

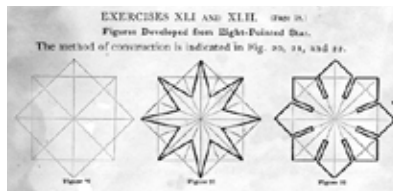


## Uncovering the Past at W.L.S.

Mayville's White Limestone School opened a window to the past recently when, during some cleaning, a number of documents and papers from the 1880's were found. After careful cleaning, these fragile papers were scanned into our computer database and were reprinted for display. Visitors to the museum on July 4th were the first to see these 130-year old documents on display in our "Mayville Room."

### 1880 - Teacher's Manual for Patent Drawing

Sixteen pages (plus a 2-page introduction) were found, but this manual, printed by Jones Brothers & Co., is not complete. We do not know how many pages after page 16 are missing. Some interesting comments about "drawing" were printed in the introduction. "Drawing is the hand-maid of many industries." - 1876. "We must train the hand to move skillfully and in exact obedience to the will, in order to train the student's mind." - 1878. We also found drawing assignment sheets that were completed by Josephine Boehmer and Otto Bruder in 1883, and by Clara Machmueller and Anna Fink in 1884.



1880 Teacher's Manual for Patent Drawing

### 1882 - Students Accused of Cheating

Five hand-written notes to the principal, all dated June 2, 1882, were penned by Nellie Lamoreux, Kate Delaney, Alfred Machmueller, Emma Krause, and Alvin Dietz. All of these notes use almost the exact same words: "I did not receive help on my examination, and I did not see anyone else receiving help on their examinations." One of these notes is shown here. We don't know in which class or with which teacher these said improprieties (if any) occurred.



1882 Students accused of cheating

### 1884 - Introductory Catalogue by Sheldon & Co.

This is a complete 18-page catalog of high school and college textbooks available. It was printed in a small format, with pages measuring only 3½" x 5." The "Table of Contents" (shown) lists 26 different school subject from "Arithmetic" to "Speakers" for which books were available. Two prices were listed for each book. If you were making a new purchase, you had to pay the "Introductory Price." But, if you had an old book of the same grade level to return, you would pay the "Exchange Price," which was much less.



1884 Introductory Catalogue of Sheldon & Co. Textbooks

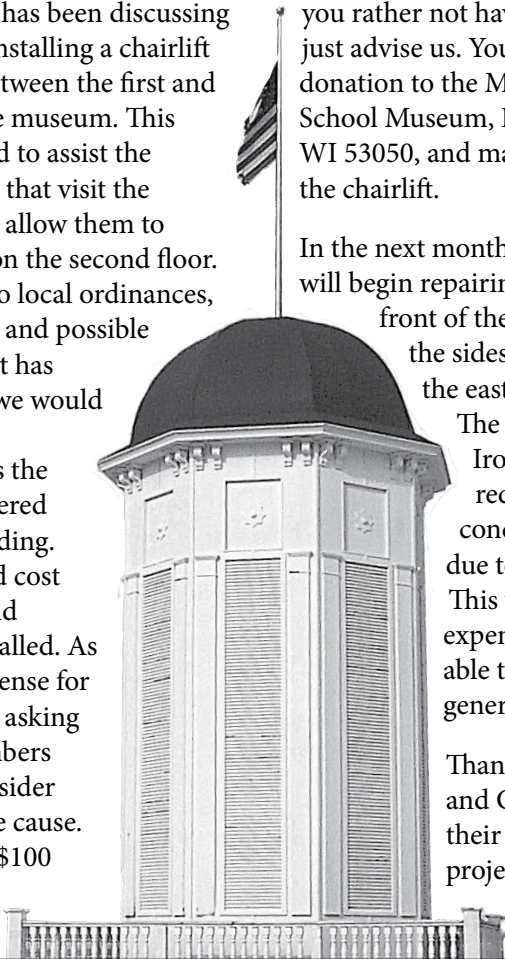
*We've uncovered even more!*

Look for

**"Bits and Pieces from  
1870's - 1880's"**

in our next issue of Limestone Times.

The past several months the museum's board of directors has been discussing the possibility of installing a chairlift on the staircase between the first and second floor of the museum. This is being considered to assist the less mobile people that visit the museum. It would allow them to view the exhibits on the second floor. After checking into local ordinances, insurance liability, and possible state inspections, it has been determined we would need to go with a heavy duty unit, as the museum is considered a commercial building. The chairlift would cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000 dollars installed. As this is a major expense for the museum, I am asking our museum members and donors to consider contributing to the cause. Anyone donating \$100 or more will have their name



placed on a plaque by the chairlift. If you rather not have your name listed, just advise us. You may send any donation to the Mayville Limestone School Museum, PO Box 102, Mayville, WI 53050, and mark the donation for the chairlift.

In the next month or so, a local mason will begin repairing the stucco on the front of the building, along with the sides of the three steps on the eastside of the building.

The outside entryway into Iron Country will also be redone. The mortar and concrete has deteriorated due to the ravages of time. This will be another major expense the museum is able to undertake do your generous donations.

Thanks to Charlene Kukec and George Frederick for their tireless on-going project of updating exhibits and

printing updated captions on many of the artifacts. If you haven't visited the museum lately, I would like to invite you to stop by on the first or third Sunday of the month from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. through October. I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

Also, for a chance to win up to \$500, don't forget to submit your entry in the Edgar G. Mueller photo contest for 2010. More information is available on the museum's website at [www.mlsm.org](http://www.mlsm.org).

The museum is always open to ideas and/or suggestions on how to improve your museum. Either give me a call at (920) 387-2593 or e-mail the museum at [info@mlsm.org](mailto:info@mlsm.org).

'til next time.....

*Thank you*

**Jim & Cheryl Congdon**  
Planters and flowers for the 2010 season  
**Dewey Crist**  
Hauling debris to dump sites

## Mayville Limestone School Museum

*Enjoy our exhibits May through October*

1st and 3rd Sundays: 1:30–4:30 pm

### Contact the Museum

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MLSM board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:45 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the museum. Members and friends welcome!

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## 2010 Event Calendar

### August

15 Museum open 1:30–4:30 p.m.

### September

5 Museum open 1:30–4:30 p.m.

19 Museum open 1:30–4:30 p.m.

### October

2 Audubon Days

Museum open 1–4:30 p.m.

3 Audubon Days

Museum open 1–4:30 p.m.

17 Museum open 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Last chance to vote for "People's Choice Award" in the 2009 Edgar G. Mueller Photography Contest

*Museum is closed for the winter season.*

*See us again in May of 2011.*

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# School Days

Memoirs from Limestone School Faculty & Teacher Aides



"School Days" is a regular feature that appears in each issue of Limestone Times.

We will print memoirs written by teachers or teacher aides who worked in the old Mayville Limestone School.

## Merton Harmsen

**Teacher Mayville School District: 1971 - 1974**

I was hired in 1971 by the Mayville School District to teach 5th grade. During my first year of teaching (1971-72), I was in the red brick building, but then I was moved into the White Limestone School for the 1972-73 school year. I spent one more year (1973-74) in the White Limestone School. I taught on the first floor in a room on the north side. I will always remember the floor of my classroom sloped! During the 1973-74 school year, I was also junior high assistant football coach and tennis coach.

## Wayne Larsen

**Industrial Arts Teacher: August 1974 - January 1979**

The industrial arts department was located in the two large rooms in the basement of the school. The north end was the classroom and the south end was the shop area. Harold Orth reactivated the junior high industrial arts in the early 1970's and I took over from him when he got a job at Waterford, near his home town. The basement was a very good area for the classes as there was a lot of room and we didn't have a lot of temperature problems because we were below ground.

## 2009 Edgar G. Mueller Photography Contest Winners

Thank you to all our entrants in the 6th annual Edgar G. Mueller Photography Contest. Judging of the contest took place in a private session at the museum on April 21st.

27 black & white and 38 color prints were entered and competing for \$2,000 in prize money. We would like to thank this year's contest judges: Kayla Richards, of Kayla Richards Photography of Beaver Dam; Rich Yehl of West Bend Camera Clique of West Bend; and Ron Ahrens of Ahrens Photography of Fond du Lac.



Contest judges critique each photo.

The winners, who shared \$2,000 in prize money provided by an anonymous donor, were announced by the museum's president, Don Bauer, at a contest awards ceremony held at the Mayville Limestone School Museum Grand Auditorium on May 16 at 1:30 p.m.

All photos are now on display in the Grand Auditorium for the 2010 museum season.

### The People's Choice Award

We invite the public to participate in our final award, the "People's Choice Award" by casting a vote for their favorite photo. A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the photo with the most votes in October at the end of the museum season.

To view all the photo entries as well as this year's winning photos, go to our website:

[www.mlsm.org](http://www.mlsm.org)

### Best of Show

Amy Pierstorff,  
Rosendale



### Color Photography

First Place - Archan Sramek, Beaver Dam  
Second Place - Paula Storck, Mayville  
Third Place - Sara Jappinen, Watertown  
Honorable Mention - Julie LaBomascus, Mayville

### Black & White Photography

First Place - Mark Kelderman, Brownsville  
Second Place - Dan Lund, Hubertus  
Third Place - Gene Braaksma, Randolph  
Honorable Mention - Julie Smith, Mayville



6th Annual Edgar G. Mueller Photography Contest Awards Ceremony, May 16, 2010  
The winning photographers with their photos.



# Give the gift of membership this Christmas

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## Results of the 6th Annual Edgar G. Mueller Photography Contest, p. 3



First Place Color  
Archan Sramek  
Beaver Dam

First Place  
Black & White  
Mark Kelderman  
Brownsville

# Congratulations

## Edgar G. Mueller Memorial Scholarships Awarded

On Thursday evening, May 20th, as part of Senior Recognition night at Mayville High School, three \$1,700 scholarships were awarded to three graduating seniors of Mayville High School by Don Bauer, President, of the Mayville Limestone School Museum. The Edgar Mueller Memorial Scholarships were awarded to: Nicholas Geiger who will be attending UW-Stevens Point and will be majoring in mathematics; Angela Rader who will be attending UW-Washington County and will be majoring in elementary education; and Kyle Beine who will be attending UW-Platteville and will be majoring in industrial technology management.

The museum is in charge of administering the scholarship funds, which are being provided by an anonymous donor to carry on the legacy of Edgar G. Mueller who photographically recorded the history of Mayville for over 65 years. Edgar passed away in 2001.



Scholarship Recipients left to right:  
Nicholas Geiger, Angela Rader, Kyle Beine