

TOWN OF BELGIUM'S MAIL HISTORY

The first mail was delivered by the Federal Army men riding the Green Bay trail. The trail ran from Fort Howard, Green Bay, Wisconsin to Fort Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois.

1857: The first Town of Belgium official postmaster was John Hirn, who also served four other terms, among various other Postmasters through 1875.

1865: Nicholas Kartheiser was Postmaster

1869: Nicholas Langers was Postmaster

1875: Paul Ronk was Postmaster, the same year the railroad arrived through Belgium Station.

1877: Michael Schmit was Postmaster

1878: John Streff was Postmaster

1886: Nicholas Streff was Postmaster

1890: John N. Ellenbecker was Postmaster

1891: Theodore Ellenbecker was Postmaster

Mailboxes of bright brass trim on wood were in the merchandise section of the large store in Belgium Inn.

1892: Holy Cross & Lake Church became sub-stations of Belgium, WI post office

1893: J.B. Krier was Postmaster

1901: Nicholas Hubing was Postmaster (J.B. Krier's wife's brother) until 1935

1905: Rural Free Delivery (R.F.D.) was started to deliver mail to rural homes and farms

1911: Both Holy Cross & Lake Church sub-stations closed

1931: The Postal Department was moved from Hubing's store on Main Street to across Hwy D to the corner building of Elevator Lane.

1935: Frederick Krier, son of J.B. Krier, was Postmaster until the WWI veteran retired in 1959

1959: Edgar Antoine was appointed Postmaster in new the Belgium Post Office until his retirement in 1984.

1959: The cream city brick with black trim contemporary building is several blocks east of the two downtown sites, but remains on Main Street in the Village of Belgium.

Many men and women served until 2008.

From the beginning, the Postmaster position was a very politically influenced appointment.

LUXEMBOURG FEST -2009- SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

**American Legion & Auxiliary #412
Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce**

Belgium Fire Department

Belgium Boy Scouts

Belgium Lions Club

Mary Navis, Brochure Layout

Rhonda Krier, Fest Photographer

Schueller Farms, Straw Maze

The Parishes of...

**Our Lady of the Lakes - St. Nicholas
Chapel in Dacada**

**Holy Rosary - Holy Cross Chapel
and St. Mary - Lake Church**

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE...

Don Schommer, President

Carol Krier, Secretary

Richard Uselding, Treasurer

Carol Bares, Mass Coordinator

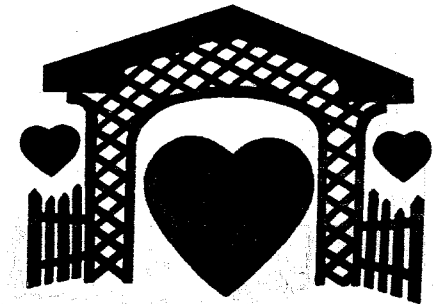
Gary Feider, Publicity

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Ryan Noll, Parade Coordinator

2008 LUXEMBOURG FEST



**of
BELGIUM,
WISCONSIN**

**“Capitol Township”
of
Ethnic Luxembourgers**



**Belgium, Dacada, Holy Cross
& Lake Church**

JOIN US
for the
22nd Annual
Luxembourg Fest

Saturday, August 9th

Green Heart 5K Run/Walk 8:00 am
(sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran Church)
Parade 2:00 pm - Main Street
Featuring Antique Farm Machinery

Followed by music by Ron Kendricks,
Nashville Entertainer until 7:00 pm
and

Luxembourg's Country Western Legend,
Buffalo C. Wayne & Band 7:00-10:00 pm
at the Community Park

Honored Family Displays 3 – 5 pm

Sunday, August 10th
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

HERITAGE FESTIVITIES
at the Community Park...
Pageant - 10:00 am
Holy Mass - 10:30 am

Followed by...
a Variety of Ethnic Foods
& Refreshments,
the Honored Families' Display
(at the Village Municipal Building),
a Farm Machinery Display,
and music/dancing until 6:00 pm

2008 REIGNING
DUKE & DUCHESS

John Jr. & Nancy
(Weyker) Jentges

2008 HONORED FAMILIES...

Becker	Freiman	Mamer
Bell	George	Rober
Bens	Hein	Rollinger
Birenbaum	Hoffmann	Schmit
Didier	Kartheiser	Thill
Dornbach	Kirch	Weiler
Ellenbecker	Langers	Wendling

SPECIAL GUESTS...

The Most Reverend Raymond Goedert
(Aux Bishop-Archdiocese of Chicago)

Honorary Consul General
of Luxembourg, Donald J. Hansen and
Mrs. Gerda Hansen

Music featuring
Die Freistadt Alte Kameraden Band
Sunday, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

FORMER REIGNING COUPLES...

2007 – **Herman & Rosemary (Kleckner)**
Feyereisen

2006 – **Eugene & Ethel (Zausch) Pierron**

2005 – **Richard & Patricia (Wundrock)**
Uselding

2004 – **Harvey & Kay (Laufer) Wester**

2003 – **Silvin & Audrey (Plate) Jacoby**

2002 – **Louis & †Elaine (Croatt) Tackes**

2001 – **Richard E. & †Ethel Ann (Schuessler)**
Depies

2000 – **Frederick & Cecilia (Schmitz)**
Schueller

1999 – **†Roman & Virginella (Kleckner)**
Gonwa

1998 – **John & Regina (Weber) Steffen**

1997 – **Gordon & Mary Alice (Wester) Thill**

1996 – **†Leo & Lucille (Krier) Gasper**

1995 – **Lawrence & Rosalie (Kolbach)**
Feyereisen

1994 – **†Harvey & Arline (Thill) Thill**

1993 – **Marvin & Lois (Thelen) Anzia**

1992 – **John & Lucy (Weiler) Pohl**

1991 – **Donald & †Beatrice (Altenbach) Bares**

1990 – **†Orville & †Lucille (Blick) Arendt**

1989 – **†Donald & Mary (Wester) Schmitz**

1988 – **†Arthur & Angela (Krier) Schmitz**

1987 – **†Emil & †Martha (Strauss) Ries**

† = Deceased

LUXEMBOURG FEST OF BELGIUM, WI - HONORED FAMILIES

<u>1988 & 2003</u>	<u>1989 & 2004</u>	<u>1990 & 2005</u>	<u>1991 & 2006</u>	<u>1992 & 2007</u>	<u>1993 & 2008</u>	<u>1994 & 2009</u>	<u>1995 & 2010</u>
Ackermann	Altendorf	Barnich	Bastian	Bittner	Becker	Ansay	Acker
Biever	Arendt	Bielefeld	Binsfeld	Block	Bell	Bernardy	Bohn
Conter	Bartol	Cloos	Egerer	Ehlens	Bens	Bichler	Burton
Greiveldinger	Besch	Faber	Folz	Federspiel	Birenbaum	Binat	Demge
Haus	Dahm	Feider	Fonch	Feyereisen	Didier	Binnier	Feierstein
Hiltgen	Decker	Gantner	Franz	Gersch	Dornbach	Bley	Ferber
Jacoby	Deisch	Green-Grun	Freiderisse	Grotz	Ellenbecker	Defrang	Flammang
Jentges	Depies	Hummel	Fritz	Hemmen	Freiman	Dries	Hattenberger
Knaff	Deppiesse	Jones	Gasper	Holmes	George	Fritgen	Huiras
Kiefer	Ehlinger	Kirst	Hamm	Johann	Hein	Gales	Klopp
Oberst	Flerchinger	Kleckner	Keiser	Katheiser	Hoffmann	Galles	Kohl
Peschong	Groff	Nesser	Kill	Klos	Kartheiser	Gloden	Krier
Plier	Hirn	Nothem	Klas	LaFontaine	Kirch	Goschey	Lantgen
Prom	Jacques	Possley	Lesch	Laures	Langers	Heinen	Large
Rassel	Kraus	Ries	Medinger	Meyer	Mamer	Kayl	Loesch
Schommer	Kultgen	Risch	Michels	Ney	Rober	Oswald	Mondloch
Sinnen	Mans	Robert	Pierron	Olinger	Rollinger	Pesch	Nies
Steinmetzer	Phau	Schinker	Sanem	Peiffer	Schmit	Ronk	Roelse
Strauss	Rieth	Schuman	Scholl	Pohl	Thill	Straub	Ruppert
Thome(a)s	Warling	Spies	Ternes	Valentin(s)(y)	Weiler	Tholl	Schink
La Croix	Wester	Stemper	Weber	Wolff	Wendling	Wagner	Siebenaler
		Uselding	Welter				Wellenstein
							Wetor
<u>1996 & 2011</u>	<u>1997 & 2012</u>	<u>1998 & 2013</u>	<u>1999 & 2014</u>	<u>2000 & 2015</u>	<u>2001 & 2016</u>	<u>2002 & 2017</u>	
Anzia	Antoine	Anton	Blank	Bold	Agnes	Engel	
Beckmann	Bares	Berger	Burmesch	Boudan	Bartel	Gardy	
Bink	Behm	Boeser	Eischen	Calteux	Berg	Hames	
Boesen	Blong	Deheck	Ernster	Gehlen	Betz	Heintz	
Croatt	Bromm	Fries	Flies	Hansen	Blick	Heiertz	
Engelbert	Buchholz	Gannen	Gerard	Klein	Dond(e)linger	Kinney	
Geirsch	Dimmer	Gergen	Gilles	Krick	Feltes	Loeven	
Gengler	Goeben	Gilson	Gonwa-Goniva	Leick	Goebert	Ludwig	
Glaesmer	Heger	Hubing	Glodt	Longly	Hein	Majerus	
Karrels	Hengel	King	Haase	Mallinger	Hull	Mangel	
Kessler	Kemper	Kummer	Jack	Merk	Jungers	Meiring	
Kutter	Kirsch	Lorge	Kolbach	Minette	Klaus	Niederkorn	
Marx	Lanser	Marsong	Mertz	Muller	Kies	Nilles	
Moos	May	Molitor	Mueller	Nimesgern	Leider	Roller	
Neuens	Mootz	Neuhengen	Pastoret	Penning	Ludowisse	Schintgen	
Obladen	Poll	Paulus	Pauly	Puetz	Marson	Schmidt	
Pirring	Raymond	Petermann	Poull	Rein	Mayer	Schmitz	
Rief	Reimer	Reding	Remich	Rock	Shenk	Schreiner	
Roob	Reuter	Reiter	Roeser	Sander	Schilz	Stern	
Weiland	Schimberg	Schneider	Schumacher	Schanen	Schmidler	Streff	
Witte	Schuweiler	Steffen	Sturm	Scholtes	Schons	Tackes	
Wenting	Wirtz	Steinbach	Theri(y)	Schueller	Theilen	Trauffer	
Zirbes	Zeimet	Theisen	Thompson	Wiltgen	Watry	Weyker	

LUXEMBOURG FEST OF BELGIUM, WI

“HONORED FAMILIES” are Luxembourgers, landowners in Town of Belgium as of 1845

SATURDAY - Green Heart 5K Run/Walk: Saturday prior to 2nd Sunday in August, annually. Sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Belgium.
See their brochure for more details.

SATURDAY - Antique Farm Machinery Parade: Saturday prior to 2nd Sunday in August, annually. 2:00 pm Main Street.
Food, beer & soda served and music provided after the Parade in the Village Community Park until 10:00 pm.

SUNDAY - Catholic Mass with theme 'FAMILY REUNION': 2nd Sunday in August, annually. 10:00 am Pageantry and Mass at 10:30 am, Village Community Park. Ethnic food, refreshments served after Mass until 6:00 pm. Music and exhibits after Mass.

Honored Families Exhibits:

Each designated family selects a chairperson to coordinate a museum-like exhibit of family collectibles.

Location of Exhibits: Municipal Building is located north of the Park, across the street.
Set-up Day & Time: Friday & Saturday of Fest weekend - 8:30am to noon, both days. Sunday 8am-9am.
Removal of Exhibits: Sunday - beginning at 5pm. Monday 9am-11am.
Size of each Exhibit: 10' x 10' area roped-off (*Each 'Honored Family' gets only one reserved area*).
Provided Materials: Each 'Honored Family' exhibit is provided with a name plaque, pegboard to serve as a hanger for a background (suggestions include a quilt or genealogy).
Suggestions: Rag rug or braid rug for concrete floor, family photos, chairs, tables, antique clothes, toys; Large items such as buggies, engines, etc are displayed on the grass on Beech St (west of Park, across the street).
Exhibitors Provide: Bring own tables to display exhibits. Tripods are nice for large family photos. A chair to sit on, if so desired.
Security: Municipal building will be locked after each setup time on Friday & Saturday, and Sunday 9am until after Mass.
Questions: Contact - Bea Krier (262) 285-3152

SUNDAY - Family Representative(s) for Mass Procession:

- * One or two persons representing each branch of the 'Honored Family' in the designated year will meet *Sunday 9:45 am* at the Village Community Park, in the tent on the East side of the park shelter.
- * Family representative(s) are encouraged to wear ethnic costumes, or we suggest females wear dress/skirt and males wear trousers with a dress shirt.
- * Family representative(s) will be assembled alphabetically for the Church procession and pageantry. A hand-held family name card will be given to the representative(s) to carry. The representative(s) will be seated behind the altar in the Luxembourg gazebo.
- * Remain seated after Mass, as the Fest photographer will take pictures of the year's 'Honored Family Representative Group'.

President: Don "Peanuts" Schommer	(262) 285-3203	Secretary: Carol Krier	(262) 285-7180
Treasurer: Richard Uselding	(262) 285-3214	Heritage: Beatrice Krier	(262) 285-3152
Mass Coordinator: Carol Bares	(262) 285-3242	Grounds Supervisor: Dan Birenbaum	
Parade Coordinator: Ryan Noll	(920) 994-2164	Publicity: Gary Feider	(920) 994-9114 or 994-9244
Brochure: Mary Navis	(920) 668-6873	Fest Photographer: Rhonda Krier	(262) 285-3729

Have a great 'FAMILY REUNION' and enjoy time with your friends!
Fest founded in 1987 - Exhibits for the 1987 FEST were displayed by volunteers