Benelux news briefs

Andrews FCU: New hours
Starting September 1, Andrews Federal Credit Union Chièvres will change hours. Andrews FCU will be open 6 days a week. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Sunday and U.S. federal holidays.

Survey and closure
The Auto Skills Center wants your feedback! Complete a three-minute survey and be entered into a drawing for a free oil change. Go to https://brussels.armymwr.com/promos/brussels-auto-skills-center-survey. The Brussels ASC will not be open for business on August 16.

Road resurfacing
The JFC Library will be closed September 2-3 due to the road resurfacing on the base. The library staff apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Closed for service
The Schinnen Bowling Center and Pin Point Café will be closed August 14 for service and will resume normal operations August 15.

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Charles D.A. Ruffolo shares his key to success
The international speaker and founder of the Networking Academy was one of the guests invited to the Army Community Service Employment and Career Expo at SHAPE July 28. Company representatives were at the expo to meet job candidates. (U.S. Army photo by Christophe Morel)
August begins Antiterrorism Awareness month, a campaign aimed at promoting tips, tools and strategies for recognizing possible indicators of terrorism. There are posters, leaflets, websites and manuals dedicated to training and promotion of the program.

Yet, how do we ensure that the message has the widest dissemination possible without becoming tired, trite and tedious? Is it leveraging more briefings, more online training, and more mandatory events? Is it leveraging social media, family readiness groups and community involvement?

It can be a combination of all of these things, but these are just the first steps.

Antiterrorism principles should not be the immediate thought upon waking in the morning but should always be in the back of one’s mind as a basis of self-protection and preservation.

The biggest key to ensuring everyone’s safety is knowing what to look for, how to ensure you are not making yourself a target, and whom to report suspicious activity. Knowing what to look for is the first step. Terrorists can look just like your neighbor or fellow church parishioner. You never know what can be going through someone’s mind.

However, key phrases or actions can sometimes signal a need for further investigation. Maintaining or promoting radical ideologies or propaganda, sourcing and being in possession of large quantities of weapons or explosives, or simply expressing undue interest in workplaces, bases, or unusual travel routes can be indicators that something is amiss. If you notice any of these indicators, it is better to report them and have it turn out to be nothing, rather than refrain from reporting and something happen.

Another way to maintain personal safety is to ensure you do not make yourself a target. The world is shrinking rapidly due to social media and the internet. Information about your life is stored in databases all over the world, and if you don’t take proper precautions, it can be easy to piece together enough information to be used against you. In order to maintaining operations security, refrain from posting locations, times, etc. on your social media platforms, and disable geotagging features on photographs and apps. Maintaining a low public profile makes you a harder target for potential adversaries to target. This will be especially difficult as younger generations grow into adulthood and the veil of the worldwide web gives the illusion of privacy or anonymity, but it must be understood how quickly events can escalate based on small pieces of information.

Lastly, knowing whom to report something suspicious is the final piece of the puzzle. The Army operates the iSa- lute program which allows for 24/7 reporting through web based applications. Additionally, local antiterrorism officers, military police, counter-intelligence and other personnel dedicated to force protection are great resources to report any suspicious activity.

Safety and security are paramount to the success of every mission, whether it’s a military operation, or a mission to relax on vacation. Keeping in mind some of the principles of antiterrorism can help. It is imperative that each person takes charge of their own individual protection by recognizing, reporting, and maintaining safe practices in order to deny our adversaries their ultimate goal of making you or an attack on you the subject of political action through terror and violence.
Lodge provides proper sharps disposal

By Rita Hoefnagels
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According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, up to 850,000 individuals are injured every year by sharps that are not discarded properly. Sharps is a medical term for devices with sharp points or edges that can puncture or cut skin. They may be used at home, at work, and while traveling to manage the medical conditions of people or their pets, including allergies, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, infertility, migraines, multiple sclerosis, osteoporosis, blood clotting disorders and psoriasis.

Used sharps are hazardous waste. When not discarded properly, they can cut and infect others. Please properly dispose all needles and other sharps in a sharps disposal container immediately after use. Never put loose sharps in the trash or recycling bins. Do not flush them down the toilet. Keep sharps out of reach of children.

The Chièvres Army Lodge wants our community to know that we provide sharp containers for our guests upon request. If you need a sharps disposal container while staying at Chièvres Army Lodge, stop by the reception desk and let us know.

For more information about proper disposal of sharps, visit FDA website at https://www.fda.gov/default.htm.

Warning: Acute danger because of contaminated eggs

The Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA) warned that eggs of different poultry farms, particularly from one company, may be an acute threat to public health.

On Wednesday, the Dutch news announced that all individuals are instructed to not eat any eggs bought on the economy at least until the weekend, because the NVWA is not able to determine all egg producers who received the contaminated material at this time.

If individuals think they may have purchased those eggs, they should throw them away. Shops will take the eggs off the shelves.

The warning is a result of the closure of seven poultry farms in the Netherlands over a week ago when a banned chemical was found in the companies’ eggs. The found chemical Fipronil is banned by law from the poultry sector. One of the closed companies is from Limburg.

However, it was not announced which company. A few days later the NVWA decided to close nearly 200 more poultry companies who all had been treated against blood louse by a company from Barneveld.

Eggs from hundreds of these companies have been examined according to the Dutch National News. Infected eggs were found at 30 companies. In one case, the fipronil content was so high that it was considered an acute danger to public health. The eggs from the other closed companies should, according to NVWA, not be consumed by children.

If you want to know if you have infected eggs at home, check the code. Eggs with acute danger to public health have the code X-NL-40155XX. The Schinnen Commissary receives their eggs from Denmark. They all have the code DK.

Eggs with code X-NL-40155XX could not be consumed by children. (Courtesy graphic)
"Bring what you have on a table"

By Christophe Morel
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"Don’t give up faith. Don’t give up hope," said Charles D.A. Ruffolo, the founder of The Networking Academy and the Giving Back Foundation, during the 2017 Army Community Service Employment and Career Expo at SHAPE July 28. "Bring what you have on a table. Do you want to write a book? Write it!" he added.

The international speaker, trainer and moderator was one of the four guests invited to the event. He authored “Network Your Way to Success”, a bestseller about networking that has been published both in English and Chinese. Using his own experiences, Ruffolo taught visitors how to sell themselves.

The ACS Employment and Career Expo was an opportunity for companies to conduct immediate interviews and possibly on the spot hiring. Plenty of agencies, representing local and worldwide employment opportunities, were present to hire highly qualified and motivated military spouses, veterans, retirees and transitioning service members.

The event also provided expert insights for those desiring to discover workforce knowledge essentials to enhance or further their career. "In this environment here in Benelux, especially for U.S. Personal Transitioning and also dependence, sometimes jobs are hard to find. So we brought them to the people," said Cheryl A. Hendrix, the employment readiness program manager. Chris Roscart, the vice president of operations at EMW, Inc., was at expo to meet job candidates. According to him, there are two sides when someone is looking for a job. "Employers are looking for the best candidate, but the candidate is also looking for the good employer," he explained.

The vice president met a lot of retirees and transitioning service members. He said that the transition to the commercial side is not easy. "Eighty percent of our company is ex-military. There is a difference between the military and the civilian environment, and people need a slow transition to understand the commercial side," he concluded.

Helpful Techniques

The ACS Employment and Career Expo was also the occasion for applicants to receive advice and learn interview techniques. A good exercise is to answer the following questions: What are you good at? What do you enjoy doing? What do others say about your skills and talents? For every job posting, read the duties and responsibilities and looking at each duty as a question. It will be your task to answer those 'questions' in your résumé.
Motorcycle group ride improves skills

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Service members from the Schinnen community participated in the Motorcycle Group Ride offered by the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux-Schinnen Safety Office July 28.

Riding in a group could be dangerous when proper riding techniques are not known. These techniques, such as crossing streets in a group, riding on different types of surfaces or communicating are instrumental for safe riding.

The ride took the group over different types of roads and scenery in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. According to Nino Antonacci, installation safety officer at USAG Benelux-Schinnen, this training also provided knowledge of traffic rules and regulations for the three different countries.

Learning Through Experience

The group started in the morning at Schinnen and traveled through the Dutch Limburg Hills to their first stop in the Gileppe area in Belgium. After a quick evaluation, they continued towards their second stop and evaluation at Simmerath in the Eifel National Park in Germany. After lunch, the ride continued to Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial near Welkenraedt, Belgium, where the group paid their respects to fallen comrades. The evaluations were important so the participants could improve and learn from situations encountered during the ride.

The Motorcycle Group Ride is held once a year. Additionally, other courses and training are offered throughout the year. To get more information, call the Schinnen Safety Office at DSN 360-7242 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437242 or visit http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/directorates/SO/home.html.

Annual Case Lot Sale at Schinnen

USAG Benelux-Schinnen will hold a super event on Saturday, August 12. The commissary and the Troop Store will host their annual case lot sale with great savings on selected products. A flea market is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other event activities include music, karaoke, and bouncy castle for children. Contact the commissary at DSN 360-7721 or civilian +31 (0)46-443721 or troop store management at DSN 360-7586 for sign-up information on the flea market.
All communities

The following are VTC-projected classes. For information about and to register for VTC classes, contact:

- For SHAPE: DSN: 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- For Brussels: DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.
- For Schinnen: DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31(0)46-4437500.

August 8

- Scream Free Marriage - Projected from Schinnen and held from 10 a.m. to noon. This training shows couples how learning to stay calm is the key to creating and enjoying a deep, lifelong connection.

August 17

- Master Resiliency Training: Hunt the Good Stuff - Held from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. This training focuses on how to counter negative bias, create positive emotions and notice and analyze what is good in life.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities"

August 10

- 3 Star Dinner Special "All You Can Eat Pizza and Salad" - Starts at 5:30 p.m. Cost: $11 for adults; $5 for children. Reservations can be made at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

August 10-11

- Free community movie nights in the 3 Star - The Fate of the Furious (PG-13) Thursday at 6:30 and The Zookeeper's Wife (PG-13) Friday at 6:30 p.m. Contact DSN 368-9768/9822 for more information.

August 14-18

- CYS Youth Center Summer Basketball Camp - For ages three to 18 at the CYS gym. Registration ends August 7. Contact CYS for details and registration information.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

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Register now

- Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2017 - Held at the GK Chapel on the NATO Air Base in Geilenkirchen (GE) August 7-11, from 9 a.m. to noon. Register at myvbs.org/GKChapel2017/or contact any chapel staff member.

Upcoming Family Advocacy Events

- Meditation Mondays - From noon to 1 p.m. Take the opportunity every Monday to slow down and get centered for a more productive week.

- 10,000 Steps Tuesdays - From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Fresh air, good company and a little exercise. Parents with strollers are welcomed. For more information, call DSN 360-7367.

Through August 9

- Operations PCS - Service members PCS'ing can present their orders to any Army & Air Force Exchange Service customer service desk and receive an Operation PCS Benefit Card. The card entitles service members to 5 percent off qualifying purchases of $100 or more when they use their MILITARY STAR card in Exchange stores or at www.shopmyexchange.com. Benefit cards are valid for 90 days from issuance date. To apply for a MILITARY STAR card, authorized shoppers can visit www.MyECP.com. For more information: http://bit.ly/2rWxbJW.

August 9

- Play and Parent Support Group - For parents with children up to 36 months of age. Available at ACS from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. one Wednesday per month. Each meeting has toys, circle time and a sharing section where parents can discuss their parenting successes and challenges with the Benelux New Parent Support home visitor. New Parent Support is available to all U.S. ID card holders. For appointments and inquiries, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500.

August 10-11

- Netherlands Law Center - The Netherlands Law Center will only be available for clients from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call DSN 360-7682 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437682.

August 17-18

- Host Nation - Newcomer's Orientation & Cultural Tour – From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Schinnen ACS. All newcomers and spouses are invited. On the first day, explore the Dutch culture with an introduction to the language and get an overview of Tri-Border services. On the second day, visit a few local attractions and shopping areas and learn how to use the local train system. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500.
August 19
• **Summer Family Day 5K** - Get fit with the family. All ages are welcomed. Held at the Schinnen Fitness Center at 10 a.m. For additional information call DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437560.

Through August 20
• **Summer Reading Program** - The program "Reading by Design" is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders between the ages of three and 18 years old. Children can register at the library. They will check out and read books and will receive a variety of prizes for the number of books they read. Preschool children may earn prizes by having books read to them. For more information, call +31 (0)45-5262669/2469.

August 23-24
• **Veteran’s Administration (VA)** - Are you a service member or veteran with questions regarding VA benefits? Then make a one-on-one appointment. The VA will have a staff member at the JFC Brunssum Library on August 23-24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to meet with anyone who would like a one-on-one appointment. To schedule an appointment, call DSN 606-2443848 or civilian +31 (0)45-5263848.

August 30
• **The 2017 Summer Reading Program Raffle Draw** - Come and join the JFC Brunssum Library staff at 6 p.m. for the 2017 Summer Reading Program Raffle Draw. Children and young adults who completed the program will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win super prizes.

Through June 1, 2018
• The Fitness Center has started a Commander’s Cup Challenge, offering teams and individuals challenges to secure the Commander’s Cup Trophy. The second event was "Burpees." For more information, call DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437561.

**Schinnen Education Center**

Army Personnel Test (APT) administration is provided at the Schinnen Education Center. The testing office also administers a wide variety of exams to include ACT/SAT (paper-based only), Miller Analogies Test (MAT), and certification exams offered through Pearson Vue. Contact the Test Examiner at DSN 360-7613 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437613 for an appointment.

**Did you know?**

The Education Center offers exams that can earn you promotion points, college credits or bonuses.
• Defense Language Proficiency Tests (DLPT). If you are fluent in a language other than English, you can take the DLPT. You must achieve a passing score in reading/speaking or listening to receive promotion points. You will receive 25 Army promotion points for each DLPT you successfully complete. These points are valid for one year from the month and year you earn them. Many schools will also offer college credit from the results of your DLPT exam. ANY SOLDIER could be eligible to receive proficiency pay, dependent upon language and score results.

• College Credits. Each semester hour of college credit is worth two promotion points based upon the subject. These exams are offered at no cost to military members.
  • Technical Certifications utilizing Pearson Vue Testing. There are many different certification exams you can take that could be relevant to your Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) and are worth Army promotion points. These certifications can also be relevant and useful when/if you get out of the military and want to continue doing the same kind of work in a civilian occupation.

  Contact either the Schinnen Education Center, located in Bldg. #19 on Schinnen at DSN 360-7641 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437641 or the SHAPE Education Center, located in Bldg. #4 on SHAPE at DSN 423-8203 or civilian +32 (0)65-4482030.

**University of Maryland University College (UMUC) Europe** is offering an application fee waiver for new students. Apply for undergraduate or graduate admission through Aug. 6 and save the $50 application fee. For more information, call civilian +31 (0)46-4437651 or DSN 360-7651.

**UMUC on Schinnen** is offering WRTG 101 – Introduction to Writing. This course fulfills a communications general education requirement. Class is scheduled in an on-site format once a week on Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 21 to Oct. 15 in Building #3. Registration period is Aug. 7-20. GoArmyEd students can register now for this upcoming class. This course has an enrollment deadline of Aug. 20. Contact a program coordinator at DSN 360-7620 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437620. For GoArmyEd and tuition assistance questions, call DSN 360-7641 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437641.
Inside the gate

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY
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August 8
• **Baby and Toddler Play Group** - Held at ACS Playroom Bldg. 318, every Tuesday. This play group is open to babies from newborn until 18 months. It’s an opportunity to connect with other parents, promote child development, and discuss parenting in a supportive setting. For more information, call DSN 366-6824.

August 9
• **ACS / EFMP Education Outreach: Walk and Talk** - You’re invited to put on your walking shoes and participate to the bi-monthly Walk and Talk with Mr. Tony. People of all abilities are welcome. For more information, call DSN 366-6824.

Through August 12
• **Summer Reading Program** - The program “Reading by Design” is open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders between the ages of three and 18 years old. Registration is not required.

August 12-13
• **CYS Youth Sports and Fitness Summer Basketball Clinic** - For ages 10-13 from 10 a.m. to noon and 14 years old and up from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Registration: August 11, US Middle School Gymnasium. Sign up at Parent Central Services. Call DSN 366-6839 or CIV 065/32.68.39.

August 16
• **Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experienced Rider Course** - From 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the MSF Range at Chievres Air Base (including a classroom portion at Bldg. 20134). This one-day course includes interactive activities to improve perception and hazard awareness. Build on skills like braking and cornering. Graduates receive an MSF-ERC completion card which is valid for three years. This course is applicable for the U.S. military members first. If slots are available, civilians can apply. Call DSN 361-6114 for more information.

August 19
• **CYS Youth Sports and Fitness Summer Soccer Clinic** - CYS is hosting a soccer clinic in cooperation with U.S. Youth Soccer Europe Olympic Development Program. For ages 10-12 and 13-16 years old. Cost: $5. Sign up at Parent Central Services. Call DSN 366-6839 or CIV 065/32.68.39.

August 26
• **Dogs’ Day Out** - The Chievres Kennel invites all dogs in the Benelux community and their people to an afternoon of canine and human fun at the SHAPE Fest Tent from noon to 4 p.m. Events include a fun dog show, grooming demonstrations, obedience demo, agility course, photo booth and more. To volunteer for this event, call the Chievres Kennel at 361-5436 for more information.

August 28-29
• **Host Nation Orientation** - ACS is inviting all service members, civilians, and their family members to participate in Host Nation Orientation, where they will learn about the local community and all it has to offer. From 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m at ACS Bldg. 318. Registration is required. Call DSN 366-6824 or +32 (0)6532-6824.

Upcoming Organized Trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours
Serving Brussels, Chievres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.
• **Paris, August 19**
• **Amsterdam, August 26**
• **Polish Pottery - Karlovy Vary - Neustadt, Sept. 1-4**
• **Heidelberg and Bad Durkheim (Wurst and Wine Festival), September 16**
• **Rotterdam Military Tattoo (colorful indoor music show), September 30**
• **Riverdance (Dance Production), October 7**
• **India, October 7-17**
• **Alsace Vineyards, October 14-15**
• **Paris, October 21**
• **Polish History and Vienna, Oct. 28 - Nov. 3**
• **Cooking Class in Lille, November 4**

• **Moulin Rouge, Paris, November 11**
• **London, November 25**
• **Reykjavik + Iceland, December 3-7**
• **Berlin, December 29 - Jan. 1**
• **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**

Schinnen Trips & Tours
Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.
• **Family Day “Trout Fishing”, September 9**
• **Day Trip to the World’s largest wine festival and “600 years Wurstmarkt” in Bad Durkheim, Germany, September 16**
• **Day Trip to the National Liberation Museum 1944-1945 in Groesbeek, September 23**
• **Prague Express, October 27-29**
Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

**Through August 15**
- **“Tournai-les-bains” (“Beach in Town”)** - Held at Quai Donat Casterman. Relaxation, leisure and events for young and old. Program includes cooking workshops, music, sports, recreational and cultural activities. No entrance fees, except for some activities.

**Through August 20**
- **“Midi Fair 2017” in Brussels (137th edition)** - The gigantic Midi Fair stands along the Boulevard du Midi. 120 attractions are there for all ages.

**Through September 2**
- **Summer gardens in Mons** - From Monday to Saturday (except Aug. 15) on Place du Marché Aux Herbes. A lot of activities for children, karting, music and lots more. No entrance fees.

**Through September 3**
- **Royal Palace in Brussels** - When the Royal family goes on vacation, the palace is open to the public. Visiting hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays to Sundays, free of charge.

**August 4**
- **Night Flea Market in Silly (160 booths)** - Held on Rue du Marais from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**August 4-5**
- **The Night of the Stars Weekend in Frameries**
  Planetarium, animations, cartoons, experiences and exhibitions. Held at PASS on Rue de Mons 3. Open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. No entrance fees.

**August 4/18/25**
- **Laeken Fireworks (Brussels)** - Fireworks will light up the sky of the capital city at 11 p.m., on the Heysel Plateau at the bottom of Palais 5. From 6 p.m., family events will be available as well as food trucks, music, activities for children and more.

**August 5**
- **Flea market in Willaupuis (120 booths)** - Held on Rue de la Forge from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**August 6**
- **Summer Dance Festival in Mons** - Held on Grand-Place from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Initiations into dance, parties and shows. No entrance fees.
- **Volksmarch in Tourpes for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km**
  Departs Place de Tourpes from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Craft/farmers market and flea market in Noirchain (350 booths)** - Held on Rue du Chêne, Chaussée Romaine and on the square from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**August 25-28**
- **Giants of Ath Festival** - It’s a UNESCO Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. After having taken his fiancée to the altar of St Julien’s Church to get married, Goliath fights David at 4:45 p.m., Aug. 26. Sunday, the procession takes place at 9:45 and 3 p.m. with the traditional giants and a multitude of different groups.

**August 4-6**
- **Hamm kulinarisch (GE)** - A large culinary fest at Market Square in Hamm with culinary highlights. Open Aug. 4, noon to midnight, Aug. 5, 11 a.m. to midnight and Aug. 6, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Castlefest in Lisse** - Held in the gardens of Castle De Keukenhof, the location of a real medieval city where visitors can learn about daily life in the middle ages. Open Aug. 4, 11 a.m. to midnight; Aug. 5, 10 a.m. to midnight and Aug. 6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Milan Summer Festival in The Hague** – The largest Hindu open air festival in Europe with (among more) varied forms of culture, sports and entertainment; a theme tent, rides and attractions, fireworks and lots more. Held at Zuiderpark. Open Aug. 4, 4 to 11 p.m., Aug. 5, 2 to 11 p.m. and Aug. 6, 1 to 11 p.m.

**August 5**
- **Schollenpop (21st edition) in Scheveningen/The Hague** – The free pop festival will be held at Houttrustweg 600. Starts at noon.
- **Old Times Day in Vaassen** - Several oldtimer cars and bikes, old crafts, demonstrations and traditional costumes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No entry fees.

**August 5-6**
- **Historic Festival in La Roche-en-Ardenne (BE)** - Acrobats, jugglers, tourneys, music, shows, crafts and more at the Castle on Rue du Vieux Château 4. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €9; children (3-12) €5.
- **Rose Fest in Rösrath (GE)** - Shows, demonstrations, music and food at Castle Eulenbroich on Zum Eulenbroicher Auel 19. Open Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €3, free for children 13 and younger.
- **French Festival in Vaassen** - Authentic curiosa, a Montmartre market, products from France, demonstrations, French music, food and lots more at Castle Cannenburch on Maarten van Rossumplein 4. Open Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €6.50; free for children 11 and younger.
- **Old Crafts Festival in Einighausen** - Several oldtimer cars and bikes, old crafts, demonstrations and traditional costumes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No entry fees.

**August 6**
- **Old Crafts Festival in Einighausen** - From 1 to 6 p.m. Demonstrations, live music, folk dancing and lots more.
- **Old Crafts & Regional Products Market in Opoeteren (BE)** - Held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Bosbessenplein and Fortstraat.

**August 11-13**
- **Culinary & Food Tasting Festival in Bottrop (GE)** - Held at Johann-Breuker-Platz. Open on Friday, 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, noon to midnight and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m.
- **“Schlemmen am Schloss” in Rheda-Wiedenbrück (GE)** - Many culinary delicacies and highlights. Open Aug. 11, 6 p.m. to midnight; Aug. 12, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Aug. 13, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. No entry fees.