



Telling the story of the Belgian Settlement in Wisconsin and working to preserve unique elements of Belgian culture

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The Belgian Heritage Center is currently closed. With consideration for keeping our patrons safe, we will continue to monitor the situation regarding the COVID-19 virus. If needed, cancellations or postponements of events will be posted on Facebook and on the BHC website. Remember to check out and "Like" our Facebook page to learn about events and other BHC info.

A talk by Kathleen Ernst about her book, *The Lacemaker's Secret*, a wonderful story about Belgian life past and present has been rescheduled for July 10, 2021.



Greetings friends,

We hope this finds you well. This year the Belgian Heritage Center celebrates its 10th season! Thank you to all the visitors, donors, event sponsors and especially our dedicated volunteers, we could not do this without you! While we do not yet know what this season may look like, the Belgian Heritage Center will be sending more frequent newsletters to keep us all 'in the loop' with interesting content and updates. Please drop us a line if there are specific topics of interest to you.

We are debuting new features on the BHC website, including historic photos and oral history videos. We will have a new section featuring Belgian families. This is an opportunity for our readers to submit documents and photos to tell a short story about their family. Submissions will be featured online for about a month. Please email contact@belgianheritagecenter.org for more information and go to Features tab at <http://www.belgianheritagecenter.org/> to learn about our first featured family.

The first ever "Drive-Thru Booyah" event held on Sunday, May 24 was a success! It sold out in 30 minutes, providing tasty food and a fun reminder of Belgian heritage. Thanks to volunteers Kevin Moore, Joe Alexander, Brian Delwiche, Amy Stanelle, Tim & Sue Moore and Mei Mei Yip for their assistance. The next Drive-Thru Booyah event will take place July 5th. Check our Facebook page and website for future dates. Please join the festivities and consider volunteering at the Belgian Heritage Center - assisting with an event, initiative or committee or serving as a docent.

Thank you for keeping our Belgian heritage alive and vibrant.

Wedding Season

June starts Wedding season, here are a few pictures of past events.



Joe and Orley Neuville Wedding - (Jacques Joseph Neuville, Isadore's Father)

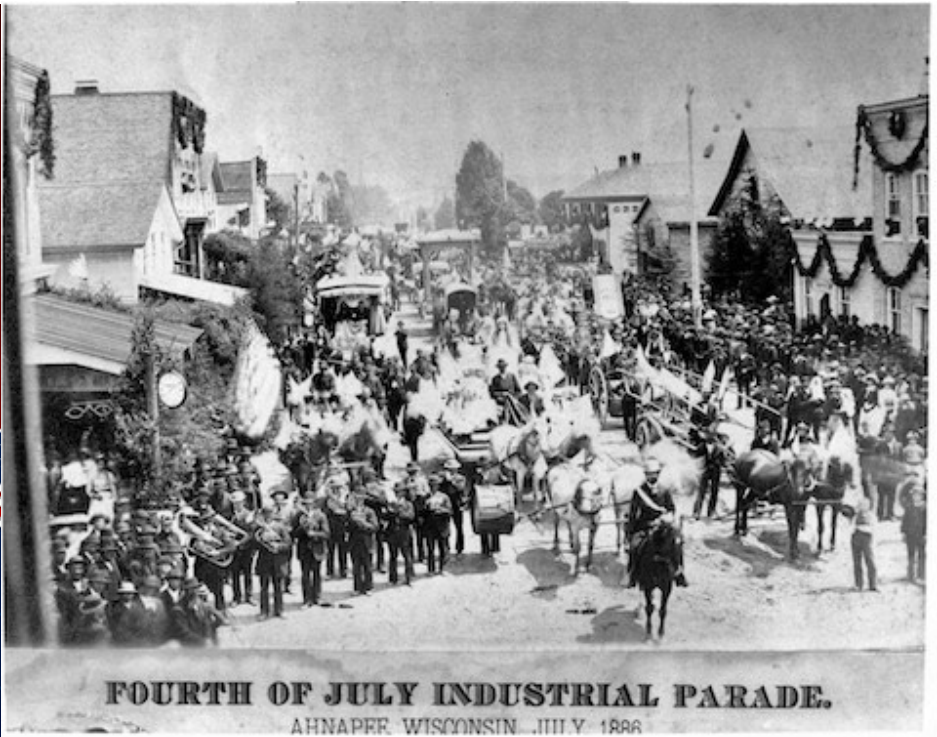
Consider the Heritage Center for your Next Event

The Belgian Heritage Center is a perfect church-like setting for weddings and wakes/funerals. The BHC is also available for rental for private events such as meetings, conferences and family reunions. For more information call Sue Havel at 920-493-2789 or email: events@belgianheritagecenter.org



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Fourth of July Industrial Parade

Ahnapee, Wisconsin, July 1886

Francois LeGrave with Big Tuba on left side

During the month of June, we celebrate Fathers and all those who have been like a Father to us. We also honor the fathers from generations past who traveled to a foreign land with little but a promise of a better life. From clearing land, eking out crops, building homes and barns, tending animals and countless other enterprises, fathers in the Belgian settlement area, while enduring great hardships, managed to build strong families and strong communities. We honor them by continuing their tradition of hard work and love of family.



- Steve Tlachac Family -



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This program is not meant to replace personal donations. Still, it does offer us one more chance to support a charity of choice while going about our daily lives.

Thank you for your interest in Belgian Heritage!



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