

where others walk
Greetings From Belgium
 by tribal member Freida Marie Taylor

MONCHAU DUTSLAND

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Monchau Germany is one of the most nostalgic, historic little towns nestled deep in the hills bordering Belgium and Germany. Scenic landscape makes for a peaceful outing less than three hours from my home. Beginning in what is known as the Belgian laagland or lowlands the ride east slowly climbs and tumbles between increasingly higher hills until the Belgian ardenen or the Ardennes as they are known in English. High plateaus of rich farmland secretly hide within its deep folds, pristine little hideaways such as monchau, seemingly untouched by time.

against a foundation offers photographers an outstanding snapshot of vines, water and antiquity.



A steep 6% grade plummets you down a winding hairpin narrow highway until the pavement gives way to the town's multi-level parking garage. The two lane street decreases to one lane barely wide enough for an auto. The asphalt turns abruptly into ancient cobblestones and the time period changes from modern architecture to live-able structures dating to the 1700's.

Small bridges give breathtaking views of the back sides of the houses, precariously hanging over the water's edge. The ancient church rings out the hour and on occasion a glowing bride and groom becomes the center of attention from all the tourists, their cameras and the cathedral as the background.

A good 15 minutes hike will take you above the rooftops to the ruins of the castle that overlooks the peaceful village. From this bird's eye view one can appreciate the lay out of the town below. You can see the variety of clay tiled roofs, admire the ambiance and charm of the ancient village and let your imaginations muse back to a time when horse carts might have filled the cobblestone streets. Business men in their lavish clothes would come in and do cloth business with the man in the red house and carriages would cart away the goods and the rich visitors from surrounding villages.



Even though I have visited this village at least 8 times, each time I find something else to discover. The structures never change, but the businesses inside change constantly, offering something new to explore. A museum that might have been closed before, is open and more history and photos are revealed that continue to make this one of my favorite places. I'm afraid if I ever get to visit deeper into Germany I may be lost forever to the old world charm!



Today monchau is a prosperous little tourist get away, with its bed and breakfast accommodations lavishly furnished to the older time eras. A leisurely stroll through the narrow passages delights the eyes and nose with windows displaying tantalizing fresh baked pastries, German cookies and breads. Shops proudly display their hand designed wooden cookoo clocks, pottery. The local artisans glass creations from the glass blowers' factory at the edge of town glisten in many windows.

Small terraces with colourful umbrellas offer a pleasant respite to drink coffee, the local beers from the region or to indulge in luscious pannenkoeken or taarten with ice cream. Small family owned restaurants treat you to a memorable meal of German cuisine, schnitzel, worsten en sauerkraut, or a snack plate of german potato salad, tangy horseradish mustard and a German sausage or thick sliced, smoked ardense ham big enough for two!

A walk through the town treats you to glimpses of the rushing stream that divides the town in half. A watermill nestled



Killman Signs With Northwestern State

SHS athlete Levi Killman, center, is pictured while signing a letter of intent to receive a full scholarship and play football this fall at Northwestern State University in Alva, Oklahoma. Shown seated with him are Tonja Killman and Barbara Warrior. Standing from left are SHS football coach Chris Elerick, Tiller Bucktrot, Megan Bucktrot and Thomas Warrior. (SHS Photo)

NOTICE
The Rap Department is Taking Requests For Lawn Care Assistance For Elders And The Handicapped

ELDER ACTIVITIES

APRIL 11, 2012

Elders are encouraged to attend the monthly Elders Advisory Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at the Sac and Fox Multi-Purpose Center in Shawnee 10:00am to 2:00pm. Potluck, bring a covered dish.

APRIL – Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Elders/Veterans Building, Stroud

Plastic Canvas Classes. Stella Wilson and Shirley Wakole have been practicing and developing new patterns with plastic canvas and yarn. They have made 2-styles of Kleenex holders, various refrigerator magnets and coasters with Native American designs – and now they are wanting to teach others how to make them. Materials are provided (unless you want specific colors).

Quilting

The elders received several bags of material from a generous donator and are wanting to start making quilts out of some of the material. Elders are encouraged to come in and cut quilt blocks and/or sew quilts together. Stella is wanting to learn how to make "Star Quilts" so come in and everyone can learn together.

All elders are invited to come in and share this time together in good fun and fellowship. Come to work and/or learn something new. Spend a couple hours or all day, whatever you can manage.

For more information or questions, contact Stella Wilson, Elders Building Manager, at 918-968-2583 from 8:00am to 4:30pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please call in advance – we've been having tribal activities occurring on these days and Stella is having to change days she is at the building on occasion.

Happy April Birthday Elders!!

Alma Faye Northrup		Charles A. Poitras
Francis Leroy Grant		Donn Whistler
Merlin Dean McClellan		Wallace Buster McClellan
Wanda Yvonne Brown		Naomi D. McCoy- Shognosh
David Jan Whistler		William Scott McCoy
Clifford Farrell Monday		Barbara T. Mc Ilvaine Smith
Jimmy Kent Waller		Annabell Wiseman
David Allan Edmonson		Lawanna Jean Sugar
Donald Chad Monday		Annette Miles
Marvin Warren Thurman		Ramona Nadine Rico
Caro "B" Patterson		Annetta Sue Monsen
Elizabeth Ahkeahbo		Robert V. Hocker
Raymond Lee Harris		Earnest L. Hocker
Robert Jackson Pennock		Kenneth E. Hocker
Phillip Joseph Manatowa		Carol Ann Holmes
Leva Marlene Ellis	Eva Jordan	
Jessie Lee Walker	Rudy Keo	
Richard W. Rice	Dorene Katherine Keo	
Charles Dewayne Lasley	Beverly Sue Gibson	
Ronnie Eugene Wano	Leo Elmer Gokey	
Kenneth Ray Wano	John Grass	
Harriett Oresa Rice	Deborah Kay Givens	
Ralph Maurice Hamblin	Tina Jean Blackburn	
Aaron Fryor Wilson	Gerald Dean Bushyhead	
Alice April Eason	Thelma Mae Coker	
Edith Lucille Harjo	Ruby Irene Harris	
Ruby Mae Vandever	Michael Harry Deer	
Sharon Lee Ebbinga	Wallace H. Allen	
Rose Marie Thompson	Rose Marie Bean	

Tommy Ray Moore

