



# CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE of Western Illinois, Inc.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 4th	Center Closed	
July 7th	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
July 7th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
July 9th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
August 4th	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
August 4th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
August 13th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Visit the Center for more information and to stay updated on current events.

## Schedule for Volunteers

The July schedule is as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gift Counter</i>	<i>Host/Hostess</i>
Wed., July 4th	Closed	
Sat., July 7th	Celie Donohue (a.m.) Barb Michalek (p.m.)	Kevin DeRoo (a.m.) Millie Kale
Wed., July 11th	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van DeVeire
Sat., July 14th	Mary Gardner-Karcher	Mary Gardner-Karcher
Wed., July 18th	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Sat., July 21st	Lois DeCoster	Fred DeCoster
Wed., July 25th	Georgia Slininger	Louis Slininger
Sat., July 28th	Maurine Schweitzer	Maurine Schweitzer

Contact Mary Gardner-Karcher at (563) 508-0886 or  
mckgkarcher@mchsi.com as soon as possible  
if there is a conflict with your scheduled time.



A Fun, Joyous & Safe  
4th of July to all!

Center OPEN Wednesday & Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Waffle Breakfast 1st Sat. of each month

## New Volunteer Coordinator

The Center's new volunteer coordinator is Mary Gardner-Karcher. Mary has willingly consented to take over for the retiring Margaret Wadsworth, who handled this job for over ten years. We're sure that Mary would appreciate your volunteering from time to time to help out at the CBC. After all, an organization is only as good as its volunteers, and we have a dedicated group of them. But we're always looking for new ones, too. We especially need help at the gift counter later in the year when the "snow-birds" fly south for the winter. If you feel you can help, please call Mary at (563) 332-4621, or Celie Donohue at 792-8246. Celie will be more than happy to give you a crash course at working the gift counter.

## News of the Membership

Thank You to Roger Boostrom for the Flemish prayer book, Flemish cook book, and program from Note's Band celebration.

Congratulations to Carissa Dewaele, daughter of **Tim and Andrea Dewaele** and granddaughter of **Frank and Theresa Dewaele**, for receiving the R.I. County Farm Bureau Foundation's Wilbert and Carol Keppy Scholarship. She will receive a \$1500 scholarship for her continued education. Also, to Christian VanSpeybroeck, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Chris VanSpeybroeck** and grandson of **Dr. Jim and Rosalie VanSpeybroeck**, for being honored by the Better Business Bureau as a Student of Integrity. This includes a \$1000 scholarship to the college or university of his choice.

Get Well wishes are extended to **Joanne DeDecker** and **Judy DePorter**.

## July Waffle Volunteers



Volunteer cooks and servers for the July 7th waffle breakfast will be Margaret and Bill Wadsworth, Charlie VanOoteghem, and Bonnie and Jason Tanamor. Mike Kerckhove will prepare the batter and brew the coffee, Joan DeCap and Marian Knock will take your money, and Catherine VanHecke will make sure everyone has a good time.

## Birdies for Charity



The John Deere Classic will soon be upon us. Have you made a pledge to the Birdies for Charity on behalf of the CBC yet? There's still time. If you haven't yet returned your pledge, please do so ASAP. All proceeds from the program are used for the CBC scholarship program. The chairpersons and the CBC will appreciate your pledge.

## Interested in Genealogy?

The Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society is once again sponsoring Summer Genealogy Workshops. All four workshops will be held at the Butterworth Education Center, 701 - 12th Avenue, Moline, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Classes are free for current RICIGS members. Cost for non-members is \$5.00 per person per class. Space is limited! RSVP deadline is one week prior to each class. Call Linda Polich 309-236-1985 or Linda Walker 309-788-6197.

- Saturday, July 21st – "Let's Get Started"
- Saturday, August 18th – "Federal Records and More"
- Saturday, September 22nd – "Genealogy Websites and Software"
- Saturday, October 27th – "Writing and Publishing Your Family History"

## A New Find

Archaeologists in Mesen, West Flanders have uncovered a system of trenches and an underground bunker used by the Germans during WWI. The German army defended the area around Mesen for three years, from 1914 to 1917, and the trenches are in good condition despite the area being heavily bombed later.

## Time to Renew

It's time to renew your membership to the CBC. You'll find the handy **renewal form on Page 4** of this newsletter. For any group to remain viable, it needs members. Why not fill out the form and mail right away. And consider inviting others to join, too!

## From a CBC Scholar

*(Editor's Note . . . This letter was received from Carissa Dewaele, a 2011 CBC Scholarship winner. The Scholarship Committee thought you would be interested in reading it.)*

Dear Scholarship Committee:

It is with great enthusiasm that I update you about my progress at the University of Iowa. I am incredibly grateful to have had your support during my first year of college. I learned so much this year and have taken the next step down the path to my career – all thanks to your help. I am well on my way to completing a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology and my certificate in museum studies. This coursework has certainly broadened my horizons and made me eager to learn as much as I can in my next three years. Because of this, I am now considering a minor in ancient civilizations and an emphasis in Cultural Resource Management.

Along with my studies, I became involved in volunteer work and multiple special interest clubs on campus. My biggest accomplishment this year was a service-learning project with the University of Iowa Museum of Natural History. I organized and ran an activity station for young children attending the Creepy Campus Crawl, an annual museum Halloween event. The experience was so much fun, plus it was an excellent foray into the world of museum education. After volunteering with the museum during the year, I was offered a work-study position and will join the staff this coming fall. I am overjoyed at the prospect of getting experience in my future field so early in my college education. I also joined two clubs at Iowa – the Campus Museum Collective and the University of Iowa Archaeology Club – and have had great opportunities to further explore the subjects and learn about careers through their meetings.

This summer, I will be working at the Deere-Wiman House in Moline, giving tours, helping with education, and learning all I can about the museum field. For the upcoming school year, I am continuing my volunteer and club involvement on campus.

I thank you for the support you have given me that has allowed me to succeed at Iowa. You have given me a great gift – the gift of an education. I could not be more appreciative of that contribution to my future.

Most sincerely,  
Carissa Dewaele



Statue of Brabo in Antwerp

## How to Build Schools

The Flemish region will build 200 new schools between now and 2016, as part of a public-private investment initiative called Schools for Tomorrow. The majority of the funding (68%) will go to a network of mainly Catholic schools.

The project was described as a “catch-up operation” due to school infrastructure in Flanders ageing rapidly: three out of five buildings are more than 40 years old. This is the first time that so many schools will be built in such a short period of time. All will be sustainable, well-built, and suitable for the needs of today’s students.

The private partners will pay for design, construction, and maintenance for a period of 30 years, during which they will charge the Flemish education authorities a fee. Ownership of the buildings reverts to the school authorities at the end of the 30 years.

*(Thanks to Flanders Today)*

## Have It Your Way

Years ago, the advertising campaign for Burger King touted that you could order your hamburger “your way.” Now travelers to Belgium can have their city guide their way as well. On the CityTripPlanner website, you have a choice of 16 cities, among them Antwerp, Bruges, Brussels, Ghent, Leuven, and Mechelen. Choose one, then set about making a city guide tailored to your needs – and no one else’s.

On the website’s menu of options, you apply stars – one to four – to different subjects. Perhaps you would want full-out shopping (four stars), attractions and activities, and streets and squares. With one click, the site provides a two-day guide with activities from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with a detailed itinerary, a map, and notes on what one would find along the way. The times allotted to each attraction might not suite you, but even that can be customized. You can even scrap an element and recalculate the whole trip.

You can also get travel directions, buy a train ticket or book a hotel. CityTripPlanner has a free app for Android and iPhone users, but you have to pay 4 Euros to download or print your customized trip. But compare that to the price of a guidebook, and it all starts to look reasonable. The custom guides are available in English. Check [www.cityplanner.com](http://www.cityplanner.com). *(Thanks to Flanders Today)*

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**Membership Renewal** (Please detach and return)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiting Member's Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2012

Would you like to volunteer? If yes, please let us know how below:

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Annual Fees Enclosed (check appropriately):

Single/Family (one per household)                      \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Senior (70+) Single/Family (one per household)      \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that complimentary memberships are automatically renewed.*