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Benelux news briefs

CPF closed tomorrow

The USAG Benelux-Schinnen Central Processing Facility (for ID cards, in/out-processing and so forth) will be closed Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Remember that appointments are required for all visits to the CPF and can be scheduled by calling DSN 364-3475 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263475.

USNMR changes hours

The Office of the U.S. National Military Representative, or USNMR, has adjusted its hours on certain days:

Open Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 5 p.m.; and Feb. 29 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

B-ball court closes

Due to military training, the basketball court in the Schinnen Fitness Center will be closed Feb. 23 to 27.

SATO closes Mondays

The CTO-SATO Travel Agency Office at USAG Benelux-Brussels will be closed Mondays instead of Fridays, starting March 2.

It will be open Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

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Lady Spartans defeat Alconbury Dragons

Begoña Rodriguez drives past an Alconbury defender at the SHAPE gym Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015. Rodriguez was the Spartan's leading scorer with 12 points.

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Learn about massacre at Wereth during Black History Month event

The 424th Air Base Squadron and USAG Benelux military community will host the African-American/Black History Month observance in the USAG Benelux auditorium in Caserne Daumerie's Building 30 in Chievres Feb. 27 from noon to 2 p.m.

"A Century of Black Life, History and Culture" is the annual theme for the 2015 national observance.

Sgt. Vincent "Charles" Pedican will talk about "The Wereth 11, a Little-Known Massacre During the Battle of the Bulge." Pedican is the news director at American Forces Network Benelux. He has covered

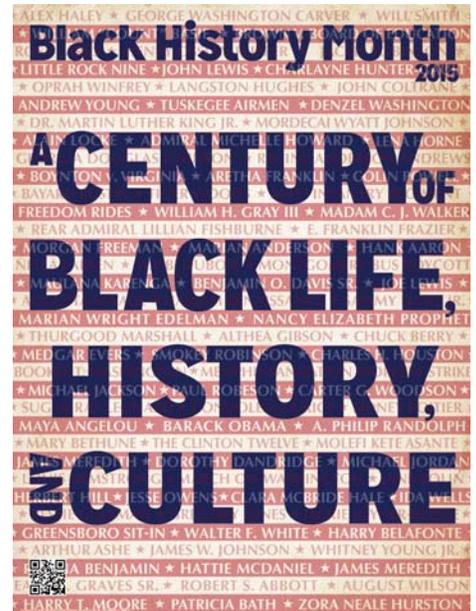


Sgt. Vincent "Charles" Pedican

numerous commemorative ceremonies associated with the Ardennes Offensive, often called the Battle of the Bulge due to the salient (bulge) that the Germans made in the American lines. Pedican has covered the Wereth commemorative four times.

The massacre of those 11 members of the segregated 333rd U.S. Field Artillery Battalion was also the subject of the 2011 award-winning docudrama "The Wereth Eleven."

The BHM event is open to the public. A food sampling will be available at the end of the observance.



New procedure for pay patients starts next month

A new collection procedure will be put in place for pay patients of SHAPE Healthcare Facility Effective March 1.

Pay Patients are non-TRICARE eligible patients, including Department of Defense civilians, DoDDS teachers, DOD contractors, Exchange employees, Non-Appropriated Fund employees, foreign civilians, foreign military and all authorized family members.

This change doesn't have an impact on active-duty Soldiers or their command-sponsored family members.

The Europe Regional Medical Command Uniform Business Office, or ERMC UBO, in Landstuhl, Germany, will take responsibility for all check and credit-card payments made by SHAPE pay patients. The SHAPE Clinic cashier will only be available for patients

who need to pay in euros.

The change standardizes medical billing operations within ERMC to improve financial support and customer service to pay patients.

Starting March 1, patients receiving invoices for healthcare services should send payments to:

ERMC-UBO
Unit 33104
APO AE 09180

Patients may also pay their bills online using a U.S. bank account, debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express) at <http://www.eubo.healthcare.hqsareur.army.mil> by clicking on the Pay.gov logo.

Learn more about it at DSN 590-7400 or civilian +49-(0) 6371-94647400, or usarmy.sembach.medcom-ermc.mbx.ermc-eubo@mail.mil.

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Boots to Business: Be your own boss

by Heather Blair

470th Air Base Squadron, Airman & Family Readiness Center

Transitioning from the military to a civilian career can be daunting, but the Airman & Family Readiness Center on Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base in Germany can help.

As part of the Transition Goals, Plans and Success program, or GPS, the Geilenkirchen A&FRC offers “Boots to Business” Feb. 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This two-day course will be taught by experts sent from the United States by the Small Business Administration.

“Boots to Business” is an educational and training program for transitioning members, veterans and spouses who are interested in small business and self-employment.

The program will lead participants through the key steps for evaluating business concepts and the foundational knowledge required for developing a business plan.



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from service to startup

Attendees will leave with a better understanding of the process of becoming an entrepreneur as well as the resources offered by the SBA to follow up on this introductory training.

For more information and to reserve a spot, call DSN 458-6015 and civilian +49 (0) 2451-633791.



Cybercriminals target USAA members

Recent crime reports reveal a social media fraud scheme targeting USAA members, according to officials from the Cyber Criminal Intelligence Unit. The scheme may target other groups or financial institutions because the techniques can be easily adapted.

How it works

The scammer, pretending to be an official representative of the United Services Automobile Association, contacts a USAA member on social media (such as Facebook, Twitter or Instagram) claiming the member has won an award or is eligible for a customer incentive. In order to receive the award payment, the member is asked to pay a finder's fee, commission or service charge.

Conveniently, the fee can be paid from the proceeds of the award. The scammer asks for the USAA member's mobile banking credentials (username, password and PIN) and uses USAA's mobile banking application to deposit checks into the member's account. Then, the member is asked to electronically pay the finder's fee to the purported USAA official, usually through a wire or money transfer service like Moneygram or Western Union. Wire and money transfer services are used because traceability is often limited.

Predictably, the deposited award

checks aren't genuine and, after several days, are returned unpaid and charged back to the USAA member's account. While the deposits are fake, the money the member wires to the scammer is very real.

Most likely, the scammers surf social-media content (images and comments) randomly identifying military members and their families.

Once identified, they are prime targets for the USAA scam, not because the scammer has specific knowledge of any actual USAA affiliation. Rather, the scammers shotgun their messages betting (and current reporting indicates good odds of success) that at least some of the recipients actually have USAA relationships.

If you are suspicious about any social-media post claiming to be from USAA or you have been approached as described in this Cybercrime Alert Notice, contact USAA at abuse@usaa.com.

For similar scams involving other financial institutions, contact their security departments, the Internet Crime Complaint Center or the United States Federal Trade Commission.

Important reminder

Verify through established channels the authenticity of anyone asking for your personal information, financial

information, passwords, PINs and so forth, especially if you didn't initiate the interaction.

Recommended Practices:

- Be suspicious when someone you don't know contacts *you* and asks for *your* personal information.
- Never, in any social-media setting, provide usernames and passwords to anyone; your bank won't ask for personal information, including debit-card numbers and personal identification numbers, or PINs.
- Verify, verify, verify. Contact the financial institution directly.
- When calling the financial institution, use a telephone number or email address that you know to be valid; look on the financial institution's website, the back of your debit card or credit card, or statement.
- Don't rely on the person who contacted you to provide a verification telephone number or email address. Remember, you are verifying because you are skeptical of the person's reliability.

For more information about computer security and other computer-related scams, officials from the Cyber Criminal Intelligence Unit encourage readers to visit the CCIU website at <http://www.cid.army.mil/cciu2can.html>.

Trenches to Foxholes

Next week in World War history (Feb. 8 to 14)

World War I

1915

Feb. 12 - One of the biggest air raids of World War I occurs on this day in 1915, when 34 planes from the British Naval Wing attack the German-occupied coastal towns of Blankenberghe, Ostend and Zeebrugge in Belgium.

The attacks, led by British Wing Commander C.R. Samson, targeted the railway stations in Ostend and Blankenberghe as well as railway lines across the coast that were being used by the occupying military forces from Germany. The town of Zeebrugge, which was being used by the Germans as a base of operations for their deadly submarine warfare and from which they planned a blockade of the Belgian coast, was also a major target of the attack.

1916

Feb. 9 - H.M.S. Mimi and Fifi sink German gunboat Hedwig von Wissman securing British command of Lake Tanganyika. The second largest of the lakes of eastern Africa, Lake Tanganyika is the longest freshwater lake in the world (410 miles [660 km]) and the second deepest (4,710 feet [1,436 meters]) after Lake Baikal in Russia. Comparatively narrow, varying in width from 10 to 45 miles (16 to 72 km), it covers about 12,700 square miles (32,900 square km) and forms the boundary between Tanzania and Congo.

Feb. 10 - As a result of bitter disagreements with President Woodrow Wilson over America's national defense strategies, Lindley M. Garrison resigns his position as the United States secretary of war.

1917

Feb. 13 - Scandinavian Governments' joint protest against German submarine warfare is published.

Feb. 14 - British Government gives pledge in House of Commons that the restitution of Alsace-Lorraine is an object of the war.

1918

Feb. 8 - The U.S. Army resumes publication of the military newsletter Stars and Stripes.

Begun as a newsletter for Union Soldiers during the American Civil War, Stars and Stripes was published weekly during World War I from Feb. 8, 1918, until June 13, 1919. The newspaper was distributed to American Soldiers dispersed across the Western Front to keep them unified and informed about the overall war effort and America's part in it, as well as supply them with news from the home front.

The front page of the newspaper's first World War I issue features "A Message from Our Chief," a short valedictory from Gen. John J. Pershing, commander in chief of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF): The paper, written by the men in the service, should speak the thoughts of the new American Army and the American people from whom the Army has been drawn. It is your paper. Good luck to it.

Feb. 9 - The first peace treaty of World War I is signed when the newly declared independent state of Ukraine officially comes to terms with the Central Powers at 2 a.m. in Berlin.

World War II

1939

Feb. 12 - Slovakian nationalist leader Vojtech Tuka meets with Adolf Hitler in Berlin, seeking support for independence.

1940

Feb. 8 - Three Hawk 75 fighters of the Chinese 18th Squadron intercept 27 Japanese aircraft en route to Mengzi, Yunnan, China. One of the Chinese fighters is heavily damaged and forced to crash land, injuring pilot Yang Tzu-fan.

1941

Feb. 12 - German Gen. Erwin Rommel arrives in Tripoli, Libya, with the newly formed Afrika Korps, to reinforce the beleaguered Italians' position.

1942

Feb. 9 - Congress pushes ahead standard time for the United States by one hour in each time zone, imposing daylight saving time — called at the time "war time."

Daylight saving time, suggested by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, is imposed to conserve fuel. It can be traced back to World War I, when Congress imposed one standard time on the United States to enable the country to better use resources, following the European model.

Feb. 10 - A Japanese submarine launches a brutal attack on Midway, a coral atoll used as a U.S. Navy base. It was the fourth bombing of the atoll by Japanese ships since Dec. 7.

Feb. 11 - The German battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, as well as the heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen, escape from the French port of Brest and make a mad dash up the English Channel to safety in German waters.

1943

Feb. 14 - German Gen. Erwin Rommel and his Afrika Korps launch an offensive against an Allied defensive line in Tunisia, North Africa. The Kasserine Pass was the site of the United States' first major battle defeat of the war.

1944

Feb. 8 - Maj. William Sidney, 1st Viscount de L'Isle, leads an attack on enemy positions at Anzio, Italy. Although wounded, he refuses medical treatment until his objective is secure. For this, he is awarded the Victoria Cross (following in the footsteps of his father-in-law, Field Marshal Lord Gort (John Vereker), who also had been badly wounded while winning the same medal in WWI).

1945

Feb. 13 - A series of Allied firebombing raids begins against the German city of Dresden, reducing the "Florence of the Elbe" to rubble and flames, and killing as many as 135,000 people. It is the single-most destructive bombing of the war — including Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Dresden was firebombed to break the will of the German people. Allied troops hadn't reached the Rhein yet, and all strategic German cities had already been reduced to rubble. Dresden was selected to serve as an example because, as a cultural center with no war industry, it had escaped Allied bombing up to that point.

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

Dress up, join in Carnaval fun

Don't miss party tradition at Dutch Canteen



Hazelares

Dutch Carnaval is a colorful affair, judging by this photo of the 2013 Maastricht Carnaval. Be a colorful character at the Schinnen Carnaval event, which will be held in the Recreation Plaza complex Friday, Feb. 13, 2015. It's a wonderful way to be part of an old tradition while at a convenient venue.

Carnaval is without a doubt one of the most important local events in the USAG Benelux-Schinnen area. For more than 30 years, Schinnen has had a party the Friday before Dutch Carnaval, which is three days before Ash Wednesday (the start of Lent, a season of preparation before Easter).

Join the revelers in the Recreation Plaza complex on Schinnen Feb. 13. The doors open at 1 p.m. The official festivities begin at 2:11 p.m. with the proclamation of the Carnaval prince and princess. The Dutch Canteen has been designated as the official place of duty that afternoon so tear yourself

away from your desk and show up at the Dutch Canteen for some flamboyant fun.

This Carnaval party is an opportunity to experience Dutch culture on base. Dust off your costume, find that mask or get ready for face-painting. Have your family and friends join USAG Benelux-Schinnen and the host nation in their celebration of Carnaval. While you are planning what to wear, be sure to arrange for a designated driver or resolve to celebrate without drinking alcohol.

For more information about this Carnaval event, call DSN 360-7416 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437416, or DSN 360-7433 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437433.



File Photo

Every time a player is ready to hit the ball, he shouts, "Chôlette!" (similar to the way golfers shout, "Four!") to let the people around him know that they should pay attention, just as this player did Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014.

Experience Chièvres: Play Crossage

Registration is currently open for Crossage.

The sport of Crossage takes place Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, starting at noon in the streets of Chièvres and surrounding villages.

The city of Chièvres will be closed to all traffic, and no parking will be allowed.

Crossage is a sport that could be described as a cross between golf and croquet.

Teams compete against one another as they try to hit the kegs with the wooden, oblong "ball" (chôlette) in as few hits with the wooden mallet (rabet) as possible. The entire course covers about 30 kegs.

Cost is €32 for a rabot and a chôlette, and €4 for insurance. Total: €36. The payment and registration deadline is Feb. 15.

To learn more about Crossage and to find out about registering, call 0496-876938.

Alconbury proves fierce in b-ball

Lady Spartans 'take care of business' Saturday

Story and photos by **Tim Clark**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office volunteer

The SHAPE American High School Spartans basketball teams took on the Alconbury Dragons last weekend with mixed results.

The boys dropped both games losing Friday 40-37 and Saturday 41-31. The girls lost Friday 23-17 but picked up a 33-29 victory Saturday.

“Friday’s game we were missing two

inside players that made us work to find the right mix inside,” Coach Todd Mitchell said of the girls team. “However, on Saturday we had our entire team so we were able to take care of business and run the offense and defense the way we planned.”

Saturday’s victory for the Spartan girls team was led by Begoña Rodriguez

with 12 points. Angela Mitchell and Kate Mitchell added six points apiece with Kate also pulling down seven rebounds.

The Lady Spartans took the lead right before the halftime 19-18, and, with a 10-point third period, they sealed the win and held the lead to the final buzzer.

See next page.

(Clockwise from near right) Spartan Keyairra Bryant has her eyes on the basket, as she gets ready to shoot. The SHAPE girls defeated Alconbury 33-29. They faced off at the SHAPE gym Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015. • Kate Mitchell looks to pass the ball to a Spartan teammate. Mitchell had 6 points and seven rebounds in the game. • Leilynn Arrington battles for one of her six rebounds in the game. • Spartan Coach Todd Mitchell talks defense during a timeout. The SHAPE girls defeated Alconbury 33-29 at the SHAPE gym Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015.



Spartan basketball | continued

In a close contest Friday, the Spartan boys team lost by three points with Alconbury hitting a 3-pointer at the end of the game to take the victory. Spartan Austin Stephens led all scorers with 15 points for the game. Will Henry added 10 points and 10 rebounds for SHAPE.

In Saturday's matchup, the boys team just couldn't get the ball in the basket. With some cold shooting by the Spartans, the score stood at 23-13 in favor of Alconbury at the half, and the Spartans trailed the rest of the way. Stephens again led the Spartans in scoring with

14 points.

Home games for both teams resume this Saturday, Feb. 7, at the SHAPE gym with the varsity girls starting things off with a 9:30 a.m. tipoff. The boys game will follow the finish of the girls game. Both teams will face the AFNORTH Lions.



(Clockwise from top left) Austin Stephens takes to the air to score two of his game-high 14 points against Alconbury at the SHAPE gym Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015. • Trey Kirklen looks to pass the ball inside for the Spartans. Alconbury defeated SHAPE 41-31 at the SHAPE gym Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015. • Spartan Shaquile Henry shoots in the Spartans game against Alconbury at the SHAPE gym Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015. Alconbury defeated SHAPE 41-31. • Mathew Hoover goes to the basket for two in the Spartans game against Alconbury at the SHAPE gym Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015.

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Intermediate Driver's Training Course changes location

The next Intermediate Driver's Training Course (IDC) hosted by the USAG Benelux Installation Safety Office will be held at USAG Benelux-Brussels (Leuvensesteenweg 13 at 1932 Sint Stevens Woluwe) in the Army Community Service Conference Room on the second floor of Building 4 Feb. 11 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The training is for Soldiers under 26 years of age and is a one-time training requirement.

This training is designed to reinforce the initial traffic-safety training Soldiers received at advanced individual training.

For additional information, contact ISO at DSN 361-6114 or civilian 068-276114.

Job openings at Army lodging

Chièvres Army Lodge has two job openings for U.S. desk clerk currently open. Both vacancy announcements have a closing date of Feb. 13:

- Regular part-time: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/392936400>; and
- Regular full-time: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/392936600>.

Job opening at AFCU

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

SHAPE clinic offers flu shots

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

For more information, call DSN 423-5848 or civilian 065-445848.

New Parent Support Program plans to reschedule classes

The New Parent Support Program on Schinnen is going through transition. Labor, Birth and Beyond Classes won't be held in February. NPSP classes for the Tri-border community should be rescheduled in March.

Play Group moves from CYSS

The Thursday morning Play Group that was held at the CYSS on JFC Brunssum has been relocated to JFC Brunssum's West Chapel.

This is now a parent-led play group open to all NATO parents with children from newborn to preschool age. The time and date will remain the same: Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Direct all New Parent Support Program question to Schinnen Army Community Service's Family Advocacy at DSN 360-7453 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437453.

Co-ed Venturing crew meets at SHAPE to have fun now, plan fun for later

Have a few slices of pizza and throw a few bowling balls at the Pizza Bowl Feb. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. During the free event, help plan more fun for the new SHAPE Venturing crew.



Venturing is a youth-development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 13 and have completed the eighth grade, or age 14 to 20.

If you decide to join the crew, a BSA registration fee of \$24 for minors (\$30 for adults) and some paperwork is required. Contact scoutingmembership@gmail.com.

DeCA offers scholarships

Applications for the Scholarships for Military Children Program's 2015-2016 school-year awards are now available at commissaries worldwide or on the Internet at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>, according to a Defense Commissary Agency news release.

An applicant must be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 — or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university — of a service member on active duty, Reserve or Guard member, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty, or survivor of a retiree.

Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 13. Packages must be hand-delivered or shipped via U.S. Postal Service or other delivery methods, not emailed or faxed.

For more information, students or sponsors should call Scholarship Managers at 856-616-9311 or email them at militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.

Arts & Crafts staff encourages self-expression

SHAPE Arts & Crafts offers the following classes for members of the SHAPE/Chièvres community:

- Cake Design;
- Basic Ceramics and Pottery;
- Flower arrangement;
- Framing;
- Jewelry;
- Photography;
- Patchwork Quilting; and
- Watercolor.

For more information and to register, stop by SHAPE Arts & Crafts in Building 307 (library building) or call DSN 423-6049 or civilian 065-446049.

In related news, you can also book a craft birthday party or order helium balloons through SHAPE Arts & Crafts. SHAPE Arts & Crafts also has a shop where you can browse among SHAPE-themed merchandise, framing supplies and more.

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Get package deal on Carnaval Break

Schinnen Bowling Center and Schinnen Activity Center will offer a variety of fun activities during Carnaval Break week, Feb. 17 to 20. The new, package deal includes a featured activity each day (from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.) plus wall climbing (from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), cosmic bowling and inflatables (both from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Feb. 17: dodgeball. Feb. 18: soccer. Feb. 19: basketball and free-throw contest. Feb. 20: pillow polo/tug-of-war. All ages are welcome. Cost: \$5 per person per day, payable at the Schinnen Bowling Center. To find out more, call Special Events at DSN 360-7370 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437370.

CYSS plans trips during Carnaval Break

Schinnen CYSS Youth Center, located on JFC Brunssum, will be taking two Carnaval Break trips from 1 to 5:30 p.m. A skateboard trip to The Promise Skate Park is planned for Feb. 17. Protective gear must be worn to participate; protective gear and skateboards will be provided. A minimum of 10 participants is needed for the trip. Register by Feb. 11. Cost: \$20. A sight-seeing trip to Aachen, Germany, is set for Feb. 20. The trip, which includes a visit to the Lindt Chocolate Factory, is free, but bring your own spending money. To learn more and to register, call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.

CYSS SAC plans fun for Carnaval Break

The Schinnen School Age Center will offer a day camp Feb. 17 to 20. (CYSS will be closed Feb. 16.) Carnaval Break Camp's SAC plans activities include bowling, a Carnaval parade, ice skating, a sports party and swimming. Day-camp fees are based on total family income. Open to all U.S. and NATO eligible youth in first through fifth grades. For full camp details and to register, call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.

CYSS winter-camp registration begins

Have fun at Winter Break Camp at the SHAPE Youth Center Feb. 16 to 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Camp is open to sixth- through eighth-graders.

Winter Break Camp features a full-day trip to Snow World Feb. 18. Registration is now open. Space is limited.

Obtain more details at CYSS Youth Program, Building 503, or call DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104.

Register at CYSS Parent Central Services in SHAPE's Building 503, or call DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.

CYSS offers 'Ultimate Teen Program'

SHAPE CYSS hosts the 2015 Benelux Keystone Conference at the SHAPE Youth Centre in Building 503 March 6 to 7. The fun starts Friday at 6 p.m. and ends Saturday at 4 p.m.

Cost: \$10. Open to all CYSS-registered youth in ninth through 12th grades. (Becoming CYSS-registered is free.)

Get more details at the SHAPE CYSS Youth Program, Building 503, or call DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104.

Register at CYSS Parent Central Services in Building 503, or call DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.

For Brussels and Schinnen, contact your local Youth Centre.

CYSS offers baseball

Schinnen CYSS at JFC Brunssum holds open enrollment for youth baseball (for ages 3 to 15) through Feb. 27.

Practice for the April 14 to June 6 season begins on or about April 14 at Slagheap Fields.

Open to all U.S./NATO ID Card Holders (Spaces are limited.) Must be registered with CYSS (it's free) and have a valid health assessment at time of enrollment.

Cost: youths, ages 3 to 5, \$20; youths, ages 6 to 15, \$45.

Enroll in baseball and register for CYSS at CYSS Parent Central Services Office on JFC Brunssum in Building H-602. Volunteer coaches are needed.

For more information, call the Child, Youth and School Services' Sports and Fitness Office for details at DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31-(0) 45-5264195. You can also call CYSS Parent Central Services at DSN 364-3121 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121.

Enrollment open for CYSS softball

Girls, ages 10 to 15, in the Schinnen area are invited to join softball during the open-enrollment period through Feb. 27 for the April 14 to June 6 season.

Practice begins at Slagheap Fields on or about April 14.

Open to all U.S./NATO ID card holders. Players must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Cost: \$45. Although there is a cost associated with softball, CYSS registration is free.

Volunteer coaches are needed.

Contact Child, Youth and School Services' Sports and Fitness Office for details on softball at DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.

To enroll in softball and register for CYSS, contact CYSS Parent Central Services Office at JFC Brunssum in Building H-602, or, to obtain information about registration, call DSN 364-3121 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121.

CYSS holds baby-sitter classes

CYSS in SHAPE/Chièvres and Schinnen communities will be holding baby-sitter training next month. Each attendee must be at least 12 years old and a registered CYSS member to participate.

Although there is a cost associated with baby-sitter training, CYSS registration is free. Space in the baby-sitter class is limited.

- SHAPE CYSS Teen Babysitting Course will be offered at the Teen Center in SHAPE's Building 503 Feb. 16,17,19 and 20 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Attendees will learn Basic Childcare Skills and earn their certification in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid. Cost: \$25, which includes Babysitters Handbook and a Magic Babysitter's Bag. (Registration through Feb. 11.)

To reserve your space, call CYSS Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.

- Become Red Cross-certified in pediatric CPR and first aid at the Youth Center in Building H-602 at JFC Brunssum Feb. 17 to 20 from 2 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$15.

To enroll, contact Parent Central Services at DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Feb. 6 to 8

- **Bâtiments** - At the Mons Expo on Avenue Abel Dubois from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., this fair offers all you need to know about construction, renovation and decoration of your home. Get your free tickets online at <http://www.batimons.be>.
- **Chocolate Fair in Brussels** - At the Brussels Expo, Hall 1, this fair brings together the countries producing chocolate, the chocolatiers and the consumers. You will be able to taste the finest chocolate and participate in various workshops in which chocolate is the highlight: cooking demos, workshops for children, chocolate sculptures and a fashion show with dresses made of chocolate. Admission: Friday, €8.50; Saturday or Sunday. €10; children under 3, free. Online tickets at €8.50 can be obtained at <http://brussels.salon-du-chocolat.com/tickets.aspx>. (Read about the family pack online.)



Feb. 6 to 9

- **Affordable Art Fair in Brussels** - Thousands of original paintings, prints, sculptures and photographs are all under one roof and priced between €60 and €6,000. Fair is held at Tour & Taxis, Avenue du Port 86c. Open Feb. 6 from noon to 10 p.m., Feb. 7 and 8 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Feb. 9 from noon to 6 p.m. Admission: €11 (advance) or €13 at the door; children under 16, free. Buy advance tickets online at <http://affordableartfair.com>.

Feb. 7

- **Garage sale in Boussu** - On Rue Montempeine 90 from 2:30 to 6 p.m., sale includes furniture, place settings, home decor, kitchen appliances and more.
- **Flea market in La Louvière** - On Rue de Baume 114 at the school, the sale includes toys, clothing, books and children's equipment. Open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Feb. 8

- **Volksmarch in Meslin-l'Évêque** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km. Departs from Salle Le Tchop on Rue Centrale 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Lobbes** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departs from Rue des Ecoles, 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Tournai** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km. Departs from Chaussée de Lille 198 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Tilly** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km. Departs from Rue Général Mellier 20 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Feluy** for 4, 6, 12 or 18 km. Departs from the school on Chaussée de Familleureux from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Small participation fee.
- **Flea market in Jemappes** - On Avenue Maréchal Foch 873 (100 booths) from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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

Through Feb. 8

- **Designing 007: Fifty Years of Bond Style in Rotterdam** at Kunsthal on Westzeedijk 341 presents an unequalled multimedia experience of the world of James Bond, including numerous film clips. Discover the design and style of the James Bond franchise over the course of five decades, through a dozen themed rooms and environments. This exhibition features more than 500 unforgettable objects. Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit <http://www.kunsthal.nl/designing007/en/>.



Steven Lek

Feb. 6 to 8

- **Dog Show and Exhibition in Eindhoven** will be held in Beursgebouw at Lardinoisstraat 8. Participants are from several European countries; more than 2,200 dogs will be present. Booths will offer all kinds of doggie accessories. Open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: €8.
- **Garden Fair in Ulfst** will be held in SSP Hall on Drulaan. Browse through all kinds of things for the garden: decorations, machines and more. Open Feb. 6 from 1 to 9 p.m. and Feb. 7 to 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €5.

Feb. 6 to 11

- **Boot Holland in Leeuwarden** is a fair for water-sports enthusiasts held at WTC Expo at Heliconweg 52. This fair opens the water-sports season in the Netherlands and has many boats and other watercraft on display as well as all kinds of accessories, navigation apparatus and apparel. Visit <http://www.boot-holland.nl>.

Feb. 7

- **Enamel Fair in Apeldoorn** will be held at Dok Zuid at 1e Wormenseweg 460. This indoor fair offers visitors all kinds of enamel objects: modern and antique. Open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Feb. 7 to 8

- **Jewelry Fair in Arnhem** will be held in Eusebiuskerk at Kerkplein 1. The fair gives visitors the opportunity to see all kinds of jewelry and beads as well as to try their hands at making them in workshops. Open Feb. 7 from noon to 5:30 p.m. and Feb. 8 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission: €5; children 11 and under, free.

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Feb. 8 continued

- **Flea market in Soignies** (50 booths) - On Place du millenaire from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **First flea market for sewing items in Carnières** - On Rue d'Anderlues 72 (20 booths) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through May 17

- **Van Gogh exhibition in Mons** - While in the Walloon coal-mining area of Mons from December 1878 through October 1880, Vincent Van Gogh abandoned his career as an evangelist and decided to become an artist. This exhibition takes you through this crucial period, during which the artistic ideas Van Gogh developed largely set the course of his work. It gives you not only an insight into the beginnings of his career but also depicts the living conditions in the area at that time. At the Beaux-Arts Mons on Rue Neuve 8 Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €15; children under 12, €3. (A family rate is also available.) For details, visit <http://www.bam.mons.be>.

Mark your calendar

Feb. 21

- **In the footsteps of the 82nd Airborne Division** - March starting at 9 a.m. in La Gleize following the trails of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division to the villages of Brume, Rahier, Cheneux, La Vaux Renard and back to La Gleize. The walk is 23 km long. Registration fee of €6 is to be paid upon arrival and covers hot soup for lunch, a certificate, hot wine and insurance. Several veterans of the 82nd Airborne Division who witnessed the battle will participate or will be present at the memorials where walkers will pay their respects.

Trenches to Foxholes

Through April 26

- **Expo 14-18: It's our history in Brussels** - At the Royal Army Museum at Parc du Cinquantenaire 3, daily from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:45 p.m., except Mondays. Based on the rich and unique collections of the Royal Army Museum, this display shows all aspects of conflicts, which left Europe battered and weakened. The war and the everyday life during the Belgian occupation constitutes an important part of the exhibition. Admission: adults €12; children 6 to 18, €8. Family package is €32 (two adults and two children). You can look into day-trip specials on the Belgian rail website at <http://www.belgianrail.be>.



Feb. 7 to 8 continued

- **Flea and Curiosa Market in Goes** is a large indoor event that will be held in Zeelandhallen at Da Vinciplein 1. Open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: €4.50.
- **International Wine Fair 2 in Gentbrugge, Belgium**, will be held in De Vierde Zaal on Driebekenstraat. About 25 participants from international vineyards will present their wines at this 26th annual event. Open Feb. 7 from 1 to 8 p.m. and Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €3.
- **Lace Fair in Oostmalle, Belgium**, will be held at Domein de Renesse at Lierselei 30. Enjoy demonstrations and lots of beautiful objects. Open Feb. 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. and Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €1.50.
- **Moto Retro Wieze in Wieze, Belgium**, will be held in Oktoberhallen at Schroverstraat 18. This large indoor fair puts motor bikes from the past (and their accessories) at the center of attention. Open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €9; children 12 and under, free.

Ongoing

Through May 10

- **Frick Collection in The Hague** can be experienced in Mauritshuis at Korte Vijverberg 8. The works in the collection at Mauritshuis are normally on display in a museum adjoining Central Park in New York, which was originally built as steel magnate Henry Clay Frick's residence. The exhibition "A Country House in New York: Highlights from the Frick Collection" includes works from Jan Van Eyck, Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, Cimabue and Jean-Etienne Liotard. Very few Dutch museums exhibit works by these artists. You will also be able to admire drawings, sculptures and applied art from the Frick Collection. Visit <http://www.mauritshuis.nl>.

Mark your calendar

April 4

- **Kennedy Mars in Sittard** started as a way to prove that the townspeople still had what it takes. In a 1963 speech, President John F. Kennedy said that, as a result of modern affluent society, "nobody can walk 50 miles within 20 hours anymore." After this statement, many people all over the world walked 50 miles/80 km to prove him wrong. In Sittard, this volksmarch has become an annual event named the Kennedy Mars, which starts and finishes in Sittard. Visit <http://www.kennedymars.org>. Register now.

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SHAPE Trips & Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE

For information on the trip below,

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Kölner Karneval/Cologne Carnaval Rosenmontag in Germany (Fasching), Feb. 16 - Join SHAPE Trips and Tours for a day of party and culture in Cologne. Kölner Karneval/Carnaval in Cologne is almost as old as the city itself. More than 1 million spectators will join the festivities. Spend your free time watching 100 stunning floats and dancers in costumes. Don't forget to bring your umbrella to catch tons of German candy. All Cologne will be one big costume party, and, of course, you can dress up, too. After the parade, you might want to stroll through the cobblestone streets of Cologne's old town or enjoy a walk along the meandering Rhine River. Cost: €55.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trip below,

call DSN 360-7561 or civilian
0031-(0)46-4437561.

Day trip to Paris, March 14, 2015 - Whether you know it by "the City of Lovers" or "the City of Light," you will have hours of free time to explore Paris, whether it's seeing the view from the Eiffel Tower, strolling along the Seine or sitting at a sidewalk café. Included in tour price: round-trip coach transportation. Assigned seating on a "first come and pay" basis. Register with full payment at the Trips and Tours office in Schinnen. Cost: \$79 per person.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below,

call civilian 0470-876369.

Spa, Belgium, Feb. 25 - Join the SHAPE Travel Group for a day of rest and relaxation. Since the 14th century, people have been traveling to Spa for the healing properties of its mineral spring. Last October, the Shape Travel Group enjoyed it so much that its leadership scheduled a trip in 2015. Rally your friends to enjoy three hours of soaking and steaming, or taking advantage of one of the many spa services available for purchase. Take some time to wander the streets of the town of Spa and imagine running into the Belgian literary sleuth Hercule Poirot whose birthplace mystery writer Agatha Christie set in an unnamed village near Spa. Perhaps you'd like to head to the famous casino for a little excitement. Don't forget your bathing suit. You may bring a robe, towels and slippers with you on this day of pampering, or rent them there if you like. Cost: €40, which includes transportation and three hours of admission to the spa; €8 for each additional half-hour. Optional extras must be booked ahead of time on your own.

Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

- **Thermae 2000 in Valkenburg, The Netherlands, Feb. 28 (Schedule extra appointments in advance.)**
- **Belgian Beer Tour, March 7**
- **Dover Castle and Canterbury by Ferry, March 14**
- **Maastricht, Dutch Fruit Pie-Baking Workshop (optional), March 21**
- **Château de Versailles, March 28**
- **Movie Park Germany, April 4**
- **Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, April 6 to 15 (10 days' round-trip)**
- **Giverny, France: Monet's Home and Gardens, April 25**
- **Polish Pottery and Czech Crystal Shopping Trip, May 1 to 4**
- **Berlin City Tour, May 14 to 17**
- **Somme Battlefield and Peronne Museum, June 20**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Belgium, Aug. 8**
- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Bruges Day Trip, March 21**
- **Spring-break get a way: Malgrat de Mar, Spain, April 3 to 12 (Pay before Feb. 28.)**
- **Family Day "Trout Fishing," April 11**
- **Keukenhof Gardens, April 25**



SHAPE Travel Group

- **Netherlands: Volendam/Edam/Marken, March 5**
- **Reims, France, and Champagne Tasting, March 19**
- **Trier with Winery Tour, April 15**
- **Polish Pottery and Giethoorn, April 24**
- **Rhine in Flames (Bonn), May 2**
- **Giverny, France (Monet's home and gardens), May 7**
- **London and Chelsea Flower Show, May 21**
- **Amiens and Les Hortillonages (Floating Gardens), June 2**
- **Provins Medieval Festival, June 13**
- **Paris, June 18**

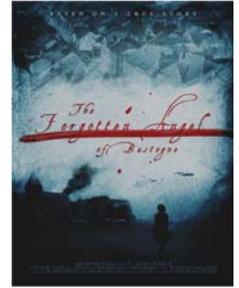
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Forgotten Angel of Bastogne** - Join the American Club of Brussels for a private pre-screening of Martin King's new film "The Forgotten Angel of Bastogne," which will be released to the general public in August. This prestigious event will be held at the Hard Rock Café Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. and will be followed by an optional three-course dinner. Martin King, author, historian and producer of the film, will give a brief introduction before the screening. Cost for screening only: €5 for members, €10 for non-members. Cost for screening and dinner: €30 for members and €40 for non-members. Reservations are due by Feb. 6 at noon. Find out more at <http://www.americanclubbrussels.org>.



Feb. 11 and 12

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Brussels Army Community Service invites all service members, civilians and their families to participate in free newcomers events next week. Feb. 11: The deputy garrison manager's welcome and USAG Benelux-Brussels site brief start at 9 a.m. and are followed by a cultural acclimatization (information on local customs as well as basic French and Flemish), which ends at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 12: Metro Madness (in which newcomers learn to use public transportation) runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet in the ACS conference room in Building 4 half an hour before start time to get settled, get a snack or get ready to leave as a group for a tour, if applicable. Register by calling DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

Feb. 12

- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Enjoy Sloppy Joes or pulled pork from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Make your (required) reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Cost: Adults \$6, children 12 and under, \$3.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Rock Climbing** - Register youths ages 10 to 18 for this climbing event during open enrollment, which runs through Feb. 20, at CYSS Parent Central Services in Brunssum. The \$130 fee includes seven two-hour sessions, transportation to and from Rocca Indoor Facility, two hours of professional instruction and a snack with a competition during the last session. For details, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195. Youths must be registered with CYS Services and have a valid health/sports assessment at the time of enrollment.

Feb. 10

- **Checkbook and ATM Management** - Come to this class from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room to understand the types of banking accounts and financial institutions available as well as the correct way to handle checking accounts, ATM cards/debit cards and banking services. The group will have an open discussion about other banking services, such as savings accounts, investments, special checks and cash transfers. For additional information or to register for the class, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450/7500.

Feb. 19 and 20

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Learn what you need to know at Schinnen Army Community Service. All newcomers must attend the Host-Nation Orientation on Day 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to learn local customs, culture, language and highly useful information. On Day 2, meet at ACS to take the Newcomers Tour from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The group goes beyond the gate to learn and use the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. Contact DSN 360-7218/7500 or civilian 046-4437218/7500.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Feb. 7 and 8

- **NAF Property Sale** - Purchase Nonappropriated Fund items like furniture (office and children's), fixtures and equipment at Chièvres Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rental at the front of Chièvres Air Base's Building 20120 (located in the Old Commissary Building between the PXtra and CAC) Feb. 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Feb. 7 sale day is open to U.S. ID cardholders only. (Pay cash in dollars only.) The Feb. 8 sale day is open to SHAPE/NATO ID cardholders. (Pay cash in euros only.) Some kitchen equipment (mostly large items), glasses, silverware, flatware, file cabinets, storage cabinets, tables, chairs, a pool table and game tables will be available for purchase. Sales are "first come, first served" as well as "cash and carry." Prices are expected to range from 25 cents to \$50. All sales are final. No returns or exchanges. Bring a vehicle large enough to transport your items. (Staff won't be available to help load or deliver items.) Bring smaller monetary bills because change for large bills may not be readily available. To read all about it, including a list of merchandise for sale, visit <http://chievres.armymwr.com/europe/chievres/chievres-events/naf-property-sale-2/?eID=71825>. Questions can be answered at DSN 361-5246 or civilian 068-275246.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY continued**Feb. 9 and 10**

- **Welcome, newcomers** - SHAPE Army Community Service invites all service members, civilian employees and their family members to learn about the SHAPE/Chièvres community and all it has to offer. During the two-day host-nation orientation, you will learn about Belgian customs and basic French. You will also go on a cultural city tour and tour a Belgian hospital as well as sample traditional Belgian cuisine and learn how to shop on the economy. The group will also learn how to use public transportation and visit the Ste. Waudru Collegiale in Mons. Meet at the ACS conference room 15 minutes earlier than the start time of 8:30 a.m. Contact ACS at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Feb. 10

- **Montessori-Inspired Structured Playgroup** - SHAPE Army Community Service would like to invite parents to bring their preschool-aged children to the Montessori group Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. The playgroup provides free play time, learning time, art, story time and music. Call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Feb. 10, 17 and 24

- **Lunch and Learn** - Offered by Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program, Lunch and Learn meets Tuesdays in the SHAPE ACS Training Room in Building 318 from noon to 1 p.m. The military family-life consultant presents various topics: Feb. 10: Building a Healthy Marriage; Feb. 17: Healthy Relationship Skills for Singles; and Feb. 24: From Couplehood to Parenthood. Brown-bag it, and join the discussion group. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Feb. 12

- **Healthy Heart Day** - SHAPE Healthcare Facility invites the SHAPE/Chievres community to its Healthy Heart Day in its lobby from 9 a.m. to noon in observance of National Heart Month. The Healthy Heart Event offers numerous opportunities to learn more about how to increase your chances of having a healthy heart, thanks to several entities joining forces to put on this free event: SHAPE Healthcare Team, Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program, the Army Substance Abuse Program, and others. American Forces Network will broadcast live. While AFN Benelux DJs provide the tunes, attendees can talk to experts and get evaluated for different aspects of health. Visit displays and booths on: nutrition; good cholesterol and blood pressure; Employee Assistance Program; heart disease, attack and stroke; "The 5 Love Languages;" smoking cessation; selecting the correct shoe; and the Performance triad. Attendees can have simple tests done (like getting your foot arch evaluated for the proper fit in shoes) and relax (through some massage therapy and yoga instruction).
- **Hearts Apart Club** - Meet with others whose spouses are deployed or otherwise away from home base for a while. This support group meets in the SHAPE Army Community Service Conference Room from noon to 1 p.m. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Feb. 14

- **Run for fun Valentine's Day** - A Valentine's Day 5k Walk/Run will start at the Chièvres Gym at 10 a.m. For details, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.
- **Spend Valentine's Day at SHAPE Club** - Doors open at 7 p.m. for the Valentine's Day dinner dance at the SHAPE Club. Social hour starts at 7:05 p.m. Dinner service starts at 8 p.m. Dinner menu includes prawn kebab served with salad and mango-and-curry sauce, filet of guinea fowl with fig-and-foie gras served with a cherry sauce, valentine potatoes and vegetables. End your meal with a dessert of three-chocolate mousse cake with chocolate-coated strawberries. Listen to the live band Zenith and dance until 2 a.m. Cost: adults only, €35 per person. (Ticket sales run through Feb. 12. Limited number of tickets available.) For details or to make a reservation, call DSN 423-4133/8301 or civilian 065-444133/8301, or visit <http://www.shapeclub.be>.

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

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

Theaters near SHAPE/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). Visit <http://plaza-art.be/index.cgi?p=Grille>.

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

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

Movie at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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