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JFC Brunssum Postal

Postal Service at Brunssum has opened again. The operating hours have also returned to normal:

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Community members have fun at SHAPE Fest

Street performer Max Ruby balances a crystal ball on his fingertips while contact juggling at SHAPE Fest Saturday, Sept. 5 at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. Ruby also performed toss juggling tricks and juggling tricks while on stilts. (U.S. Army photo by Keith Houin)

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9/11 hero strives to keep lessons alive

by Gary Sheftick

After all these years, the nightmares are not as frequent.

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Braman seldom wakes up covered with perspiration anymore. But he said that traumatic stress still overcomes him sometimes when telling the story of Sept. 11 at the Pentagon.

"The smell of death -- it never leaves you," Braman said.

Braman was a cook at the Pentagon who ran into the fire to rescue victims after terrorists slammed American Airlines Flight 77 into the building. The former Airborne Ranger then spent about 60 straight hours digging through the smoldering ruins as volunteer noncommissioned officer in charge of the initial response and recovery team.

"I didn't realize I was there that long," Braman said, explaining that shifts of recovery workers came and left, but he stayed "jacked on adrenaline." On the night of the third day, he was finally ordered to go home and rest.

The burnt clothes he wore that day are on display in the museum at Fort Lee, Va. The tips of his "corofram" shoes are melted from the hot ashes through which he trudged. And his chef uniform is covered with what he calls "bio matter" -- the blood and burnt tissue of victims he carried out of the collapsed building.

"A lot of the family members over the years would come to me for closure," Braman said, since he was often the

one who found the remains of their loved one in the smoldering Pentagon.

He found them lying in ankle-deep water, around twisted steel and wires in the darkness. He carried them to the light, where a chaplain waited to perform last rights.

"I prayed (for strength) before going into the building," Braman said. He was checking over procurement paperwork for the General Officer Mess when the



aircraft shook the building. He rushed to the scene of impact and went in to find survivors.

Only one of those he helped out lived to thank him. It was just Sheila Moody's second day on the job as an accountant at the Pentagon. She was one of only three survivors in her office, the accounting branch of Resource Services, Washington.

"There was a hand in the smoke," Moody said. "He reached and pulled me out."

She refers to Braman as her "guardian angel" who saved her life. She called him that for the first time when he came to visit her at Walter Reed Army

Medical Center.

Braman has shared his memories of 9/11 with audiences -- from high schools to national conventions.

With school students, he talks about patriotism. When talking to Soldiers, he tells them "rely on your partner next to you -- he's going to save your life someday." And he advocates cross-training, especially for noncommissioned officers, or NCOs.

After three days of working the Pentagon crash site, Braman said he reported back to the General Officer Mess exhausted. His fellow workers said he looked like "death." He was covered in soot. His eyes had a "thousand-mile stare." His face looked like it was covered by paint, but when peeled off, they realized it was blood. Blood that had formed from the radiant heat burns.

He had been breathing in toxic fumes with no protection except a paint-dust mask, and he was diagnosed with a rare airway disease, likened to "chemical pneumonia."

Braman medically retired from the Army since but he wants to continue serving as best he can, by keeping alive the spirit that followed 9/11.

"After 9/11 everybody was waving the flag," he said, explaining there was a spirit of patriotism, sacrifice and teamwork.

"As time goes by, people start getting lax," Braman observed.

That's why he wants to continue telling his story.

Extract from article first published in 2011.

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Community members have fun at SHAPE Fest



Pictures from top, clockwise - The SHAPE International band performs in the fest tent at SHAPE Fest Saturday, Sept. 5 at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. • John Blanchard plays some Cajun music on the accordion during his band, the Ramblers, performance at the fest. • A Belgian Country line dancing group perform for a full fest tent. • Capt. Jack Sparrow makes an appearance in the fest tent. • The SHAPE



Fest also provides for various fun activities like bumper cars. • Jake Marlin performs a Country music hit during the SHAPE Fest. (U.S. Army photos by Keith Houin)





Preparing Army Communities Today for the Hazards of Tomorrow

BE INFORMED ▶ MAKE A PLAN ▶ BUILD A KIT ▶ GET INVOLVED

Ready Army campaign recommends emergency kits for home, office, car

Supplement home kit with portable versions

September is National Preparedness Month.

Putting together several different emergency kits for different areas can help Army families be prepared for any emergency, according to officials from Ready Army, the Department of the Army's emergency-preparedness campaign.

Ready Army expands upon the national Ready campaign from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Ad Council.

Other emergency kits — such as portable, office or vehicle emergency kits — should supplement the Army employee's home-based emergency kit. Maintaining several kits should, in turn, help the employee to achieve a basic level of preparedness for all potential hazards.

You or your family may not be home when emergencies happen, said John Hopper, the emergency manager at USAG Benelux-Schinnen. You need more than a home emergency kit. Other kits could be useful whether you have to shelter in place at work or evacuate.

When planning your other emergency kits, be sure to remember the following guidelines:

- A portable emergency kit should contain items similar to a home emergency kit, but a portable kit should be smaller and easy to carry. Consider adding enough supplies to last two weeks and place the kit in a designated area that will be easily accessible in an emergency.

- An office emergency kit should con-

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tain at least food, water and a first-aid kit and be kept at your work station in case of evacuation. Some additional items include comfortable walking shoes and your family's communication plan.

- A vehicle emergency kit should contain food, water, a first-aid kit, signal flares, jumper cables, seasonal clothing and your family's communication plan in case you are stranded while driving. Consider including a sleeping bag or a blanket.

Find out more

Obtain additional information about how to properly stock your emergency kits from

- Ready Army at <http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy>

- Department of Homeland Security (www.Ready.gov) at <http://www.ready.gov/kit>

- American Red Cross at <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/get-kit>.

Make up a kit

Put together an emergency-preparedness kit with these supplies in case of a prolonged or widespread crisis situation, like a power outage:

- Water — one gallon per person per day (three-day supply for evacuation, two-week supply for home);
- Food — nonperishable, easy-to-prepare items (three-day supply for evacuation, two-week supply for home);

- Flashlight (Don't use candles during a power outage due to the extreme risk of fire);

- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, weather radio, if possible);

- Extra batteries;

- First-aid kit;

- Medications (one-week supply) and required medical items;

- Multipurpose tool;

- Sanitation and hygiene items;

- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, deed/lease to home, birth certificates, insurance policies);

- Cell phone with chargers;

- Family and emergency contact information;

- Extra cash.

- If someone in your home is dependent on electric-powered, life-sustaining equipment, remember to include backup power in your evacuation plan.

- Keep a noncordless (land-line) telephone in your home. It is likely to work even when the power is out.

- Keep your car's gas tank full.

In case of a power outage, keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to conserve cold temperatures.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Sept. 10

- **3 Star Dinner Special "Back to School BBQ"**- Enjoy hamburgers & hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, mixed salad & chips from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Alternate children's menu is hotdogs or chicken fingers.) Cost with hamburger: adults \$7; children, ages 12 and under, \$4. Cost with hotdog: adults \$5; children, ages 12 and under, \$3. Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

Sept. 12

- **9-11 Remembrance 5K Run** - Pre-registration is required at the Fitness Center and will allow you to get all the details. Run starts at 9 a.m.

Sept. 16 to 17

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Brussels Army Community Service invites all service members, civilians and their families to participate in free newcomers events next week. Sept. 16: The deputy garrison manager's welcome and USAG Benelux-Brussels site brief start at 9 a.m. and are followed by a cultural acclimatization (information on local customs as well as basic French and Flemish), which ends at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 17: Metro Madness (in which newcomers learn to use public transportation) runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet in the ACS conference room in Building 4 half an hour before start time to get settled, get a snack or get ready to leave as a group for a tour, if applicable. Register by calling DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

Sept. 17

- **3 Star Dinner Special "Comedy of Champions"** - Pasta bar with chicken and meatballs, mixed salad and breadsticks. (Alternate children's menu is hotdogs or chicken fingers.) Adults: \$10, Children: \$5. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.
- **Comedy of Champions (Adult Show)** - With comedians Bengt Washburn, Steve Reynolds and David Crowe, show will be at 7 p.m. at the 3 Star Recreation Center.



SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Flag Football** - Register now for practice starting **Sept. 19**. Cost: youths, ages 10 to 15, \$40. For more information, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31(0)45-5264195.

Sept. 16

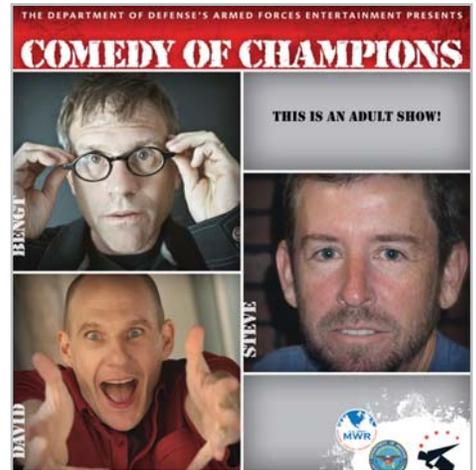
- **Parent Education Conference High School Students and Parents** - From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the AFNorth International School cafeteria. The program includes: mapping out an academic plan and building a competitive resume for college applications; discuss high school curriculum, school transition impacts and more. For more information and reservations call CYSS Parent Central Services at DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31(0)45-5263121/2023.

Sept. 17

- **Parent Education Conference** for Parents of School-Aged Children - From 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at JFC Brunssum International Conference Center. Enjoy different workshops: "School Transitions," "Learning styles" and "Time management." For more information, call CYSS Parent Central Services at DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31(0)45 526-3121/2023.

Sept. 17 to 18

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Learn what you need to know at Schinnen Army Community Service. All newcomers must attend the Host-Nation Orientation on Day 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to learn local customs, culture, language and an overview of Tri-Border services. On Day 2, meet at ACS to take the Newcomers Tour from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The group goes beyond the gate to learn and use the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. Contact DSN 360-7218/7500 or civilian +31(0)46-4437218/7500.



At Brussels, Sept. 17 and at Schinnen, Sept. 18

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY Continued

Sept. 18

- **Back to School Party** - From 6 to 9 p.m. at the Youth center. Kick off the new school year with some fun, free food, music, games and friends.
- **Comedy of Champions (Adult Show)** - With comedians Bengt Washburn, Steve Reynolds and David Crowe, show will be at 8 p.m. at the Schinnen Memory Lanes Lounge. For more information, call DSN 360-7370 or civilian +31(0)46-4437370.

Mark your calendar

- **2015 International Honor Jazz Festival** - Starting **Oct. 1** with the NATO Jazz Orchestra at 5:30 p.m. in the AFNorth cafeteria. **Oct. 2** at 2:30 p.m., they will be performing for the students at AFNorth and at 7 p.m., an evening of small group Jazz will be held at the International Conference Center. On **Oct. 3**, the gala concert featuring the Big Band, the Vocal Jazz Ensemble and the combos will begin at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. For ticket information, call +31(0)45-52878278.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Fall Theater Camp** - Children can join the SHAPE Players at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre through Fall Theater Camp, culminating in four performances of "Into the Woods Jr.," a junior version of the musical by Stephen Sondheim. Camp starts Sept. 21. In related news, "Fractured Fairy Tales," "Glee Me, Please" and other classes begin **Sept. 14**. Call DSN 423- 3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.
- **Modern Dance for Children** - Register now for the session running Monday and Wednesday through **Dec. 16** at the SHAPE main gym aerobics suite from 4 to 5 p.m. Open to CYSS-registered children. Sign up at Parent Central Services, SHAPE Building 503 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost: €9 per lesson, payment needs to be made at the gym front desk. For more information, call CYSS Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.

Sept. 11

- **9/11 Remembrance Run/Walk** - The 9.11 kilometer run and a 3 or 5 kilometer walk will begin at 9:11 a.m. at the Chièvres Fitness Center but participants are encouraged to arrive as early as 7:30 a.m. to register and be ready for departure. The event is open to all U.S. ID card holders, green SHAPE ID card holders, and blue NATO ID Card Holders. Registration is required and must be done in person at the Chièvres Fitness Center. People who register on the day of the event will be placed on a standby list for a t-shirt. Early registration ensures that one's name will be placed on the list for one of the 200 T-shirts that will be given away. There will be signs posted directions to Hangar 1 on the day of the event.

Sept. 14 to 15

- **Host-Nation Orientation** - Army Community Service invites all service members, civilian employees and their family members to learn about the SHAPE/Chièvres community and all it has to offer. During the two-day orientation, you will learn about Belgian customs and basic French. You will also go on a cultural city tour and tour a Belgian hospital as well as sample traditional Belgian cuisine and learn how to shop on the economy. The group will also learn how to use public transportation and visit the Ste. Waudru Collegiale in Mons. Meet at the ACS conference room 15 minutes earlier than the start time of 8:30 a.m. Call ACS at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates – 2D movies: adults €7.50 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 €6.5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3.75 (ages 11 and under). Check the web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.

Travel the Benelux

Zaanse Schans: Discover typical Dutch culture



by Rita Hoefnagles

USAG Benelux-Schinnen Public Affairs Office

Although many have seen modern, energy-efficient wind turbines turning to generate electricity, people who visit Zaanse Schans are treated to the sight of traditional Dutch windmills lining the River Zaan.

Each year, many tourists visit the open-air museum of Zaanse Schans in the Dutch province of North Holland. Visitors travel to this unique village to see the numerous historic buildings that have been collected and restored to their former glory.

Part of the Zaan district across from Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands, Zaanse Schans made a name for itself with its wooden structures. Centuries ago, logs from as far away as Scandinavia were taken to the many sawmills along the river and sawed into timber. The wood was used for buildings as well as for the capital's fleet.

This and the production of all sorts of windmills, including oil mills, made this region the world's first industrial area and the town of Zaandam one of the largest timber ports in the world. Nearly all the houses in the

Zaan district are built of wood. The district also developed a thriving shipbuilding industry with sailcloth-weaving mills, smithies and whale-oil refineries.

The district became well-known, and many famous people visited. Czar Peter the Great even spent time in Zaandam to learn about shipbuilding, and he took this knowledge back to Saint Petersburg, Russia. When Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte visited, he said that Zaandam was "sans pareil" (without parallel, or equal).

The name Zaanse Schans can be traced back to the 16th century when, during the Eighty Years' War, a schans (entrenchment) was located there as defense against enemy troops. Many Soldiers were killed there during the battle against Spanish troops. However, the local people won, and, since that time, the word schans has been associated with this village.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, community concern about the disappearance of the area's cultural heritage gave rise to the

idea of the Zaanse Schans open-air museum. A place was created for historic Zaan-style wooden buildings, such as old mills, merchants' houses and warehouses from the area.

Little by little, historic buildings were relocated there (the most recent being this year). Nowadays, you can get a good impression of the Netherlands' rich history at this working community where living historians practice Old Dutch crafts like clog-making, cheese-making and pewter-casting. Some of the houses still serve as homes to local residents. Others house a museum, restaurants and shops.

The Zaanse Schans is basically open the whole year, daily between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. However, individual buildings and museums may have different hours and even be closed Mondays, which are usually slow days. Find out more about opening hours at <http://www.dezaanseschans.nl/en>. Although admission to Zaanse Schans is free, some of the mills and historic houses ask for a small admission fee.

Outside the gate



From:
Mons - 294 km
Brussels - 231 km
Schinnen - 218 km

Culture in the spotlight during Heritage days in Wallonia

Heritage Days will be held Sept. 12 and 13 throughout Wallonia. The theme of 27th edition of the Heritage Days is 'From one world to the other (1713/1830) - Regency, Rococo, Neoclassicism.

During that weekend, Walloon heritage is in the spotlight. Many places open their doors to the public during that weekend.

Here is a list of places you can visit in the area (Find more at <http://www.journeesdupatrimoine.be>):

- Open doors with guided visit at the **Rural Life museum in Huissignies** on Rue Augustin Melsens 28 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days with entertainments.
- Visit of the park of the **Château of Beloeil** on Rue du Château 27 from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday.
- From one steeple to the other: Discover a building dating from 1713 to 1830. The visit will start both days at the church of **Chaussée-Notre-Dame** at Rue Quintart 86. Both days from 2 to 6 p.m. with an organ concert at 6 p.m.
- Open doors at the **Château d'Attre** from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday with entertainments.
- Visit the **Basilica of Tongre-Notre-Dame** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days with guided visits from 2 to 3 p.m.
- Visit the **Château de la Berlière in Houtaing** on Route de Frasnes 243 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday.
- Visit the **Château de Cambier in Ath** on Rue Pintamont 18 from 2 to 6 p.m. both days with guided visits from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Visit the **Château and gardens of Havré** on Chaussée du Roeulx from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday with guided visits from 2 to 6 p.m. both days.
- Visit the **mill in Moulbaix** (1747) on Rue du Moulin de Moulbaix 20, mill is open to visit from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Guided tours are Sunday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Visit the **Château in Boussu** on Rue du Moulin 43. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. boths days.
- Free **carriage rides in Soignies**, both days at 2 p.m. from the Tourist Office, Rue du Lombard, 2.



Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **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.**
- **Flanders Field WWI 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, Nov. 28**
- **Christmas overnight, Dec. 5 to 6**
- **Alsace Christmas markets overnight in Triberg in**

the Black Forest, Dec. 12 to 13

- **Aachen and Monschau, Dec. 20**
- **Paris in winter, Dec. 28**
- **London New Years, Dec. 30 to Jan. 1**

SHAPE Travel Group - Call civilian 0470-876369.

- **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.

- **Family Day: Trout Fishing, Sept. 12**
- **National Liberation Museum 44-45, Sept. 26**
- **NFL Games, Book your tickets now for Oct. 3 to 5 (Jets vs. Dolphins), Oct. 24 to 26 (Bills vs. Jaguars) and Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 (Lions vs. Chiefs).**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Sept. 11

- **Concert in Le Roeulx** - The concert starts at 8 p.m. on the Grand'Place. Free admission.
- **Memorial Van Damme in Brussels** - The annual sports event is a tribute to Ivo Van Damme, a Belgian athlete. Every year, the best track and field athletes come to Brussels from all over the world to break records. More information at <http://www.diamondleague-brussels.com/en/>.

Sept. 11 to 12

- **Shamrock festival in Braine-Le-Château** - The music festival takes place on Place de la station. Line-up on Saturday: Guard Van at 7 p.m., The Black Tartan Clas at 9 p.m. and Celkilt at 11 p.m. Line-up on Sunday: Les Déménageurs at 3 p.m., Les Mâles de Mer at 4:30 p.m., Faran Flad at 6 p.m., Outside Duo at 7:30 p.m., Cré Tonnerre at 9:30 p.m. and Paddy And The Rats at 11 p.m. Admission: €10 on Friday, €12 on Saturday and €16 for a two-day pass. Children under 12, €6.



Sept. 11 to 13

- **Western camp in Aubechies** offers re-enactment of a military camp, Native Americans, trappers, concert by the Dixie Brothers, line dancing. The event is held at the Taverne Saint Géry on the square. Open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.
- **Annual sales in Binche** - Sales will be on Rue Robiano. There will also be a crafts market and carnival rides on Rue de Wanderpepen. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Sept. 12

- **Beach volley tournament in Cuesmes** - Participants (three-people team) must be on the Grand'Place at 10 a.m. Registration needs to be made by email at beachvolleycuesmois@gmail.com. Payment of €3 is due the day of the tournament.
- **Gospel festival in Tubize** - The festival is held at the Parking Brenta near the train station. Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Free admission. More information at <http://www.gospelfestival.be>.



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

Sept. 10-12

- **The Rotterdam Philharmonic Gergiev Festival** is a classical music festival with a rich program of opera, symphonic music, happenings and musical pearls held at De Doelen, Schouwburgplein 50. For more information go to: www.gergieffestival.nl.

Sept. 10-13

- **Food Truck Festival "TREK" in The Hague** - Held at Westbroekpark which is turned into a large open air restaurant with many mobile small kitchens where food, drinks, live music, theater and art is combined. Visitors are treated to a variety of food delicacies from sushi to chicken and pastry to burgers. Entrance is free and the festival is open from 4 to 10 p.m.

Sept. 11-12

- **"Appelpop" in Tiel** is a free of charge pop festival held on Waalkade. It starts on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. and on Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. More info: www.appelpop.nl.
- **Late summer market in Wolfheze** at Tuin Kwekerij "De Boschhoeve" on Boshoeve 3) is a country market in French style with curiosa, old china, table cloths and lots more. There is no entry fee and the event is open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sept. 11-13

- **Experience Country Life Fair in Arnhem** is held at the Dutch Open Air Museum on Schelmseweg 89 and has many activities, food tastings and demonstrations. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €16; children €12.
- **"Geurenfestival Heerlijk Haps" (Scent Festival Delicious Haps) in Haps** - Besides curiosa, china and tableware, the fair at Het Roozenhuys on Putselaarstraat 4a has many stands with lots to see, scent and taste. Entry is €6 and the fair is open Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **"Schippertjesdagen" nautical event in Warmond** - Oon Jan Steenlaan, events include a nautical market, nautical crafts, many water activities, culinary activities and lots more. Open on Friday, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. No entrance fee.

Sept. 12

- **Botterdagmarkt in Elburg** - In the center of the harbor town, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No entrance fee.

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Sept. 12 continued

- **Magic show in Ecaussinnes** - The show will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at Le Moulin du Fief at Rue du Moulin 1. Free admission.
- **Volksmarch in Ladeuze (6, 12, 25, 42 and 50 km)** - Departs from Rue de la Liberté from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. for the 50- and 42-km routes, from 7 a.m. to noon for the 25-km route and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the 12- and 6-km routes.
- **Intercultural Aperitif in Soignies** - The city of Soignies has citizens from over 90 nationalities. In order to get to know each other, the city is organizing an aperitif at Parc Pater as of 11:30 a.m. with food tasting, music, and more. For more information, call 067/347369.
- **Flea market in Ligne (100 booths)** - The flea market is held on Place de Ligne from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Masnuy-Saint-Pierre (150 booths)** - The flea market is held on Rue du Bois d'Irchon 2 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Rising Moon Festival in Braine-le-Comte** - The festival is held at the Champ de la Lune on Rue d'Horrues. Admission: €27.



Sept. 12 and 13

- **Heritage Days in Wallonia** - See page 8 for more information.

Sept. 13

- **Beach volley tournament in Cuesmes** - Participants (three-people team) must be on the Grand'Place at 10 a.m.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies (5, 10, 15 and 20 km)** - Departs from Rue de la Senne 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Frameries (5, 10, 15 and 20 km)** - Departs from Place Defuisseaux 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Sirault (5, 10, 15 and 20 km)** - Departs from Rue du Salon from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Rebecq (5, 10 and 20 km)** - Departs from Place de Wisbecq from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Crafts and flea market in Ghislenghien (350 booths)** - The markets are held on Place de Ghislenghien from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jurbise (100 booths)** - The flea market is held on Rue du Bourrelrier 48 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sept. 17 to Dec. 19

- **Late openings at Brussels Museums** - Visitors may explore at least five museums every Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m. More information at <http://brusselsmuseumsnocturnes.be>.



Sept. 12/19/26

- Antique and curiosa market in Roermond - Market is held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of town from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sept. 12-13

- **The "Open Monumentendag" or Heritage Days in the Netherlands**. Approximately 4,000 historical buildings and sites open their doors free of charge to the public. Many locations also organize on-site activities like exhibitions, music and guided tours. Bottom line: almost every Dutch monument is open to the public, free of charge, in this weekend. For more information, go to <http://www.openmonumentendag.nl/openmonumentendag-english-summary/>.
- **Historic festival Engelen** - Visitors will be taken back in history on more than 20 locations around the 1,200 year old village of Engelen, on Lepelaar near Den Bosch. Thousands of reenactors fight several battles among which the Battle of Engelen (1587) and several Napoleonic battles. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. No entrance fee.
- **Late summer Fair in Laren** - At the beautiful Huis Verwolde estate on Jonker Emilelaan 5 with country life products, curiosa and several culinary surprises. Open both days from 10 a.m.



- to 5 p.m. Entry is €4; children 11 and younger - free entrance.
- **Medieval festival in Medemblik** - Held at Castle Radboud on Oudevaartsgat 8, is open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €8; children €5.
- **Antiques and curiosa market in Valkenburg** - Market is held around Castle Schaloen on Oud Valkenburg 5. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. No entrance fee.

Sept. 13/20/27

- Antique, art and curiosa market in Maastricht is held at Boschstraat from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Outside the gate

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