

THE GAZETTE

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

Benelux news briefs

In Memoriam

The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community is saddened by the passing of Richard Robinson, store manager of the Military Clothing Sales in Geilenkirchen, Germany. Robinson was a retired military and had a combined military and civilian career of 21 years.

Abandoned or illegally parked vehicles on base

Abandoned or illegally parked vehicles on base are causing safety hazards.

Therefore, these vehicles will be towed to a storage area or will be disposed of in case the vehicle is abandoned.

Towing will be done at the request of the Military Police.

The registered owner of the vehicle shall pay all towing and storage fees and associated costs to the towing company.

If you are about to deploy, go on temporary duty or on leave, get with the Military Police to identify areas where you can park your vehicle safely.

Gazette submissions

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A player gets ready to return the ball in 'balle pelote', a traditional sport of Wallonia, which is a handball game played by two teams of five players each. To find out more about 'balle pelote' see page 7. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

August is sixth annual antiterrorism awareness month

August marks the Army's sixth annual observance of Antiterrorism Awareness Month. The terrorist threats faced today are as complex as they have been at any time in the nation's history. These threats are persistent and constantly evolving as evidenced by the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). The Army's antiterrorism program protects personnel, information, and facilities in all locations and situations against terrorist activities. The purpose of Antiterrorism Awareness Month is to instill Army-wide heightened awareness and vigilance to protect Army communities from acts of terrorism.

Awareness of terrorist threats and an understanding of unit-level and personal protective measures remain paramount. The focus areas for Antiterrorism Awareness Month includes recognizing and reporting suspicious activity, participating in antiterrorism training, countering insider threats, and becoming familiar with the risks associated with the use of social media.

In light of recent terrorist activities around the world, leaders at all levels should emphasize the importance of suspicious activity reporting and the need for sustained antiterrorism awareness involving the use of social media and protecting personally identifiable information. In addition, the senior leadership of the Army encourages all leaders to make continuous improvements within antiterrorism plans and programs in order to guard our communities against persistent terrorist threats.

In addition, to commemorate the attacks of 9/11, the Office of Provost Marshal General (Antiterrorism Branch) is establishing an antiterrorism information booth in the Pentagon from Aug. 18-20, 2015, to share information with members of the Army staff as well as other Pentagon tenants. Army commands are encouraged to conduct similar community outreach efforts to help spread the message about the threat the military personnel face and the protective measures.

Suspicious Activity Reporting

Examples of suspicious activities include:

- People drawing or measuring important buildings
- People asking questions about security forces, or sensitive information
- Case or package left unattended
- Vehicle parked in 'no parking zone' in front of an important building
- People in restricted areas where they are not supposed to be
- A person wearing clothes that are too big and too hot for the weather
- Chemical smells or fumes that worry you
- People purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs
- People purchasing weapons or uniforms without proper credentials.

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AUGUST 1-7 IS WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK

Breastfeeding - a benefit for mothers and babies

By Fiona Webster

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Breastfeeding may be the oldest and most traditional way to nurture a child, it's often surrounded by controversy. It is a topic which is featured regularly in the media often surrounded by strong opinions and inevitably this leads to yet more arguments about the different ways women feel about this. However, while most women decide during their pregnancy that they would like to initiate breastfeeding as soon as their newborn arrives, the rate of exclusive breastfeeding reduces dramatically at three months and then again at the six month point. Globally fewer than half of all infants worldwide are exclusively breastfed at four months.

Realistic expectations, accurate information and adequate support have been highlighted to contribute to this decline. Breastfeeding is not always easy at first and many women are unfamiliar with what is normal. It can be a learning curve and mother and baby need time to get to know each other. In general, women have lost confidence in their ability to breastfeed as formula feeding has become the most common way to feed babies and the understanding and experience of breastfeeding across society has been lost.

Sometimes inappropriate healthcare practices such as separating new mothers and babies, not teaching women how to breastfeed, not encouraging baby-led feeding, inconvenient routines and supplementing with formula are common reasons new mothers may get off to a less than optimal start. Hospitals and support of healthcare professionals can have a direct impact on the successful outcome of a mother's intention to breastfeed.

Inconsistency and lack of up to date knowledge amongst healthcare professionals can confuse and misinform women who then feel unable to initiate and maintain breastfeeding, while a lack of communication and time spent supporting new mothers often cause minor concerns to build up.

Once at home women can feel overwhelmed and don't always get enough time with healthcare professionals. Women who do not receive help or support with problems after giving birth are more likely to stop breastfeeding within two weeks. Studies show mothers who have the support of partner, family or friends are more likely to breastfeed for longer.

Once women feel more confident in breastfeeding, the next hurdle they face is going out with their baby and breastfeeding in a public space. Fear of disapproval and receiving negative comments is something which affects many women, particularly in the early days. Half of all breastfeeding women don't attempt to breastfeed in public spaces during the first few weeks and say they find it difficult to find somewhere they feel comfortable feeding.

Babies need to breastfeed and they don't usually do it to a schedule. Things are improving, with many places more



Breastfeeding offers benefits to babies and their mothers. Babies who breastfeed have fewer ear and respiratory infections, and moms decrease their own risk for postpartum depression and certain cancers.

aware that women are entitled to breastfeed in public spaces and some doing their best to make breastfeeding mothers welcome. There is a long way to go before it is accepted that a baby's need to breastfeed is more important than someone who complains that they find it offensive. Ideally in the future, breastfeeding will be accepted and unremarkable but until then we need more businesses and establishments to make it clear that breastfeeding mothers have a right to nurse without harassment.

Getting the right support at the right time can make all the difference. Studies have shown that attending a support group before the baby is born can be helpful, and knowing where to go if questions arise. Breastfeeding support organizations, and peer support is invaluable.

Change happens slowly but mothers and babies can't wait. Making changes in society's attitude to breastfeeding and putting in place support for women after the birth, in the months that follow, and when the time comes to consider returning to paid work, will hopefully lead to breastfeeding once more being considered the norm. Instead of being something difficult that most women feel is not possible, it can once again become something they feel happy and confident in doing.

For additional information about breastfeeding, contact the Lactation Consultant at DSN 423-5271/5810 or civilian 065-445271/5810.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camp** - This day camp has a different theme every week and runs through Aug. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CYSS also provides before-camp care from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and after-camp care from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Find out more by stopping by Parent Central Services in Building 3 or call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.
- **Brussels Summer co-ed Adults Volleyball Tournament** - The tournament will be held Aug 29-30. Players must be an active-duty military personnel, Reserve, and National Guard members in an active duty status that are assigned or TDY to any units within Europe, to include Army, AF, Navy and Marines; DOD civilian employees; family members of above mentioned personnel; US contractors eligible to use U.S. facilities; member(s) of NATO Forces assigned to HQ NATO, USAREUR and USAFE units, and Host Nation players that are eligible to gain access to U.S. bases and facilities without being in "visitor" status (escorted at all times). Teams must submit their roster (10 max players) **by Aug. 18** to the Tournament Director. For additional information, call DSN 365-9425.

Aug. 6

- **Movie night "The Age of Adeline" (PG-13)** - At the Boss movie area, Bldg. 1, third floor. Showtime is at 7 p.m. For more information, call DSN DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

Aug. 7

- **Concert at the 3 Star: Tom Murphy and Jeff Wisnom** - Tom Murphy and Jeff Winsom will perform vintage rock, blues, and original compositions in a free concert from 7 to 9 p.m.
- **Movie night "Mad Max - Fury Road" (R)** - At the Boss movie area, Bldg. 1, third floor. Showtime is at 7 p.m. For more information, call DSN DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

Aug. 13

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy stir fried glass noodles with chicken adobo from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Alternate kids menu is hot dogs or chicken fingers. Cost: adults \$8; children, ages 12 and under, \$4. Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.
- **Movie night "Longest Ride" (PG-13)** - At the Boss movie area, Bldg. 1, third floor. Showtime is at 7 p.m. For more information, call DSN DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Art classes for children** - The JFC Brunssum Arts & Crafts Center offers art classes for children 6 years and older from 10:30 a.m. to noon on the following dates:
Aug. 11: "Cool Dutch Shoe": Paint, decoupage or otherwise decorate a klomp (Dutch wooden shoe); and
Aug. 13: "Clay time."
 Cost: €8 per class per child. Children under 6 can also attend, but a parent must accompany them. Classes need five people to register in order to be held. You can sign up by coming to the Art & Crafts Center and paying a non-refundable deposit of €4 per class. The balance is due at class. For more information, contact jfcframeshop@jfcbs.nato.int.
- **Summer Camp Trip highlights** - The USAG Benelux-Schinnen School Age Center and Youth Center offers several Summer Camp adventures. Space is limited. For full Summer Camp details, call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.
Week 8, Aug. 10 to 14 - Bowling, sumo wrestling, laser games and go-karting, Oberhausen Mall, Brunssum Center for ice cream.

Aug. 7-9

- **2015 Motorcycle Rally** - Organized by the Geilenkirchen Riders Association (GKRA), this event includes Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast, poker run, games, and dinner and Sunday breakfast. For information and registration, go to <http://www.GK-riders.blogspot.de>.

Aug. 11 and 18

- **The Five Love Languages** - The Family Advocacy Program/Victim Advocate offers this two-session class at the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room from 1 to 3 p.m. This relationship workshop will help couples learn about the different ways people understand love. Using Gary Chapman's award-winning book, "The Five Love Languages," couples will learn how healthy relationships grow from euphoric "in love" feelings to "real love" actions. If you wish to register, call DSN 360-7367 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437367.

Aug. 12

- **Newborn Network: Newborns, Parental Support and Music** - This support group for parents of children, ages newborn to 12 months, meets in the JFC Brunssum Child Development Center's Room Y006 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. To register or for more information, call DSN 360-7335/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437335/7500.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY Continued

Aug. 12 continued

- **Heinsberg Hospital tour** - This tour is offered in English through the New Parent Support Program. Meet at 6 p.m. at the front door of the hospital. For questions, call civilian +49 (0) 2452-188501.

Aug. 12 and 13

- **New Parent Support Home Visitor will be in Schinnen and Brunssum.** If you are interested in classes, materials, home visits, support or education regarding topics on pregnancy, newborns or toddlers please contact ACS at DSN 360-7500, civilian +31 (0)46-4437500.

Through Aug. 26

- **Summer Reading Program** - School-age children and teens will register for the "Read to the Rhythm" program at the library, check out and read books from the JFC HQ Brunssum Library, and earn a variety of prizes for the number of books read. Preschool children, ages 3 and older, may earn prizes by having books read aloud to them. For more information, call +31 (0) 45-5262669/2469.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Mark your calendar

- **Auditions** - The SHAPE Players will hold auditions for a play with mature themes, "La Ronde" by Arthur Schnitzler, at SHAPE Performing Arts Centre in Building 207 **Aug. 19** at 6:30 p.m. Those auditioning must be 18 and older. For information or to schedule an alternative audition, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312.

Aug. 7

- **Picnic in the Park celebrating World Breastfeeding Week** - From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. held at the sheltered area behind the clinic next to the baseball field with fun activities for infants and children, a 'Mummy & Me' photoshoot and baby wearing. Bring a blanket and a picnic. For additional information, call DSN 423-5271 or civilian 065-445271.

Aug. 8

- **Vacation Bible School 2015** - SHAPE International Chapel presents "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sign up or volunteer at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/SHAPEKidsVBS/gpgs/home.aspx> or find "SHAPE International Chapel VBS" on Facebook.

Aug. 12

- **Writers Write** - From 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library, this writing group helps to improve your work. Bring paper and pen/pencil.
- **Sponsorship training** - From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at ACS, Bldg. 318, training will prepare U.S. personnel to serve as sponsors for those coming to the area. For additional information or to register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Aug. 13

- **CYSS Youth Program summer excursions - Last trip at an amusement park.** Register at CYSS Parent Central Services in Building 503, or call DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.
- **Dress for Success** - From 9 a.m. to noon in the ACS conference room, Bldg. 318. For additional information and to register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- **Hearts Apart** - From noon to 1 p.m. at ACS, Bldg. 318 to share information and experiences and to discuss strategies for managing the time while being separated and coping with stress. For additional information or to register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates — 2D movies: adults €7 and children 11 and under €4. 3D movies: adults €9 and children 11 and under €6. Check <http://www.shape2day.com> under "Morale & Welfare (MWB)" for the movie schedule.

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English:

Only the British or American movies listed as VO (Version Originale or Originale Versie) will be in English.

Plaza Art - Rue de Nimy 12, 7000 Mons (next to the main square). Visit <http://plaza-art.be/index.cgi?p=Grille>.

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

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

Movie at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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

Travel the Benelux

Visit Belgian Royal Palace this summer

by Tim Clark

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

In what has become an annual tradition, the Royal Palace in Brussels is open to visitors for a limited time. From now until Sept. 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, the palace can be visited. Best of all it's free.

The palace was first opened to the public in 1965 for a major exhibition devoted to King Leopold I. Its success paved the way for the annual open house each summer.

The official palace of the King of the Belgians isn't used as a royal residence, the king and his family live in the Royal Palace of Laeken on the outskirts of Brussels. "The palace is where His Majesty the King exercises his prerogatives as head of state, grants audiences and deals with affairs of state," according to the website of the Belgian Monarch at www.monarchie.be.

This unique opportunity to see an

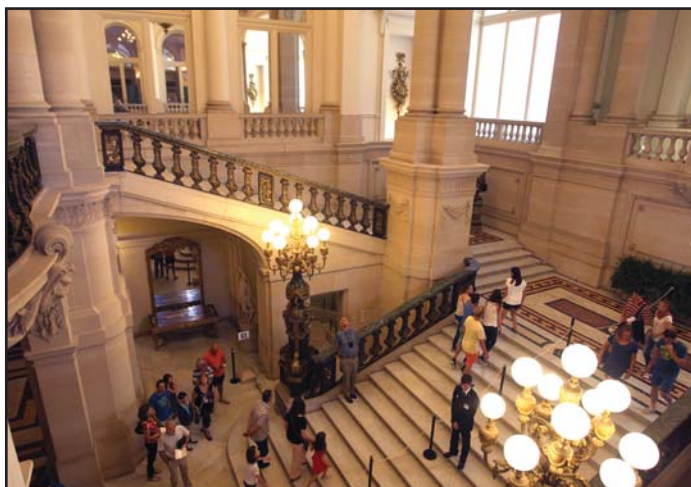
invaluable collection of art works (mostly portraits of royals) and decorations (think glittering chandeliers and classic furniture) make it worth your while.

While parking is always an issue in central Brussels some parking is available across from the palace and on the surrounding streets. However consider taking the train; you can easily walk to the palace from the Brussels central station.

Outside the gate



Artist Jan Fabre created "Heaven of Delight" a fresco on the ceiling in the Hall of Mirrors out of more than a million glowing shells of jewel beetles in 2002.



The grand staircase is the first thing you see on the tour. Visitors enter the palace by the same route that foreign diplomats take during the ceremonial presentation of their credentials to the king.



One of the many chandeliers in the palace, seen from below.



A gold plated door knob with an ornate design.

For your GPS:
Place des Palais
Brussels Belgium
1000

From:
Mons: 77 km
Schinnen:
120 km

Balle Pelote - an action packed game

by Tim Clark

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In the town center of Isières with a beautiful blue sky above, fans in chairs and at tables line the court enjoying their favorite beverages, conversing and laughing with friends and family. The smell of grilled food fills the air from several vendors set up around the square. Athletic-looking young men in brightly colored team shirts joke around with each other, some warm up by hitting a small ball back and forth with gloved hands. Everyone is gathered to enjoy an afternoon of balle pelote.

A whistle is blown, and two teams take to the court. From the back of the court a small ball is thrown bare-handed toward the team at the other end. Officials carefully watch as the ball moves from end to end with players striking the ball with gloved hands. When a player makes good contact with the ball it sounds like a baseball hitting an aluminium bat. Leaping, running and sliding along the paved surface, the players send the ball back and forth until the official blows a whistle indicating a point scored or stoppage in play. At the end of a match, in a time-honored and world-wide custom of good sportsmanship, the two teams meet at mid-court and shake hands.

Balle pelote is played by two teams of five players each. The playing field, called a ballodrome is a trapezoid shaped area on one side with a rectangle that extends the trapezoid on the other side. The two sides aren't equal with the rectangular side being longer than the trapezoid side and the trapezoid being wider than the rectangular side. It is traditionally laid out in the main square of the town with painted white lines marking out the playing field.

The ball, once made of leather-covered rubber, is made of a hard plastic, measuring about 2 inches around and weighing 50 grams, or 1.7 ounces. The glove, made of leather



with a small metal plate inside that covers the palm of the hand looks like a baseball glove for a small child without the webbing between the fingers. To prevent any advantage, all gloves must meet strict standards and are checked by officials before each game.

The basic idea of the game is to hit the ball as far into the opponent's side as possible without hitting it out of the side of the playing field. The ball is delivered into play by a server at the back of the trapezoid side of the field. The delivery is always made bare-handed. On delivery, the ball must reach the other team's side without bouncing first, if it doesn't the other team scores. Teams switch sides to take their turn delivering the ball.

Points are counted like tennis: 15, 30, 40 and then game point. A team scores when it sends the ball behind the back line of the opponents side of the field, when the opponent returns the ball outside of the side line without the ball first touching the ground on the opponents side, when

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Balle Pelote - Continued

an opponent touches the ball with any part of the body except the hands.

A team can also score by a hunt. When a team hits the ball out of its own sideline after a serve, the official marks the spot with chalk. When a team has two chalk marks on its side of the field, the teams switch sides and a team can score by getting the ball past the chalk mark without it being returned.

The Grand Prix de la Ville d'Ath, Sept. 8 in Ath is your chance to see the best teams in Belgium play. It will feature the top four teams in Belgium in an evening match.

Bernard Jaye was a consultant for this story.



Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Aug. 8**
- **London, Aug. 15 to 17**
- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**
- **Nausicaa (Europe's largest aquarium) and Two Caps Nature Park in Northern France, Aug. 29**
- **Paris with optional Seine cruise, Sept. 12**
- **Wurstmarkt in Bad Dürkheim, Sept. 19**
- **Plopsaland – Cars and Coasters, Sept. 20**
- **London, Oct. 3**
- **Alsace Wine Route, Oct. 10 to 11**
- **Amsterdam with optional guided tour of Van Gogh Museum, Oct. 17**
- **Rotterdam, Oct. 24**
- **Harry Potter studio tour, Nov. 4**
- **Romania - Bucharest, Bran village in Transylvania (site of Dracula's castle), Nov. 4 to 8. (Register by Oct. 4.)**
- **Flanders Field World War I Tour of Ypres, Belgium, Nov. 7**
- **Carolus Thermen in Aachen, Germany, Nov. 14**
- **Paris: Moulin Rouge, Nov. 21**
- **Snow & Ice Sculpture Festival and Medieval Dinner in Brugge (Bruges), Nov. 28**

- **German Christmas Markets Overnight, Dec. 5 to 6**
- **Alsace Christmas Markets Overnight in Triberg im Schwarzwald (Black Forest), Dec. 12 to 13**
- **Aachen and Monshau, Dec. 20**
- **Paris in Winter, Dec. 28**
- **New Year's in London, Dec. 30 to Jan. 1, 2016. (Register by Nov. 16.)**

SHAPE Travel Group - Call civilian 0470-876369.

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- **Tongeren Antique Market, Aug. 30**
- **The Best of Luxembourg City, Sept. 10**
- **London & Buckingham palace, Sept. 18**
- **Belgian Coast by Tram, Sept. 24**
- **Belgian Trappist and Countryside Tour, Oct. 6**
- **A Day in Rotterdam, Oct. 20**
- **Antwerp and Red Star Line Museum, Nov. 19**
- **Cologne Christmas markets, Nov. 24**

Schinnen Trips & Tours - Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **Bernkastel-Kues, Germany: Wine Festival, Sept. 5**
- **Family Day: Trout Fishing, Sept. 12**
- **National Liberation Museum 44-45, Sept. 26**
- **NFL Games, Book tickets now for Oct. 3 to 5 (New York Jets vs. Miami Dolphins), Oct. 24 to 26 (Buffalo Bills vs. Jacksonville Jaguars) and Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 (Detroit Lions vs. Kansas City Chiefs).**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Aug. 7

- **Bird of prey observation walk** - Walk starts at the "Centre d'initiation à la Nature et à l'Environnement" (Center of Introduction to Nature and Environment) on Rue Jean Jaurès 89 from 9 to 11:30 p.m. Participating fee is €2.

Aug. 8

- **Flea market in Ronquières (150 booths)** - In the center of town from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu (200 booths)** - On Rue Sainte Louise from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Carnières (150 booths)** - On Rue Royale (entrance via Chaussée Bruneault) from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Music Festival in Neufvilles** - Festival is for young and old and starts at 2 p.m. at the school on Chemin de Casteau, 1 with a variety of artists and a kids' village with magician, circus and face painting. Entrance fee is €7 prior to 5 p.m. and €10 after 5 p.m. Free of charge for youngsters under 12 years old.
- **Park Rock Festival in Baudour** - At the city park starting at 1 p.m. with Mykel Rose, B.J. Scott, and many others. Entrance fee is €10. More information at <http://www.parkrockfestival.be>.
- **Dogs' Agility contest in Saint-Ghislain** - Access to watch the contest is free of charge at Rue de Boussu (in front of house number 15) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Sound and light show "La ronde des Gargouilles" (Gargoyles round) in Vaudignies (Chièvres)** - Gargoyles will be coming to life during this show with fire-eaters, dances, combats and more for the entire family (as of 4 years old) on Rue de Trieu. Entrance fee is €5 for adults, children under 12 years old get in free of charge. Parking is free as well. Show starts at about 10 p.m.
- **Mixed breed dog contest in Vaudignies (Chièvres)** - On Rue de Trieu from 10 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 to 7 p.m. Entrance fee is €6 (including entrance to local fest).
- **Wrangler Jeeps gathering in Vaudignies (Chièvres)** - On Rue de Trieu where all the Wrangler Jeeps will be displayed during the day.



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

Aug. 6-8

- **Sweet Temptations Festival in Sleen near Coevorden** - Held at Rondom Taart van Toen on Bommertsweg 2 with many pastries, fruit, jams and other sweets as well as beautiful china and other accessories for your table. Open: Aug. 6, noon to 8 p.m.; Aug. 7, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Aug. 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €6.50 (incl. cup coffee/tea); children (4-12) €3.50 (incl. ice-cream).

Aug. 6-9

- **Wine Fest in Bad Salzflén (GE)** - Held at the Salzhof, visitors will enjoy the wines, culinary delicacies and entertainment.
- **Culinary Market in Wassenberg (GE)** - This annual event held at Rosstorplatz is often visited by well-known German chefs and visitors can observe them preparing specialties.

Aug. 7-9

- **Culinary Festival in Bottrop-Kirchhellen (GE)** - More than 100 chefs and helpers participate in the festival held at Johann-Breuker-Platz and offer about 50 culinary highlights for prices from €2.50 to €9. Open: Aug. 7, 5 to 10 p.m.; Aug. 8, noon to midnight and Aug. 9, noon to 10 p.m.
- **Gouvy Jazz-Blues Festival in Gouvy (BE)** - Held at Madelonne Farm, Route de Gouvy 4 this is one of the oldest jazz festivals in Belgium. Friday (7 p.m. to midnight) and Saturday (5 p.m. to midnight) are devoted to jazz and Sunday (4 p.m. to midnight) to blues.
- **Fiesta Europe in Nieuwpoort (BE)** - Held at Kaaiplein, this international festival gathers participants from 12 different European countries making it a colorful market. Starts at 10 a.m.
- **"Schlemmen am Schloss" in Rheda-Wiedenbrück (GE)** - Held at the castle, visitors will enjoy many culinary delicacies and highlights. Open: Aug. 7, 6 p.m. to midnight; Aug. 8, 5 p.m. to 11 a.m. and Aug. 9, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Aug. 8

- **Flea market in Hasselt (BE)** - Held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Banneuxwijk (750 booths).



Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.



Aug. 8 continued

- **Bicycle ride in Bernissart** - Afternoon ride starting at 2 p.m. at the Museum on Ruelle des Médecins. Participating fee is €5.
- **International chimes concert in Ath** - From 4 to 5 p.m., listen to Charles Dairay from France. Chimes are being played at Tour Saint-Julien on Rue de Pintamont.

Aug. 8 and 9

- **Medieval Festival in Bouillon** - Discover crafts, food, entertainment and music from the middle ages at the Bouillon castle.
- **Local products and arts & crafts market in Vaudignies (Chièvres)** - From 10 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 7 p.m. on Rue de Trieu. Entrance fee is €5 on Saturday and €6 on Sunday. Youngsters under 12 years old get in free of charge. Free parking.

Aug. 9

- **Volksmarch in Thieusies (5, 10, 15 or 20 km)** - Departs Place de Thieusies from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Blandain (5, 10, 15 or 20 km)** - Departs Rue de l'Eglise Saint-Eleuthère from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Lessines (5, 10, 15 or 20 km)** - Departs Chaussée Gabrielle Richet (in front of house number 48) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Loupoigne (5, 10, 15 or 20 km)** - Departs Avenue du Parc 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ramillies-Offus (5, 10, 15 or 20 km)** - Departs Rue des Wayaux near the church from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Gondregnies (80 booths)** - On Rue du Brisqué from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ressaix (75 booths)** - In the center of the village from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Silly (50 booths)** - On Chaussée de Ghislenghien 120 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Soignies (100 booths)** - On Chemin de l'Epinois from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jemappes (200 booths)** - On Avenue Maréchal Foch from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through Aug. 9

- **"Bruxelles-les-Bains"** - A beach in the city with fine sand and palm trees, sports areas, games for children and food. At Quai des Péniches near Place Saintelette, beach is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., closed Mondays. Access is free, but some activities have a fee.
- **Spanish horse show in Vaudignies (Chièvres)** - On Rue de Trieu in the afternoon. Entrance fee is €6 per adult, youngsters under 12 years old get in free.

Through Sept. 6

- **Visit the Royal Palace in Brussels** - Once a year, the Royal Palace is open to visitors. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free admission.



Aug. 8 Continued

- **Pleinpop Tribute Night in Tegelen** - Held on Plein 1817, Engerstraat 4, two bands will fill the evening with music from Thin Lizzy and Iron Maiden. Open: 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Entry: €5 (incl. 2 free drinks).

Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29

- **Antique-and-curiosa market in Roermond** - This event will be held on Kloosterwandplein in the town center. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Through 9

- **Culinary Haarlem in Haarlem** - Held at Grote Markt Square, Botermarkt and Oude Groenmarkt, this annual festival is for everyone who enjoys good food.

Aug. 9

- **Chinaware and porcelain market in As (BE)** - Held at Gsc de Drieschaar on Schuttenbergstraat 2. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €2 (incl. drink).
- **Old fashion harvest day in Boekel** - Held at Mutshoek, visitors will enjoy many demonstrations of old crafts, exhibitions, music and more. No entrance fees and the event is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Marina market in Duisburg (GE)** - Market on Johannes-Corputius-Platz at the city harbor is a combination of weekly market, art market and culinary market. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Summer of Hippieness in Loon op Zand** - Held at on Baden Powellweg 1 with curiosa, all kinds of accessories, vintage clothes, live music and lots of culinary goodies. Open from noon to 6 p.m.
- **All American Day in Tegelen** - Held at Plein 1817 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. the square will be filled with American cars, hotdogs, BBQ, live music and more. Free entrance.

Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30

- **Antique, art and curiosa market in Maastricht** - Browse through antiques, artworks and curiosities on Boschstraat. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 11

- **Historic market in Veere** - Market is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the square in the center of town with lots of actors dressed in historic costumes, old crafts, jewelry, regional products and more.

Aug. 13-16

- **Wine Fest in Aachen (GE)** - At Auf dem Katschhof where the participating vineyards from Rheinland-Pfalz introduce their wines. Besides the wine tastings there is entertainment and lots more. Open: Aug. 13-14, 4 p.m. to midnight; Aug. 15, noon to midnight and Aug. 16, noon to 10 p.m.

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.