

# THE GAZETTE

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

## Schinnen Community Bank

The Schinnen Community Bank will change banking hours as of Nov. 1. For more details, check the community briefs section.

## Brussels NATO Dental Clinic

The NATO Dental Clinic will not provide dental services through Nov. 5 due to training. There will be limited sick call coverage at SHAPE Dental Clinic. The clinic will remain open for appointments and administrative tasks.

## Entertainment in the Benelux

In order to provide our community members with a list of things to do/visit in the Benelux, we would like to get the top five places you enjoyed while in the Benelux. Please provide your input to [usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil).

## CIF closures

Through Nov. 2 the Central Issue Facilities (CIF) at Chièvres Air Base and at the Brunssum NATO Industrial Complex site, The Netherlands will be closed to conduct DA directed annual staff training and recertification. Central Issue Facilities will resume normal operations, Nov. 5.

## U.S. Clinic

The U.S. Clinic has extended hours for children flu vaccines Nov. 6-8 from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information call DSN 458-3300 or civilian 0049(0)2451-99-3300.

## Trunk or Treat?



Cis Spook

Isabella Altieri is role-playing in front of the decorated trunk of her parents' vehicle during the Autumn Fest, Friday, October 26, 2012 on the USAG Benelux-Brussels installations.

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# Local children learn about U.S. Military jobs



(Picture above) Sgt. Ross Meola, USAG Benelux DES Military Police, gives a pin with both U.S. and Belgian flags to one of the children who stopped by the caserne during the "Place aux Enfants" (Make way for the children) event, Saturday, October 20, 2012.



(Picture right) Spc. Deanna Gorby, USAG Benelux DES Military Police shows the inside of her patrol car to local children visiting the caserne. "Place aux Enfants" is a program designed for children aged 8 to 12 years to give them the opportunity to step into adult life for a day and discover different professions. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)



My name is Lisa Mederos. My boyfriend, Jason "JT" Ready, a former marine who had received a bad conduct discharge came into our home and fatally shot me. Not only did he murder me, but my 23 year old daughter, her fiancé, 24 year old Army Afghanistan veteran, and her 15 month old infant and himself. The police found firearms and grenades inside our home.

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# Trunk or Treat? | Continued



Part of the Autumn Fest, USAG-Benelux-Brussels held a 'Trunk or Treat' at which 45 vehicles participated divided over two parking lots. (Picture center) The trunk of each vehicle was decorated to create a scary environment.

(Picture left) Sgt. 1st Class Deborah A. Wilson (left) and Petty Officer 3rd Class Justin A. Chavez (right), both members of 'Better Opportunities for Single Service Members' (BOSS) were two of the scary inhabitants of the haunted house. BOSS members worked five days to turn the installation conference room into a true haunted house.

(Picture right) Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Barton (middle standing), Petty Officer 3rd Class Justin A. Chavez (middle) and Spc. Thomas Discher scared more than one visitor who dared enter the haunted house. The event concluded with an adult party and costume contest. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook, Friday, October 26, 2012)



# U.S. and German Soldiers train together

**Special to the Gazette**

Headquarters Headquarters Detachment (HHD), USAG Benelux-Schinnen conducted an M-16 A2 rifle and M-9 pistol qualification range Oct. 19 with eight German Soldiers competing for qualification badges. Since the German Soldiers from an Aachen transportation unit had invited HHD to their qualification ranges to earn their Schützenschnur badge, HHD decided to reciprocate and allow them to come to their qualification range to earn their M-9 pistol and M-16 rifle qualification badges. After brief classes on the rifle and pistol taught by Staff Sgt. Bryan Eurton and Staff Sgt. Johnathon Balcom, the German Soldiers headed to the pistol range to fire in the Military Police Qualification Course. After sand-



Sgt. 1st Class Anderson observes the M-16 qualification range while StUffz Munnix observes StFw Arnhold firing, Friday, October 19, 2012.

Capt. Matthew Urban

wiches provided by Sgt. 1st Class Marcus Anderson and Spc. Ronald Chausse of the Religious Support Office, the German Soldiers headed to the M-16 A2 rifle range. Sgt. 1st Class Michael Askins, Sgt. 1st Class Marcus Anderson, and Staff Sgt. Bryan Eurton provided lane safety and range safety support, and also helped the German Soldiers zero their weapons and qualify. All Soldiers earned either a marksman, sharpshooter, or an expert qualification badge. After the ranges were completed, Capt. Matthew Urban and Maj. Norma Bohaty handed out the qualification badges, a Schinnen coin and a U.S. flag to thank the German Soldiers for training with HHD.



My name is Amber Mederos. On May 2, 2012, my mom's boyfriend, a former Marine, shot and killed my mother, my fiancé and my 15 month old daughter Lilly. I was only 23 years old.

# EDIS provides vital resource to community families

**Stefan Alford**

*Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Public Affairs*

Virginia Bannerman was worried about her son. At almost two-and-a-half years old, Kenny wasn't progressing the way her older child had and he was exhibiting some of the symptoms associated with possible developmental delays.

He had not started talking yet. He never made eye contact with others, including his family. He didn't socially interact with anybody, and when taken to playgroup would either move away from the other children to a corner, or worse, scream uncontrollably through the entire hour.

Friends and family were supportive, telling her things like "different children learn at different ages," "give it time, he'll grow out of it," and "don't worry, it'll get better."

As well-intentioned as her friends were in trying to calm her fears and provide encouragement, it took a stranger to point Virginia in the right direction for help.

"After Kenny screamed through playgroup one morning, I was approached by a lady as we were leaving and she said very respectfully, 'I don't mean to offend you or upset you, but my daughter used to do the same thing. Have you had your son tested for autism?'"

From that encounter, Virginia (whose husband is assigned to the NATO base in Brunssum, the Netherlands) found the nearest servicing Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) program at the SHAPE Army Health Clinic in Belgium.

"It's just amazing how much progress he's made in the three months he's been in the program," Virginia said with an audible mixture of joy and relief. "Two weeks ago he finally said 'Mama' and now he says it every five seconds. I don't get tired of hearing it."

Virginia credits the staff at EDIS SHAPE's early intervention services for the turn around. The SHAPE program is unique in that its services cover a large and diverse area - working with families in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. Home visits and early intervention services are available to children up to 36 months old.

"Since many of our communities are NATO bases, the EDIS program is able to also work with families from other countries if space is available," said Melissa Wiedel, the SHAPE program manager and early childhood special educator. It's a big task for a three-person staff, which includes Wiedel, a speech and language pathologist, and an occupational therapist.

"Our small team has been working to re-educate the communities we serve about the services we provide," said Wiedel. "The biggest obstacle for the EDIS program is get-



Phil A. Jones

Kenny plays with a toy set while his mom looks on and Maj. Lynne Kramer, Chief of Educational and Developmental Intervention Services at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, observes his behavior, Friday, October 19, 2012.

ting parents to self-refer their child. No parent wants to hear that their child is not perfect, but we are here to help parents promote their child's development.

"I think," she continued, "that parents are afraid that we will come into their home and tell them they are bad parents or give their child a label. Parent education is the key - knowing the milestones their child should be meeting and seeking out help early. Most of the children we see have developmental delays that with intervention and parent education they are able to 'catch up' with their peers."

In addition to parents self-referring their children, Wiedel said the program also receives referrals from doctors if there is a suspicion of delay when a child goes in for a visit.

In both cases, EDIS staff will conduct a screening that examines all five areas of development: social-emotional, language, cognitive, self-help, and motor skills. The screening takes about an hour, in which time the staff will ask the parents questions about their child and interact with the child to try and elicit skills.



*My name is Jim Hoitt. I am an Army veteran who served in Afghanistan, I am 24 years old. On May 2, 2012, my fiancé, her mother, my 15 month old daughter Lilly, and myself were murdered by Jason Ready, before taking his own life. He was a former Marine, supposed to protect his family, not massacre them!*



# EDIS provides vital resource | Continued



Phil A. Jones

Kenny reacts to various play situations with Maj. Lynne Kramer, Chief of Educational and Developmental Intervention Services at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, as she observes his behavior, Friday, October 19, 2012.

“Melissa drove a long way to come to our house and screen Kenny,” his mom recalled, “as well as making the weekly follow-on visits. When she comes in, she immediately gets on the floor on his level and does some repetitive melodies and singing to get him to focus on her. He even makes eye contact now. It seems like they are just sitting there playing and having fun, but she gets him to vocalize and repeat things and before long he started saying actual words.”

Virginia echoed Wiedel’s concern about community awareness of the program in that “unfortunately a lot of people don’t even realize that this free resource exists. It’s without a doubt one of the best things the military has ever done for us. I wish I would have looked for help sooner, but everyone kept telling me it was a phase and he’d grow out of it.”

“The best thing to do, if a parent has any concern about their child’s development is to get a second opinion,” she added. “Remember, you’re not doing this for you, but for your child. Parents should be willing to accept all options that could help. I’m so grateful a stranger took the time to approach me about it.”

Virginia recently took Kenny back to playgroup and

the reaction from other parents was shock, she said. “They were just amazed and asked if that was the same child because the difference in his behavior was so big.”

Kenny’s successful development, in fact, has put his mom at the point he was just three short months ago: speechless. “I’m at a loss,” she said. “I can’t even put it into words how great this has been for our whole family.”

If parents feel that their child might have a delay, they can call the SHAPE EDIS at civilian (0)65-44-5931 and ask for a screening.

**SHAPE EDIS is promoting public awareness and parent education with several upcoming community events.**

- **Nov. 2:** EDIS and AFNorth International School will pair up to conduct all day screenings for children 0-36 months and 36-60 months. Parents can call the school to schedule a screening.
- **Nov. 6:** EDIS co-hosts a “meet-and-greet” with the new SHAPE pediatrician Dr. Mark Friberg at the SHAPE Child Development Center from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. A free light lunch will be provided.
- **Nov. 9:** EDIS and Brussels American School will pair up to conduct all day screenings for children 0-36 months and 36-60 months. Parents can call the school to schedule a screening.

## RED RIBBON WEEK



Cis Spook

Gustavo Vargas commits to live drug free by signing the pledge at the booth set up during Red Ribbon Week, Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at the food court, Chièvres Air Base. The theme of this year’s Red Ribbon campaign is “The best me is drug free” and promotes family and individual responsibility for living healthy. The red ribbon was chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, a drug enforcement administration agent, who was murdered in the line of duty and has come to represent the belief that one person can make a difference.



*My name is Katie Eastburn. Timothy Hennis, a Master Sgt. in the U.S. Army, murdered myself and two of my three daughters in our own home while my husband Gary Eastburn (Air Force) was away. Kara was 5, and Erin only 3. How he murdered us was brutal and unspeakable. It would take 25 years to bring the him to justice, haunting my husband and our only surviving daughter, Jana, and detectives.*

# Emergency Management Team visits the Belgian EOD Group

*Special to the Gazette*

Members of the USAG Benelux Emergency Management Team, Bart Howard and Jean Luc Peltier, visited the headquarters and school campus of the Belgian Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Group in Meerdaal, Wednesday, October 24, 2012. Also known as SEDEE (French acronym) or DOVO (Dutch acronym), the group is the Belgian Ministry of Defense unit that has responsibility for all bomb disposal in Belgium.

The main purpose of the visit was to learn about the capabilities of SEDEE and to build strong partnerships. The Commander, Lt. Col Luc Moerman, gave an information briefing followed by a discussion and a field demonstration of different explosive devices. The visit concluded with a demonstration of SEDEE's remote robot that is used in dangerous situations to destroy suspicious or known explosive devices.

"It was a very informative day," said Howard, the USAG Benelux Emergency Manager. "I was impressed by the professionalism and training of the SEDEE team. If we ever have a need for host nation support in the field of



Sergeant Major Ballestero (right) shows Bart Howard an explosive device that can be activated remotely, Wednesday, October 24, 2012.



Among explosives disabled by the EOD are antitank mines (top right) and WWI bombs (bottom right). (U.S. Army photos by Jean Luc Peltier)

EOD, we know that we have a superb team only a short distance away."

SEDEE's mission is quite large as they also respond to discoveries of unexploded ordnance left over from the many conflicts that were fought on Belgian land. Considering the scale of WWI and WWII, this is an immense task. Nearly every day, there are discoveries of potentially dangerous shells that have sat unburied for close to 100 years.

"It is hard to comprehend the scale of the world wars and their legacy on Belgium," reflected Howard. "The SEDEE has to be ready to identify thousands of different kinds of bombs and shells. Although they look rusty and harmless, they can actually be quite dangerous as they still have the potential to explode. If there is one guideline that we can bring from today, it is that we see something that looks suspicious or appears to be an old shell or bomb, don't touch it. Alert our security forces and let the professionals make the determination of what to do."

## Flu season is around the corner

Don't wait the last minute to get your flu vaccine as the flu season peak is around the corner. The Immunizations Clinic is open from 8 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. for walk-ins Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and for appointments only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Allergy shots are given during the same



hours Monday-Friday except Thursday mornings. All personnel desiring immunizations are requested to bring their personal shot record and medical record to the Immunization Clinic, SHAPE Army Health Clinic, second floor, Wing D 123. For further information, call DSN 423-5848 or civilian 065-44-5848.



*My name is Amanda Blaies-Rinaldi. My husband, a former Army sniper put two bullets in my chest and three into my head. My 7 year old son was upstairs with his baby sister at the time and called 911. Only two days before, my mother had given me a domestic violence pamphlet. She said to me, "Look at this, look at all this, this is you!" I gave my mother back the pamphlet and told her not to worry...*



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## Schinnen Community Bank

The Schinnen Community Bank will change banking hours as of Nov. 1. New schedule will be as follows: Mon closed, Tue 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wed 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thu 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sun closed.

## Brussels American Chapel

The Brussels American Chapel will be starting "Affirmation Classes" for Junior and Senior High students starting Nov. 4 at 9:30 a.m. at the Chapel. Classes will meet approximately every other Sunday for one hour with a special service around Easter. Subjects will include "Overview of the Old Testament", "Overview of the New Testament", "The Lord's Prayer", "Importance of Spiritual Disciplines", "The Apostle's Creed" and other subjects. The "Affirmation Classes" are similar to the "Confirmation Classes" of some denominations. If you have any questions, call the chapel at DSN 368-9708.

## Job opportunities

CYSS and Community Recreation have the following job opportunities in the Benelux:

### Chièvres

- Recreation aid, <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/326820000>
- Child and Youth program assistants, <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/321705000>

### Brussels

- Recreation assistant, <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/327101100>
- Bartender, <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/327231500>

### Brussels

- Lead Child and Youth Program Assistant, <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/320774100>

## CYSS

### Schinnen CYSS

CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for tennis, rock climbing, skateboarding, swimming, skiing/snowboarding, archery, and basketball. Enrollment for Basketball for age group 13-15 both boys and girls is open through Nov. 30. For information call DSN 364-4195 or civilian 0031(0)45-526-4195.

### Brussels CYSS

Brussels CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for baseball, basketball, cheerleading, flag football, soccer and wrestling. If you are interested, call Youth Sports & Fitness at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

Registration for wrestling, basketball and developmental basketball is open through Nov. 30. For more info call CYSS

at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

### SHAPE/Chièvres CYSS

- SHAPE/Chièvres CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for racquetball, cross country and table tennis. If you are interested, call Youth Sports & Fitness at DSN 423-6143 or civilian 065-44-6143.
- Paid internships with CYSS and Fitness are available. You must meet the following criteria to be eligible: Be a U.S. citizen between 15 and 18 years old, be currently attending high school, currently possess and maintain a 2.0 (C) grade-point average or better, be subject to the satisfactory completion of local police background check in accordance to Army Regulation (AR) 215-3. If you are interested call DSN 423-5611 or civilian 065-44-5611.

## SKIES Unlimited

- Session II for piano, ballet, gymnastics, French, Karate, Tae Kwon Do, and Swim classes will run from Nov. 5 through Jan. 18.

- Enrollment for Spanish classes fall session is now open until full. Session is for 6-12 and 13-18 years old. Parents are welcome to enroll with their child. Price is \$120 for 12 classes.

- Enrollment for cheerleading open through Nov. 30. For age group 6 to 12. Fee is \$40.

- Enrollment for basketball open through Nov. 30. For age group 6 to 15. Fee is \$40.

- Enrollment for tennis, session II for age group 5 and up open through Nov. 5. Session II will run through Jan. 18. Assessment required prior to enrollment. Assessment is done by the instructor at the tennis courts.

For more information, contact Parent Central Services at DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

## Chièvres Self-Help Store

The Chièvres DPW Self-Help store's new operating hours are Mon through Fri from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Closed Wed. For more information, call DSN 361-5383 or civilian 068-27-5383.

## Alcoholics Anonymous

The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholic Anonymous Group now meets on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Bldg. 318, second floor conference room. Take the right entrance (near ACS office) and go up to the 2nd floor and it's the 1st door on your right. For additional information call the recorded announcement for AA at 0032-470470790.

## SACEUR Sports Superstars Event, Nov. 8

If you are an all-around athlete who can compete in multiple cross-fit type events and also some fun team events over the course of six hours, call DSN 423-7654 or civilian 065-44-7654.



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**III = BENELUX NEWS III = III = BENELUX NEWS III =****Ford Genk closure**

Ford has announced the closure of its plant in Genk. While 4,300 jobs will be lost at the plant itself, related job losses are likely to reach 10,000. Ford Genk used to manufacture the Ford Mondeo. Production will now move to Spain where the average labor cost is 20 Euros instead of 39 Euros here in Belgium.

**Belgian Budget**

The budget for 2013 will be a difficult exercise that will not be concluded by this week as initially expected. Currently, the federal government is adjusting the 2012 federal budget through technical manipulations and small measures. The 3.7 billion Euros that needs to be found or saved in order to reach a deficit of 2.15 percent compared to the gross domestic product next year will be a lot more challenging. There are already talks of new taxes. Nobody supports increased taxes on labor or economic activities and the government is divided over imposing a capital tax. Even if the government were to decide on a capital tax, the question is how quickly it can be executed.

**Dow chemical to shut down factories**

Dow Chemical announced that it is to close its factory in Tessenderlo, Belgium with the loss of 115 jobs as well as the plant in Delfzijl, the Netherlands with the loss of 43 jobs. These closures are part of a worldwide operational revamp which will see 2,400 jobs go and 20 factories shut down. Dow's large plant and Benelux headquarters in Terneuzen in southern Netherlands is not affected.

**Dutch salary differences**

The difference in salaries between men and women in the Netherlands shrinks. The Netherlands went from the 15th to the 11th place in the ranking with more than 76% of the pay gap closed. An improvement in the number of women in ministerial positions had also played a role. The list is topped by Iceland, followed by Finland, Norway and Sweden.

**International passports**

The Belgian Foreign Office announced that international passports issued to Belgian citizens will only expire after seven years, instead of five years now as new legislation will come into affect. For the fifth consecutive year, the number of people applying for an international passport has increased. The Belgian ID card only gives access to a certain number of countries, while the passport opens a lot of other doors, sometimes in combination with a visa. Some countries, like the Dominican Republic – a popular destination among Belgian tourists – made an international passport mandatory for tourists last year.

**Dutch hamlet for sale**

Almost all of the hamlet of Hamingen, close to Staphorst, is up for sale – with a price tag of €1.35m. The foundation which manages property for good causes, has put the complex – three farms, a modern building, several sheds

and a vegetable garden – up for sale. A further six hectares of farmland can also be included in the package. It was put for sale because its current tenant – an organization that takes care of addicts – is moving to a new property in 2014. The hamlet can trace its history back to 1468 and is located on a terp – a man-made grass mound to protect it from flooding. Although the housing sector is in crisis, the organization is sure the property will sell.

**Dutch invention**

Dutch doctors have successfully tested a pill that can be controlled electronically to deliver medicine directly to the stomach and intestines. The pill is 2.5 cm by 1 cm and is one-third filled with medicine. The rest of the capsule houses a transmitter that communicates with the outside world and a tiny motor. The capsule uses a pH sensor to determine where it is located. Once it is thought to be in position, the motor sprays out the medicine. The technology has been tested on ten healthy volunteers who took the capsule filled with radio isotopes which could be followed on a scan. In nine out of ten cases, there was successful communication between the capsule and doctors.

**Heated cycle lanes to be tested**

Tests are about to start with heated cycle lanes in two parts of the Netherlands in an effort to reduce winter accidents. By stopping snow settling and ice forming, cycle lanes will become safer and there will be thousands fewer accidents. The tests, an initiative led by civil engineering group Tauw, will start in the town of Zutphen and in parts of Utrecht. The system will work by using 'asphalt collectors' to collect the summer heat which will then be stored underground and used to warm cycle lanes in winter.

**Oldest Dutch person**

The Netherlands' oldest resident, Egbertje Leutscher-De Vries, celebrated her 110th birthday October 22, with a day of events at the nursing home where she lives in the Drenthe village of Havelte. Her daughter, Mina Smit, told news agency ANP her mother is delighted with all the attention and thinks it is great she is the oldest person in the country.

**Belgian wine**

Last year, wine production in Belgium was 15 percent up compared to the year before. The number of wine producers is also increasing. Belgium has gained worldwide renown for its beers, but it's not always common knowledge that it also producing wine. It's especially the Limburg regions of Haspengouw and Maasland (along the river Maas) that are seeing more vineyards. Two years ago, Belgium had 41 wine producers, 27 in Flanders and 14 in Wallonia. Last year, their number had climbed to 48. These figures apply to those applying for a protected label. Some 30 farmers produced wine without applying for an official local label. Last year, 78 percent of the wine produced was white wine, compared to 18 percent red wine and 4 percent rosé.





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

**1 November (Belgian Holiday)**

- **Flea market in Blaton** (250 booths) on the square and surrounding streets from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Flea market in Waterloo** on the Carrefour parking lot as of 6 a.m.
- **Volksmarch in Deux-Acren** (close to Lessines) for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the sports center "Camomilles" on Rue de l'Ordre from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saint Symphorien** (close to Mons) for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the community center "Salle les Tilleuls" on the main square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Brussels museums late openings** - Every Thursday, enjoy late openings from 5 to 10 p.m. in some Brussels museums. To have more information and see which museums are concerned this week, check [www.brusselmuseumsnocturnes.be/index-en.php?page=2&sect=&id=](http://www.brusselmuseumsnocturnes.be/index-en.php?page=2&sect=&id=).



**2 November**

- **Evening market in Renaix (Ronse)** on the square from 6 to 10 p.m.

**2-4 November**

- **Wine and Cheese Fair in Floreffe** (160 booths) in the center of town at the soccer field from 7 to 10 p.m.
- **Wine Fair in St Ghislain** (50 booths) at the Hall de Maintenance near the city hall from 5 to 10 p.m. Entrance fee is €5.

**3 November**

- **Evening Halloween volksmarch in Pommeroeul** on Rue Levecq from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Participating fee is €6.
- **Evening Halloween volksmarch in Montignies-sur-Roc**. Length of the route is one hour. Departure is from the "Taverne du Château" on Place Masson. Participating fee is €2.50.



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

**30 October - 3 December**

- **Altstädter Nikolaus Market in Bergheim (GE)**- Traditional Saint Nicolas Market located in the Heimatmuseum among the timber-framed houses in the old historic center. Open daily from 6 to 10 p.m.

**31 October - 4 November**

- **Traditional Hanseatic Fair in Dortmund (GE)**- Old crafts, farmer market, knights' camp and tourney, music, acrobats, actors and lots more.

**2-3 November**

- **Art & Antique Fair in Noordwijk** in the old Jeroems Church on Voorstraat 44. Both days open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €5 (includes cup of coffee).

**2-11 November**

- **Hubertus Market in Bergheim (GE)** at Vor dem Aachener Tor in the center. It is a large year market and fair with lots of attractions and rides.

**3 November**

- **Year market in Gulpen** - Held in the center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**3-4 November**

- **Pasar Malam in Rijswijk** - Indoor Oriental market held at Broodfabriek with all kind of oriental food, music, shows and stands. Entry is €8; children 6-12 €3. Open Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 8 p.m.

**4 November**

- **Fall Festival in the center of Delbrück (GE)** with all kind of activities with as theme: fall, hunting and horseback riding.
- **Flea & Curiosa Market in Etten-Leur** at Anna van Berchemlaan 2 in Etten-Leur from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **First Christmas Market of the year in the Netherlands in Hellendoorn** at Ommerweg 150 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Courtesy Photo

- **Winter Market in the center of Nijmegen** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Indoor Flea Market in Oploo** held at Gemeenschapshuis on Grote Straat 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Host Nation Events & Happenings



Until 4 November

- **Firmin Bouglione circus in Ath** on the Esplanade. One session at 8 p.m. on Fridays and two sessions on the other days at 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. Entrance fee is €16.70 for adults, €11.70 between 2 and 8 and free under 2.

4 November

- **Volksmarch in Tangissart/Court St Etienne** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the community center "Salle Notre Dame" next to the church at Tangissart from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Erbisoeul** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the school on Chemin du Prince 115 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



8-11 November

- **Christmas Creations Fair in Den Bosch** at Brabanthallen, Diezekade 2. Indoor fair which inspires ideas to decorate your home for the holidays. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Entry is €11.50; children €5.
- **The La Table Fair in the center of the fortified city of Naarden** is held at Grote Kerk. This attractive Christmas Fair features festive table settings. Over 50 exhibitors display antique and modern china, silverware, glassware, wines and more. Entry is €15; children 13 and younger free. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through 1 July

- **Renaissance 2.0 in Mons** A journey through the origins of the web exhibition at the Mundaneum. Discover the history of knowledge. In less than two decades, the numerical technologies have turned our working, consumption and leisure habits upside down, and have infiltrated every area of everyday life. Come and discover what happened before... and what could happen after this "web age".

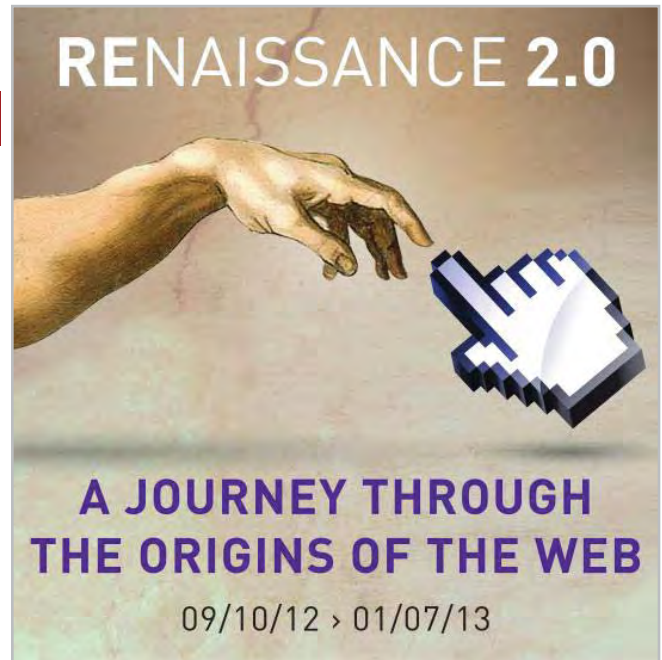
Ongoing Events & Happenings

Through 6 January

- **Expo Toots 90 exhibition in Brussels** - For his 90th birthday, discover the career of one of the greatest Belgian jazzmen. In this exhibition, Toots shares his memories and a part of his life. More information on [www.toots90.be.agenda](http://www.toots90.be.agenda).

Through 27 January

- **Jordaens and the Antique exhibition in Brussels** at the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium. Around 80 paintings and drawings, tapestries and sculpture from major museums and little-known private collections from around the world. More information on [www.fine-arts-museum.be/site/EN/frames/F\\_expo.html](http://www.fine-arts-museum.be/site/EN/frames/F_expo.html).



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## SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Flanders Field - WWI Tour, November 10** - Visit the Ypres Museum at your own pace. You will also have free time to explore the city. Be sure to walk to Menin Gate to see the archways that hold the British Memorial to the Missing. After spending the morning on your own, you will receive a professional guided tour by bus of Ypres which will end at the original WWI trenches. Prices are €55 Adults, €50 Youth (3-17 years.), €45 Children (0-2 years) Departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m.. and SHAPE at 8:45 a.m. Returns SHAPE at 7 p.m. and Brussels at 8 p.m.
- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge, November 17 - (Only 3 tickets left)** - Experience a festive banquet, a dozen lively attractions, medieval costumes and music, food and drinks. You will be transported from the 21st century back to July 3, 1468. Charles the Bold and Margaret of York bid you welcome to the wedding feast. The meal itself is a four-course dinner, richly washed down with beer and wine. Apart from the meal, you'll also enjoy the entertainment and atmosphere. The wedding feast will be enlivened by jesters, minstrels and dancers. There is also sword fighting, falconry, flame swallowing, a witches' dance, jousting, parrot shooting and more for your enjoyment. Prices: € 92 Adults. € 65 Youth (11-14 years.) 45 Children (6-10 years) €35 Children (0-5) Departs Brussels at 11:45 a.m. (Saturday), departs SHAPE at 1 p.m. (Saturday). Returns SHAPE at 1 a.m. (Sunday) and returns Brussels at 2 a.m.
- **Brugge Snow & Ice Sculpt Festival, November 24** - Come see 300,000 kilos of ice and 400 tons of snow, kept at minus 5 °C, which a team of 30 international artists have transformed into Ice Magic. The theme of this year's event is inspired by the stories of Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit. Top off the afternoon by warming your mitts around a hot cocoa or Irish coffee at the ice bar next-door. Don't forget to dress warmly. Then head into town for the festive Christmas Markets complete with ice skating rink. Prices- 45€ Adults, 40€ Youth 4-11, 30€ children under 4. Departs Brussels at 8 a.m., departs SHAPE at 9 a.m. Returns SHAPE at 8 p.m., returns Brussels at 9 p.m.



## Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

- **No trips planned at the moment**

## 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.

- **Canterbury, England, November 13** - Canterbury began as a Roman settlement and has played a significant role in England's history ever since. It was here that Augustine came in AD 597 to bring Christianity to England and the ruins of this abbey are just outside the city walls and are now a UNESCO world heritage site. On the way back we will be stopping at Tesco, a large supermarket with a wide selection of traditional English goodies. Stock up on puddings, cakes, mince pies, biscuits and crackers just in time for Christmas. Price is €60 Adults.
- **Cologne Christmas Market, November 27** - Get in the Christmas spirit with this annual favorite to Cologne, Germany. It's a unique experience with several Christmas markets in the city. You may also visit the magnificent Cologne cathedral or the Farina Fragrance Museum, home of Eau de Cologne. Price is €25 Adults.
- **Monschau Christmas Market and Coffee Mill, November 30** - Guided tour of an artisanal coffee house to follow the evolution of coffee bean to a cup of java. You will then have time to stroll through the stalls of the quaint Monschau Christmas Market, set in a little postcard village. Price is €35 Adults.

For recurring events check on [www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/local/pages/gazette/GazetteExtra.pdf](http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/local/pages/gazette/GazetteExtra.pdf).

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

### October 31

- **Trunk or Treat** - Fun for the whole family from 5:30 to 7 pm. Entry is \$3/€2 and includes the Trunk or Treat Trail, the Haunted House, children activities in the Community Activity Center and lots more spooky fun. Open to U.S. & NATO ID Card holders and guests, but if you don't have a Schinnen IACS card you need to register by calling 0031 (0)46-4437331.

### November 2

- **Rock Band Challenge** - From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the ACS, Bldg. 39. For ages 6 and up, compete to earn prizes based on performance and age group. Families are welcome. For information, call 31(0)46-443-7500.
- **Free Developmental Screenings** - Offered for children from up to 5 years old at AFNORTH International School. For information call 0031 (0)45-5278339. Open for U.S. ID card holders only.
- **Parents' Night Out** - Enjoy a night out while CYSS takes care of your children from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. A light dinner will be served. Care is \$20 per child with each additional sibling at \$18. AFC benefits can be used. Care is located at JFC Brunssum Bldg. H-501. To sign-up call at 31(0)45-526-3121 or stop by to make your reservation. Open to CYSS Registered Children Infant-6th Grade. Fees are non-refundable. For more details, call 31(0)45-526-3008.

### November 5

- **Prayer Luncheon** - Join for a brief time of devotion and fellowship. Lunch provided. Held at JFC Brunssum, Club 13 from noon to 1 p.m. Open to U.S. ID card holders.

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### November 2

- **Latin Quarter Night** the 3 Star Community Club. For more information contact the 3 Star Community Club at DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

### October 30

- **Youth Program trip to haunted Walibi.** Departs SHAPE at 9 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Fee is \$55 for grades 7 to 12. Costumes are recommended but not mandatory. To register or for more information call CYSS at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

### October 31

- **Trunk or Treat on Chièvres Air Base.** Carnival rides start at 4 p.m., trunk trail opens at 5:30 p.m.

### November 1

- **The SHAPE International Library** will be closed in observance of SHAPE holiday. Materials can be returned in the outside book drop whenever the library is closed. The library will reopen Nov. 2 with regular hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

### November 2

- **Halloween party on Caserne Daumerie** - Held at the Warrior Zone at 8 p.m. Viewing of *The Rocky horror picture show*. Trivia quiz and costume contest with prizes. Fee is \$8 and \$5 if dressed as a *Rocky horror* character. Open to all U.S. and SHAPE (green) ID card holders aged 18 and above.

### November 6

- **Munch & Mingle & Learn** at SHAPE CDC, Bldg. 616 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dr. Mark Friberg, guest speaker and new pediatrician at SHAPE Health Clinic, will answer questions submitted by parents about health and child development. Free of charge with light lunch offered. For more information call civilian 065-44-5970.

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