

THE GAZETTE

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

Benelux news briefs

Holiday Greetings

Not going home for the holidays? Your family can still see and hear from you. AFN Benelux will film holiday greetings: Nov. 9 at Sterrebeek Annex from 3 to 6 p.m.; Nov. 10 at the Chièvres Air Base Community recreation Center from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Nov. 12 at the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux-Schinnen headquarters from 2 to 6 p.m. If you can not make any of these times stop by the AFN studio Nov. 2.

Commissary open Veterans Day

The Chièvres Commissary will be open on Veterans Day Wednesday November 11 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Gazette submissions

Send your requests for publication to usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil by Monday at 3 p.m. Story submissions should be in a format that allows the staff to edit them, such as Microsoft Word or PowerPoint. Articles and photo cutlines (captions) should include the Five W's (who, what, when, where and why). Cutlines should also include the photographer's name.

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Johnnetta Smith as Little Red Riding Hood hands out treats in Grimm's Garden, Friday Oct. 23, 2015, at the SHAPE Healthcare Facility. The Halloween holiday kicked off with a Zombie run on SHAPE, sponsored by CYSS and FMWR, where humans tried to outlive the zombies. The run was followed by Grimm's Garden for the little ones and the Haunted Clinic put on by SHAPE Healthcare Facility Families Association. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

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'Vader's Fist' visits Chièvres Air Base



The official 501st Legion ('Vader's Fist') Fanwars Garrison South Belgium visited Chièvres Air Base Saturday, Oct. 24 2014. (Clockwise from top left) Darth Vader, his Storm Troopers and Imperial Guard try to grasp the finer points of basketball. • Storm Troopers read through some fitness programs at the gym prior to an afternoon workout. • Darth Vader and one his troopers take a shopping trip at the Chièvres Exchange. • Legion members pose for photos with Exchange shoppers. The 501st Legion is a worldwide Star Wars costuming organization comprised of and operated by Star Wars fans. The Legion seeks to promote interest in Star Wars through the building and wearing of quality costumes, and to facilitate the use of these costumes for Star Wars-related events as well as contributions to the local community through costumed charity and volunteer work. (Courtesy photos)



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Halloween horrors take over SHAPE



(clockwise) Witches Dominique Van Duren and Zena Tabakman stir up a brew at Grimm's Garden. • The Haunted Clinic held shocking surprises for visitors. • Allison Borosody (Sleeping Beauty) awaits a kiss from a prince at Grimm's Garden. • Kelvin Magee, Meredice Labiau and Tyler Hillman are ready to attack at the Zombie run. • Zombie Chris Watson counts the number of humans he killed. • Jocelyn Alema Yehu looks for victims at the Zombie run. (U.S. Army photos by Tim Clark)



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

'Think Pink!' brings positive message of prevention

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

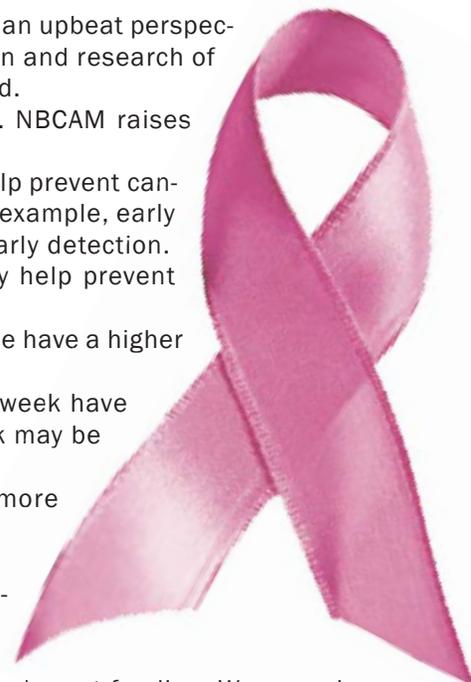
“Think Pink!” National Breast Cancer Awareness Month’s rallying cry depicts an upbeat perspective on prevention. Awareness groups use a pink ribbon to promote prevention and research of the disease as well as support for those going through treatment and beyond.

2015 marks the 20th year for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. NBCAM raises awareness of early detection and promotes mammography.

Increasing protective factors and avoiding risk factors when possible may help prevent cancer, according to the National Cancer Institute at <http://www.cancer.gov>. For example, early screening through breast self-examination and mammography can lead to early detection.

The National Cancer Institute has some good news on how a woman may help prevent breast cancer. Protective factors include:

- Maintaining a healthy body weight. Women who are overweight or obese have a higher breast-cancer risk.
- Getting enough exercise. Women who exercise four or more hours a week have a lower risk of breast cancer. The effect of exercise on breast-cancer risk may be greatest in premenopausal women who have normal or low body weight.
- Keeping your alcohol consumption low. Studies indicate that the more alcohol a woman drinks, the greater her risk of breast cancer.
- Lowering the amount of exposure to estrogen made by the body by
- Early age at first full-term pregnancy: Women who have their first full-term pregnancy at an early age have a decreased risk of developing breast cancer later in life.
- Breast-feeding. Estrogen levels may remain lower while a woman is breast-feeding. Women who breast-fed have a lower risk of breast cancer than women who have had children but didn’t breast-feed. Breast-feeding for an extended period (at least a year) is associated with a decreased risk of both hormone receptor-positive and hormone receptor-negative breast cancer, according to <http://www.cancer.gov>.
- Increasing the number of births. The risk of breast cancer declines with the number of children borne.
- Choosing to take certain medicines that reduce your risk, such as estrogen-only hormone therapy after hysterectomy; or selective estrogen receptor modulators or aromatase inhibitors and inactivators to treat certain types of early-stage breast cancer. Read more at <http://www.cancer.gov>.



Elizabeth Schuster-Shoaf, a public-health nurse at SHAPE Healthcare Facility, contributed to this report.

Energy saving tips

- Read your meters regularly to control your consumption and highlight any increase.
- Check your water meter and look out for leaks. One drip/second can fill up 10,000 water bottles in a year.
- Take short showers instead of baths - This will use a third of water.
- Turn off the faucet when not needed while you're brushing your teeth or washing dishes.
- Choose energy efficient devices - Check the ENERGY STAR or EU Energy Labels.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes - Use the eco program and reduce the temperature.
- Burn carbohydrates, not hydrocarbons - Ride your bike to work/school.
- Combine trips, share rides and use public transportation. This will save fuel and money.

Community supports domestic violence awareness

Special to the Gazette

During the month of October, community members across the foot print have come out to break the silence for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. All around the community there have been purple displays, a 5K walk/run, a bowling event, senior leadership conferences, and pledges being signed.

The message from the community is clear, 'Silence hides violence and we are speaking up!'

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, one in three women and one in four men will experience physical violence at the hands of an intimate partner in their lifetime.

Abuse is not always physical but can involve verbal attacks, using intimidation, denying access to money or sexual coercion to name just a few. Domestic violence can affect people from all walks of life regardless of gender, race or nationality. This is not exclusively an American problem, it's a human problem that can only be solved with empathy and respect.

On a daily basis, domestic violence 24-hour hotline numbers around the world help victims with things like advocacy, emergency housing, emergency funds, transportation, and referrals to legal assistance. In the U.S. alone there are over 20,000 calls made per day to these hotlines. If you are a



School Age Services workers painted their hands purple and painted a banner of hand prints to show that "These hands weren't made to hurt" to support Domestic Violence Awareness month. (Courtesy photo)

victim of domestic violence, you are not alone; help is just a phone call away.

If you know someone who is being mistreated by their intimate partner, support them and let them know that there are people in this community that will help.

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Victim Advocacy Program hotlines: SHAPE/Brussels is +32 (0)472.09.1068; Schinnen/Tri-Border is +31 (0)613.21.6737; and the American Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center can be reached at 1-866-USWOMEN (879-6636) or <http://www.866uswomen.org>

If you are in imminent danger, contact the Military Police in your community immediately at Chièvres MP's: +32(0) 68.275301, Brussels MP's +32(0)27.179769, Schinnen MP's: +31 (0)46.443.7555 or dial 112 anywhere in Europe.

Cybersecurity Awareness

- **Keep security software current:** Having the latest security software, web browser, and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware, and other online threats.
- **Automate software updates:** Many software programs will automatically connect and update to defend against known risks. Turn on automatic updates if that's an available option.
- **Protect all devices that connect to the Internet:** Along with computers, your smartphones, gaming systems and other web enabled devices also need protection from viruses and malware.
- **Plug & scan:** USBs and other external devices can be infected by viruses.
- **Secure your accounts:** Ask for protection beyond passwords. Many account providers now offer additional ways for you verify who you are before you conduct business on that site.
- **Make passwords long and strong:** Combine capital and lowercase letters with numbers and symbols to create a more secure password.
- **Unique account, unique password:** Having separate passwords for every account helps to thwart cybercriminals.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Oct. 30

- **Autumnfest** takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. (To register your trunk, call DSN 369-9768 or civilian 02-7179768.)
6 to 8 p.m.: Trunk or Treat, bouncy castles, Enchanted Forest.
6 to 9 p.m.: Free Haunted Clinic.
6 to 9 p.m.: Special Activities at the 3 Star Recreation Center include barbecue, arts and crafts, best predecorated-pumpkin contest, best decorated-trunk contest and children's (family-friendly) costume contest.
- **Adult Halloween Party** - Enjoy the Halloween spirit and the snack buffet at the 3 Star Recreation Center from 9:30 p.m. to midnight at this adults-only party. Cost: \$7. Call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Oct. 30, 31

- **Geilenkirchen events** - Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base's Building 93 will host two simultaneous Halloween-themed events Oct. 30 from 7 to 11 p.m. and Oct. 31 from 6 to 11 p.m. Open to all citizens of NATO countries. You must show a valid passport to enter the base. Cost (for each event): €5 per person.
Children's Halloween Festival - Geilenkirchen Team 5/6 puts on this event for children ages 4 and up.
Haunted House - E-3A Component Services Branch presents the Haunted House.

Oct. 30

- **Youth Center Fright Night Trip** - USAG Benelux-Schinnen Youth Center will visit an amusement park from 3:45 to 11 p.m. Open to all eligible U.S. and NATO youths in grades 6 to 12 registered with CYSS. Spaces are limited. Cost: \$40. For details on registration, call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.
- **Halloween Costume Party** - Adults can have fun at Memory Lanes Lounge from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost: \$10 for admission, food and nonalcoholic beverages. For details, call DSN 360-7370 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437370.

Oct. 31

- **Halloween night in Schinnen** - The whole family can have Halloween fun: children's activities from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Haunted Trunk-or-Treat Trail from 6 to 8 p.m., Spooky Bowling (featuring a costume contest) from 7 to 10 p.m. Open to U.S. and NATO ID card-holders and guests. If you or your guests don't have a Schinnen IACS card, you need to register by calling DSN 360-7331 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437331.



SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Oct. 30, 31

- **Keystone Club Haunted Forest** - Since this activity can be frightening, it takes place in front of Chièvres Army Lodge on different days and times for different ages. Cost: \$5 per person with a maximum of \$20 per family.

For children ages 11 and up: Oct. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Oct. 31 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

For children ages 5 to 10 and accompanied by parent: Oct. 31 from 5 to 6 p.m.

Oct. 31

- **Halloween at SHAPE Library** - Costumes are encouraged at this free, special story-time event from noon to 3 p.m.
- **Trunk or Treat** - Celebrate Halloween on Chièvres Air Base rain or shine. Visit the Haunted Woods and have fun with carnival rides, starting at 5 p.m., and trick-or-treat along the Trunk Trail, starting at 6 p.m.
- **Adult Halloween party** - Halloween Night is happening at the SHAPE Events Centre from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Nov. 2 - 19

- **200,000 Pound Deadlift Challenge** - Competitors have 17 days to lift a total of 200,000 pounds. Awards will be given to the first competitor to reach 200,000 pounds. Male and female categories. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register through Nov. 2

- **Winter snowboarding/skiing clinic** - Open enrollment is going on now for this eight-session snowboarding/skiing clinic for youths in sixth grade through 12th grade. Clinic dates: Dec. 2, 9 and 16; Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27; Feb. 3. Youths must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Cost: \$280, paid at time of registration (includes transportation, helmet, skis or snowboard, two hours of professional instruction). For more information, contact CYSS Sports & Fitness by stopping by CYSS in Building H602 on JFC Brunssum or call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195. For registration, call Parent Central Services at DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.

Through Nov. 27

- **CYSS sports programs** - Open enrollment is going on now for several sports programs offered by Child, Youth and School Services during the Jan. 16 to Feb. 20 season. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders, but spaces are limited. Youths must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. For details, contact CYSS Sports & Fitness by stopping by Building H602 on JFC Brunssum or calling DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.
- **Coed basketball** - Youths ages 3 to 15 may be signed up for this sports program. Cost: \$20 for children ages 3 to 5 and \$40 for those ages 6 to 15.
- **Junior girls basketball** - This sports program is offered to youths ages 13 to 15. Cost: \$40.
- **Cheerleading** - This sports program is offered to youths ages 6 to 15. Cost: \$40.

Oct. 30 to Nov. 1

- **Foggy Fields Bazaar** - Sponsored by the American Spouses of Geilenkirchen, Foggy Fields Bazaar will be held on NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen at Hangar 4 Friday from noon to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to all NATO and U.S. ID card-holders. Obtain more information at the bazaar's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FoggyFieldsBazaar>.

Nov 4 and 5

- **New Parent Support Home Visitor** - The New Parent Support Program's home visitor will be available for office hours, hospital and home visits to all U.S. ID card-holders. To schedule an appointment, call ACS at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

Nov. 5

- **Circle Time** - Stories, songs and sharing are provided during Thursday morning Chapel playgroup from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at the JFC Brunssum Chapel ground floor.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Corn-hole tournament** - Register for the monthly corn-hole tournament (first Saturday of the month at the Chièvres Community Activities Center) by calling DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268.
- **Youth Centre Fall Break Camp** - To find out more about this day camp that will be held Nov. 3 to 6, stop by SHAPE's Building 503 or call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.
- **Register by Nov. 27**
- **CYSS sports programs** - Open enrollment is going on now for several sports programs offered by Child, Youth and School Services. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders, but spaces are limited. Youths must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health assessment (that will remain valid throughout the session) at the time of enrollment. Youths must meet age requirements by March 15, 2016. For details, stop by SHAPE's Building 503 or call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.
- **Basketball** - This program is offered during the December-to-March season to youths ages 6 to 15. Cost: \$40. Call CYSS for appropriate league.
- **Developmental basketball** - This program is offered during the January-to-February season to girls and boys ages 4 to 5. Cost: \$20.
- **Cheerleading** - This program is offered during the December-to-March season to youths ages 9 to 12. Cost: \$40.

Registration Nov. 9 - 30

- **Cross Country** - This program is offered during the December-to-February season to youths ages 10 to 13. Cost: \$15. For details, stop by SHAPE's Building 503 or calling DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.

Travel the Benelux

Fall markets offer fresh local produce

Story and photos by Tim Clark
 USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Artfully arranged tables of colorful fresh vegetables greet the eyes. The smell of roasting chicken and just-baked bread permeate the air. Animated conversations between friends, old and new, fill your ears. A visit to the market is a feast for your senses.

“It’s like a symphony for your eyes and nose,” said Mary Furtado, an auditor at USAG Benelux. “The variety of produce is amazing.”

In long rows of booths vegetables are abundant: Purple cauliflower, large green leaks, Brussels sprouts, endives, lettuce in various shades of green, squash in many shapes and colors, bright-red bunches of radishes, freshly harvested carrots with their green tops still attached and other vegetables that look tempting, even if you’re not sure of what they are.

If you are hungry, you have plenty of options to eat: chickens freshly roasted with potatoes, sandwiches made to order and fresh fruit. Taste samples of a huge variety of cheeses and meats. You don’t have to speak French. Just point to the one you want to try, and the vendor will slice off a piece for you to sample.

“I like to get my vegetables and fruit for the week and then buy a good hot roasted chicken to enjoy,” said USAG Benelux employee Veronique Nazet.

Tired of all the food, there’s other shopping to do. At the market in Mons you can: look over some hand-crafted leather goods, buy a purse, browse through racks of clothes, be dazzled by shiny jewelry and even get your shoes shined.

“I like to walk around the market and meet the people,” said Laurette

Mauro, another USAG Benelux employee who is a veteran market shopper.

A chance to meet your family, friends and neighbors, markets are a social occasion. Market day is a time to engage the local community and support the local economy. Get a feel for the beauty and rhythm of the community by people-watching at the market.

Most towns in the Benelux have a market, and some have been going on for centuries. To find one near you, visit the garrison website at www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil and look under the News/Info tab and select “Get Out in the Benelux.”

“I really love going to the market. You have different choices of fruits and vegetables you can buy and it’s fresh and cheaper,” Mauro said.

Become a part of a centuries-old tradition and visit a market today.

Outside the gate



All Saints day honors deceased

Story and photos by Tim Clark
USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

A public holiday in Belgium, All Saints Day, Nov. 1, honors all Christian saints. Belgians often celebrate Toussaint, its French name, by placing chrysanthemums on the graves of dead relatives.

In many countries, such as Italy, France and Portugal, people place a lighted candle on the graves of de-

ceased relatives. Filipinos traditionally observe this day by visiting the family dead and cleaning and repairing their tombstones. The first day of the Day of the Dead celebration in Mexico, All Saints Day honors deceased children and infants. Although not a public holiday in the Netherlands, All Saints Day is

observed on the first Sunday in November there.

The first All Saints Day occurred May 13, 609, when Pope Boniface IV accepted the Pantheon in Rome as a gift from Byzantine Emperor Phocas. The pope dedicated the day as a holiday to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the martyrs. Things turned bad for Phocas the

following year, and in 610 he was beheaded by Heraclius who usurped the throne.

In 835, Pope Gregory III moved the holiday to Nov. 1 and expanded it to include the honoring of all saints. In Roman Catholicism, All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation on which Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass.



Chrysanthemums are the traditional flowers placed on graves of family members on All Saints Day in Belgium. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook). (right) All Saints Day started in Rome's Pantheon. The first pagan church to be converted to a Christian Church. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Harry Potter studio tour, Nov. 4**
- **Flanders Field World War I Tour of Ypres, Belgium, Nov. 7**
- **Carolus Thermen spa 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 Monschau Christmas markets, Dec. 20**
- **Paris in winter, Dec. 28**
- **London New Year's, Dec. 30 to Jan. 1, 2016**

• **Les Orres (French Alps) ski trip, varying dates**
SHAPE Travel Group - Call civilian 0470-876369.

- **Antwerp and Red Star Line Museum, Nov. 19**
- **Cologne Christmas markets, Nov. 24**
- **Canterbury, England, Dec. 3**
- **Aachen Christmas Market, Dec. 10**
- **Paris Lights, Dec. 15**
- **Snow World, the Netherlands (transportation and four-hour ski pass), Jan. 19, 2016**
- **Trocs and Leuven, Jan. 28, 2016**

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

- **NFL Games at Wembley Stadium in London, Book your tickets now for Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 (Detroit Lions vs. Kansas City Chiefs).**
- **Express Trip to Paris, Nov. 21**
- **Cologne Christmas Markets, Dec. 5**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Oct. 30

- **Fall market in Hellebecq** offers fall flowers at the local school at Rue Chef-Lieu 21 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Oct. 31 to Nov. 1

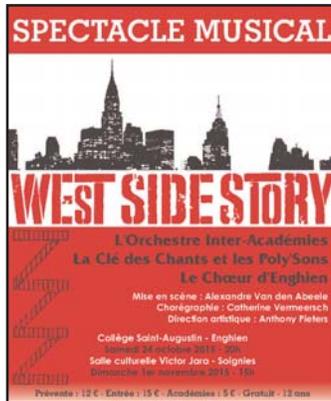
- **Wine fair in Saint-Symphorien** at the school at Place de Saint-Symphorien 7 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Local products and crafts market in Jumet** at Rue Derbéque 32 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Oct. 31 to Nov. 3

- **Brussels Light Festival** features spectacular light shows and performances and a winter barbecue. Find more information at <http://event-carnival.com/belgium/brussels-light-festival>.

Nov. 1

- **Musical show in Soignies** "West Side Story" by the choirs of Enghien and Soignies at the Cultural Center on Place Van Zeeland. Open from 3 to 6 p.m. Admission: €15.
- **Repair café in Soignies** - Bring anything (bike, computer, phone, etc.) that needs to be repaired and get it repaired for free from 2 to 6 p.m. at Rue Henri Leroy 15.
- **Local products fair in Ath (25 booths)** offers oysters, champagne, foie gras, wine, cheese, etc. at the Salle du Quai de l'Entrepôt from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.



- **Flea market in Nivelles (80 booths)** at Chaussée 152 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Lessines** (500 booths) at Rue Grand Marais 1 from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission €3.
- **Volksmarch in Ronquières** for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km. Departs from Rue Jules Dekeyn 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Waldincourt** for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km. Departs from Rue du Partiau 20 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saint Symphorien** for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km. Departs from the Grand Place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nov. 5 to 8

- **Brussels Beer Challenge in Antwerp** at the De Koninck Brewery - A tasting panel of 60 international renowned beer connoisseurs will taste 850 beers from all over the world. Find more information at <http://www.brusselsbeerchallenge.com/>.



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

Through Nov. 1

- **Affordable Art Fair in Amsterdam** will be held in Kromhouthal in Bedrijfscentrum 'De Overkant' at Gedempt Hamerkanaal 231. The fair will have thousands of original paintings, prints, sculptures and photographs for affordable prices. Open Oct. 29 to 30 from noon to 9 p.m., Oct. 31 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is €14; children 15 and under, free admission.

Oct. 30 to Nov. 1

- **ArtArnhem in Arnhem** is a large Art Fair held in the Eusebiuskerk (church) on Kerkplein 1. Open: Oct. 30 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Oct. 31 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Nov. 1, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is €6.

Oct. 31

- **Antique & Curiosa Market in Roermond** is held on this Saturdays at Kloosterwandplein in the center of town from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oct. 31-Nov. 1

- **PC Gaming Days in Berkel en Rodenrijs** at Informatique, Braillestraat 20. If you are interested in hardware, pc games, live product-presentations, free goodies, special sales and more than this is an event for you. Admission is free and the event is open on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **The "Scandinavia-XL" in Nijkerk** is held in De Loods on Berencamperweg at the industrial site. It is a Scandinavian paradise for those that love Northern Europe. It has fashion shows, food specialties, outdoor, travel, indoor decorations, china and lots more. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is €7.50; children 15 and under have free admission.
- **"De Tasty" in Utrecht** is a culinary lifestyle event held in Jaarbeurs on Jaarbeursplein 6. Admission is €25 and the event is both day open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Oct. 31-Nov. 8

- **"Woonestetika" in Genk, Belgium** is an attractive Home & Living Fair held at Limburghal on Jaarbeurslaan 6 with live music, stands with culinary delicacies and experts with lots of information and demonstrations to make your home your castle! Open daily from 1 to 6:30 p.m. and CLOSED on Nov. 4-6. Admission is €5.

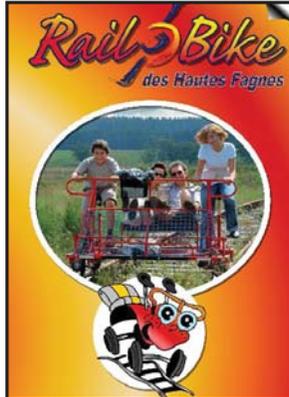
Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.



Ongoing

Through Nov. 15

- **Railbike in Elsenborn** at Am Breitenbach 35. Discover the Ardennes and the Fagne in an original way on an old railway. Open every weekend from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €30 for four people. More information at <http://www.railbike.be>.



Through Dec. 10

- **Brussels Museums Nocturnes** - Every Thursday evening from 5 to 10 p.m., at least seven museums will stay open to visitors. It is the ideal opportunity to (re)discover the cultural treasures of Brussels. Enjoy festive activities in 66 museums. Admission: 3€ per museum, 1,50€ for 25 and under. Some late-evening openings are free. More information at <http://brusselsmuseumsnocturnes.be/en/>.



Through Jan. 17

- **Exhibition "Mankind, The Dragon and Death. The Glory of St Georges" in Mons** - The exhibition shows how the iconography of St George and the dragon has always been a powerful driver of the European imagination. A selection of works is on display (including paintings, sculptures, drawings and illuminated manuscripts) representing the saint in different forms. The exhibition takes place at the MAC'S at Rue Sainte Louise 82. Open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. More information at <http://www.mons2015.eu/en/man-dragon-and-death>.



Nov. 1

- **Attractive indoor Art & Antiques Market in Dordrecht** at Otto Dickeplein 81 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Knights Training in Limbricht** at Castle Limbricht, Allee 1. Knights train in the courtyard of the castle. The knights of the Four Quarters invite children to come and learn what knights do and train with them. Open noon to 4 p.m. Participation and admission is free.
- **Antiques, Curiosa & Art Market in Maastricht** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Boschstraat.
- **Antiques & Curiosa Market in Oosterblokker** in the beautifully restored church on Oosterblokker 98. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is €1.50.
- **Health, Beauty & Lifestyle Event in Slenaken near Gulpen** with the newest trends concerning fashion, health and lifestyle and several culinary delicacies to taste from noon to 5 p.m. at Best Western Hotel on Heijenratherweg 4. Free admission is.

- **Volksmarch in Roosteren** for 7, 14, 20 or 25 km

- Departs "gemeenschapshuis Roosteren" on Eyckholtstraat 7 from 8 to 11 a.m. for the 25 km route, from 8 a.m. to noon for the 20 km route, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 14 and 7 km routes.



- **Volksmarch in Ransdaal** for 10, 15 or 20 km - Departs "t Wouves" on Dorpsplein 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the 20 km route, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 15 km route and from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the 10 km route.

- **Flea market in Venlo** - From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Manegehal op de Renbaan on Manegeweg 18.

Nov. 2

- **Winter Market in Nijmegen** held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the center of town.

Nov. 4-8

- **Traditional Hanseatic Fair in Dortmund, Germany** held in the center of town features old crafts, farmer market, knights' camp and tourney, music, acrobats, actors and lots more.

Nov. 5-8

- **Christmas Creations Fair in Den Bosch** at Brabantshallen, Diezekade 2 is an indoor fair which inspires ideas to decorate your home for the holidays. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is €12.50; children €5.

Outside the gate

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.