

THE GAZETTE

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

Belgian Holiday

August 15 is Assumption Day and a Belgian Holiday. Most Belgian shops, post offices and banks will therefore be closed.

Radar checks

The Federal Police will be checking your speed at the following locations:

13 August

- Chemin de Chièvres, Meslin
- Chaussée de Brussels, Meslin
- Chaussée de Valenciennes, Ormeignies

21 August

- Route de Lessines, Isières
- Route de Frasnes, Houtaing (Ath)
- N7 at Meslin
- Chaussée de Valenciennes, Ormeignies (Ath)
- Chaussée de Mons, Ath

Brussels Clinics

The Tricare office will be closed this Wednesday, August 15 due to the Belgian holiday. All other service will be available.

Brussels Finance Office

The finance office will open at 11 a.m., August 16.

For more information, contact DSN 368-9732 or civilian 02-717-9732.

Brussels trash pickups

As of September 1, Brussels trash pickups will be reduced from 3 to 2 times per week.

Firefighters feel the heat in live-fire training



Donovan Abrassart

Chièvres firefighters extinguish a cargo fire inside an aircraft during a live-fire training at Woensdrecht, the Netherlands, Thursday, August 2, 2012. When entering the craft, they start throwing water from left to right as the flames climb the sides up to the roof before falling down.

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(Picture left) This year's theme is Babylon: Daniel's Courage In Captivity. The kids start and end with prayer, songs, and announcements. Then they go through a round-robin of "Story-time", "Crafts", "Games" and "Supper." There were 33 participants the first night and more the second night. Victoria Hugh and Pam Mobley, the two religious education coordinators, helped getting things set up.

(Picture below) Crew members at SHAPE Vacation Bible School prepare for a game with the kids outside the SHAPE Chapel. This year's theme was 'Sky' and more than 130 children participated according the Shirley Houin, SHAPE VBS Director.



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Firefighters feel the heat | Continued

By **Donovan Abrassart**
USAG Benelux Public Affairs

The firefighters of the 309th Airlift Squadron conducted their mandatory annual live-fire training August 1 and 2 at the Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf) Base in Woensdrecht, the Netherlands.

Master Sgt. Daniel Alo led the Chièvres Air Base firefighters as they conducted live-fire aircraft, helicopter and indoor building fire training with Dutch instructors of the Fire Academy of the RNLAf.

The firefighters of the 309th Airlift Squadron are the only American firefighters in the world to use this facility and consider themselves fortunate to have that opportunity. "It is the best training equipment and facility I've ever seen. I've never seen anything comparable, even in the U.S. or in Germany," said Master Sgt. Daniel Alo. The Dutch instructors are also pleased to have the American trained in their facility. "We are learning a lot from each other. That's a great opportunity for us to learn from their techniques and for them to learn from our techniques," said Warrant Officer Henry Smit. Flight Sergeant Guus Paau added "It is nice to have a look into each others' kitchen."

The Americans are not the only foreigners to train at Woensdrecht. "This installation is unique in the Netherlands if not in all Europe. We have different nations training on our installations. Belgian, German, Swiss, American air forces are training here." The Dutch air force is also naturally training there. "There are five air bases in the Netherlands and all the firefighters of each base must train here twice a year. Civilians are also training on our installation," said Warrant



officer Henry Smit.

A lot of hard and intense exercises simulating real situations were on the program. In total, the firefighters took part into four different exercises, a fuel spill fire, an engine fire, an aircraft cargo fire and an indoor building fire.

August 2 was also a special occasion for Master Sgt. Daniel Alo as he decided to reenlist in the Air Force. "I chose to reenlist here because this is a very unique place. It is one of these things you can only do here, it is hard to explain," said Master Sgt. Daniel Alo. As Major Rob Venmans, Head of the Fire Academy, was present at the reenlistment ceremony, he asked Lt. Col Tracy Patterson, 309th Airlift Squadron Commander what the meaning of reenlistment is. "It means that Master Sgt. Daniel Alo has just renewed his engagement in the Air Force for four more years," said Lt. Col. Patterson. And when talking about Master Sgt. Alo, he added "he is a sharp airman, He will surely turn Senior Master Sgt. or even Chief Master Sgt."



(Picture 1) 309th AS firefighters extinguish a fuel spill fire Thursday, August 2, 2012, as part of the first exercise of the day. The first team concentrates on the fire as the second team goes back and forth from fire to fuselage to cool it off since there could be passengers still inside. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart.) (Picture 2) The firefighters extinguish an engine fire Thursday, August 2, 2012. First, the teams keep the fuselage cool, then they start extinguishing the fire at the front side of the engine. As the first team stays at the front side, the second team turns around the engine to reach the back while throwing water on the fuselage and the wing. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart.)

USACE introduces cadets to European engineering

By Jennifer Aldridge

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District Public Affairs Specialist

Europe is filled with backpacking college students traveling from one country to the next at this time of year. Before entering the real world, they embark on nomadic adventures in new cities, with new people, trekking as far as the Eurail pass will permit. But United States Military Academy at West Point Cadets Alex Cansler and Timothy Ko traveled to Europe this summer wearing construction boots rather than backpacks, ready to apply classroom lessons to real work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District.

Cansler, a rising West Point junior, and Ko, a rising senior, took part in the school's Academic Individual Advanced Development program. The program encourages students to seek opportunities to work for civilian or military organizations for up to four weeks each summer. Majoring in Civil Engineering and Engineering Management respectively, Cansler and Ko sought placement with USACE.

Cansler spent three weeks shadowing Jessica Reath, a district project engineer managing the Schinnen Child Youth and School Services Center project in Brunssum, the Netherlands.

The internship was an opportunity to gain familiarity with how a job site runs, Cansler said.

"Before this, I had no idea how my major applied in the world," said Cansler. "It's always best to be able to see what you are learning -- I took construction management in the classroom but I did not learn what I am learning here."

Cansler explained that being on a job site allowed him to visualize the project, even though it was not yet complete. In a short time, he assisted Reath by preparing contract modification documents, researching contractor requests for information, inspecting mechanical installation and observing worker compliance with safety regulations.

According to Cansler's USACE mentor Reath, he came in and immediately contributed to the office.

"Alex exhibited enthusiasm for learning and his efforts were greatly appreciated," Reath said.

The Schinnen CYSSC project is complicated and unique because the facility will serve the needs of multiple installations in the tri-border (Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands) community. Coincidentally, Cansler's father, Joseph Cansler, is the Director of Public Works at USAG Benelux-Schinnen, a future CYSSC facility user. From his perspective, the internship with the Corps has enabled his son to physically get a feel for construction.

"Construction takes practical experience before being good at it," Joseph Cansler said. "Understanding the timeline of how a project runs, paperwork, sub-contractors and onsite

issues is essential."

Shadowing a USACE project engineer provided Cansler with practical experience in the field he intends to pursue in the Army.

"Working on this project with the Corps reaffirms my decisions to go into engineering," Cansler said.

While Cansler finished up his work in the Netherlands, Ko was busy digging into his assignment with USACE in Ramstein, Germany.

Ko worked with a field team managing the construction of an Unmanned Aircraft System Satellite Communications relay facility at Ramstein Air Base. The U.A.S. SATCOM project includes an operations building with space for squadron administration and maintenance functions. In addition, 12 U.A.S. SATCOM relay structural pads and foundations with access roads, utilities and underground connections will be constructed. The facility aims to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification upon completion.

Ko worked alongside his mentor Capt. Shai-Lin Ynacay, the resident office project engineer, to gain perspective on what it takes to execute a complex military construction project.

"I am learning how USACE works," Ko said. "Prior to starting this internship I didn't know what the mission was."

Once Ko gained a better understanding of what USACE Europe District does -- provide premier engineering, construction, stability operations, and environmental management products and services for the Army, Air Force and other U.S. government agencies and foreign governments throughout the U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command areas of responsibility -- he was able to work with Ynacay to make sure the small project details were being properly executed.

"Next semester I will take a project management class," Ko said. "I was skeptical if I would use it in the future."

Observing first-hand how USACE manages projects, Ko reassessed his opinion of the importance of project management.

"You have to be out there on the project site ensuring quality is being met yourself," Ko said. "Before this summer, I had no idea how my major applied in the world. Now I do."

Spending the summer on a construction site with an active duty Soldier and learning about her career was an awesome experience, Ko said.

"It opened up another career path for me. I didn't think about joining the Corps of Engineers before I followed Capt. Ynacay," said Ko. "I think working for the Corps would be pretty cool."



Alex Cansler, a rising U.S. Military Academy at West Point junior majoring in Civil Engineering, took part in the school's Academic Individual Advanced Development program working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District on a construction project site in Brunssum, the Netherlands this summer.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

By Maj. Kyndra Jackson, Army Public Health Nurse
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As school approaches and children head back to school, parents need to drop by the SHAPE Immunization Clinic to update their children's immunizations. No appointment is needed for children older than 4 years of age. When younger than 4 years the child will need to see a provider prior to coming up to the Immunization Clinic. This appointment can be made by calling central appointments at 065-44-5886. Hours of operation for the Immunization Clinic are Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. The clinic is closed on Thursday mornings for training.

Those students that will be attending the U.S. school will need to follow the U.S. immunization schedule. Hep A is required to attend DoD schools. There have been updates that have been recently added to the immunization schedule. One vaccine with updates is Menactra, Meningococcal A, W, Y, C which requires a booster injection at 16 years of age. This will help to protect your child as they go through college from the exposure to meningitis. Your child will need to be vaccinated at age 11 years with Tdap and Menactra. Tdap is Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis which protects against whooping cough and Tetanus (Lockjaw). Tdap at this time is only licensed for 1 dose; future booster of Td which is Tetanus-Diphtheria is every 10 years.

The majority of vaccines are given when your child is an infant. These vaccines will help protect your child and other children from contracting a serious and sometimes debilitating illness such as polio, measles, pertussis and Hib. Parents are encouraged to discuss vaccines at their child's well visit. When researching vaccines on line use credible sites to gather information such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). These sites provide information regarding the vaccines, doses and timing that your child will be receiving vaccines. The website for CDC is <http://cdc.gov/vaccines>, this will lead you to the home page and look for the box that says for special groups. There is a section for parents located in this area. Beware of sites and false information regarding vaccines.

Vaccinating children younger than 2 years helps to prevent 14 potentially serious diseases that threaten them today. Yes, there are many more diseases out there. The process of developing a vaccine is long and tedious but the benefit of a vaccine is great. The decrease in sickness helps not only the child whom is sick and grumpy and may also end up in the hospital, but also for the parents who worry and take care of the sick child and miss work days. Some of

these newer vaccines include the chicken pox and pertussis, and RSVP vaccines. Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) prevents a serious bacterial infection that was the leading cause of mental retardation before the vaccine began to be used. Pneumococcal vaccine prevents today's leading cause of bacterial meningitis. Parents may be concerned that when their infant is receiving several vaccines that it is overloading the immune system. This is not true, every day the human body successfully fights off millions of antigens- the part of the germs that cause the body's immune system to go to work. The potential effect of using an alternate schedule of vaccination is putting the child at risk of developing the disease during the delay in immunizing. Parents may also be worried about receiving more than one injection of a vaccine; the need to booster is to build a high enough immunity to prevent the disease.

There are some children whom should not receive certain vaccines such as the flu if having an egg allergy. Those children that have a weakened immune system due to medical treatment, such as chemotherapy may not be able to receive some vaccines safely. All medical issues should be discussed with your provider to determine what is best for your child's health.

There has been an increase in the U.S. of parents opting out of immunizing their children. Associated Press analysis has found that in eight states now, more than 1 in 20 public school kindergartners' have not received all the vaccines required for attendance. This growing trend to seek vaccine exemptions has health officials worried about outbreaks of disease that once were all but stamped out. It's "really getting much worse," said Mary Selecky, secretary of health for Washington State, where 6 percent of public school parents have opted out. Exemption rules vary by state and may/could include medical, religious and in some states philosophical reasons. Health officials have not identified an exemption threshold that would likely lead to outbreaks. But as they push for 100 percent immunization, they worry when some states have exemption rates climbing over 5 percent. The average state exemption rate has been estimated at less than half that. There are some troubling pockets in some states where exemption rates are much higher. In some rural counties in northeast Washington, for example, rates in recent years have been above 20 percent and even as high as 50 percent. "Vaccine refuser tend to cluster." Said Saad Omer, and Emory University epidemiologist who has done extensive research on the issue.

Reasons for choosing to skip vaccines vary. Some parents are skeptical that vaccines are essential. Others fear vaccines



Jerri Chappelle

Immunization Awareness Month I Continued

carry their own risks and have not been studied enough. Some find it easier to check a box and opt out than obtain vaccines and required paper work demanded by schools. Still other are ambivalent, believing in older vaccines but questioning newer vaccines or that the number of injections is too much. By the time a child reaches the age of six years they have been injected with a needle about two dozen times, the majority of these are given during infancy. A theory from the 1990,'s that autism has been related to vaccinations. This has been discredited by studies that have been conducted, no link between autism and vaccines have been identified.

While parents may think it does no harm to other if their child is not vaccinated, they are in fact putting others at risk, health officials say. No vaccine provides complete immunity. When an outbreak begins in an unvaccinated group of children, a vaccinated child may still be at the same risk of getting sick. Studies have found communities with higher exemption rates sometimes are places where measles have suddenly re-emerged in outbreaks. Vaccinated kids are sometimes among the cases or children too young to be vaccinated. Last year, California had more than 2,100 whooping cough cases, and 10 infant died. Only one had received a first dose

of vaccine. "Your child's risk of getting a disease depends on what your neighbors do," says Omer. While it seems unlikely that diseases like polio and diphtheria could ever make a comeback to the U.S., immunization expert Dr.Lance Rodewald with the Federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention says it could happen. "Polio can come back. China was polio free for two decades, and just this year they were infected from Pakistan, and there is a big outbreak of polio in China now. The same could happen here," Rodewald said in an email. Rode-wald also states

that in the U.S. outbreaks of Hib, a disease that can lead to meningitis has occurred in the Amish population whom consistently do not vaccinate their children regularly. Russia in the mid-1990's had an outbreak of diphtheria due to declined coverage of vacations. Be assured that overall childhood vaccinations rate remains high, at 90 percent or better for several vaccines. It is important to immunize your children to prevent disease and the spread of disease. Stop by the SHAPE Immunization Clinic and speak with staff or contact your provider regarding any all immunizations that may be needed to keep your child healthy.

Associated Press writer Jeff Barnard in Grants Pass, Ore., contributed to this report.

AGE	IMMUNIZATIONS
Birth (or 2 weeks)	Hep B ¹ #1
2 months	DTaP ³ #1, IPV ¹³ #1, Hib ⁴ #1, Hep B ¹ #2, PCV13 ⁵ #1, RV ² #1
4 months	DTaP ³ #2, IPV ¹³ #2, Hib ⁴ #2, PCV13 ⁵ #2, RV ² #2
6 months	DTaP ³ #3, IPV ¹³ #3, Hib ⁴ #3, Hep B ¹ #3, PCV13 ⁵ #3, RV ² #3
12 months	MMR ⁷ #1, Varicella ⁸ #1, PCV13 ⁵ #4, Hep A ⁹ #1
18 months	DTaP ³ #4, Hib ⁴ #4, Hep A ⁹ #2
4-6 years	DTaP ³ #5, IPV ^{13,4} #4, MMR ⁷ #2, Varicella ⁸ #2
11-12 years	Hep B series ¹ (if not previously vaccinated), Varicella ⁸ #2 (if needed), MCV4 ¹⁰ #1, Tdap ¹¹ , HPV vaccine ¹²
16 years	MCV4 ¹⁰ #2
	OTHER
6 months- 8 years	Annual Influenza vaccine ⁶

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to report suspicious activity in your community, go to www.eur.army.mil/eureport or use the link at right found on all U.S. Army garrison and U.S. Army Europe unit home pages in the European theater

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Roundup of a Living will in Belgium

Special to the Gazette

What is the legal basis?

A Belgian Federal law dating from 28 May 2002.

Who can establish a Belgian living will?

Anyone residing in Belgium. For example, a retiree, a SOFA or NATO member are eligible. A service member is not eligible as they do not have a Belgian ID card. A service member will establish a U.S. living will.

What is a Belgian living will?

A written statement confirming that the patient approves or disapproves that a doctor proceed to euthanasia under certain conditions provided by the law. The living will can also appoint a person who will disclose the patient's wishes to the doctor. The Belgian Living Will form can be used to express a desire not to be euthanized.

What are the legal conditions allowing euthanasia?

- The patient must be an adult (over 18 years old).
- The patient must freely (without coercion) agree and be mentally competent to agree.
- The patient must be seriously ill and suffering in a way that can not be cured.

What is the procedure to be respected by the doctor when he/she is proceeding to euthanasia?

- Have several discussions with the patient explaining all the medical possibilities and detailing all the possible options. At the end of those discussions it must be clear that no treatment is available and it must also be clear that the illness/sickness is permanent.
- Another physician must review the case and provide a written statement confirming the first doctor's point of view. The second physician must be independent from the first doctor and from the patient.
- If the patient is treated by a medical team, the whole team must also be involved in the discussions.
- Upon the patient's request, the doctor must also meet with the patient's close relatives or whomever the patient designates.

What if the illness would not lead to death in the near future (1 month), can euthanasia still

be requested?

Yes, but the doctor will have to consult two independent doctors. There will be at least a one month waiting period between the patient's request for euthanasia and the act of euthanasia.

Can the patient change his/her mind?

Yes, anytime. The patient's references will be kept in his/her medical record.

What happens if the patient is no longer capable to express his/her wishes?

The patient can appoint someone else to make the decision while he/she is still capable. That person must be an adult (over 18 years old) and can't be someone who inherits later from the patient.

How long is the Belgian living will valid?

5 years

Can I write the living will by myself?

No, you must have 2 witnesses (over 18 years old).

Is a US living will valid?

It depends. Typically, a Belgian hospital will act in accordance with the clear intent of the patient. A U.S. living will and Medical POA will be considered in determining that intent. Executing a Belgian Living Will document will ensure that your wishes are clearly expressed in the format prescribed by Belgian authorities.

What if I do not have any living will?

The doctor must talk to his/her patient and address all scenarios. Euthanasia will never be done without the express consent of the patient or his/her representative.

Is a US Medical POA valid?

We have seen hospitals accept a U.S. Medical POA, as the doctors will look at the patient's intent. The US medical POA will be taken into consideration to establish the clear intent of the patient. Please note: your POA should have current contact information for the person you designate as your agent. The more information you can provide, i.e., Belgian ID number, physical address and current phone number, the quicker the hospital can contact your agent and avoid unwanted delays in your care.

Gazette Summer Schedule

- August 20, no Gazette issue
- August 27 August, Gazette issue

Normal publication schedule will be resumed August 27.

Have Something for the Gazette?

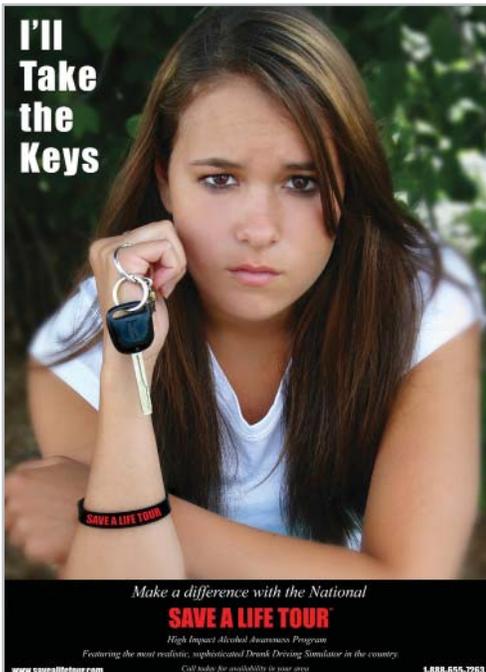
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S.A.L.T coming to the Benelux

Special to the Gazette

The national make a difference "Save A Life Tour" is a high impact alcohol awareness program featuring the most realistic sophisticated drunk driving simulator in the country. The Save a Life Tour brings over 1.2 million dollars worth of the most advanced technology and multimedia information systems right to our area, and presents a anti underage drinking and anti drunk driving message with an impact that individuals will never forget.

The message presented is graph-



ic and sometimes difficult to watch but the message they are trying to convey should not be easy or forgettable. They talk about death and injury due to alcohol and show firsthand the devastating effects of drinking and driving using real life examples. This is not a slap on the wrist; shame on you if you drink presentation. This is a in your face date with reality; not a lecture, but a life saving event presented in a form that individuals can identify.

A live host, two giant video screens, large TV monitors, professionally produces music and

videos, attention getting graphic displays, along with the most realistic interactive driving simulator on the planet. This simulator gives individuals first hand feedback on the effects of drinking and driving. While sitting in the simulator participants are able to drive a virtual car to a fully interactive environment of over 100 miles of varied road ways. Other cars, buildings and typical traffic controlled devices are built in. Time and weather conditions vary as well, with a computer approximating the time delayed reactions of a drunk or otherwise impaired driver. The computer also tracks all of the traffic laws each driver breaks and the severity of collisions should they occur. It's like driving a real car, but instead of you being drunk the car becomes drunk.

S.A.L.T is not an accident prevention program. An alcohol related death or injury is never an accident; it's a consequence of someone's choice. If we want individuals to make good choices then they must be educated about the consequences of those choices. The Save a Life Tour presents a message of choice, and it's a life saving message.

Event Schedule

- September 4, Brussels, 3 Star Lounge, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- September 5, Schinnen, Community Recreation Center, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- September 6, SHAPE, SHAPE Alliance Theater, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- September 7, Chièvres, Community Activity Center, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The entire Brussels, Schinnen, SHAPE /Chièvres community is invited.

Works in the local area

Lens - As of August 13, works on Rue du Sévoir in Lens (main road) will resume. A traffic light will be operational when the workers are on site. Works are expected to last for three weeks.

E19-E42 - Until approximately Aug. 20, the #24 exit "Mons Centre" coming from Brussels on the E19-E42 will be blocked off for renovation. Drivers heading to the center of Mons, will have to exit at either "Mons Est Obourg" or "Nimy-Maisières".

St Ghislain - The bridge over the rail track St Ghislain-Hornu will be demolished and a temporary bridge will be installed during the period Aug. 10-20. If you want to get to the E19/E42 coming from Hornu, you will have to continue on N51 until Jemappes. Coming from Chièvres, Tertre and heading to Hornu, you will have to drive through Jemappes/Quaregnon.

Jurbise - Works involving the Jurbise bridge and sidewalks are to start Monday, Aug. 6 and will last for at least three months. The works are scheduled in several phases:

- Works on one side of the bridge and the sidewalk. Traffic to and from Mons will be on one side of the bridge. Half of the crossroad Rue des Anglais - Route d'Ath will also be blocked off. This phase is scheduled to last approximately one month.

- Works will involve the re-pavement. Traffic will be as usual but the access to the Jurbise train station will be blocked off. In order to get to the train station, take Rue de Ghlin. This phase will last approximately 15 days but access to the Jurbise train station will be blocked beyond phase two.

- Works will involve half of Rue des Anglais to the pedestrian crossing (left side, direction Lens). Traffic lights will be installed during this phase to last approximately 15 days.

- Works will be done on the cycling path, sidewalk and borders. Traffic lights will be installed during this phase to last the entire month of October.

- Works will involve the joints and markings. Traffic lights will be installed. Rue des Anglais will be blocked off for one day - the recycling center will remain accessible.

The traffic light times during these works will be adapted pending the traffic flow to and from Mons.

Recommended deviations are:

Towards Ath: At the DECO 3000 store, take Chemin des Charbonniers, then immediately on your left, towards Rue de Masnuy, then Rue du Bourrelier, Rue de Soignies and back on RN 56.

Towards Mons: Take direction Herchies in Lens, towards Rue d'Erbisoeul, Chemin du Prince and back on RN 56 at the Carrefour du Dragon.

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SKIES classes on SHAPE

Sessions and enrollment periods for school year 2012-2013:

- **Session I:** Aug. 20 through Sept. 26. Re-enrollment through 29 June. New enrollment through Aug. 17.
- **Session II:** Nov. 5 through Jan. 18. Re-enrollment Oct. 1 through Sept. 12. New enrollment Oct. 15 through 26.
- **Session III:** Jan. 21 through March, 29. Re-enrollment Dec. 10 through 21. New enrollment Jan. 7 through 18.
- **Session IV:** April 15 through June 14. Re-enrollment March 4 through 15 2013. New enrollment March 18 through 29.

Classes available: Ballet, Driver's Ed, English, French, Gymnastics, Karate, Piano, Spanish, Swim, Taekwondo, Tennis. There will be more classes coming up such as Jazz Dance, Guitar, Italian, Parent and Child multi sports.

The SKIESUnlimited School is always looking for skilled and motivated people. If you or somebody you know wants further information, contact the SKIESUnlimited Specialist at DSN 423-5611 or civilian at 065-44-5611.

CYSS Brussels

Brussels Free Basketball Camp from August 14 through 17 for ages 10-18 at the USAG Benelux-Brussels Sterrebeek Annex Gym from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Collegiate coach and players provide instruction. Bring a lunch and water bottle. For more information call DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-717-9680.

Registration for 2012 Fall Youth Sports - Registration period is through Aug. 26. Open for ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-12 and 13-15.

- Flag football: season is from Sept. 4 through Nov. 30. For ages 10-12 and 13-15. Fee is \$40.
- Start smart soccer: season is from Sept. 10 through Oct. 19. For ages 3-5. Fee is \$40.
- Cheerleading: season is from Sept. 4 through Nov. 30. For ages 7-12. Fee is \$45.

On a space available basis, late registrants will be accepted and assessed a \$5 late fee.

For information contact the Youth Sports and Fitness office at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

SHAPE Thrift Shops

SHAPE Thrift Shop is closed for the summer. It will open Sept. 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Charity clothing donations

To donate "out of season" clothing that can go directly into Tommy Temple's Charity garage on SHAPE, you can sign out the public key at the SHAPE Chapel, UK Chapel office, Mon -Fri mornings, or call 065 44 5693 or email the IC3 at shape.ic3@gmail.com to arrange a "garage door" meeting at another time during the work week.

Education

University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma is now accepting applications for Master of Arts in International Relations. Accelerated class and program format, on-site and online classes available,

no GRE requirement. For more information call DSN 423-3654 or civilian 065-44-3654 or email at apshape@ou.edu.

University of Maryland

UMUC Europe announces registration for Fall 2012 Session 1. Registration for on-site and online courses is available now through 19 August with classes beginning on 20 August. Online course and program offerings have increased with the new combined Europe/Asia overseas online schedule. This fall, UMUC Europe is offering the new \$150 Military Book Award for active duty servicemembers (all ranks) and will be continuing the \$150 Europe Book Award for spouses and dependents of active duty servicemembers (all ranks). The book awards open in August and both new and current students are eligible to apply. To welcome new students this fall, UMUC Europe is offering the \$700 New Student Scholarship, a one-time \$700 award to help students with the cost of tuition and books. This award, combined with the affordability of UMUC Europe's programs, helps make it possible for new students to reach their highest personal and career goals. Details on these awards can be found at www.ed.umuc.edu/financialaid. New courses for Fall 2012 in Cambridge, England, and Dublin, Ireland, will be taking place 13-20 October and are open for registration now until 30 September. For details, visit www.ed.umuc.edu/field-study. For more information on registration, book awards, field study, contact a local UMUC Europe field representative, visit www.ed.umuc.edu, or call DSN 314-370-6762 or civilian 49-(0)6221-3780.

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Chièvres kennel

Effective October 1, the daily boarding fees at the Chievres Kennel will change. The new fees will be: \$18 for one dog / \$14 for one cat / \$5 each additional cat or dog in the same kennel / \$4 a day small pet (gerbil, hamster, guinea pig, ferret, rabbit, bird) / \$1 each additional small pet in the same cage.

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Possible cracks in reactor

Annual checks at the Doel nuclear power station in East Flanders has revealed a 20 millimeter crack in the steel of the tank of the reactor of Doel III. The problem might come from the quality of the steel used by the manufacturer of the tank. This manufacturer also supplied the tank of the Tihange II reactor which is due to undergo its annual maintenance in the coming weeks. There is no danger to the staff nor the local Doel residents as the reactor is currently out of service. The Federal Nuclear Control Agency (FANC) has asked the reactor's owner, the energy production and supply company Electrabel, to look at how serious the damage is and what measures can be taken to rectify the situation. The reactor will remain out of service for longer than planned. However, this shouldn't put electricity supplies at risk.

Fire at the H&M store downtown Brussels

Fire broke out at the company's main Brussels store on the Nieuwstraat at around 8 p.m. last Tuesday evening. The fire spread quickly and around 50 local residents were evacuated to a near-by hotel as a precautionary measure. No one was killed or injured in the blaze. A total of 60 firefighters from throughout Brussels were needed to put out the fire.

Ikea is now a Dutch brand

The Ikea brand name has been bought by the Dutch company Inter Ikea Systems in Amsterdam, the company recently announced. Inter Ikea Systems, which has been at the heart of the self-assembly furniture giant since 1983, is buying the brand name internally from the Liechtenstein holding company Interogo for €9bn. Interogo is the owner of Inter Ikea Systems, which holds all the franchise agreements with Ikea stores around the world.

Brussels street food among the best

VirtualTourist.com has compiled a list of the best cities in the world to have street food. Brussels came out at number nine with Bangkok, Thailand, emerging as the number one. The top-10 spot for Brussels is due to the waffles and the fries. Brussels is the only West-European capital in the top-10.

The Dutch are good at physical exercise

The Dutch do well at taking physical exercise, a survey into 122 countries by the British scientific magazine The Lancet shows. The Lancet looked at the number of people who take a minimum weekly exercise of at least 30 minutes and 20 minutes hard exercise three times a week. The results show that four out of five Dutch people over the age of 15 do this amount of exercise. Just 18.2% do not achieve these targets. Women do slightly better than men, with 15.2% of women saying they do not exercise compared with 21.3% of men. The survey shows that Bangladesh has the most active population with only 4.7% not reaching the targets. Malta, Swaziland and Saudi-Arabia are at the bottom of the list with 70%.

Antwerp diamond industry

During the first six months of this year, figures for the Antwerp diamond industry were down on last year's statistics as both import and export figures for raw and cut diamonds showed a sharp decline. Between January and June, the import of raw

diamonds was 20 percent down on last year. Trade in cut diamonds fell 7 percent. The Antwerp diamond sector doesn't have to despair though, as last year was labelled as "exceptional".

Michelle Martin

Michelle Martin, former wife of the Belgian pedophile Dutroux, was sentenced in 1996 to 30 years in prison for complicity in the kidnapping by her husband of six young girls with the aggravating circumstance that 4 died. Under Belgian law, a prisoner can come up for parole after having served one third of their sentence. Michelle Martin has spent the past 16 years in jail and is thus entitled to apply for parole for the past six year. Up until recently parole had always been refused as there was nowhere where Ms Martin could stay. This all changed when the monastery of the Order of Saint Clare in Malonne offered her a place. The case has been taken to the Belgian top court early August – which must rule on the procedure, not on the principle of the release – and that this court has 30 days to give its opinion, until when Martin will remain in the women's prison of Forest.

Dutch crime hotline

The number of people calling the Dutch crime hotline "Meld Misdaad" with tips about criminal activity reached a record of 7,400 calls in the first six months of this year. This is an increase of nearly 20% over the same period in 2011. Many of the cases concern serious crimes such as murder, child abuse and large-scale drug dealing. The tips are passed on to the various police forces around the country which have been able to solve a number of major cases thanks to the information.

Riots in Brussels

Last week, the Brussels police had to face real urban gangs throwing stones and Molotov cocktails at the police men. After the police sent reinforcements and arrested some youngsters, 22 bottles full of gasoline were found in the neighborhood. Policemen are getting frustrated as each time rioters are arrested and put at the disposal of the Brussels prosecutor office they are released a few hours later. This has led the liberal police union to threaten with going on strike in September.

Olympic medals

Total number of Olympic medals for the Netherlands, 13th on the medals list: six gold, six silver and eight bronze.

Total number of Olympic medals for Belgium, 60th on the medals list: 1 silver and 2 bronze.

Total number of Olympic medals for the US, first on the medals list before China: 46 gold, 29 silver and 29 bronze.

Dutch coral reappears

The Netherlands' only variety of coral, dead man's thumb, has reappeared in the Oosterschelde in Zeeland, having appeared to have died out in 2011. *Alcyonium digitatum* likes strongly flowing, cold sea water and seemed to have died out in 2010 and early 2011. Scientists said this could be because of the warming of the seas. However, since mid-2011 the coral has made a come-back and divers report seeing an increasing number of them, say press reports. The dead man's thumb is so called because it is white and shaped like a thumb.



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

Through 31 August

- **Midis-Minimes festival in Brussels** - Like every year, the Midis-Minimes Festival offers a concert of about 40 minutes every weekday in Brussels Minimes Church and the Conservatory. Diversified festival with traditional music on Monday, old music on Tuesday, 18th century music on Wednesday, contemporary music on Thursday, and 19th century music on Friday. More information on www.midis-minimes.be.

Through 2 September

- **Water for all...and all for water! exhibition in Brussels** at the Atomium. More information on www.atomium.be/water.aspx.

Until 9 September

- **Visit the Royal Palace in Brussels** - Once a year, the



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Royal Palace on Place des Palais is accessible to visitors who can admire the prestigious rooms. Open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except on Mondays. Visit is free of charge.

Through 16 September

- **Summer of photography in Brussels** - During the International Biennial Exhibit of Photography and Visual Arts, 160 artworks by 40 contemporary photographers from the 27 member states will be on display. More information on <http://www.bozar.be/home.php?lng=en&bozar=home&>.

Through 30 September

- **Sand Magic Dinant** - With just sand and water, artists from around the world create a fantasy world. Celebrating the 20th anniversary of Disneyland® Paris. More info on www.sandmagic.be.
- **Visit the garden of the Château d'Havré** - On Chaussée du Roeulx 1101 at Havré from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Entrance fee is 1,25 Euro per person.



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

Through 2 September



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- **Cheese Market in Alkmaar** -- The city of Alkmaar (NL) is famous worldwide for its cheese market. Cheese has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from 'Waagplein' square to the weighing house. What used to be serious business has turned into a popular attraction for thousands of tourists. 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.

Through 7 October

- **Floriade 2012 in Venlo** - 'World Horticulturale Expo'. This large horticultural fair takes place every 10 years. This year the fair/show can be found in Venlo (NL) and has, besides Europe's largest indoor flower exhibition, more than 100 participants from all over the world. More info: www.floriade.com.

Through 20 October

- **The Golden Age of China - Treasures from the Tang Dynasty Exhibition** at the Minderbroederskerk on Boomgaardstraat 10 in Maaseik (BE). Displays treasures and art from the Tang Dynasty, a period in China, named the Golden Age which was known for its culture and wealth. Open Tuesdays-Sundays and Holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €15. More info: www.degoudeneeuwvanchina.be.



Through 28 October

- **Visit the Château of Attre** dating back to the 18th century. Open Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. in July and August. Price is €6.50 for the parc and the Château and €4.5 for the parc only. More info on www.infonfo.be/chateau-attre.htm.

Through April 2013

- **Golden Sixties exhibition in Liège** - Those were the times when a wind of change swept across people's vision of life and the world around them: the Nasa landed on the Moon, Jimi Hendrix performed in Woodstock, Mao wrote his little red book, Martin Luther King had a Dream, Kennedy was killed, women gained freedom, hippies and so much more.

Until 19 August

- **Brussels Summer Festival** - Three stages (Place du



Musée, Place des Palais and Mont des Arts) with a large variety of music. Among the artists are Iggy Pop & The Stooges, The Stranglers, John Cale & band (ex Velvet Underground) and many more. Schedule of concerts per site is available at www.netevents.be/fr/concert/217247/Brussels-Summer-Festival-2012/.

15 August - Belgian Holiday

- **Flea market in Anderlues** (400 booths) at Quartier des Bruyères from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Bernissart** at Lac de Bernissart from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Erbaut** (150 booths) on the square as of 8 a.m.
- **Flea market in Flobecq** (100 booths) at Hameau de La Houppie from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in La Hestre** (100 booths) on Rue Ferrer from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Soignies** (100 booths) at Parc Pater and Rue PJ Winckoz from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Woluwe Saint Lambert** (100 booths) at the "Centre Civique Kapellvelt" on Avenue Dumont from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Flea market in Bonsecours** on the square from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.



15- August

- **Giant Egg Omelet in Malmedy (BE)**. Omelet is



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prepared by the Omelette Confraternity of malmedy at the Place de Rome and offered to the public. More than 10,000 eggs are fried in a giant pan (4 meter diameter).

15-16 August

- **"August 15" Festival in Liège (BE)**. This festival held at Outremeuse is one of the liveliest and most vibrant in the Liège region. It has flea markets, puppet shows, traditional dances, processions, parades, popular games, concerts, shows, and a variety of other activities. A large number of customs (culinary and popular games) are brought back to life and the end of the festivities on August 16 is highlighted by a ludicrous burial accompanied by brass bands and despairing widows.

15-19 August

- **Country Fair near Beesd** at Mariënwaerdt Estate has many stands displaying special and exclusive products for outdoor as well as a special culinary and delicatessen area. Open: daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entrance fee is €15.

18 August

- **Lumber Jack Festival in Lage Vuursche** in the forest with a Lumber Jack Market, folklore, music, demonstrations, Lumber Jack games and lots more. Entry is free. Open: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

18-19 August

- **Days of Fishery in Den Helder**, in and around the harbors, with old crafts, demonstrations, exhibitions, market, choirs and more. Open: Aug. 18, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Aug. 19, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. No entrance fee.



19 August

- **Antique and Flea market in Limbricht** near Sittard. Event is held in the courtyard of the Limbricht castle on Kasteel Allee 1. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance fee is €2.



15 August - Belgian Holiday Continued

- **Flea market in Dottignies** (320 booths) at the sportscenter on Rue des Ecoles from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Eugies** (700 booths) throughout the village from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

15-19 August

- **Flower carpet on the Brussels square** in front and in



the city hall from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day (except Sunday, event is until 6 p.m.). This year's theme is Africa and every evening at 10 p.m. is a sound and light show. Free access except for the city hall (entrance is €5) where you can admire the flower carpet from the balcony and visit the enthuriums display.

18 August

- **Flea market in Soignies** (150 booths) on Rue de l'Epinois from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Wisbecq** for 4, 8, 12, 25 or 35 km. Departure is from the square from 7 to 9 a.m. for the 35 km route and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes.
- **Get to know Ecaussines by bicycle.** Bicycle ride starts at 1:30 p.m. at the school on Place Cousin. Several stops will be made, among others at the Château de Feluy, at Marche-les-Ecaussines. Event is scheduled until 6 p.m.
- **St Roch March (Napolian marchers) in Soignies.** From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., some 100 Napolian marchers will parade through the center of Soignies. Departure is from Rue Régoire Wincqz.

18 - 19 August

- **Arts and Crafts fair in Hoves** on the square from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.
- **Scale Model Fair in Mons** at the Lotto Mons Expo on Avenue Thomas Edison from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

19 August

- **Flea market in Binche** (150 booths) on the main square from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Houtaing (Ath)** (100 booths) at the Parc de la Berlière on Rue Madelieine from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons** (300 booths) at the Grand Large on the parking lot of Imagipark.
- **Feria Espagnole in Seneffe.** As of 1 p.m., horse shows, flamenco dancers and possibility to tour the area in a horse drawn carriage. At the Ecuries du Trèfle on Rue de Rossegnes, 22.
- **Volksmarch in Péruwelz** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the school on Rue des Sapins from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



21-22 August

- **Medieval Festival in Sougne-Remouchamps (BE)** with a large parade, torchlight party, knight joust, fireworks and lots more.

23-26 August

- **Wine Fest in Aachen.** At Auf dem Katschhof where the participating vineyards from Rheinland-Pfalz introduce their wines.
- **Preuvenemint in Maastricht** at Vrijthof where you can taste the culinary specialties of renowned Maastricht restaurants and surrounding area. Open: Aug. 23, 8 p.m. to midnight; Aug. 24, 4 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Aug. 25, 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Aug. 26, 12:30 to midnight. Info: www.preuvenemint.nl.

24-26 August

- **Wine festival in Haan (GE).** In park Ville d'Eu, visitors will enjoy the many specialties.

25 August

- **Pinkpop Classic in Landgraaf.** At Megaland evenemententerrein on Hofstraat 13-15 with acts from yesteryears such as Toto; Big Country; Fischer-Z; Bush; Garland; Saga and Massada and takes place at the same field as Pinkpop. Opens at 11 a.m. Tickets: €60. Info: www.pinkpopclassic.nl.

25-26 August

- **Castle Festival in Manderscheid (GE).** at the lower castle (Niederburg) and upper castle (Oberburg) in the Eifel, the middle ages come to life as the tourney field hosts knights for jousting tournaments with lances, swords and bows. Troubadours and musicians will entertain visitors and buffoons, jugglers and fire eaters can be seen throughout the festival area. A blacksmith, lantern craftsman, flower arranger and other craftsmen will demonstrate their skills at the historical artisan market. Entry: €10; children (7-14) €5.
- **Brothers of Limburg Festival In Nijmegen.** This is the largest medieval festival in the Netherlands held in the center of the historic city. It has parades, knights, falconers, tastings, dance, music, a medieval market, re-enacting and lots more. A large medieval parade starts at 4 p.m. in the center, Aug. 26. Open: Aug. 25, noon to midnight and Aug. 26, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mussel Festival in Philippine** with lots of activities evolving around mussels. Open Aug. 25 from noon to 1 a.m. and Aug. 26 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

26 August

- **Art market in Sittard** at the Oude Markt and Kloosterplein from 12:30 to 5 p.m. No entrance fee.
- **Antique & flea market in Valkenburg** at Th. Dorrenplein from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

19 August Continued

- **Volksmarch in Houtaing** (Ath) for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the soccer field on Rue de la Madeleine from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saintes** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Rue du Radoux 6B from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Bonsecours** on the square from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Nivelles** on the Champion parking lot on Avenue Centenaire from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Military Memorabilia Fair in Pipaix** on the square at "Salle Glycines" from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

24-27 August

Giants Festival in Ath. This event dates back to the fifteenth century and presents the Giants of Ath to the public. One of these giants is the renowned Gouyasse, (Goliath), King of the Festival. The schedule is as follows:

Friday:

- starting at 10 p.m. on the Esplanade: Traditional burning of giant Goliath's pants. It is a Belgian tradition that friends of a groom burn a pair of his pants and host a huge party before his wedding.

Saturday:

- at 3 p.m.: Celebration of the wedding of Ath's most famous couple, Mr. and Mrs. Goliath, at the Saint-Julien Church followed at 5 p.m., by the fight between Goliath and David the shepherd in front of the city hall. After the battle, it is time for every Ath citizen and friends to taste the traditional "mastelles" tart - also known as "Gouyasse" (macaroon tart).
- at 8 p.m., concert on the Grand'Place by a local band.



Sunday:

- at 9:45 a.m.: The procession with the seven giants through the streets of Ath starts at the train station. The afternoon procession starts at the Esplanade at 3 p.m. The procession is based on religious traditions and was first held in gratefulness to God after He put an end to a plague that devastated Ath in 1215.

Monday:

- at 5 p.m.: Hot-air balloon festival on the Esplanade (weather permitting).
- All weekend: fun fair on the Grand'Place.

25-26 August

- **Flea market in Temploux (800 booths)** starting on Saturday at 7 a.m. and going through Sunday at 6 p.m. in the village.

25 August

- **Flea market in Ixelles (130 booths)** on the square du vieux Tilleul from noon to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Nimy** (100 booths) on the Place and along the canal as of 6 a.m.
- **Flea market in St Gilles** (300 booths) on Place Van Menen from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Beach Volley tournament in Le Roeulx** on the Place de la Chapelle from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Participating fee is €15 per player and €10 per person for the BBQ. For more information and to register, check www.beachvolleyrhodien.be.
- **Les Musicales de Beloeil.** Starting at 3 p.m. and until 11 p.m. at the Château de Beloeil. Simultaneous classical music concerts at various locations in the park and a symphonic concert at the conclusion of the event by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of Liège. For more information, check www.lesmusicalesdebloeil.be.

26 August

- **Flea market in Bonsecours** on the square from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea and farmers' products market in Hyon** (350 booths) on the square from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Uccle** (450 booths) on Chaussée de Waterloo from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Houdeng-Aimeries** on Place d'Aimeries and Place du Souvenir from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Hornu** for 5, 10, 20 or 30 km. Departure is from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Rue Barbet
- **Volksmarch in Tournai** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the fest tent on Avenue Leray.
- **Volksmarch in Neufvilles** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the school on Route de Montignies 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **London Special Overnight, August 18-19** - Take advantage of this special deal that we negotiated for you! Experience all that London has to offer on this overnight trip. Tour the city via a double decker bus, check out Big Ben & Parliament, take a river cruise on the Thames, ride the London Eye, people watch in Trafalgar Square, hike up the geometric staircase at St. Paul's Cathedral, watch the Changing of the Guards, visit the London Zoo, tour the Tower of London, enjoy the museums, shop Oxford Street or take in an amazing show in the West End Theatre District. Price: € 210 Single, €163 Double/Twin or Triple, €135 Youth 5-12*, €110 Child 0-5* (*When sharing a room with two fully paid guests.) Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m., returns SHAPE at 9:30 p.m. Deeparts Brussels at 5:45 a.m., returns Brussels at 10:30 p.m.
- **Maastricht During the Annual Tasting Event, Preuvenemint (with optional Dutch Fruit Pie Baking Workshop... limited places), August 25** - Join us on a visit to Maastricht, the oldest town in Holland. Touching Belgium on its west and just a few miles from Germany to the east, Maastricht is a town rich in history and culture, bars, cafes and restaurants. At 2 p.m., be sure not to miss the spectacular culinary tasting event and musical program called Preuvenemint. You will find this in the big square called the "Vrijthof" which is magically transformed into a huge open-air restaurant for this special occasion. If you would like, you can even try your hand at making Dutch Fruit Pie in an old water mill dating back to the 11th century. (Optional) Price: Adults € 35 Children € 35, With Pie Baking: € 65. Departs SHAPE at 7:30 a.m., returns SHAPE at 7:45 p.m. Departs Brussels at 6:30 a.m., returns Brussels at 8:45 p.m.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

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- **Wine Fest and Fireworks on the Mosel, September 1** - Be sure to book early for this trip. Spend the day at the wine festival in Bernkastel-Kues and in the evening, watch the fireworks over the Mosel River. Bus departs Schinnen at 11 a.m. and returns approximately 2 a.m. Cost is \$55. Assigned seating is on first-come & first-pay basis. Register with full payment now. The trip requires a minimum of 35 participants. For more info call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-443-7561.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trips below call civilian 065-336560
Travel Group members are available every Wednesday and Friday
from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Foyer of the SHAPE Library, Bldg. 307.

- **Gouda Cheese Market and Kinderdijk Windmills, August 30** - Spend the day exploring Holland's largest farmer's market in the centre of Gouda with opportunities to buy cheese, admire the Gothic town hall, enjoy a warm stroopwafel, explore the streets along the canals, or visit the Waag. In the afternoon you can visit a preserved windmill and/or opt for a boat ride to look at all the windmills at this UNESCO World Heritage site. Price is €35.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

22 August

- **Heinsberg Hospital Tours** - Starts at 6 p.m. Meeting is at Heinsberg Hospital Lobby. For more information call the New Parent Support Program at DSN 360-7335 or civilian at 31(0)46-443-7335.

23-24 August

- **Newcomer's Orientation** - Meets from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call DSN 360-7500/7512 or civilian 31(0)46-443-7500/7512

27 August

- **Safety Office Schinnen** is hosting a MSF Experienced Rider Course on 27 August 2012. Location will be Schinnen Emma Mine Complex, MSF Range. To sign up for the course of information to www.imcom-europe.army.mil/webs/sites/staff_org/safety/atstp/index.html. For more information call the Schinnen Safety Office at DSN 360-7242 or civilian at 046-44-37242.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Brussels Clinics - New clinic hours

The Dental clinic will be closed on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month.

Clinic Operating Hours:

- Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday: 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.

Clinic closed every Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. for training

Immunization Hours:

- Tuesday, Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Pharmacy Hours

- Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Tricare Office Hours:

- From Monday through Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.
- Friday from 7:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m.

14 August

- **Your kids' Education Funding** at the Brussels ACS Conference Room from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information or to sign-up for a workshop, call Brussels ACS at DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.

17 August

- **Texas Hold'em** - At the Three Star Recreation Center registration is at 6 p.m., first deal starts at 7 p.m. Open to all ID card holders. \$25 buy-in including food. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02/717-9822.

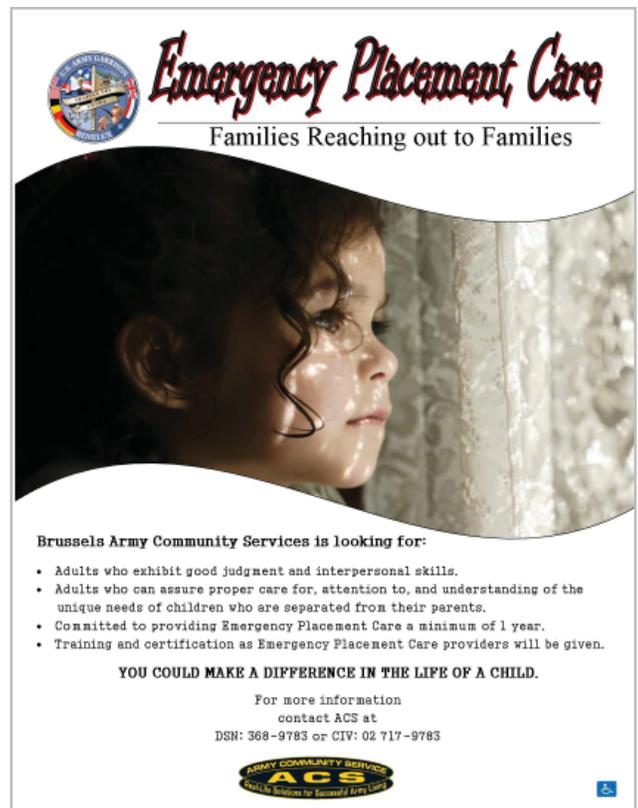
18 August

- **Learn about Belgian History** - If you are interested in history, join us to a visit of the Belvue Museum, the only museum about Belgium. Guided tour in English from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Meeting point is the ACS Conference room. Entrance fee is € 5, public transportation cost is €5. To reserve your spot, call ACS at civilian 02/717-9783/9729.

23 August

- **Rib Night** at the Three Star Recreation center from 6 to 10 p.m. Ribs, beans, baked potato, salad and dessert. RSVP by the August 16 for Ribs. For more information, contact DSN at 368-9822 or civilian at 02-717-9822.

Community Roundup



Emergency Placement Care
Families Reaching out to Families

Brussels Army Community Services is looking for:

- Adults who exhibit good judgment and interpersonal skills.
- Adults who can assure proper care for, attention to, and understanding of the unique needs of children who are separated from their parents.
- Committed to providing Emergency Placement Care a minimum of 1 year.
- Training and certification as Emergency Placement Care providers will be given.

YOU COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD.

For more information contact ACS at
DSN: 368-9783 or CIV: 02 717-9783

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24 August

- **Metro Madness** - Learn how to use public transport from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Class followed by an exploratory trip. Meeting at the ACS Conference Room bldg. 4. For more information or to sign-up for a workshop, call Brussels ACS at DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.

25 August

- **NYSCA Introduction to Coaching Youth Sports** at the Brussels CYS Services, bldg. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is free. For more information contact DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

27 August

- **Metro Madness** - Learn how to use public transport from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Class followed by an exploratory trip. Meeting at the ACS Conference Room bldg. 4. For more information or to sign-up for a workshop, call Brussels ACS at DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.

28 August

- **Newcomers Briefing** - Key agencies will present a brief overview of their services, answer questions, ensure a smoother transition for new arrivals. Meeting at the ACS Conference Room bldg. 4. For more information or to sign-up for a workshop, call Brussels ACS at DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Happening Now

- **Chièvres Fitness Center** - The Chièvres Fitness Center now offers a Spin Class every Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For additional information, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 0032(0)68-27-5643.

14 August

- **Parenting corner** - Learn how to deal with temper tantrums at the ACS conference room from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For information, contact DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

18 August

- **Family Fun Night** - From 5:30 to 9 p.m. Fee is \$3 and skate rental is \$5. For more information call DSN 361-6268.

20-21 August

- **Culture College** - Learn about Belgian culture, Sample traditional Belgian cuisine, shop using French, learn about the community, travel to historic Belgian cities, tour a Belgian Hospital. For more information or to register contact ACA at DSN 423-5324 or civilian 423-5324. Next session will be September 10-11.

21 August

- **Anti bullying workshop** - Free workshop "Bullying: A Guide for Parents, Teachers and Caregivers" at SHAPE bldg. 503 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, contact DSN 423-5635 or civilian 065-44-5635.
- **Unit Level Flag Football Season** - To submit a team, attend the coaches meeting at SHAPE main gym conference room (downstairs) at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact DSN 423-3993 or civilian 065-44-3993.

22 August

- **Page Turners Book Discussion** - The group will discuss *We Need to Talk about Kevin* by Lionel Shriver at the SHAPE International Library at 5:30 p.m. No registration or fee required. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631 or e-mail at shape.library@eur.army.mil or stop by during regular hours.

22-23 August

- **Unit Level Flag Football Season** - To become an official, attend the officials clinic at SHAPE main gym conference room (upstairs) at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact DSN 423-3993 or civilian 065-44-3993.

27 August

- **10 Steps to a Federal Job** - Get an overview of the process from start to finish. Learn the Ten Steps of applying for a job from a certified trainer, including exploring the different agencies, analyzing job announcements, keywords, KSAs (knowledge, skills and abilities) and more. From 9 a.m. to noon at the ACS conference room, bldg. 318, SHAPE. For more information call DSN 423-524 or civilian 065-44-5324.

30 August

- **Kids's Education Funding seminar** - Meets at SHAPE ACS bldg. 318. For more information contact DSN 423-4904 or civilian 065-44-4904.