

# THE GAZETTE

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

## ACS Survey

USAG Benelux community members are invited to complete the ACS Needs Assessment Survey in order to give their input to help ACS invest their limited resources in the right place. To access the survey, visit <http://www.armymwr.com/acs-survey>. Your input will make a difference.

## Schinnen Processing Facility

The USAG Benelux-Schinnen Central Processing Facility in Bldg. H603 at JFC Brunssum will be closed May 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. for mandatory training.

## Car Care Center and Gas Station

Effective May 1, the Schinnen Car Care Center and Gas Station will have the following hours of operation:

- Mon: closed
- Tue-Sun: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mechanic services will be available by appointment Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Radar checks in Jurbise

The Belgian Police will be checking your speed May 7 on Rue des Masnuy, in both directions.

## Gazette submissions

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## Kids' Day at Chièvres



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Belgian police inspectors Marie-Noëlle Deghouys and Geoffrey Durieux guide children through the bicycle safety course during Kids' Day on Chièvres Air Base, April 26, 2014. Kids' Day was held to celebrate the month of the Military Child. Among the various activities were self-defense training, a military working dog demonstration, the participation of the Chièvres Fire Fighters with their truck, as well as a UH-60 Blackhawk display from the SACEUR Helicopter Detachment.

# FREEDOM 6 SENDS: Strategic Priorities - The Premier All Volunteer Army

As I highlight the Chief of Staff of the Army's fifth and final strategic priority, I find it fitting that this month we also observe and celebrate Memorial Day, as maintaining "The Premier All Volunteer Army" means honoring the service and sacrifice of our Fallen Heroes, Soldiers, Civilians, Veterans, Retirees, Wounded Warriors and Families in a variety of ways.

In 1973, the United States eliminated the draft and moved to an all volunteer Army. Many believed that this was a reasonable possibility during peacetime, but that armed forces involved in a major conflict could not be voluntary. Today, as we look back on over 40 years of an all volunteer force we have proven time and again that we can defend our great Nation in peacetime and in war, consistently demonstrating our abilities from Desert Storm to the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As we look to the future, it is important now more than ever to have Soldiers among us that truly want to serve and make a difference in themselves and in our Army. We need to recruit and retain young men and women that live the Army Values and exemplify the Warrior Ethos on a daily basis.

Maintaining the premier all volunteer force demands quality benefits like Morale, Welfare and Recreation, education assistance, exchanges, housing, dependent schools, commissaries, and child and youth programs that are components of a dedicated professional force. Here in U.S. Army Europe, we consistently work with IMCOM-Europe to look for ways to preserve the highest possible quality of life, on our installations and wherever our Soldiers, Civilians and Families work and live.

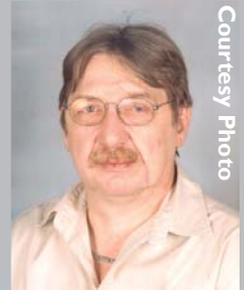
I am proud of every Soldier and Civilian in USAREUR, not only for volunteering to support and defend the United States of America, but for continuing to serve proudly and professionally in your current positions here in Europe. In my 36 years of service, our Army has never been better equipped and ready to face a continually changing operational environment and that's because of the innovation, discipline and professionalism of our Soldiers, Civilians and leaders.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the service and dedication you provide every day to "The Premier All Volunteer Army."

Strong Soldiers, Strong Teams!  
Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell, Jr.  
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## IN MEMORIAM

The men and women of the USAG Benelux community mourn the loss of Christian Decot, Digital Communications Systems Specialist at the Chièvres Digital Telephone Exchange (DTE), 39th Signal Battalion, who passed away this morning at the age of 60.



Courtesy Photo

Decot is from Erbisoeul, Belgium, and has served the U.S. Army in Belgium since 1983. He started his 30+ year career as a Generator Repairer with the Directorate of Public Works (DPW), in March of 1983. In September of 1987, he was promoted to the position of Digital Communications Systems Specialist with the Chièvres DTE, 39th Signal Battalion, where he has worked ever since.

He is remembered by his friends and colleagues as a true technical expert and a quiet, humble professional, often working behind the scenes to accomplish tasks in support of mission critical projects and daily operations, with no expectation of recognition. He was incredibly talented in creating and maintaining the Army's telephone switch technical drawings for the SHAPE/Chièvres and Brussels area. He was also known as the office handyman, capable of repairing anything from coffee pots to televisions to refrigerators, simply for the pleasure of helping others.

He is survived by his wife, Marie-Bernadette, his children, Yohan and Kathleen, and his grandson, Ezio.

**The funeral service will be held May 3 at 10:55 a.m. at the Jurbise Church.**

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# Long term military and civilians retire in the Benelux



Rita Hoefnagels

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(1) Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Cordova retired April 23 after a military career of 32 years. Cordova has served from Squad Leader to Command Sergeant Major in personnel service support units in the United States, Germany and at U.S. Army Garrison Benelux-Brussels, then USAG Brussels. His final duty assignment was serving as Command Sergeant Major, Allied Forces North Battalion, Brunssum, the Netherlands. During his retirement ceremony, Cordova was presented the Legion of Merit by Col. Marvin G. Vannatter, for exceptional meritorious service. (2) Penny Gaffney (middle) was presented the Superior Civilian Service Award by Joseph P. Manning, April 11, 2014 in the presence of her husband Bill and community members at her farewell dinner. Gaffney totalled 15 years of service to the U.S. Government. (3) Special guests at the USAG Benelux retirement ceremony held at Chièvres, April 28, 2014, were from left to right: Von J. Roberts, his wife Jenny, Barbara Troxell and husband Joseph.



Marie-Lise Baneton

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(4) Col. Marvin G. Vannatter presented the Superior Civilian Service Award to Von J. Roberts for more than 34 years of service to the U.S. Army. (5) Joseph Troxell was presented the Superior Civilian Service Award for more than 41 years of service to the U.S. Army. (6) Barbara Troxell was presented the Superior Civilian Service Award for more than 29 years of service to the U.S. Army. The above were also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Regional Director and one from the Chief of Staff of the Army. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook unless otherwise mentioned)



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# SHAPE brings home the gold from TOPPERS awards

## Special to the Gazette

The SHAPE Players and theater camp productions of "Abundance" and "Aladdin Jr." won a combined 13 awards including best play and best family show at the 2014 IMCOM Tournament of plays performing arts awards ceremony, and were nominated for 23 awards.

The success of the plays relies on a "great deal of consideration from the time they are conceived right to the point they open and sometimes through the course of their run. I don't believe in stopping till they are completely realized," Dan LaMorte, the director for both productions, said.

"I also think that the choice of material makes a big difference. I choose plays based on what I think our audiences should see and want to see.

"With "Abundance", this was a choice of what our audience should see and "Aladdin Jr." was what I thought they wanted to see," he said. "Abundance" is one of my favorite

plays and I was incredibly fortunate to have found a stellar cast and crew to bring this incredible play to life. I wish everyone on SHAPE/Chièvres could have seen it because it was in my opinion pretty special."

"I think "Aladdin Jr." was a great favorite of the judges and if we did not have another entry in the mix probably would have won even more, but to be awarded a special TOPPER shows that the judges wanted to give our production a special place at the awards ceremony."

"Children productions are incredibly rare in competitions in general and definitely in the IMCOM Tournament of Plays. Our production of "Aladdin Jr." was a triumph and shown by the number of TOPPERS and nominations for the young actors competing in adult categories," he said.

"This is the third time we have produced "Aladdin Jr." and I call this production the million dollar production," he said.

## TOPPER Awards

- Best make up for a play:** Carol Parcell
- Best costumes for a musical:** Mary Louise Manning and Dan Lamorte
- Best sound for a play:** Art Ross
- Best lighting design for a musical:** Dan Lamorte
- Best set design for a play:** Dan Lamorte
- Best scene painting:** Thomas Reich
- Best technical director for a musical:** Thomas Reich
- Best military performance in a play:** Brian Box
- Best actor in a play:** Peter Hofmann
- Best actress in a play:** Marie Carey
- Best director for a play:** Dan Lamorte
- Best family show:** Aladdin Jr. (**Cast:** Maya Ross, Hannah Grace, Ann Geehreg, Elise Irizarry, Emily Larimore, Anna Dubyk, Jacob Lott, Jonathan Irizarry, Nicolene Arias, Anna Yepez, William Houin, Daniel Howarth, John Manning, Alex Irizarry, Edward Box, Aidric Potkovic, William Barker, Suzanne Ellison, Lindsey Simmons, Aiden Box, Jacob Yepez, Leah Dubyk, Matthew Houin, Laura Schaefer, Ana Rebrean, Rhianna Carey, Sofia, Charlton, Emma Larson, Julia Freeman, Jordan Enriquez, Morgan Waller, Christina Manning, Alexous Enriquez, Renee Arias and Tori Geehreg. **Production Staff:** Dan Lamorte, Marie Carey, Tracy Gittins, Mary Louise Manning, Annie Descamps, Nicole Frieberger, Thomas Reich, Colton Mullis, Mackenzie Ross, Olivier Galloo, Suzanne Parcels, Kaitlin Larson, Maria Rebrean, Madeline Larimore, Shannon Egbert, Shirley Houin, Gwen Roland, Heather Tuttle, Perlita Simmons, Stefanie Ellison, Michelle Potkovic, Kat Yepez, Bariella Rebrean, Jack Smits and Anthony Del Rosso)
- Best play:** Abundance (**Cast:** Chairidy Puckett, Marie Carey, Peter Hofman, Brian Box, Charles Foote, Mary Louise Manning, John Manning. **Production Staff:** Dan LaMorte, Greg Parcell, Thomas Reich, Shannon Egbert, Gel Popyk, Arthur Ross Jr., James Rossiter, Carol Parcell, Nicole Frieberger, Jan Workman, Jacob Marlin, Olivier Galloo, Jack Smits, Anthony Del Rosso.)



(Top photo) Peter Hofmann and Marie Carey in a scene from "Abundance". Hofmann received a TOPPER for best actor in a play and Carie for best actress. The "Abundance" cast and crew won seven other awards including best play. (Bottom photo) Representatives of the "Aladdin" cast and crew recieved their award for best family show. "Aladdin" for other TOPPERS in this year's Tournament of Plays. The SHAPE plays won a combined 13 TOPPERS and were nominated by the judges for an additional 23. To find out more about SHAPE theater performances and how to become part of it go to <http://www.shapeplayers.org>. (Photos by Shirley Houin)

# Brussels and SHAPE Communities recognize their volunteers

Special to the Gazette



(Picture left)  
The USAG Benelux Volunteer Service Member of the Year is Cmdr. Todd A. Mullis. In his absence, Col. Marvin G. Vannatter Jr. presented the award to his wife, Rachel Mullis.



(Picture above) The group shows the check of \$236,946,38 representing the manpower hours all volunteers totalled during the past year. During the period April 2013 through March 2014, 101 volunteers were registered at Army Community Service.  
(Picture below) The volunteers of the year join the garrison commander in cutting the cake.



(Picture right)  
The USAG Benelux Volunteer Retiree of the Year award was presented to Jim Richards.



(Picture left)  
The USAG Benelux Volunteer Family Member of the Year is Helen Bingaman.



(Picture right)  
The USAG Benelux Volunteer Civilian of the Year is Mario Cross  
(Picture far right)  
Brooke G. Lyonnais was awarded the USAG Benelux Volunteer Youth of the Year. (U.S. Army photos by Marie-Lise Baneton)



**"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."**

**- Albert Schweitzer**

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# Volunteers Recognition I Continued



USAG Benelux-Brussels hosted a ceremony at the 3 Star Lounge, April 29, 2014 to thank the more than 170 volunteers the Brussels community can count on. Patrick Rothbauer, USAG Benelux-Brussels Deputy Garrison Manager, highlighted the importance of the work done by the volunteers through the year. The volunteers double the workforce of the USAG Benelux-Brussels and its ability to get things done.

(1) (From left to right) Rik Bertrand, Patrick Rothbauer, Beth Botesini, Danna Riddle, Kenisha Villa, Jon Reyes, Desiree Holmes, Rachel Sterns, Desree Sowers are some of the nominees for Volunteer of the Year.

(2) Sgt. Chad Booth was named Military Volunteer of the Year.

(3) Alicia Jackson accepted the Volunteer of the Year award on behalf of Tara Chyma.

(4) The winner of the Tender Heart Award is Latanya Benson.

(5) The Brussels American School Parent, Teacher, Student Organization was selected for the Volunteer Organization of the Year. Elizabeth Williams accepted the award on its behalf.

(6) Capt. Raymond Schultz, Master Sgt. Matthew Fox, Sgt. Chad Booth and Sgt. Bryan Teneyk are some of the nominees for the Military Volunteer of the Year award.

(7) Kaela Hodge was selected as the Youth Volunteer of the Year.

(8) Col. April Selby-Cole accepts the Volunteer Family of the Year award for the Pfefferkorn family. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)



**"Volunteers are not paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."  
- Sherry Anderson**



**"Volunteers are paid in six figures ...  
S-M-I-L-E-S.  
- Gayla LeMaire**

Trenches to Foxholes

# Americans, Belgians gather to remember downed B-17



**Special to the Gazette**

Airmen from Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, Germany, alongside Belgian airmen, Soldiers and civilians gathered at the crash site in Bérismenil, Belgium to honor the crew of a downed B-17 with the laying of a wreath. Wreaths were also placed at the World War One and World War Two monuments.

Returning without escort from a bombing mission over Schweinfurt on April 13, 1944, the 384th Bomb Group B-17 "The Joker" was shot down by Luftwaffe fighters over Belgium. Tech. Sgt. James H. Young was killed by 30mm rounds during the attack, but the remainder of the crew was able to

parachute to safety. They were either captured by the Germans or led to safety by the Belgian resistance.

The other crewmembers were 2nd Lt. Herbert T. Swanson, pilot and aircraft commander; 2nd Lt. Donald O. Smith, co-pilot; 2nd Lt. Austin W. Dunning, bombardier; 2nd Lt. Charles O. White, navigator; Staff Sgt. James H. Young, top turret; Staff Sgt. Clarence M. Wieseckel, radio-operator; Sgt. Ralph W. Sack, right waist gunner; Sgt. Gordon W. McIntosh, ball turret gunner; Sgt. Edward F. Zabinski, tail gunner and Sgt. Donald M. Brown, left waist gunner.



(Top photo) Jean Guillaume, crash site caretaker, stands at the site and tells the story of the crash, subsequent events of the townspeople, airmen and resistance, and discusses the preservation of the crash site and of the memorial that was erected in 1984.

(Above left) Maj. Gen. Andrew Mueller, commander NATO E3A component, Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, Germany helps a Belgian school child place a wreath to remember the fallen of World War I in Bérismenil, Belgium April 29, 2014.

(Above right) Airmen assigned to Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, Germany stand in formation during the wreath laying ceremony at the World War II monument in Bérismenil, Belgium April 29, 2014. (Right) Eric Ross, bagpiper, leads the military formation through the streets of Bérismenil, Belgium, April 29, 2014 during a three stop memorial honoring World War I and World War II veterans and the aircrew of the B-17 "The Joker" that went down in the hills of Bérismenil. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Joe W. McFadden)



## Trenches to Foxholes

May 8 is Victory in Europe Day or V-E Day and ceremonies will be held in almost every town in Belgium. USAG Benelux will be participating in the following ones:

- In Chièvres, a ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. at the monument for the war victims
- In Brugelette, a ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the monument next to the church
- In Ath, a ceremony including a parade through town will be held starting at 6:45 p.m.
- In Mons, May 9 at 11 a.m., the 5th Fusiliers Battalion will host a VE Day ceremony at the military headquarters, Rue des Passages.

### Halifax OW-M & Lancaster JI-C

On May 10, a ceremony will be held in Geraardsbergen to honor the crew members of two downed bombers that crashed on the town during World War II. The event starts at the city hall at 9 a.m. for a welcome and departure to the memorial location. A display and a military re-enactment camp will open at noon, a military band parade will go through town at 2 p.m. and an evening concert will conclude the event from 7 to 10 p.m.

## Earth Day BAS students join the effort



(Drawing left) Drawing by Mark Jones, first place in Kindergarten through second grade category. In second and third places were respectively Maral Ashyrova and Mia Chandler.

(Drawing right) Drawing by Emi Shigekane, first place in the third through fifth grade category. In second and third places were respectively Hannah Hite and Lyann Hernandez.

### By Donovan Abrassart

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

Each year on April 22, Earth Day is celebrated around the world with the same goal since 1970: take actions to protect the planet and secure a sustainable future. This year, more than a hundred students from the Brussels American School were invited to join the effort as they took part in a drawing contest willing to raise awareness on energy and water conservation and environment protection in the community. Participants were spread in four categories, each one having a different objective: kindergarten to 2nd grade was tasked to do a large book on water conservation; 3rd grade to 5th grade got an art folder on energy conservation; middle school had tempera paintings of endangered habitats; and finally, high school had acrylic and watercolor paintings of endangered species portraits. On April 25, a ceremony was held at the BAS to award the winners. Patrick Rothbauer, the USAG Benelux-Brussels Garrison Manager who was on the judging panel congratulated the students for their participation. He expressed how impressed he was "with the amount of efforts, the lot of creativity and the amount of work," he said. He then asked the students if they knew what Earth Day is about. Mia Chandler raised her hand and demonstrated her understanding of what Earth Day is all about as she explained "if none of us recycle anything and if we keep wasting stuff, then the whole earth will be filled with trash and dirty."

At the garrison level, many efforts are made on a day to day basis to save energy and money. The efforts lead to larger scale projects such as the photovoltaic array under construction on Chièvres Air Base, close to Gate 14. "The site should start producing electricity this summer and all the electricity produced will be used by Chièvres Air Base facilities," explains Mélanie Chaballe, USAG Benelux Energy Manager.

(Left) Drawing by Ashlyn Roberts, first place in middle school category. In second and third place were respectively Jack Lyons and Lauren Chyma. (Right) Drawing by Sara Moble, first place in high school category. In second and third place were respectively Olivia Sadler and Patrick Loynd



## Holocaust National Days of Remembrance



Keith Houin

Master Sgt. Michael D. Livesay, NCOIC of Transient Alert in Flight Safety, 424th Air Base Squadron, speaks about the Holocaust during a remembrance event in the USAG Benelux auditorium April 30, 2014.

# NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK

## Immunization prevents the spread of diseases

*Special to the Gazette*

This year marks the 20th anniversary of National Infant Immunization Week. Since 1994, hundreds of communities across the United States and overseas have joined to celebrate the critical role vaccination plays in protecting our children, communities, and public health.

Several important milestones already have been reached in controlling vaccine-preventable diseases among infants worldwide. Vaccines have drastically reduced infant death and disability caused by preventable diseases in the United States. In addition:

- Through immunization, we can now protect infants and children from 14 vaccine-preventable diseases before age two.
- In the 1950s, nearly every child developed measles, and unfortunately, some even died from this serious disease.
- Routine childhood immunization in one birth cohort prevents about 20 million cases of disease and about 42,000 deaths.
- The National Immunization Survey has consistently shown that childhood immunization rates for vaccines routinely recommended for children remain at or near record levels.

National Immunization Week is also an opportunity to remind parents, caregivers, teachers and students about the importance of receiving vaccines. It can save your child's life by protecting them against deadly diseases. Thanks to the Polio vaccine, there has not been a case of polio in the United States in years and other diseases are close to becoming extinct, due to the safe and effective use of vaccines.

Immunizations are safe because they are given to children only after long, extensive testing by the Food and Drug Administration and rigorous review by healthcare professionals. Vaccinations may cause some minor discomfort such as pain, redness at the injection site, and soreness but these symptoms are minimal compared to the problems an actual disease will cause. The benefits from getting a vaccine far outweigh the possible side effects.

Immunizations also protect others you care about and are the reason why it is important that families all get fully immunized to keep everyone safe. This protects your family and prevents the spread of diseases to others and the community.

It can help you save time and money. A child with an incomplete immunization history can be denied access to schools, daycare facilities and sports activities. Some vaccine preventable diseases can result in irreversible disabilities and even death which can put financial and emotional strains on families in general. Getting vaccinated is a good investment.

Lastly it protects future generations. The success of vac-



cines has reduced and in some instances eliminated many diseases that plagued people for many generations. For example, the smallpox vaccination eradicated the disease worldwide. Your children don't have to get the small pox vaccine anymore as the disease no longer exists. By vaccinating our communities the risk that diseases will be passed on to future generations have greatly reduced and the complications associated with some of them like birth defects are no longer seen in the United States. Therefore if we continue to vaccinate now and do so completely, future generations may be able to trust that some diseases of today will no longer be around to harm their generation.

### **Brussels Health Clinic**

Immunizations are on a walk in basis Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call DSN 566-1510 or civilian 02-686-1510.

### **SHAPE Healthcare Facility**

Immunizations are on a walk in basis Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m.; on Thursdays, from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call DSN 423-5848 or civilian 065-44-5848.

### **Geilenkirchen U.S. Clinic**

Immunizations are on a walk in basis Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m., Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 2 p.m. For information, call DSN 458-3200 or civilian (0049)245199-3200.

For additional information on immunization, check:

- Centers for disease Control: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)
- Parents' Guide to Childhood Immunization
- American Academy of Pediatrics: [www.aap.org/healthtopics/Immunizations.cfm](http://www.aap.org/healthtopics/Immunizations.cfm)

# Want to go fishing in Belgium or the Netherlands?

## Special to the Gazette

If you want to go fishing in Belgium or the Netherlands, you most probably will need a permit. Below are the rules for fishing in both countries. These rules are not applicable in private ponds where owners impose their own rules.

### In Belgium

As fishing permits are managed by region, there is a difference between fishing permits in Wallonia and in the Flanders. Therefore, fishing permits bought in Wallonia are only valid in Wallonia and the ones bought in the Flanders, are only valid there.

#### • Wallonia

In general, fishing is authorized 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset from the third Saturday in March through September 30, with some exceptions on lakes, as well as, some exceptions for several species. More information can be found on [http://www.maisondelapeche.be/Fr/Periodes-d-ouverture\\_11\\_3.html#nonnavigable](http://www.maisondelapeche.be/Fr/Periodes-d-ouverture_11_3.html#nonnavigable).

- Youth under 14 years who want to go fishing, can do so without a permit but with only one rod, on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, as well as, during school breaks if they are accompanied by an adult with a fishing permit. One adult can accompany a maximum of 4 youngsters.
- Youth over 14 years and adults can buy a "permis de pêche Wallonie" (fishing permit Wallonia), if only fishing from the banks of a canal or a river. This permit is a category A permit and costs €14.14. They can be bought in any Belgian post office.
- Youth over 14 years and adults can also buy a category B fishing permit that allows them to fish from a boat or in the water. This permit costs €38.93 and can be ordered on line at <http://www.permisdepeche.be>.

#### • Flanders

In general, fishing is authorized two hours before sunrise

until two hours after sunset. The graphic on the following website, [http://www.natuurenbos.be/nl-BE/Natuurbeleid/Openbare\\_visserij/Wetgeving/Wanneer%20en%20hoe%20mag%20je%20vissen.aspx](http://www.natuurenbos.be/nl-BE/Natuurbeleid/Openbare_visserij/Wetgeving/Wanneer%20en%20hoe%20mag%20je%20vissen.aspx), will give you an overview of the period of time you can fish by species.

- Youth under 14 years can fish without permit and with one rod only if accompanied by someone with a fishing permit.
- Youth under 14 years can request a youth fishing permit to go fishing without an adult. This permit is free of charge but the fish cannot be taken home and needs to be carefully released into the water again.
- A regular fishing permit costs €11.16 for one or two rods from the river banks only. This permit is not valid at night.
- A fishing permit to fish from the banks but also from a boat, costs €45.86.

The Flanders permits can be requested online at <http://anb.vlaanderen.be/visverloven/Pages/Persoon/PersoonMaintenancePage.aspx>.

### In the Netherlands

In general, the fishing season in the Netherlands starts on the last Saturday in May.

- Youth under 14 years who go fishing with an adult in possession of a fishing permit and only have one fishing rod, don't need a permit.
- Youth under 14 who want to fish with more than one rod



Pascale Castiaux

or with an adult without a fishing permit, need a permit called "jeugdVISpas" (Youth Fishing Permit) or "kleine VISpas" (small Fishing Permit). These permits can be bought from their

fishing club or store. The "kleine VISpas" is a permit that is limited as to the species or areas whereas the "JeugdVISpas" is only limited to the areas. When buying this permit, the owner will receive a listing of the areas where fishing is authorized.

- Youth above 14 years and adults need a VISpas (fishing permit). With this permit, they will be allowed to fish with two rods. When buying this permit, the owner will receive a listing of the areas where fishing is authorized.
- Costs for permits vary from €5 for youth permits to €44 for adult permits depending on the area. In the Schinnen/Brunssum area, permits can be bought at Hengelsport Heijns on Rumpenerstraat 50 in Brunssum.



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**Soccer Tournament**

The German National Soccer Team at JFC Brunssum is organizing the 34th International Soccer Tournament to include a delegations, ladies, youngsters and oldiers Cup, August 14-15. If you have a soccer team or if you are interested in participating, call DSN 364-3022/2964 or civilian 045-527-3022/2964.

**Summer Theater Camp**

Registration is open for Summer Theater Camp at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. This year's camp will be June 23 through July 26 and the production will be Willy Wonka. Cost is \$400 a child. For more information, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-44-3312.

**CYSS Schinnen**

**Summer Basketball Camp** - Open for grades 9-12. The camp will begin on June 24 and ends Aug. 5. Practice will take place at the Schinnen Fitness Center every Tuesday beginning June 24 at 5 p.m. Both boys and girls will be given the opportunity to practice up on their shooting, passing, rebounds, and free throw skills during the camp. For more information call the Schinnen Fitness Center, at DSN 360-7561, civilian 046-443-7561 or email USArmy.Schinnen.IMCOM-Europe.List.Schinnen-FC@mail.mil.

**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 classes will be offered. If interested, call CYSS at DSN 423-5611 or civilian 065-44-5611.

**SHAPE Arts and Crafts Center**

Watercolor classes May 7, 14 and 21. Classes are Wednesday

from 10 to 11:30 a.m. or Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. **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.

**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.

**Gazette Spotlight**

Do you or someone you know have an interesting hobby? Let us know at [usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil).

**Military Spouse Appreciation Day Virtual Career Fair**

Fair will be held May 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. at [www.spousevirtualcareerfair.com](http://www.spousevirtualcareerfair.com).

Meet and interact with dozens of employers from all across the country, in one day, and from anywhere in the world with a computer and internet connection; build a profile; view and apply for jobs; chat live with recruiters; connect and network with other spouses; be entered to win great prizes by attending.

If you are interested in participating, you need to register prior to the event.

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*A Budget Review could be the key to your financial peace of mind. Are you living from payday to payday, having trouble meeting monthly bills, being harassed by creditors, or hoping your paycheck reaches the bank before those checks you just wrote do?*

*The AER Form 57R is available on our website. ("Financial Assistance" - "Blank Forms") It can help you track where your money is going.*

*If you do need help, visit the nearest Army Emergency Relief Section where caseworkers can review your financial situation and suggest corrective actions.*

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

**2-24 May**

- **The Kunstenfestivaldesarts in Brussels** is an arts festival presenting a selection of Belgian and international artists and their works. The Kunstenfestivaldesarts also runs a series of encounters and workshops aimed at putting the artistic project at the heart of the city and the people who live there. More information on <http://www.kfda.be/>.

**3 May**

- **Second hand clothes market in Cuesmes** in the Salle Patria on the square from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance is free. (50 booths)

**4 May**

- **Mountain bike ride in Neufvilles** for 15, 35 and 50 km. Registration is open from 7:30 to 11 a.m. on Rue des 7 blasons 2. The routes pass through the blue-stone quarries. Participation fee is €3 for children and €5 for adults.
- **Volksmarch in Saint-Denis** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on rue de la Filature 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. An extra nature guided walk will also be held with departure at 10 a.m.
- **Volksmarch in Braine-le-Comte** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Allée de la Dinzelle 100 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Nivelles** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on rue Clarisse 10 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Peruwelz** for 5, 10, 20 km and mountain bike ride for 20km. Departure is on Rue de la Loquette 39 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**4-5 May**

- **Fête de l'Iris in Brussels** - Open doors to all the institutions and a large number of activities for all ages. These include concerts, street entertainment and a Sunday evening concert on place des Palais. More information on <http://www.irisfeest.be/>.

**8-10 May**

- **Liège Jazz Festival** - More than 20 concerts in four venues in the Palais des Congrès. The prestigious event is an impressive gathering of Belgian and International jazz musicians that perform all types of jazz, from classical to the most audacious. More information on <http://jazzaliegbe.be/accueil.php?langue=uk&annee=2014>.

**Ongoing**

**Through 3 May**

- **Brussels Short Film Festival** - The Brussels Short Film Festival invites you to discover the pick of the world's short films, with more than 300 films from 40 countries. The festival includes international and national competitions. More information at <http://bsff.be/en/films-2014/>.



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

**2-4 May**

- **Pasar Malam Asia in Geleen** is an Asian Year Market held at Glanerbrook, Kummenaedestraat 45 with shows, demonstrations and lots of food. Entry fee €7; children (4-12) €3. Open: May 2 from noon to 10 p.m., May 3 from noon to 11 p.m. and May 4 from noon to 8 p.m.

**3 May**

- **The annual Flower Parade in Noordwijk and Harlem (NL)** is a fest of beautiful colors and delicious aroma. The parade starts at 9:30 a.m. in Noordwijk and ends in Harlem around 9 p.m. The floats have millions of flowers and are a must to get pictures of.



Courtesy Photo

In last year's parade

**3-4 May**

- **Burgi-Spargelmarkt in Brüggen am Niederrhein (GE)** is held in the center of town. At this market, you can taste many asparagus dishes and wonderful wines.
- **Spring Fair in Haps** with all kinds of products for your garden held at the Kampseplas, Kampakker. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €3; children 11 and younger - free entrance.
- **The International Ceramic & Potters Market in Krefeld (GE)** at Dionysiusplatz and Rheinstrasse is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **A taste of spring at Kasteel Aerwinkel in Postert Holt.** Lots of entertainment for all ages from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Kasteel Aerwinkel is located on Aerwinkelseallee 1. Entrance is €5, children 4 to 12 years old is €2.50. Parking is free of charge.

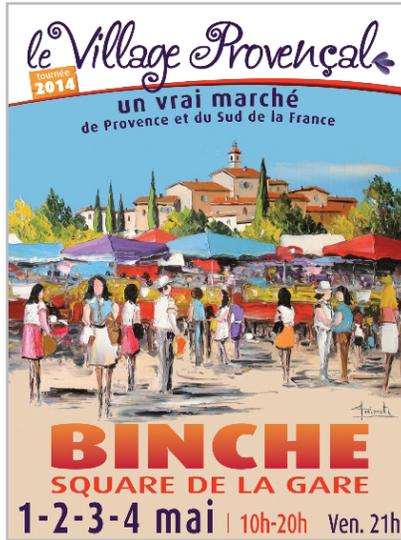
**4 May**

- **At the 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 noon to 4 p.m. Participation and entry is free.



**Through 4 May**

- **Provence Village in Binche** - About 40 booths will offer products from Provence such as catering, wine, oil and nougat from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday on Place Eugène Derbaix 2-14.



- **Annual International Antique Ceramics & Collectibles Fair in Brussels** - Held at the Apostolic Nunciature, Rue du Sablon, this mansion, built in the 16th and 17th century, housed the Vatican embassy in the 19th century. The fair is a cultural and commercial event uniting collectors and admirers of ceramics, porcelain, biscuit, enamels, glass and silverware. It also draws anyone passionate about fine objects and curiosities. Open all days from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry fee is €7.
- **Amaryllis exhibition in Beloeil** - The Château de Beloeil opens its doors to the public for the annual amaryllis contest. Doors are open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Château is on Rue du Château 11. Entrance fee is €10. More information on <http://www.chateaudebeloeil.com>.

**Through 9 May**

- **The Royal Greenhouses in Laeken** - The Greenhouses of the Royal Palace at Laeken open their doors. Entrance fee is €2.5. More information on opening days and hours at <http://www.monarchie.be/fr/actuel/agenda/archives/ouverture-des-serres-royales-de-laeken-printemps-2014>.

**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. Price ranges from €5 to €25 or €120 for all concerts. Find more information on <http://www.printempsmusicalsilly.be>.

**Through 26 April 2015**

- **Expo 14-18: It's our history in Brussels** - At the Royal Army Museum on Parc du Cinquantenaire 3, daily from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:45 p.m. except Mondays. Entrance fee is €12 and €8 for children 6 to 18 years. Family package is €32 (2 adults + 2 children). See also Belgian rail day trip specials on [www.belgianrail.be](http://www.belgianrail.be).



**4 May Continued**

- **Garden fair in Marke (BE)** is held at the gardens and park of Castle Blommeghem, Van Belleghemdreef 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance is free.
- **Volksmarch in Weert** for 7, 14, 21, 28 km. Departure is from Kemperveldweg 31 from 7 to 11 a.m. for the 28 km route, from 7 a.m. to noon for the 21 km route and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the 14 and 7 km routes.
- **Volksmarch in Cadier en Keer** for 16 km. Departure is from the parking lot on Kerkstraat 125 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Flea market at Kasteelpark Ter Horst in Horst** From the trunk of their car, 400 people will offer a large variety of items from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Entrance is €2.50, children up to 12 years old get in free of charge. Kasteelpark Ter Horst is located on Tienrayseweg 12.

**5 May**

- **Liberation Day in the Netherlands** is always celebrated on May 5 with many festivities in the whole country. Every province has a Liberation Festival with many national and international artists. These festivals are all free of charge. You'll find the festivals in Almere, Amsterdam, Assen, Den Bosch, Den Haag, Groningen, Haarlem, Leeuwarden, Roermond, Rotterdam, Utrecht, Vlissingen, Wageningen and Zwolle.

**10 May**

- **The "Griet" Market in Amerongen** is a one day cultural and green event with art, green products, street artists and lots more held at the square across the Castle Amerongen.

**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>



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**Through 5 September**

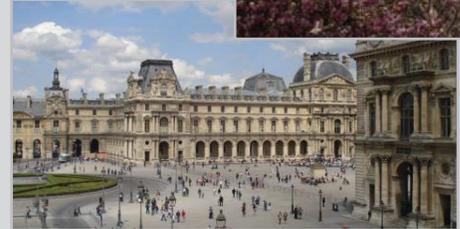
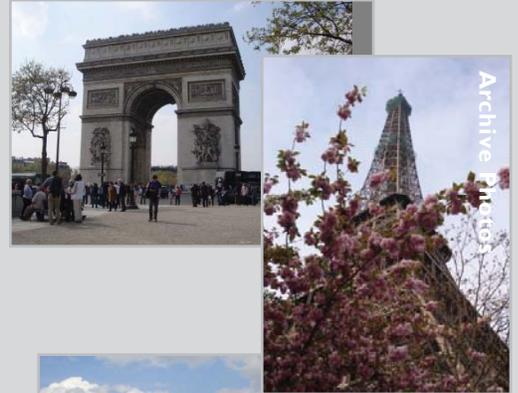
- **Cheese market in Alkmaar** - Cheese has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from 'Waagplein' square to the weighing house. Cheese carriers can be seen in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September. You'll be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

## SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

• **Champagne for a day, May 10 (Mother's Day weekend)** -

The trips starts with a guided tour of the Pommery Estate in Reims, followed by a tasting and opportunity to purchase champagne. Lunch will in Reims as well with opportunity to visit the Notre Dame de Reims cathedral where many French kings have been crowned. On the way to Epernay, there will be a stop at the Abbaye where monk Dom Perignon is buried. Departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m., departs SHAPE at 8:45 a.m. Arrives at SHAPE at 9:30 p.m. and at Brussels at 10:30 p.m. Price is €65.



## Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

- **Day Trip to Amsterdam, May 24** - Round trip luxury motor coach transportation (non-smoking). Coach departs Schinnen at 7 a.m., approximate arrival in Amsterdam 10 a.m. Coach departs Amsterdam at designated departure point at 8 p.m., approximate arrival back in Schinnen at 9 p.m. Price is \$49.



## SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below call civilian 0486/56.53.71

- **Strasbourg, May 8** - With its monumental cathedral featuring carvings as delicate as any piece of lacework, Strasbourg is one of Europe's most attractive cities. Thanks to the richness and sheer density of its heritage sites, the entire town center has been listed as UNESCO World Heritage. Strasbourg is definitely well worth a visit, to discover its history, its cuisine and its unique atmosphere. Visit one of its many museums or take a boat trip that glides along the storybook canals of Petite France. Cost is €55.

## Upcoming trips

### SHAPE Trips & Tours

- Paris, **May 17**
- Versailles, **May 24**
- Polish pottery, **May 29 - June 1**
- Normandy Beaches, **May 30 - June 1**
- Dutch Day, **June 7**
- German Castle Day, **14 June**
- London, **June 21**
- Stonehenge with Salisbury, **June 28**
- 7 Night Mediterranean Cruise, **July 4-11**
- Efteling theme park, **July 12**
- Prague, **July 18-21**
- London, **August 15-17**
- Peru, **October 24 - November 3**

### Schinnen Trips & Tours

- Disneyland Paris, **June 7**
- Express trip to Berlin, **June 28**
- Express trip to London, **July 19**
- Miami Dolphins VS Oakland Raiders in London, **27-29 September**
- Cowboys VS Jaguars in London, **November 8-10**

### SHAPE Travel Group

- 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

2 May

- **Hearts Apart** - Schinnen ACS offers a support group for youth separated from a loved one, whether through a deployment or a family situation. The meeting is from 2 to 3 p.m. at AFNORTH International School. For questions or more information, call the ACS Deployment Readiness office at DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian 046-443-7269/7500.

5 May

- **Cinco de Mayo 5 k run** - This free run will start at 9:15 a.m. at the Schinnen Fitness Center and will go through the installation and off post. The run is open to all Tri-Border Community NATO ID card holders. For more information, call USAG Benelux-Schinnen F&MWR at DSN 360-7561 or civilian 046-443 7561.

6 May

- **Scream Free Marriage** - This three-part workshop will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the ACS Conference Room, Schinnen and offers the opportunity to challenge your notions about what marriage should be. It will allow couples to enjoy an honest, intimate relationship that turns common conflicts into a deeper, lifelong connection. For more information, call ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian 046-443-7450/7500.

7 May

- **First Term Briefing** - This mandatory briefing for all first term/initial term Soldiers will be held from 11 a.m. to noon at ACS. Learn about the practical approach to financial management, tools to handle money wisely, ability to make informed purchasing decisions and many more. For more information or to register, call ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian 046-443-7450/7500.

### Register now

25-26 July

- **Run-a-thon Challenge** - The Tri Border gets ready for the run of a life time by hosting a 12 hour Run-a-thon Challenge. This event will be held at the JFC Sports Complex (Slag Heap). The run will begin at midnight on Friday and run until noon on Saturday. Sign your team up today. Individual sign ups are also welcome and will be placed on a team. For more information, call the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561, civilian 046-443-7561 or email: USArmy.Schinnen.IMCOM-Europe.List.Schinnen-FC@mail.mil.



## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

6 May

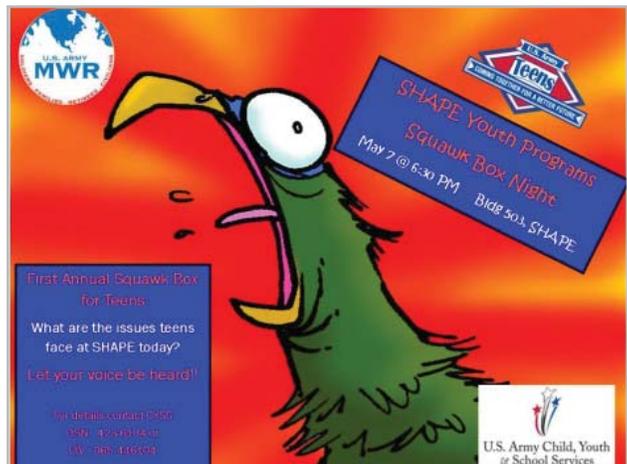
- **Arts & Crafts Open House** - From 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of Bldg. 307 (SHAPE Library). Discover the following crafts: pottery by Heidi, Ceramic by Maria, Watercolor by Ru, Quilting/Patchwork by Romana, Swarovsky jewelry by Paola, Floral arrangements by Pina.
- **Lunch & Learn Introducing a new Baby** - Bring your lunch and join the discussion group in the ACS Training Room, Clb. 318, SHAPE from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-44-6824.

7 May

- **SHAPE Youth Programs Squawk Box Night** - Let your voice be heard and mention the issues teens face at SHAPE today. Event starts at 6:30 p.m. at Bldg. 503 on SHAPE. For more information, call DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-44-6104.

8 May

- **The Kid's Book Club** - Meets at 4:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library for children in elementary school. The group will discuss *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger. Registration is not required and there is no fee for this program. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book, 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.



Community Roundup

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY *Continued*

8-9 May

- **Taking care of MomMe** - Sponsored by ACS New Parent Support program, class is in two sessions: Stress, Relaxation and Time Management on Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. and Health, Nutrition and Self-Esteem on Friday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the ACS conference room, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. For information, call ACS at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-44-6824.

### Get your ticket now

11 May (Tickets on sale until 9 May - limited quantities)

- **Mothers Day Brunch** - Enjoy an all inclusive buffet with a welcome drink, a continental breakfast buffet, a cold starter buffet, a main course buffet, cheese, desserts and drinks. There will also be a Kids Corner. The event will take place at the SHAPE Club from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Price is €28 for adults and €14 for children under 12. For more information, call DSN 423-4133 or civilian 065-44-4133.

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

8 May

- **Dinner Special** - Carne Asada chicken or beef served with rice and beans at \$9.95 at the 3 Star Lounge. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.

9 May

- **Mother's Day cupcake decorating** - From 4 to 7 p.m. at the 3 Star Lounge. Cost is \$20. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.

**Mother's Day Cupcake Decorating**  
at the 3 Star Lounge

Friday, May 9  
\$20  
4 – 7 PM  
Ages 12 – 17+

Dinner is served!  
Make your own salads and sandwiches \$7

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DSN: 368-9822 or CIV: 02-717-9822

## 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/march-movie-schedule.aspx> for updates.

<b>May 2</b>	4 p.m.	The Muppets most wanted	PG	112 Min
	7 p.m.	Heaven is for real	PG	100 Min
	9:45 p.m.	Transcendence	PG-13	119 Min
<b>May 3</b>	4 p.m.	Bears	G	77 Min
	6 p.m.	Transcendence	PG-13	119 min
	9 p.m.	The other woman	R	109 min
<b>May 4</b>	3 p.m.	Brick Mansions	PG-13	90 min
	5:30 p.m.	The Quiet Ones	PG-13	98 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>.

<b>May 2</b>	7 p.m.	The quiet ones	PG-13	98 min
<b>May 3</b>	4 p.m.	Rio 2	G	101 min
	7 p.m.	The other woman	PG-13	109 min