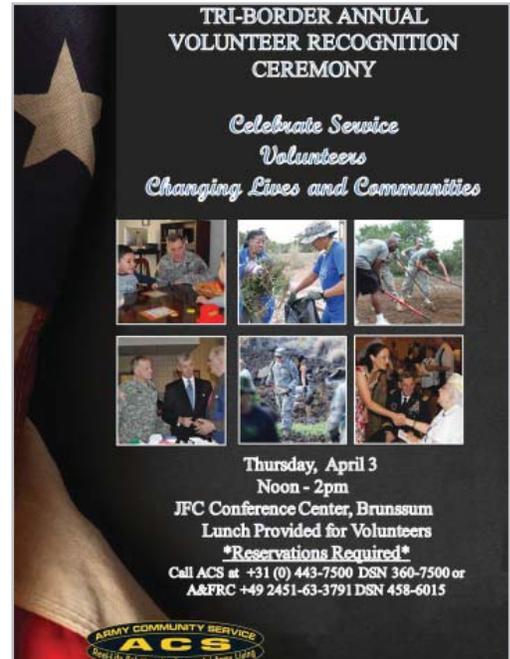
12 April

- **Kinderfest and Egg Hunt** at the Sports Fields, JFC Brunssum. Cost is €2 per child. Schedule is as follows: Children under three at 10:15 a.m.; four to six at 10:30 a.m.; seven to nine at 10:45 a.m. and 10+ Scavenger Hunt at 11 a.m. Baskets are not provided so don't forget to bring your own. There will also be children's activities. The event is open to US/NATO ID card holders and their guests. For more information contact DFMWR at DSN 360-7370 or civilian 046-443-7370.

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24 May (Registration needed by April 30)

- **Country Line Dance Evening** - The event will be held from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at NATO Airbase Geilenkirchen, Lilienthalallee 100. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Entrance is free. Prior registration is required by April 30. Component members and their guests are also required to register. For more information or to register send an email at Linedancers_for_fun@hotmail.com.



Community Roundup



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SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

3-4 April

- **French Wine Festival** - held at the SHAPE Events Center from noon to 10 p.m. April 3 and from noon to 8 p.m. April 4. Entrance is free.

8 April

- **Lunch & Learn "Effective discipline for young children ages 2-5"** - Held from noon to 1 p.m. in the ACS training room, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. For information and to register, call ACS DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.

10 April

- **Kids' Book Club** - Children in elementary school are invited to join the SHAPE International Library to explore popular children's fiction. Meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. to discuss *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry. Registration is not required and there is no fee for this program. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book, please call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631, e-mail at mwr.shape.library.info@us.army.mil or stop by during regular hours.

Get your ticket/register now

13 April

- **Easter Brunch** - Enjoy an all inclusive buffet from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Price is €28 for adults and €14 for children. Tickets are on sale until April 9. Limited quantities available. For more information, call DSN 423-4133 or civilian 065-44-4133.

16 April

- **Colorful Run** for grades K to 12 from 2 to 6 p.m. on the SHAPE Track. For information and to register, call DSN 423-4512 or civilian 065-44-5612. Participants will receive a free T-shirt. Carnival games and BBQ follow the run.

30 April

- **Stand Up Comedy Show** - Show starts at 8:30 p.m. in the Events Center Ballroom with Andy Valur, Nigel Williams, Pete Johansson, Yianni Agisilaou. Tickets are available at the SHAPE Club until April 12 at €12. Tickets will also be available at the door at €15. For more information, call DSN 423-4133 or civilian 065-44-4133.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

3 April

- **3 Star Lounge Family Dinner** - Join the Brussels community to enjoy a dinner for the whole family from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information and reservations call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.
- **The Child Light Ceremony** - Join to honor the children from around the world who have died due to child abuse during the past year, as well as, to thank the parents who make the difference, through music, art, and poetry presentations by students at the Brussels American School and members of the Brussels Community. The ceremony is held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Brussels American School Multi-Purpose Room, Sterrebeek Annex. For more information, contact ACS at DSN 368-9721 or civilian 02-717-9721.

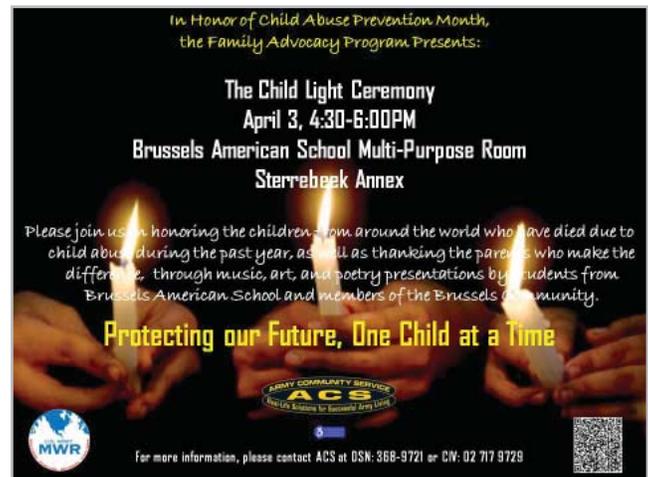
10 April

- **Pasta cooking workshop and dinner** - Learn all you want to know about pasta and make your own tortellini and tagliolini with an Italian teacher from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Location details will be provided upon registration. Workshop is limited to 12 people and reservations are due by noon, April 8 via email to info@americanclubbrussels.org. Price is €42 for members, €52 for non-members.
- **Personal Finance Workshop "Credit Scores, Reports & Repair"** - Held from 1 to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 4, USAG Benelux-Brussels. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.

Get your ticket/register now

11 April

- **The ROAMies concert** - Enjoy a night of music and fun at the 3 Star Lounge as of 7 p.m. The ROAMies are stopping in Brussels on their Spring Acoustic Tour around Europe. Free tickets are now available at the Library, the Fitness Center and the 3 Star Lounge. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a dinner made of homemade chicken enchiladas served with rice and beans. Price is \$6. For more information and reservations contact DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.



BRUSSELS COMMUNITY Continued

15 April

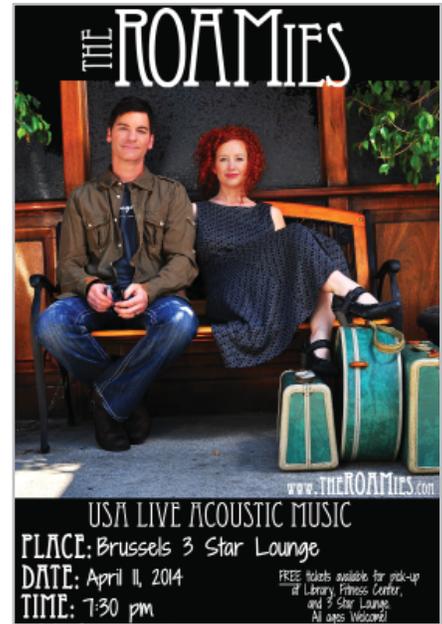
- **Veteran's Administration (VA) Benefits Briefing** - Find out the latest on VA policies, benefits and eligibility from the people who know. VA briefing is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., DTAP briefing is from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the ACS conference room, Bldg. 4. To register, call DSN 368-9635 or civilian 02-717-9635.

16 April

- **Meet the author: Graham Andrews** - Join the American Club of Brussels to unfold the short stories of Graham Andrews' book A Gentle Flow of Ink. This English author living in Belgium since 1982 will be offering an insight into his book and his love for fantasy and science fiction. At the Longitude 4° 21' bar, Le Méridien, Carrefour de l'Europe 3, 1000 Brussels as of 7 p.m. To register, send an email to cafe.litteraire@lemeridien.com.

16-18 April

- **Department of Labor Employment Workshop** - In this three day workshop, learn the skills needed to make your transition to civilian life successful, including effective job search, resume writing, and interviewing techniques. Workshop is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the ACS conference room. To register, call DSN 368-9635 or civilian 02-717-9635.



Community Roundup

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.

April 4	4 p.m.	The Muppets Most Wanted	PG	112 min
	6:45 p.m.	Noah	PG-13	110 min
	9:30 p.m.	Sabotage	R	98 min
April 5	4 p.m.	Robocop	PG-13	121 min
	6:45 p.m.	Need for speed	PG-13	124 min
	9:30 p.m.	300 : Rise of an Empire 3D	R	102 min
April 13	3 p.m.	Noah	PG-13	110 min
	5:30 p.m.	12 Years a slave	PG-13	134 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>.

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April 5	4 p.m.	The Muppets Most Wanted	PG	112 min
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