

# THE GAZETTE

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## Benelux news briefs

### CIF closes for inventory

The Central Issue Facility in Hangar No. 3 on Chièvres Air Base will close for annual inventory Sept. 22 to 25. Emergencies will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

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### Students head back to school

Area schools are back in session. Drive carefully and watch out for students crossing the street. SHAPE school-bus monitor Patricia Flendroit checks in a student as she boards the bus Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

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# Army back-to-school newsletter offers tips

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Europe School Support Services recently released the back-to-school special edition of its newsletter.

Found on the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation website at [http://europe.armymwr.com/files/1714/3953/1449/FALL\\_2015\\_NEWSLETTER\\_Final.pdf](http://europe.armymwr.com/files/1714/3953/1449/FALL_2015_NEWSLETTER_Final.pdf), the publication is designed to be a resource for students and their parents.

In addition to providing a link to the official multigrade school-supplies list at <http://www.dodea.edu/Europe/resources/supplies.cfm>, the newsletter provides contact information for school liaison officers across Europe.

Articles include "So you're a freshman?" and "Scholarships & Freebies" as well as "Busy Parents Guide" and "Nine ways to boost your child's attitude."

Students and their parents might also be interested in watching the video on school athletics that is linked to the newsletter or finding help with schoolwork at the <http://www.tutor.com> link.

## GLOW welcomes students

Beat the back-to-school blues at GLOW at the SHAPE CYSS Youth Centre (next to the Pizza Bowl) Aug. 21 from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Open to all CYSS-registered youth in sixth through 12th grade, this black-light-and-

neon escapade offers separate party spaces for middle- and high-school students.

Wear old, white clothes to this back-to-school party, and turn neon with your friends.

Note: Clothes will get paint on them.

For details about GLOW, call DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104.

To register, call Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.



### Use caution:

### Buses, children back on roads

SHAPE school-bus monitors get ready to greet students as they board the buses near SHAPE American High School Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015. Community safety officers caution motorists to drive carefully and be on the lookout for students who may be crossing the street unexpectedly. Driving slowly can help motorists avoid schoolchildren and get a smoother ride over the speed bumps around school. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

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Antiterrorism Awareness Month

# Maximize privacy settings on Facebook profile

by **Priscilla Rey**

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In a survey conducted last year by the Pew Research Center, Facebook remains, by far, the most popular social media site. Members of the military and family members must remain vigilant of operational security, commonly called OPSEC.

Sharing information on Facebook may seem harmless but can be dangerous to loved ones and fellow Soldiers.

Never accept a friend request from someone you don't know, even if they know a friend of yours. Don't share information that you don't want to become public. Someone might target you for working in the Department of Defense, so be cautious when listing your job, military organization, education and contact information. Providing too much information in your profile can leave you exposed to people who want to steal your identity or sensitive operational information.

Understanding what you can and cannot post on Facebook goes a long way in protecting yourself online, but more can be done by adjusting your privacy settings.

Although there are a lot of ways to protect your privacy on Facebook, a lot of people don't know that most information is available for everyone.

USAG Bavaria did some research on how to set your settings into the highest security level. Here's how to set your Facebook profile on the highest security settings.

### **Choose who views your Facebook posts**

(1) Log into Facebook. Go to Settings, Privacy, or the lock icon, See More Settings, depending on the version you have.

(2) There you have three subjects:

- "Who can see my stuff?"
- "Who can contact me?" and
- "Who can look me up?"

(3) To maximize the security on your page, choose "Only me" or "Only friends" to prevent other people from seeing stuff that you post.

(4) Under "Who can look me up?" Facebook will ask, "Do you want other

## **Prepare yourself**

In observance of Antiterrorism Awareness Month, static displays will be set up in the Benelux communities from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

**Aug. 26** in Defense Commissary Agency and AAFES stores; and

**Aug. 28** in mail rooms.

Optional, one-hour AT awareness information sessions will held on iWatch, insider threat and social media from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to noon **Aug. 24** at the USAG Benelux auditorium and the Schinnen CAC as well as **Aug. 27** at the Brussels Community Conference Room.

search engines to link to your timeline?" Don't let other search engines link to your timeline: Click "No."

### **Maximize privacy of your timeline and prevent tagging**

(1) When you post pictures on your timeline, you can control who can see, comment or add things to it by changing the settings. You can also determine who is allowed to post stuff on your timeline.

(2) Log into Facebook. Go to Settings, Timeline and Tagging.

(3) There, you have three subjects:

- "Who can add things to my timeline?"
- "Who can see things on my timeline?" and
- "How can I manage tags people add, and tagging suggestions?"

(4) The best thing to do is to just make this public to just you or your friends only. Don't have friends of friends put stuff or comments on your pictures and keep this as private as you can.

(5) When you're "tagged" in a post, it means that someone has created a link to your profile. You can turn on Tag Review to review tags friends add to your content before they appear on Facebook. In the "How can I manage tags people add and tagging sugges-

tions?" section, click Edit, click the Disabled button and change its setting to Enabled.

### **Prevent others from commenting on your profile picture**

(1) Since Facebook implemented a new update, anyone can see your profile picture full size.

(2) Through Photoshop, Microsoft paint or any other photo editing software, you can change the size to 180 x 180 pixels. This will make it a square image and smaller. Save this and use this one as your profile picture on Facebook.

### **Stop FB from sharing your location**

(1) Geotagging is the process of adding geographical identification to photographs, videos, websites and SMS messages. Geotagging equates to adding a 10-digit grid coordinate to everything posted on the Internet. You can prevent Facebook from sharing your location.

(2) Geotagging is typically done automatically on your tablet or mobile phone. When you first installed Facebook on your tablet or mobile phone, it probably asked for permission to use your phone's location services so that it could provide you with the ability to "check-in" at different locations and tag photos with location information. Revoke this permission in your phone's location services settings area.

(3) Some computer applications, or apps, — like Koredoko, deGeo (iPhone) or Photo Privacy Editor (Android) — strip your geolocation.

(4) If you post to Facebook, you may see a light-gray location description in the lower left of the status box. Always check to see if the location is posted. If it is, remove it. Simply hover your cursor or finger over the location and click the X.

Get the Army's Social Media Handbook (with how-to's on safe networking, how to register your unit site, Army standards and Facebook guides) at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/43167236> (AKO login required) or <http://www.slideshare.net/usarmysocialmedia> (login blocked on government computers).

**BRUSSELS COMMUNITY****Aug. 20, 21**

- **BOSS Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts "Pitch Perfect 2" (PG-13) tonight and "Little Boy" (PG-13) Friday at 7 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on the third floor of Building 1. Limited seating. For information, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

**Aug. 21**

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community Fridays from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Recreation Night features games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages available for purchase: crispy chicken tenders, daily homemade soup, potato wedges and more. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

**Aug. 21**

- **Toddler 411 & Positive Parenting** - Join Brussels Army Community Service's New Parent Support Program and other parents in a learning group in the Child Development Center on the second floor of Building 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Share and discuss topics related to toddlerhood, including managing challenging behavior, understanding your toddler's needs and style of communication, and positive parenting. To register, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

**Aug. 27**

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy Chicken & Rib Night with baked potato and salad from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Alternate children's menu is hotdogs or chicken fingers.) Cost: adults \$12; children, ages 12 and under, \$6. Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

**Sept. 3**

- **Book Club Welcome Social** - Members and new members are invited to attend this gathering from 1 to 3 p.m. Although this is a get-to-know-you event, at its next event Sept. 17, the group will discuss the featured book, "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. For additional information, call DSN 368-9791 or civilian 02-7179791.

**SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY****Apply now**

- **School Meal Program** - CYSS at JFC Brunssum is now taking applications for free/reduced lunch for the 2015-2016 school year. Contact CYSS for the application form. This is for U.S. ID card-holders only. For more information, visit CYSS Parent Central Services in Building H-602, or call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.
- **CYSS Before and After School Program** - If your child is 4 to 5 years old (first through fifth grades) and you are you looking for a part-time preschool program, then look into the USAG Benelux-Schinnen CYSS School Age Center Program. The cutoff date is Oct. 1, and the program is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders. For more information, visit CYSS Parent Central Services in Building H-602 at JFC Brunssum, or call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.

**Register now**

- **CYSS Soccer** - Register now for the September-to-October season. Cost: children, ages 3 to 5, \$20; children, ages 6 to 15, \$40. For more information, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.
- **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.

**Aug. 26**

- **Job Search and Résumé-writing** - Learn effective job-searching methods, including social media and federal websites at this Employment Readiness class at the Army Community Service conference room from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.
- **Prize drawing for Summer Reading Program** - Everybody wins at 6 p.m. during the "Read to the Rhythm" Summer Reading Program drawing of the winners at the JFC Library in Brunssum. All children and young adults who completed the program will be in the pool for the drawing. For more information, call DSN 364-2669/2469 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5262669/2469.

**Aug. 26 to 27**

- **New Parent Support Home Visitor** - Whether you'd like to see the New Parent Support Home Visitor for office hours, hospital or a home visit, contact Schinnen Army Community Service at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500 to schedule an appointment. Available to all U.S. ID card-holders.

**Sept. 2**

- **Heinsberg Hospital Tour** - This tour is offered in English. Meet at 6 p.m. at the front door of the hospital. For more information, call +49 (0) 2452-188501.

## 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.

### Aug. 21

- **GLOW** - Read more about this back-to-school party on page 2.
- **Pregnancy & Prenatal Support Group** - Stop by SHAPE Army Community Service in Building 318 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to spend some time in the company of other expectant parents and the New Parent Support Program manager to talk about pregnancy, labor and delivery, and parenthood. Informational material will also be provided and discussed. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

### Aug. 22

- **Purple Belt self-defense class** - The Purple Belt self-defense class at the SHAPE Main Gym from 10:30 a.m. to noon teaches attendees how to use their minds and bodies to defend themselves. Learn kicks, strikes and take-down moves. Contact Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program at DSN 366-6874 or civilian 065-326874 to register for the one-session Purple Belt class.
- **Corn Hole Tournament** - A cross between a bean-bag toss and horseshoes, corn hole fills the time with family fun. If you've never played, come to the tourney at Chièvres Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental (in the Chièvres Community Activity Center) from 2 to 6 p.m. to familiarize yourself with the game. For more information or to register, call DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268.

### Aug. 24 and 25

- **Host-Nation Orientation** - Army Community Service invites all service members, civilian employees and their family members to learn what SHAPE/Chièvres 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.

### Aug. 26

- **Women's Equality Day** - A Women's Equality Day observance will take place at SHAPE International Library from 4 to 5 p.m. Navy Capt. Shoshana Chatfield, senior military assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, will address the audience. Open to the public. A cake-cutting will be held at the end of the ceremony.

### Aug. 29

- **Dogs Day Out** - Celebrate canines at this free event under the SHAPE Fest Tent from noon to 4 p.m. The organizers from Chièvres Kennel plan many activities, including a dog show with prizes, working dog and agility course, dog walking trail, dog obedience demonstration, activities for children, and dog photos. During Dogs Day Out, the operating hours of the Chièvres Kennel will remain unchanged. Learn about what's going on at Dogs Day Out at <http://chievres.armymwr.com/europe/chievres/chievres-events/dogs-day-out>. Prospective volunteers should contact the kennel at DSN 361-5436 or civilian 068-275436.

### Sept. 4 to 5

- **SHAPE Fest** - Have fun at this international community gathering by eating cultural food, going on amusement rides, visiting the craft market, listening to live music and watching the night sky explode with fireworks.

## 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.

## Armored vehicles back on streets of Mons

Tanks in town commemorates the liberation of the city in 1944 by the 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion of the 3rd U.S. Armored Division. The event organizes a gathering of tanks each year, including Shermans, Chaffees, Pershings, tank destroyers and half-tracks as well as World War II vintage vehicles. For additional information and to check the program, check <http://www.tanksintown.be>.

If you want a free tank ride on Saturday or free tickets to attend the activities during the weekend, call the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5824 or civilian 068-275824. Americans get free access throughout the weekend.



## Chimay region honors World War II's fallen

For decades the people of the Chimay region have held annual ceremonies to honor the U.S. forces who helped liberate Belgium.

**Aug. 29**

**7 p.m.** Swingtime: 40s jazz concert. Admission: €8.

**9:30 p.m.** Ball. Admission: €4.

**Aug. 30**

**10 a.m. at Monceau-Imbrechies** - Ceremony at the Monceau-Imbrechies memorial where the first 12 Soldiers of the liberation died Sept. 2, 1944.

**11 a.m. at Cendron** - Catholic service in memory of the liberators, followed by a re-enactment with WWII vintage vehicles. Lunch will be available (roasted pig with salad, baked potatoes, dessert and coffee) €15 a person. (That menu requires prior reservations.) Call 0497-072373 to reserve the full meal.



## City of Soignies puts culture on stage at festival

Ever since 2005, the city of Soignies has offered a free "multifestival" on the last Saturday of August (Aug. 29 this year).

The event has grown since then and now offers about 20 shows and concerts, a village for children, an international market and street entertainment.

All activities are taking place on and around the Place Verte in the city center.

There will be also a lot of other activities and entertainment around the Place Verte including shows, circus groups, theater, street arts, etc.

### Program

**11 a.m.:** Les Fanfoireux

**1:30 p.m.:** Spoons of Knowledge

**1:45 p.m.:** Circus Katoen

**2:30 p.m.:** Kings of Edelgram

**3:30 p.m.:** Roscoe

**3:30 p.m.:** O'tchalaï

**4:30 p.m.:** Antoine Chance

**5:30 p.m.:** L'Or du Commun

**5:30 p.m.:** Les Volcanics

**6:30 p.m.:** La Chiva Gantiva

**7:30 p.m.:** Sonnfjord

**8:30 p.m.:** Ozark Henry

**9:30 p.m.:** Chicos y Mendes

# Travel the Benelux

## Giants roam free at Ath Ducasse in Belgium

by **Tim Clark**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Giants have danced at the festival in Ath since the 15th century.

The ducasse originated as a celebration of the consecration of the local St. Julien Church. This weekend is your chance to see the famous giants. The festival runs for four days from Aug. 21 to 24.

On Friday, the festival kicks off with an archery contest on the town square at 4 p.m., followed by a band concert at 7 p.m. The highlight on Friday, the burning of the giant Goliath's pants, takes place at 10 p.m. It is a Belgian tradition that friends of a groom burn a pair of his pants and host a huge party before his wedding.

Saturday starts with a wedding and ends with a fight. Goliath takes his fiancée from city hall to the St. Julien Church to be married at 3 p.m.

The newlyweds return to city hall where Goliath is confronted by David

who is always played by a young boy. The two recite a dialog called the Bonimée. David then hurls a stone, from a sling, at the giant, if David hits the giant, David has won the battle and the city will have good luck for the next year.

Sunday, the big parade starts at 9:45 a.m. from the train station and proceeds through the city.

Can't make it that early? Don't worry. The parade moves very slowly, and, when the procession gets to the end of the route, it turns around and goes back down the same route in reverse. If you watch the whole thing in both directions, expect it to last until around 5 p.m.

The parade features seven giants, floats, marching bands and historical groups. Onlookers throw coins at the giants as they pass for good luck.

Monday, the giants roam the city

in the morning with their carriers and receive thanks and coins from the population. Weather permitting hot-air balloons will lift off from the town square at 5 p.m.

The Christian Bible story of David and Goliath was influential to this festival along with a mix of fairy tales and folklore. Giants in folklore are huge mythical beings, usually humanlike in form. Battles between giants and men are interpreted as a symbol of the triumph of good over evil.

In folklore from all over Europe, giants are believed to have built what remains of previous civilizations. Stonehenge and other megalithic sites are often cited as proof that giants once lived on earth.

Ath, the city of giants, is located just a few miles northwest of Chièvres Air Base on highway N56.

Outside the gate



Mr. and Mrs. Goliath, the stars of the Ath Ducasse, dance in last year's parade.



(Above) Ambiorix, the giant archer, is more than 12 feet tall and a crowd favorite. • (At left) No parade would be complete without a marching band. The Moulbaix Majorettes have participated in the Ducasse of Ath for more than 40 years.

# Eat a tasty tradition, Ath's mastelle pie

by **Tim Clark**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

"It tastes like bread pudding."

"To me, it tastes like banana bread with cinnamon."

"I taste nuts and milk."

"The taste reminds me of pumpkin pie."

"Almonds and cream. I like it."

"It's flavorful and a little spicy."

"This tastes very sweet."

"Yum. Of course, I like it."

"I could eat it all."

An informal tasting of la mastelle

at USAG Benelux headquarters produced these comments.

Mastelle pie, sometimes called Goliath pie, an Ath specialty, is prepared only one time of the year.

A tradition of the Ath Ducasse, the pie is served by the families of Ath after the battle between David and Goliath. This tradition is so strong that several Ath residents who work at USAG Benelux refused to even sample the pie in the informal tast-

ing, preferring to wait until after the battle Saturday.

The main ingredients bakers use in the pie include the mastelles (a kind of small, dry bread), sugar, milk, eggs and almonds. Starting with just the basics, each family and bakery has its own recipe with some adding grapes or raisins. Everyone keeps their recipe a closely guarded secret.

A glass of burgundy always accompanies the pastry.



Outside the gate

## Upcoming organized trips

### SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **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.**
- **Flanders Field WWI Tour of Ypres, Belgium, Nov. 7**
- **Carolus Thermen in Aachen, Germany, Nov. 14**
- **Paris: Moulin Rouge, Nov. 21**

### SHAPE Travel Group - Call civilian 0470-876369.

- **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 your 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.

**Through Aug. 23**

- **Brussels Summer Festival** - This music festival offers a diverse range of music styles – rock, world music, jazz, hip hop, folk and reggae. It is also a meeting place for different forms of artistic expression including street theater, traveling groups, a circus and more. Find more information at <http://www.bsf.be>.

**Aug. 21 to 23**

- **Harvest festival in Vellereille-les-Brayeux** - At the Abbaye de Bonne-Espérance at Rue Grégoire Jurion 22. On the program: micro-brewery, exhibitions of old tractors, horse-drawn plowing, rural crafts, steam engines, ferriers and more. The festival is open from noon to 11:30 p.m. Admission: €5.

**Aug. 21 to 24**

- **Ath Giants Festival** - Find more about David and Goliath on page 7.
- **Jazz festival "Sympho'Jazz" in Saint-Symphorien** - On the Place de Saint-Symphorien. Concerts are held Friday from 8 to 11 p.m., Saturday from 6:15 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 10 p.m., Sunday from 2:15 to 5 p.m. and Monday from 7:15 to 10 p.m.



**Aug. 22**

- **Volksmarch in Mellet** (4, 6, 12 or 21 km) - Departs from Rue Helsen 69 from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Night flea market in Erquelinnes** - On Rue Albert 1er from 5 to 11 p.m.
- **Flea market in Binche Epinois** (300 booths) - At Rue de l'Ermittage from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Aug. 22 to 23**

- **Music festival in Obourg** - At the Parc Communal at Rue de la Station 34. Concerts are held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to noon and 4 to 6 p.m.
- **Craft fair in Hoves** - On the square from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **International Festival of the street arts in Chassepierre** - During this weekend, the streets of Chassepierre will be occupied by many artists who will enchant the area. Find more information at <http://www.chassepierre.be/en>.

**Aug. 23**

- **Volksmarch in Neufvilles** (5, 10, 15 or 20 km) - Departs from Route de Montignies from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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

**Through Aug. 22**

- **Haarlem Jazz & More in Haarlem** is the largest free jazz festival in Europe. Visitors flock to the city center to enjoy top-billed jazz performers.

**Through Aug. 23**

- **Sail Amsterdam 2015 in Amsterdam** in IJharbor offers you a chance to witness the biggest nautical event in the world. Held once every five years, this event has art, music, sports and children's activities. Free admission. Visit <http://www.sail.nl>.
- **Country Fair in Beesd** will be held at Mariënwaerd Estate near the center of town. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €15; youths, ages 13 to 16, €7.50; children 12 and under, free.

**Aug. 20, 27**

- **Summer Market in Kortrijk, Belgium**, is being held at Vandaleplein and Sint Maartenskerkhof. These two areas have been transformed into southern markets like the ones in Provence, France; Tuscany, Italy; and Andalusia, Spain. Enjoy the culinary delicacies and entertainment for which these areas are famous. Open from 5 to 11 p.m. Free admission.

**Through Aug. 30**

- **Experience the Past in Eindhoven** takes place at Eindhoven Museum at Boutenslaan 161b. Experience what life was like in prehistory and the Middle Ages. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €8.50.
- **Meet & Greet Jungle Creeps in Luttelgeest** allows you to do the exotic at "De Orchideeën Hoeve" at Oosterringweg 34. Open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: adults, €10.50; children, ages 4 to 12, €5.50.

**Aug. 21**

- **Art & Culinary Evening Market in Dendermonde, Belgium**, will be held at Grote Markt, in the center and quays of the town. Opens at 7 p.m. Free admission.

**Aug. 21 to 22**

- **Fishery Days in Makkum** include a nautical, antique and flea market as well as shows and demonstrations in and around the harbor. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Fireworks Festival in Scheveningen** will host several countries that will participate in this international festival at the beach and Boulevard. Music and other entertainment start at 8 p.m.; first fireworks show 9:45 p.m. and second show 10:30 p.m. Free admission.

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**Aug. 23 continued**

- **Spanish Feria in Seneffe** - At Ecuries du Trèfle on Rue de Rosseignies. See demos of horsemanship and flamenco dancing from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Aug. 25**

- **Volksmarch in Ogy** (4, 7, 14 or 21 km) - Departs from Rue des Prisonniers Politiques from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



**Ongoing**

**Through Aug. 30**

- **Family cruise in Mons** - This boat trip goes from the Grand Large, Capitainerie, on Rue du Grand Large to the lock in Obourg and back. Departs Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30, 4 and 5:30 p.m. Presence is required half an hour prior to departure. Cost: adult, €7; youths, ages 13 to 18, €6; and children, ages 4 to 12, €4.50. Recommended: Book ahead by calling civilian 065-874890.

**Through Sept. 6**

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



**Mark your calendar**

**Aug. 29**

- **Music festival in Soignies** - Find more information about *Août en Eclats* on page 6.

**Aug. 28 to 30**

- **Tanks in Town in Mons** - Find out about this World War II commemoration event on page 6.

**Aug. 29 to 30**

- **WWII ceremonies in Monceau-Imbrechies and Cendron (Chimay area)** - Find more information about them on page 6.



**Aug. 21 to 23**

- **Lepeltje, Lepeltje in Apeldoorn** is a cultural food festival at Park Haven Centrum. Opens at noon.
- **Kanalfestival in Datteln, Germany**, is when the harbor area comes alive with entertainment, a traditional crafts market, a large farmers market with regional and local delicacies and specialties, an art market, boat rides and shows.
- **Wine Fest in Paderborn, Germany**, will be held at the Neuhäuser Schlosspark. This festival has many participating vineyards introducing wines from burgundy to Riesling, including a variety of sparkling wines. Besides tasting wines, fest-goers will enjoy the regional culinary delicacies, entertainment and more. Open Aug. 21 from 6 p.m. to midnight; Aug. 22 from 4 p.m. to midnight and Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Bon Appetito Food & Festival in Utrecht** draws 15 restaurants, 10 food trucks and numerous stands. which offer regional and international culinary delicacies. The festival will be held in the Parel of Zuilen Park at Burgemeester Norbruislaan 17. Admission: €10.

**Aug. 22**

- **Culemborg Blues in Culemborg** is one of the largest free blues festivals in the Netherlands. Performers will play on several stages in the historic center of town. Open from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**Aug. 22 to 23**

- **Park Historia weekend in Eindhoven** offers old-fashioned fun with nostalgic rides and circus at Eindhoven Museum at Boutenslaan 161. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €8.50.
- **Arts & Crafts Market in Greven-Gimbte, Germany**, will be held in the center of town. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Weekend at War in Simpelveld** will be held at "De Miljoenenlijn" at Stationstraat 20. The train station is the setting for this liberation spectacle. Both Allied forces and Germans will have camps where visitors can experience the day-to-day life of a World War II soldier. Re-enactors will provide atmosphere and re-create battles. Open Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: adults, €15; children, €5.
- **Traditional Crafts Market in Koewacht** near Terneuzen will offer demonstrations of traditional crafts at Wolboerderij Blij Bezuiden at Het Zand 61. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.

**Aug. 23**

- **Evening Market in Wijnegem, Belgium**, will be held at Vaartdijk. Open from 4 to 10 p.m. Free admission.

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