

THE GAZETTE

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

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Brussels American Chorus

The Brussels American Community Chorus seeks new singers of all nationalities. No audition and no experience needed. We sing a wide variety of music, including Broadway songs. Beginning Jan. 28, the group rehearses every Monday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Kraainem. For details, contact Lamdm@attglobal.net.

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Crossage

Crossage will take place Feb. 13 starting at noon in the streets of Chièvres and surrounding villages. If you want to participate (€3 for insurance), need a wooden mallet and ball (€32), register prior to Jan. 28 at DSN 361-5433 or civilian 0486-876983.

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Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast



Keith Houjin

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Kevin M. Pies closes in prayer at the annual Martin Luther King Remembrance ceremony held at Caserne Daumerie, Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013.

In Memoriam

By Joseph Wheatley

Transportation Officer USAG Benelux-Schinnen



Courtesy Photo

Ben Martens at the 2008 IMCOM-E Supply Excellence Awards Banquet where he represented the Schinnen Property Book Office finishing as Runner-up to First Place. His office also won this award in FY2007 and in 2010, they won the Honorable Mention Award.

Ben was married to Helene Martens-Beerens and was very fond of his dog Odyssey.

He was an accomplished musician and outstanding drummer. He was a member of the Marotte Kapel which is a well known Carnival Band in the Limburg area. He was also a Fortuna Sittard football fan and played tennis. He was a member of

It is with great sadness that we were notified of the passing of Ben Martens, a USAG Benelux-Schinnen employee, after a courageous struggle with cancer. He died in his sleep, Jan. 13.

Ben was born in Sittard, the Netherlands June 23, 1964. He spent most of his life living in Sittard, but in the 1970s his father took a job in the States and Ben attended primary school in Duluth, Georgia near Atlanta. Back in the Sittard, he finished high school and spent two years in the Dutch Army working in Supply Administration. In 1986 he began working for the U.S. Army at Schinnen, first in the Driver's Testing and Training Station and then later in the Supply Support Activity. He spent 25 years working in the Property Book Office.

the Sittard Lawn Tennis Club.

In May of 2012 we were informed that Ben had a large tumor attached to his kidney. He never returned to work, but in November he told us that the tumor had been reduced and surgery was scheduled to remove it. Unfortunately, Ben's condition didn't get better. During the night of January 12, he was in a lot of pain and his nurse administered some pain killers. He passed away in the early hours of January 13.

When I asked co-workers what they most remember about Ben they say his jovial behaviour, Ben loved to tell jokes. He normally had a big smile on his face and at least once every day he would come down to my office to ask me if I had heard any good jokes. Ben had a deep love for his wife and I remember him expressing his feeling for her when she battled breast cancer.

One of the thing I most appreciate about Ben was working with him during the "turn-in" of excess equipment in the Schinnen Armory. Over the years, many attempts had been made to turn it in and finally with the backing of our last Garrison Commander and Ben's relentless efforts, this task was accomplished.

Ben will be greatly missed by all of us.



Courtesy Photo

Ben at the 2010 Christmas Party.

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AAFES/U.S. Army Partner to Open ‘Wounded Heroes Service Center’

Special to the Gazette

After more than a decade of war, the military continues to adapt to the changing needs of servicemembers. Even the 117-year-old Army & Air Force Exchange Service is adjusting to address new realities as it opens a new facility designed specifically for wounded warriors.

Just a short drive from Landstuhl Medical Center, the military’s largest hospital outside of the United States, the Exchange partnered with the Department of the Army to open a first-of-its-kind facility for wounded Soldiers in Kaiserslautern, Germany at Kleber Kaserne.

“Many injured servicemembers come to Landstuhl with little more than the clothes on their back,” said the Exchange’s Military Clothing Manager at Kleber Kaserne, Deniz Barcala. “Since 9-11, thousands of troops have been bused to our warehouse to pick up clothing, footwear and more after being evacuated from a war zone. About a year ago, Army and Exchange leadership decided we could serve these heroes better.”

The resulting “Wounded Heroes Service Center,” with handicap accessible dressing rooms, bathrooms and entrance, is a first for the Exchange. Now open, the new Military Clothing store is for the exclusive use of patients being treated at Landstuhl Medical Center.

“The opening of this facility is another example of the Army’s continued investment in the care of our wounded servicemen and women,” said the Commanding General of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command Maj. Gen. Aundre F. Piggee.

“Out of 3,100 operations worldwide, the Exchange has nothing else like it,” said the Exchange’s European Commander Col. Fredrick Hannah. “Because they are bused in, visitors have a limited amount of time to pick up new gear. Beyond having a facility that is easier to navigate, we also have associates who shop with the servicemember, put items in their cart and even pack their merchandise up for the bus ride back. Everything about the experience is designed to make getting a new uniform quick and easy.”

The Exchange’s “Wounded Heroes Service Center” officially opened on January 16, 2013. The facility offers a full assortment of uniforms, gloves, hats, boots and duffel bags.

Safeguard your valuables

There has been an increase in pickpocket victims lately. Most victims are targeted in bars and clubs or in other crowded places such as on buses, in train stations, airports, stores or restaurants.

To avoid becoming a victim, remain vigilant and do not carry large amounts of cash if you can avoid it. Think of safe places to keep your wallet or purse and don't leave valuables in your coat if you hang it up at a restaurant.

It is also good to be aware of distractions such as a stranger asking questions or someone helping you move packages to get on a bus or train. These could be distractions to allow an accomplice behind you to pick your pocket, purse or backpack.

Also, don't leave any valuables inside your car. Satellite navigation devices are still the most popular item stolen from vehicles. Sometimes, these items are left in plain view inside vehicles. Moreover, some vehicles are left unlocked, which is not a smart thing to do.

Some other tips are:

- Don't advertise that you will be away from your home or barracks room. Only give the information to people who need to know.
- Soldiers living in barracks should secure their personal belongings in a wall locker
- Make a list of your valuables and their serial numbers and take photos of them, to make it easier for the military police to recover any stolen goods.

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Chièvres fitness center

Zumba fitness classes every Wednesday at the Chièvres community recreation center from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

New fitness class in Schinnen

Body Pump is now in addition to Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. also being taught on Thursdays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. For more info contact the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7331 or civilian 046-4437331.

CYSS

Schinnen rock climbing clinics

Enrollment for rock climbing clinics is open today through Feb. 15. The clinics will be held on Wednesdays from Feb. 27 through April 24. Last session held April 27 will be a competition. Open to 2nd grade to 12th grade. Fee is \$125 and it must be paid at time of registration. The price includes transportation to/from Rocca Indoor facility, two hours of professional instruction and snack. You can enroll at the CYSS Parent Central Services, JFC Brunssum, Bldg. 505. No refunds will be provided after Feb. 15. For information call CYSS at DSN 364-4195 or civilian 045-526-4195. Spaces are limited.

Brussels Crèche

Full-time/part-time child care spaces are now available at the crèche across from the Garrison for ages 6 weeks to 3 years old. Crèche fees are subsidized by CYSS. Parents pay according to their DoD Fee Category. All U.S. and NATO ID cardholders are eligible. For more information call CYSS at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

Official SAC Geocache Camp

Registration is open now for the Feb. 11-15 camp. For registration times and additional information call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

Language classes in Brunssum

At the International Conference Center in Brunssum, the 12 week courses start in week 5 (January 28-31) and are weekly classes from 6-8 p.m. Course books can be purchased at registration. Classes are €90 and available are: English – levels 1-2-3; Dutch – levels 1-2; French – levels 1-2; German – levels 1-2; Spanish – levels 1-2; NEW is Italian – level 1. Registration is at the JFC Brunssum Library on January 22-23 from 5 to 7 p.m. and January 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. More info: jfclanguageprogram@yahoo.com.

Central Texas College Europe recruits

Central Texas College Europe is recruiting a Counselor Aide (Part-Time/Substitute) with duty at USAG Benelux - Brussels (open until filled). Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited

college or university is required as well as at least six months experience in a position requiring frequent public speaking and/or briefings. Duties are: Provide enrollment services, after a guidance counselor has developed and approved an education program; issue and process TA forms; conduct educational briefings; assist soldiers in documenting experience for credit evaluation; assist in conducting needs assessment; assist customers in obtaining financial aid; update soldier records on the existing community automation system; and provide general education information to customers. Send your application to USAG Benelux SHAPE Education Center, ATTN: CTC/LPM, Unit 21420 - APO AE 09705.

Acquisition/Contracting Training

Three "Acquisition/Contracting 101" training classes, lasting approximately 3 - 3.5 hours, will be held on the date, time and location shown below. The purpose of the training is to communicate the basics of the U.S. Government (U.S. Army) contracting/acquisition process so that units can better plan for and fulfill in a timely manner their unit's mission requirements in terms of supplies, services or construction. Who should attend? The "right people" that would benefit the most from the training are personnel that are responsible for securing a unit's supply, services, construction requirements/planning, RM/budget types, supervisors, Directors, etc...

Training Date options:

- 29 Jan, 1 p.m. at USAG Benelux-Brussels (Bldg 2, 2nd floor large conference room across the hall from RCO)
- 30 Jan, 1 p.m. at USAG Benelux HQs (Daumerie, HQs Bldg. Auditorium)
- 31 Jan, 1 p.m. at USAG Benelux-Schinnen (HQ Bldg. 10 conference room)

If you plan to attend, RSVP at your earliest convenience at DSN 368-9632.

FROM THE U.S. ARMY EUROPE INTELLIGENCE OFFICE FILES

When in doubt, report it: An officer from a non-U.S. service was noted attempting to use recurring contact with USAREUR Soldiers to obtain sensitive information and equipment. His actions were reported.

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Coldest night so far

The night from Tuesday to Wednesday last week (Jan. 15-16) was the coldest night so far. At the coast and in the province Antwerpen, temperatures of -11 degrees Celsius were recorded. In some areas around Mons, it went down to -12 and in Limburg province, -14 was recorded. Records show that the night of Jan. 14 are usually the coldest of the winter.

Belgian Military

Two political parties have prepared legislation to ban extremists from the Belgian army. The military has no legal right to remove extremists from its ranks because of his or her ideas. In Parliament yesterday, Defense Minister Pieter De Crem stated that: "the law is very clear, extremist behavior is in contradiction with the quality of the army. The detection of extremism can and will lead to action...I can tell you that we fired four extremists these last years. You will not be surprised when I tell you that extremism is often linked to other crimes, such as the possession of illegal arms."

Organ donations in the Netherlands

The number of people undergoing organ transplants in the Netherlands went up last year, in what is hopefully 'the start of a long-lasting trend', the Dutch transplant foundation said. Last year 1,225 people received a donor organ, up 9% on 2011. Organs were donated by 251 people who had died and 488 live donors. On Jan. 1, up to 1,286 people were on the waiting list for an organ, slightly down on a year ago.

Belgian participation in Mali

The Belgian Government has decided to send two C-130 cargo aircraft and two Agusta A-109 medical helicopters to Mali to provide logistical and medical assistance to the French, pointing out that the presence of the Belgians in combat zones is ruled out and that all Belgian political parties approved the Belgian participation.

Too many geese in the Netherlands

The Netherlands will have to slaughter over 500,000 geese over the next few years in an effort to get their numbers under control and stop damage to crops. Most of the geese will be gassed, as currently happens around Amsterdam's Schiphol airport. The plan is that the total population of some 200,000 ordinary, Nile and Canada geese need to 'be systematically removed'. In addition, 350,000 geese which used to migrate but now remain in the Netherlands will be killed, so that 'just' 150,000 are left.

Gent cathedral to be renovated

Gent's Saint Bavo cathedral is to be thoroughly renovated. The renovation will take four years to complete. Saint Bavo cathedral is probably best known for the Gent Altarpiece, a masterwork by the Van Eyck brothers depicting the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb. Urgent renovation is needed on the cathedral spire as masonry is falling down. The work will cost 6.3 million Euros - two million more than originally

budgeted. The cathedral was built upon a Romanesque church dating from the 12th century. This Romanesque church was replaced in various stages and most of today's cathedral was erected during the 15th and 16th centuries. Later Renaissance elements were added. A mystery still surrounds the Gent Altarpiece. One of the side panels, the Just Judges, was stolen in the 1930's and has never been recovered. The whereabouts of the missing panel - sometimes suggested to be in the cathedral itself - has been the subject of intense speculation.

Local residents to report anything suspicious

Federal police are launching a new pilot project in Antwerpen Province that involves getting residents to report suspect people and situations. The federal police believe dog walkers and joggers could play an important role in clamping down on crime. The pilot project starts in Zandhoven and Ranst. Neighbourhood officers will ask joggers and dog walkers to work together with the police. People wishing to do so can even do a course intended to help them judge what is suspicious and what is not. The project's aim is to slash burglary numbers in Ranst and Zonhoven, two municipalities plagued by this ill. Earlier the Antwerp public prosecutor Herman Dams asked residents to ring the police when they noticed something suspicious like a car with foreign number plates.

3,000 EU citizens told to leave Belgium

Over the past 18 months nearly 3,000 European Union nationals have lost their right to stay in country because they have defrauded local social services. The Asylum and Immigration Secretary said that the people involved have been here for three years or so but in that time they have managed to be an unreasonable burden for the social security as they have been drawing the living wage for too long

The Netherlands retains its triple-A rating

The Netherlands has kept its triple-A rating although the economic outlook remains negative, according to credit rating agency Standard & Poor's. S&P says the AAA rating reflects the country's diversified and competitive economy and the long tradition of sensible and flexible macro-economic policy. The competitive power of the Dutch economy is supported by the very productive population and the well-developed infrastructure, the ratings agency says.

The Dutch take five of six titles

Dutch skaters took five out of the six medals at this year's European allround speed skating championships. Sven Kramer took the men's title - his sixth - ; Jan Blokhuijsen took the silver and the bronze went to Norway's Håvard Bøkko. In the women's event, Ireen Wüst took the gold. She earlier took the title in 2008. Linda de Vries won silver and Diane Valkenburg bronze. The last time the Dutch women took all three medals was in 1968. The men's competition involves races of 500m, 1,500m, 5km and 10km; the women's 500m, 1,500m, 3km and 5km.



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

Until 27 January

- **BRAFA in Brussels (BE)** - Short for Brussels Antiques and Fine Arts Fair, it is held at Tour & Taxis on Avenue du Port 86C. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan 22 & 24 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Entry is €20 and catalogue €10. More information on www.brafa.be.



26 January

- **Private guided tour in Brussels** of the exhibition "Jordaens and the Antique" for BRIDFAS members and friends at 11 a.m. at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts of Belgium on Rue de la Régence 3. The tour, given in English, will last approximately an hour and a half. Cost is €20 per person. Gathering is at 10:45 a.m. in the lobby of the museum. Payment should be made to: Myfanwy van de Velde - Account no: 426-4471501-70 with the reference "Jordaens." For more information contact Myfanwy at: myfanwyvdv@hotmail.com or at civilian 02-6756673.

25-26 January



- **Tournai Jazz Festival** - Five concerts with internationally renowned artists, masterclasses and jazz workshops at the Cultural Center, Boulevard des Nerviens 40. For more information, check www.tournaijazz.be.

25-27 January

- **Batirama Fair in Tournai** - Construction, renovation and decoration Fair at the Tournai Expo from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entrance fee is €6 (Friday is €4 for men and free for women).

26-27 January

- **Oldtimers Fair in Brugge** at Beurshalle, on Hauwersstraat from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Neufmaison**, on the square at "Manous" (70 booths) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free entrance.

27 January

- **New and second hand women's cloth Sale in Uccle** - From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Roseraie, Chaussée d'Alesenberg 1299.
- **Volksmarch in Blanmont** for 4, 7, 12 or 21 km in Blanmont. Departure is from Espace 2000, on Place de la Féchère from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Casteau** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from "St Alfred" on Chaussée de Bruxelles 184 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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

Until 27 January

- **Jazz Week in Leiden** held in several places, bars and café's. It is one of the oldest Jazz festivals in the Netherlands. For information go to www.jazzstadleiden.nl.



24-27 January

- **The Art & Antique Fair in Naarden**, at Grote Kerk in the center of the historic fortified city. This is a very exclusive fair with furniture, silver, jewelry, paintings, china, clocks and lots more. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Entry is €15.

26 January

- **Hobby Fair in Hilversum**, held at Sports Hall Dudok Arena on Arena 303 with more than 90 stands displaying the arts and crafts of hobbyists. Open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Entry is €5; children 11 and younger - free entrance.

26-27 January

- **Western Experience in Den Bosch** at Brabantthal-



len is the largest all-around country & western festival in Europe with country music, western riding, Pow-Wow dances, line dancing, American Wheels Show and a large western market with more than 100 stands. Entry is 17.50; children (ages 5 to 12) pay €8.50. Open Jan. 26 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

27 January

- **Antiques & Flea Market held in Aalst (BE)** at Flora Halls on Albrechtlaan 78a. Entry is €2.

Ongoing Events & Happenings

Through February 3

- **Winter Efteling near Tilburg** at Efteling Amusement & Fairy Tale Park in Kaatsheuvel on Europalaan offers good old-fashion winter fun. Open on weekdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry is €35.



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

27 January Continued

- **Volksmarch in Ronquières** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Rue de Nivelles 32 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Enghien** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the sports center on Pavé de Soignies 36 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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Host Nation Events & Happenings

Ongoing Events & Happenings

Through 24 January



- **Chocol@t's exhibition in Stavelot** - The Abbey of Stavelot hosts an exhibition which retraces the history of cocoa and chocolate and the history of many of the region's firms, draws up an inventory of the status of chocolate at the present time and wonders about the chocolate of the future, where chocolate is heading, its development, its innovations, new ways of working. More information on www.abbayedestavelot.be/code/en/expo_detail.asp?pk_id_abbaye=1063.

atmosphere, get into the Castle of Seneffe to discover this exhibition.

- **Exhibition "The 19th century, jewelry and woman" in Seneffe** - An exhibition to discover many sides of the jewellery in 19th Century. Learn how the women wore them, which jewels for which event, party, wedding, travel. In a very intimate

Through 17 February

- **Exhibition "Space oddity, design fiction" in Grand Hornu**- This is an exploration of some Science fiction themes found in the work of many contemporary designers: anticipation, cosmology, the supernatural.
- **Terracotta Army Exhibition** - The Brussels Stock Exchange hosts an exhibition consisting of a reconstruction of the army of the 1st Emperor of China Qin Shi Huangdi. The exhibit presents over 150 warriors chariots, as well as a portion of the pit in which they were discovered, over more than 800 m². More information on www.expoterracotta.be/default.aspx.



- **Samuel Pauwels Circus in Uccles** on Chaussée de la Hulpe. Price is €25 for adults and €20 for children. On Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. price is €10. Open Wed from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Fri from 8 to 9:30 p.m., Sat from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Sun from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 3 to 4:30 p.m.



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Through 19 May

- **Monumentum exhibition in Brussels** at the Royal Museum of Armed Forces and Military History. Special exhibition during the cycle " Reflections on the Great War". More information on www.klm-mra.be/klm-new/engels/main01.php?id=menu_links/startpagina.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Paris, February 3** - Spend a day in Paris and visit the Louvre (entrance is free on Feb. 3) or stroll its historic avenues. Price is €50 per person. Departs SHAPE at 8 a.m. and returns at 9 p.m. Departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m.
- **Croatia with Venice, Italy, March 31-April 9** (Sign up deadline is Jan. 30)- Have you been looking for a fun and affordable family trip to fill Spring Break? We have the perfect solution. Join us for a ten day extravaganza to Croatia. Our stay at the 4-star seaside Hotel Admiral Opatija includes breakfast, dinner and 3 fun filled excursions. Partake in our guided day trip to Venice Italy which is just over 200 kilometers from Opatija. Next we have a day exploring the world renown Postojna Caves and Predjama Castle in Slovenia. Finally join us for an adrenalin rush as we head to Glavani Adventure Parc where you can try your hand at rope climbing courses or zip lining. During your free time take advantage of one of the many excursions the hotel offers or relax at the spa or heated pool. Departs SHAPE/Brussels: March 31, Returns SHAPE/Brussels: April
Prices: Single- €670 pp. Double/Twin-€ 540pp.Triple- €530pp (3 adults) Triple-€465pp (2adults/1child*) Quad-€525pp (2adults/2children*) *Children under 12.



Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

- **Spring Break getaway to Malgrat de Mar, Spain, March 29-April 7 (Registration deadline has been extended)** - Included in Tour Price: round trip royal class motorcoach transportation (non-smoking); Seven overnights in a 4-star hotel; half board accommodation (seven Breakfasts & seven Dinners Included). Prices: \$489 per person in Double Room; \$639 per person in Single Room; \$389 per child (3-11 years) staying in the parents room, when sharing a room with two fully paid guests. Two adults + two children 0-11 maximum per room (Children need to be 0-11 during trip dates), children 0-2 only pay \$289.00 per person (Infant Discount + Baby Bed). Cancellation and travel insurance is recommended and is not included. Register with Down payment \$289 per person. Rest payment due at the Trips & Tours office located inside the Andre Bruls Fitness Center in Schinnen. For more info call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 046-4437561.

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.

- **TROCing in France & Belgium, Jan. 24** - If you haven't gone TROCing yet or just can't get enough of it, come join us to explore these second-hand consignment shops. From the very old to the very unusual, there's something here for every taste. Merchandise is quite fluid, so if you've gone before and didn't find anything, you may get lucky this visit. Starting in France at a Lille Troc, we will then proceed to Wasquehal, followed by a lunch stop at La Taverne du Petit Wasquehal nearby. They have prepared a lovely menu for us which you will select at the time of your booking. [Entré is: A1) cheese quiche w/marolles cheese or B1) raw vegetable plate; Main dish is: A2) beef carbonnade (a beef stew) or B2) salmon with spinach in pastry, both served with french fries; Dessert is sugar cake along with coffee or tea. After lunch we press on to a troc in Tournai before returning to SHAPE in time for dinner, with your new treasures. Price is €45 including lunch.

For recurring events check on www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/local/pages/gazette/GazetteExtra.pdf.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

January 22

- **Tots and Parents Sessions (TAPS)** - A program designed to encourage social interaction between children and their parents, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Maple Leaf Room, Bldg. 98, NATO Air Base. For information, call 49-2451-982020 or email at cmfrc-gk@hotmail.com.

January 25

- **Eurocoop Maasmechelen Teen Movie Night** from 6:30 p.m. to approximately 1 or 1:30 a.m. for ages 12-18. Bus departs from the NATO front gate parking lot. Cost is €15 for Canadian Tri-Community Members and €20 for other NATO ID card holders. Cost includes two movies of your choice and transportation. Register today with payment at the Tri-Community CMFRC, the Orderly Room in Brunssum or Central Registry in Niederheid. For information, call 49-2451-982020 or email at cmfrc-gk@hotmail.com.
- **Hearts Apart** - Held monthly at AFNORTH International School library, Schinnen ACS offers a support meeting for youth separated from a loved one, whether through a deployment or a family situation. Meeting is from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. For details call the ACS Deployment Readiness office at 046-443-7218.

January 25, 26, and 27 (and February 1, 2 and 3)

- **Sleeping Beauty the Panto** - The Alliance Players present Sleeping Beauty the Panto written by James Barry. This show for all ages is directed by L.K. Evanson-Willems and will be performed at the Alliance Theater on JFC HQ Brunssum. Shows will begin at 7 p.m. The Sunday shows will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are for sale at the door and cost €6 for adults and €4 for children 12 and under.

January 26 and 27

- **Labor, Birth and Beyond Classes** - Offered to expectant parents in their third trimester, this four part series covers labor, delivery, caring for your newborn and breastfeeding basics. Sign up today for classes held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Schinnen ACS Conference Room. One-on-one sessions are also available. Call NPSP at 046-443-7335 to set up a time. Pre-Registration is required.

January 29

- **Veteran Affairs (VA) Briefing** - The briefing is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Schinnen ACS Conference room. Learn the latest on VA policies and benefits from the people who know. This briefing is followed by information on the Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP) from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information or to register, call 046-443-7269/7500.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

January 22

- **Lunch & Learn** - Bring your lunch and join the discussion group on today's topic "responding to toddlers who bite & hit". From noon to 1 p.m. at the ACS Training Room. To register, call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

January 23

- **Resilience Day 'Character Strengths'** - Identify character strengths in yourself to recognize and be the best you that you can possibly be. Class is from 10 to 11 a.m. at ACS. Pre-registration is required at DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.
- **The 5 Love Languages** - Do you and your loved ones speak the same love language? Do you understand each other when you speak. This free communications class is held in the ACS Conference Room from noon to 12:45 p.m. (bring your lunch to enjoy). For more information and to register, call DSN 423-5324/7593 or civilian 065-44-5324/7593.

January 25

- **Pillow Fight Night** at the Middle School Teen Center from 6 to 8 p.m. A parent permission slip is required for each participant. Cost is \$20 for a team of two. Price includes dinner and dessert.

January 26

- **Family Fun Night** at Chièvres Air Base from 5:30 to 9 p.m. with skating, games and bouncy castle and patriot dinner specials. Admission is \$3, skate rental is \$5.

January 31

- **Applying for College Financial Aid** - Get answers at this seminar held at ACS from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Every Monday and Wednesday in January

- **It's a Wrap** - Did you ever wonder how your favorite movie came to be? Come discover the fantastic movie world by joining "It's a Wrap!" film club. From 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. For more information or to register call the fitness center at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.
- **Money Club** - From 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. at CYSS, explore where money comes from, visit places that help you save money and end with a pizza party for all club members.

January 22

- **Newcomers Briefing**- From 8:45 am. to 2 p.m. in the ACS conference room, Bldg. 4. For more information call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.
- **Let's do Lunch** - Lunch and discussion group on "Maintaining Motivation" in the ACS conference room, Bldg. 4 from noon to 1 p.m. For more information call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.

January 23

- **Supermarket Guided Tour** - From 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., the director of the Wezembeek Oppem Delhaize will familiarize you with a local food store. For more information call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.
- **Cultural Adaptation** - From 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., with general info about local customs and helpful basic vocabulary in French and/or Flemish. For more information call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.

January 24


- **Hospital Guided Tour** - From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the Brussels Health Clinic patient liaison will provide a tour of the Leuven Hospital. For more information call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.

January 25

- **January Sales** - From 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., learn where to go, how to go and how to be a smart consumer. For more information call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.

January 29

- **Applying for College Financial Aid** - Seminar held from 1 to 2 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room to get a better understanding of the factors considered when qualifying for financial aid; learn about the basic steps for applying for financial aid and learn how to complete the FAFSA form; get an overview of college funding options, ways to reduce the cost of higher education, and the types of loans and grants that may be available. For more information or to sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.



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