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BHC 2025 Event Calendar - Save the Dates!

25 APR	BHC at Draft Days Booyah Battle
25-27 APR	BHC Open to Visitors 10am-3pm
27 APR	Booyah and Bread Lunch
23 MAY	BHC Opens on Weekends
29 JUN	Waffle Breakfast
12 JUL	Belgian Days Bus Tour
17 AUG	Kermis
6 SEPT	Grandparents Day / Bookmobile at BHC
4 OCT	Great Fire Remembrance at BHC
8 OCT	Great Fire Remembrance at National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion
TBD OCT	Hunters Raffle
21-22 NOV	Kewaunee Christkindlmarkt
28 NOV	Thanksgiving Sale / Family Glass Workshop
TBD DEC	Christmas Spirits Adult Glass Workshop

More events and speakers are being planned for 2025. Please watch our newsletters, Facebook and BelgianHeritageCenter.org for details.

Thank You, Supporters!

In this issue, you will find a list of people who made cash and in kind donations to BHC in 2024. Although the list is two pages long, it still does not list everyone who supported BHC last year. There are countless people who helped by attending our fundraising events, purchasing merchandise and dropping money in our donation boxes during visits.

Special thanks to the many volunteers who give of their time and talent to advance our mission. They help in countless ways to make our fundraising events possible and do the work necessary to maintain the campus, guide visitors, educate the public and perform administrative and operational tasks. Volunteers do a lot of work that would otherwise have to be paid for, saving BHC tens of thousands of dollars, so the funds we raise go much further. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated team!

We hope you will continue to support BHC this year. We especially hope you will bring your children and grandchildren to BHC or direct them to our online resources. Most importantly, share your stories, photos and family histories so future generations learn to value their heritage as much as you do.

Thank you to everyone who supports BHC!

Volunteer Opportunities

BHC is always in need of volunteers for a wide variety of tasks. There are many ways to get involved. We especially welcome the chance to help students earn community service credits. If you are interested in learning more, please call Julie at 920-619-6363. Here are a few ideas, but there are many more!

- Event planning
- Food preparation and service
- Greeters
- Tour guides (training provided)
- Researchers
- Yardwork/spring clean-up
- Light cleaning
- Content creation (newsletter and online)
- Video Editing
- Painting

2025 Photo / Story Contest

Enter BHC's contest to add your memories to our archives and earn a chance to win a prize! Submit a photo or story on any subject related to the history of the Belgian settlements – people, places, events, memories, funny stories, old ways of doing things. Submissions may be shared during the year in our newsletter, Facebook, website or YouTube (space permitting). Prizes will be awarded for:

- Best historic image
- Best historic story
- Best new addition to BHC archive
- Facebook Favorite (decided by online votes)

Submit by Mail: PO Box 173, Brussels, WI 54204

Email: contact@belgianheritagecenter.org

Webform: Visit belgianheritagecenter.org, click the "Featured" tab and scroll down to the Share with BHC form shown here, where you can attach your files and information. This tool maintains a higher image quality than sending through Facebook, and also ensures that you will be properly credited for your submission.

If you need assistance, or would prefer we scan your original photos at the BHC, just let us know.

Congratulations to 2024 winners Lisa Colombo, Pam Alberts, Christine Chaudoir and Chris Lampereur!

“Grave Markers” for St. Mary of the Snows Historic Cemetery

The “old” St. Mary of the Snows Cemetery at BHC dates back to the 1860's. Burials continued until 1911 when the “new” cemetery opened on Pit Road. In the early days, many graves had simple wooden markers. Over time, wooden markers and pine caskets deteriorated. The stone markers were moved to cement slabs to prevent damage, but wind and rain have taken their toll. After 150+ years, many names are gone or illegible, so BHC is developing an outdoor exhibit with a burial list to remember the names of these early settlers at their final resting place.

Obtaining a burial list might sound simple, but not so! Parish records are incomplete for various reasons. Some may have been lost in a fire in 1892. Some were kept at St. Hubert in Rosiere from the days before St. Mary's had its own priest; those records were handwritten in Latin script and faded with time. Door County Genealogy compiled a list in 1977, amended in 1999 with notes from Gabe DeKeyser, the cemetery caretaker before the stones were moved, but information was still missing. The Green Bay Diocese couldn't help – they do not maintain burial records – but online records at PenBelGen, Find a Grave and FamilySearch yielded more clues. We then had to reconcile variations in surname spellings, same names for different people and people who went by something other than their given names.

Below is the updated burial list using what we believe is the most accurate information for each person. Before we put the new list in the exhibit, we need your help to check for errors and to make sure we didn't miss (or duplicate) anyone. We welcome family members to let us know if a name should be listed differently. The burial list is also available on the St. Francis & St. Mary Parish Facebook page, BHC Facebook page and belgianheritagecenter.org. Please pass it on to others who may have information.

Please refer comments or corrections to Ann 920-743-1189, Sandy at 920-493-2850 or email contact@belgianheritagecenter.org. **Please contact us by May 1 to meet our installation schedule.** Thank you!



A Sad Finding

Researchers found 22 St. Mary of the Snows burial records in Rosiere and were pleased to add their names to our list. But it was heartbreaking that half of these new records were children, nine at age four or younger. In just one month in 1882, measles claimed four children in the parish, two from the same family. It was a reminder of the difficult times our ancestors faced.

St. Mary of the Snows "Old" Cemetery Burials

Caroline (Destree) Alexander 1839 – 1908	Francois Gilot 1831 – 1890
Alphonse Marie Baudhuin 1860 – 1901*	Catherine (Neuville) Girondale 1835 – 1900
Jean Joseph Baudhuin 1839 – 1881*	Charles Girondale 1816 – 1891
Jean Joseph Baudhuin 1807 – 1894*	Marie Girondale 1863 – 1886
Joseph Baudhuin 1873 – 1883*	Louis Granius 1831 – 1906* ?
Josephine (Destree) Baudhuin 1882 – 1906	Marie Granius 1908 – 1908
Josephine (Janquart) Baudhuin 1817 – 1898*	Francois Alexander Herlache 1827 – 1911*
Martin Baudhuin 1844 – 1906	Marie Florentine (Tonnon) Herlache 1828 – 1881*
Pierre Joseph "Peter" Baudhuin 1837 – 1907	Hortense (Chantine) Jadin 1836 – 1906
Ferdinande (Agag) Bagnuet 1852 – 1906	Josephine "Josie" (Baudhuin) Jadin 1848 – 1906
Rolende (Massart) Bagnuet 1814 – 1906	Jule Jadin 1876 – 1904
Martin Baye 1817 – 1897	Irma Jauquet 1881 – 1882*
Gustave Calbat 1839 – 1902	Marie (Baudhuin) Jauquet 1875 – 1910
Julius Joseph Calbat 1881 – 1882*	Clarisse (Collard) Jauquet 1852 – 1879*
John B Calbot 1875 – 1904* ?	Marie Therese (Dupuis) Jauquet 1819 – 1872*
Celia Zephirin Charles 1846 – 1906	Nicolas Joseph Jauquet 1848 – 1883
Levocadie "Katie" (Delsipee) Charles 1864 – 1888*	Pierre Joseph Jauquet Sr. 1816 – 1893
Marie Louise Charles 1880 – 1881*	Charles Joseph Jeanquart 1817 – 1906
Mary Josephine (Evrard) Charles 1873 – 1906	Jule Jeanquart 1859 – 1906
Jacob Charles 1806 – 1883*	James P Kirby 1863 – 1892
Anatalie Aldeconde (VanCaster) Chaudoir 1845 – 1887*	John Kirby 1831 – 1876
Isidore A Chaudoir 1896 – 1899	Michael Kirby 1832 – 1882*
Josephine Chaudoir 1860 – 1885	Anne Josephe (Herbignat) Laduron 1806 – 1891*
Josephine (Genin) Chaudoir 1813 – 1899	Maximilien Laduron 1805 – 1895*
Justin Peter Chaudoir 1842 – 1908	Eugene Lampereur 1845 – 1889
Julie (Defaux) Collard 1819 – 1883*	Seraphine (Delligne) Lampereur 1817 – 1899
Jean Joseph Conard 1819 – 1906	Pierre Lehn Unknown* ?
Lillie Conard 1906 – 1907*	J Hubert LeRoy 1879 – 1885
Mary Catharine (Collard) Conard 1824 – 1907	Josephine Marie LeRoy 1886 – 1901*
Rose A Conard 1896 – 1896	Nicolas LeRoy 1837 – 1911*
Joseph Debauch 1869 – 1890	Elise "Sister Elizabeth" Lupiry 1845 – 1890*
Pierre Decamp 1829 – 1881*	Andre Joseph Macaux 1821 – 1904
Alexander DeGrand 1837 – 1890	Mary Macaux 1880 – 1906
Emile J DeGrand 1866 – 1871	Jeanne Josephe (Delahaye) Martin 1812 – 1881*
Mortle DeGrand Unknown* ?	Bridget (Reilly) Moore 1840 – 1890*
Peter Joseph Degrandgagnage 1881 – 1881*	Margaret (Gallagher) Moore 1823 – 1899
Francois Joseph Degrandgagnage 1807 – 1886	Maurice Moore 1821 – 1902*
Josephine (Cheron) Degrandgagnage 1810 – 1887	Thomas Moore 1870 – 1883*
Gabriel Dekeyser 1810 – 1893* ?	Thomas Moore 1860 – 1904
Rose (Spruetels) Dekeyser 1804 – 1877* ?	William Moore 1816 – 1865
August Delfosse 1849 – 1903	Antoinette (Laduron) Lecoque/Parins 1831 – 1898
Jean Baptiste Delfosse 1822 – 1875	Gillin Joseph Parmentier 1889 – 1889*
Guillaume Delwiche 1811 – 1896	Francois Patrice 1816 – 1897*
Marie Francois (Dupire) Delwiche 1816 – 1877	Marie Joseph (Tobie) Patrice 1815 – 1891
Guillaume Joseph Delwiche Jr. 1851 – 1902	Amanda Pierre 1870 – 1870*
Irene Delwiche 1900 – 1904	Maria Elizabeth Pierre 1868 – 1870*
Josephine (Jauquet) Delwiche 1855 – 1915 ?	Philippine (Lampereur) Pierre 1832 – 1903
Fred Destree 1882 – 1905	Alexander Joseph Renard 1880 – 1882*
Marie Therese (Rasse) Draize 1833 – 1881*	Irma Renard 1878 – 1882*
Desire Ghislain DuBois 1882 – 1882*	Lambert Renard 1829 – 1890
Francois J. DuBois 1841 – 1911	Theresa Mary (Detry) Renard 1836 – 1901
Marie Joseph (Defrene) Dubois 1817 – 1897	Catherine Riley 1820 – unknown
Joseph Dupuis 1788 – 1875*	Edward Riley 1813 - 1883
Marie Josèphe (Dupuis) Dury 1829 – 1880*	Florence (Dacosse) Springaire 1823 – 1901*
John B Euclide 1887 – 1904	Francois Joseph Springaire 1821 – 1879
Marie Charlotte (Janquart) Euclide 1864 – 1910	Marie Rosa DeLima (Paulin) Theys 1832 – 1909
Floratine (Patris) Evrard 1848 – 1906	Caroline Tordeur 1808 – 1882*
Mathilda Evrard 1878 – 1882*	Adell Waeytens 1877 – 1885* ?
Pierre Genin 1819 – 1906	Edward Waeytens 1881 – 1885* ?
Julienne (Marchal) Gerondale 1819 – 1882*	Henry Joseph Waeytens 1832 – 1908* ?
Ferdinande (Neuville) Gilot 1830 – 1898 ?	Antoinette (Tombru) Waneaux 1832 – 1908

* no marker ? unresolved discrepancy

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Draft Days Booyah Battle

BHC has been selected to compete in the Booyah Battle sponsored by Downtown Green Bay, Inc. The event will take place as thousands of people will visit the area during the NFL Draft. Come support our own BHC Booyah Maker Team as they compete for Best Booyah and People's Choice Awards. Each award is worth \$500 and "you" can help make BHC the People's Choice – BHC would love to take that home! Show your bonds to Belgian Booyah. Enjoy great Booyah and cast your vote for our Belgian Heritage Center Team on April 25th.

Booyah Battle Details

Friday, April 25, 2025 from 10AM – 1PM
100 S. Washington St. in Downtown Green Bay
Ticket are sold by Downtown Green Bay Inc. for \$3 for each 6 oz. sample or all you can taste for \$20. Ticket sale proceeds will be split equally among the twelve Non-Profit groups participating. LiveWire Polka Band will perform from 10:00-1:00.

Booyah & Bread Lunch at BHC

Wouldn't a steamy bowl of hearty Belgian Booyah hit the spot right now? I'm reminiscing about the hot potatoes, carrots, and onion, mixed with shreds of chicken and savory spices that we delighted in at the last Kermis. You can enjoy that delicious Booyah along with artisan bread and homemade desserts on Sunday, April 27 at the Belgian Heritage Center. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 4-12 and includes a beverage. Full meal will be served from 11:00 to 1:00 with booyah to go available for \$10 a quart while it lasts. Preorders for booyah can be requested at contact@belgianheritagecenter.org. BHC will be open for visitors on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 to 3:00.



History of Belgian Booyah

Belgian Booyah has a long history in northeast Wisconsin being served at community events where people gathered to celebrate, to pray, to dance, to drink, and to eat. Kermisses, church picnics, reunions, fundraisers, and gatherings of all kinds found Booyah as the traditional main course.

As to Booyah's origin, there are many legends. One story says that Booyah got its name from the soup prepared in the early 1900s by teacher Andrew Rentmeester for his school fundraising event on Finger Road in what was then Preble, now part of Green Bay. Another story relates that Alex Hannon from Green Bay in the 1890s tried to replicate his Belgian grandmother's soup recipe, removing what he couldn't reproduce and adding food that he had on hand to make his soup, which he tweaked over the years, and which his family called Booyah. There are those who say it isn't Booyah if it doesn't contain this ingredient or does include that one. We believe that Booyah has evolved from numerous sources and there is not one way to prepare it. We also believe that the Booyah made at the Belgian Heritage Center is the best!

Northeast Wisconsin choices of ingredients include chicken, oxtail, beef, and a myriad of fresh and dried vegetables, onions, celery, carrots, potatoes, and peas. On the USA and Canadian border area near Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan they serve fish Booyas, pots of chopped fish, onions, potatoes, celery, and carrot stew, made 40 gallons at a time.

The feature that makes these Booyah/Booyas similar is that the large batch concoctions are prepared in huge kettles over a fire, stirring the mixture every few minutes using a utensil like a canoe paddle. Another feature is that the name of the entre became the name of the event. In the past people would say that they were going to a Booyah, when planning to attend an event that served the savory fare.

To learn more about booyah history, watch "Belgian Booyah in Wisconsin: A Brief History" at BHC's YouTube channel.



Want to make your own booyah? BHC can help! Recipes are included in "Belgian American Heritage Customs and Cookbook" by Margaret Draize or watch how it's done with our "Small Batch Booyah" DVD. Email contact@belgianheritagecenter.org or call 920-825-7319 for ordering information.

Chick Day

An exciting day in early spring was Chick Day – when baby chicks arrived at poultry farms like Rubens in Rosiere. Farmers picked up boxes full of tiny baby chicks and raised them for several weeks in a nice, warm brooder house. Children especially looked forward to all the peeping, yellow chicks. Before long, they were chickens - sometimes they were pets but mostly they were an important food source.

Don't miss Clifford Abts sharing his memories of Chick Day on BHC's YouTube Channel.

Do you have pictures or stories like Chick Day? Share them in our photo contest and be eligible for a prize!



Rubens Poultry Farm, Rosiere



Josephine (Massart) Delwiche and granddaughter Judy (Delwiche) Lampereur, Rosiere



Victor DeWarzegar and pets, Gardner



Mathilda (Euclid) Rass feeding chickens, Namur

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THIRY DAEMS CHEESE FACTORY

Cheese factories were a common feature throughout the Belgian settlements. Transportation and storage methods in those days meant that cheese factories had to be near the dairy farms. This is the factory owned by Jule Dalebroux in Thiry Daems and his milk haulers.

