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In Honor of Mayville's Departed Preservationists

Early this year, Mayville lost two of its most devoted historians and preservationists. James (Jim) Schinderle, age 81, died on January 20, and on February 14, Evaline Boeck, age 93, passed away.

Evaline Boeck

The fact that Mayville's old white limestone school building stands today, and is now the Mayville Limestone School Museum, must be attributed to the work of pioneer crusader, Evaline Boeck.



The fight to preserve Mayville's stately structure began in April, 1969, when Evaline Boeck approached the School Board requesting information on the future of the White Limestone Building. She was told there were no plans as of yet and that district voters would decide its fate at some future annual meeting. In 1973, through the work of the Mayville Historical Society (Evaline was a member), the White Limestone School Building was registered as Dodge County's first landmark.

Again, through the efforts of Evaline Boeck, the White Limestone Building was nominated and then added to the National Registry of Historic Places

in 1976. By 1979, the old building was becoming a real white elephant, and a citizens committee was appointed to raise funds for its restoration. The committee consisted of Alzora Brummond, Evaline Boeck, George Walk, Ilma Bruder, Jean Krieser, Herbert Ziegler, and Beatrice Ziegler. On Dec. 17, 1979, the committee was officially named the White Limestone Restoration Committee and Robert Ulrich joined the original seven members.

In August, 1981, the possible use of the building as a museum was mentioned. Evaline clashed with a 30-year board member over the future of the building at the August 13, 1981, annual meeting and some hot words were exchanged. In 1982, the committee was active making up promotional buttons and making plans for an auction to raise funds. On March 6, 1982, the White Limestone School Restoration Corporation was incorporated as a non-profit organization. George Walk was the first president, with Tom Zuelsdorf as vice-president, Mary Ann Treichel as secretary, and Evaline Boeck as treasurer.

Though Evaline was an infrequent visitor to the museum, because of her declining health, she donated several items to the museum. The officers and directors at the Mayville Limestone School Museum thank Evaline for her life-long effort to save Mayville's famous landmark. Without her work, we wouldn't be here today!

James Schinderle

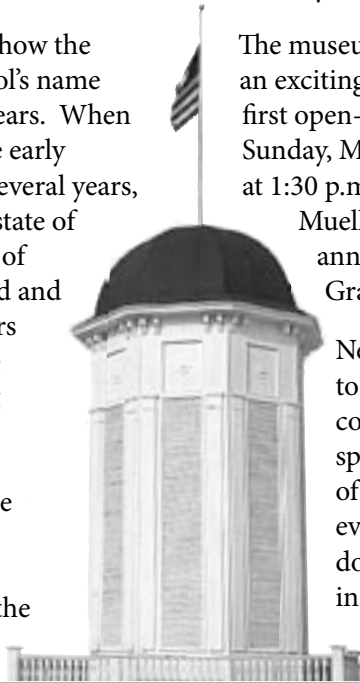
James Schinderle was the "Go To" person for anyone who wanted information about Mayville's history. Our own local author, George Frederick, found Jim to be a great help



and valuable resource person while researching Mayville's iron industry in the 1990's. Jim was born in Mayville in 1927, was graduated from Mayville HS in 1945, and became an Eagle Scout in Mayville. He was so proud of his hometown that he was a founding member of the Mayville Historical Society and served as its president from 1968 to 2001. He also served on the Wisconsin State Historical Society Council for Local History. For his many years of service, Jim was honored by the City of Mayville as "Citizen of the Year" in 1997. During 2007, Jim frequently attended our MLSM planning meetings as we prepared for the sesquicentennial of Mayville's White Limestone School Building, but was unable to attend the festivities which were held on August 18-19. His knowledge and his personal help will be missed!

Following the mailing of our annual letter in November, one of the museum's gracious supporters called me inquiring on whether they are still considered a lifetime member as they took out a membership when the museum was known as the White Limestone Restoration Committee? The short simple answer is a very definite, Yes!

A brief explanation on how the White Limestone School's name has changed over the years. When the school closed in the early 1980's and sat idle for several years, the building fell into a state of disrepair. A committee of local people was formed and held various fund raisers to purchase and restore the building. Following the restoration, various artifacts were acquired and slowly the old grade school morphed into a museum. In 1982, the group incorporated as the White Limestone



School Restoration Corporation. As the museum developed over the years, in February of 2000, the name was officially changed to the Mayville Limestone School Museum, which is the name it goes by today. Mayville was included in the name so that people from out of town could more easily identify where it is located.

The museum is looking forward to an exciting and eventful season. The first open-house for the season will be Sunday, May 3rd. On Sunday, May 17th, at 1:30 p.m., the winners of the Edgar Mueller photo contest will be announced in the upstairs Grand Auditorium.

New this year and unrelated to the Edgar Mueller photo contest, the museum will be sponsoring "A Day in the Life of Mayville". It is a city-wide event inviting the public to document and capture life in Mayville, on Saturday, June 13, 2009 in photos.

More information is available elsewhere in this newsletter, as well as on the web at www.mlsm.org.

On Sunday, June 21st, at 1:30 p.m., there will be an unveiling and dedication of a monument, which will be placed on the front lawn of the museum, honoring Bert "Pete" Husting, a Mayville native. He was a pitcher for the old Milwaukee Brewers in the early 1900's.

Again thanks to our many generous donors, which allowed the museum to make an early pay off of our loan of \$15,000 for the repairs to the cupola.

I would also like to thank Beth Bellon who has served on the museum board of directors for many years and assisted with numerous projects. She will be relinquishing her position at the end of our fiscal year, which is June 30th. If anyone with a passion for history is interested in serving on the board, please contact me at (920) 387-2593 or e-mail me at info@mlsm.org.

'Til next time.....

Mayville Limestone School Museum

Enjoy our exhibits May through October

1st and 3rd Sundays: 1:30-4:30 pm

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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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2009 Event Calendar

April

22 Edgar G. Mueller Photography Contest Judging (private session)

May

3 Museum open 1:30-4:30 p.m.
17 Edgar G. Mueller Photography Contest Awards Ceremony 1:30 p.m.
Museum open 1:30-4:30 p.m.

June

7 Museum open 1:30-4:30 p.m.
13 A Day in the Life of Mayville Photo Day - 24 Hours
21 Pete Husting Memorial Dedication at 1:30 p.m.
Museum open 1:30-4:30 p.m.

July

5 Museum open 1:30-4:30 p.m.
19 Museum open 1:30-4:30 p.m.

To be Continued

Pete Husting Baseball Memorial to be Erected

Monument Unveiling & Dedication

Sunday, June 21
1:30 p.m.

Berthold "Pete" Husting was born in Mayville, March 6, 1878, to Jean Pierre and Mary Magdelene Husting. After graduating from Mayville High School, which at the time was located in the museum's large upstairs room, now known as the Grand Auditorium, Pete received his law degree at UW-Madison. While at Madison he was the pitcher for the UW baseball team in 1898 and led the team to the Western Conference Championship. He pitched in 1901 for the old Milwaukee Brewers. In 1902, he played for the Philadelphia Athletics. He also played for Boston and Pittsburgh.

After three seasons in the big leagues, he left baseball to pursue a career in law. In later years, he was appointed U.S. attorney for the Eastern District.

Husting took an active part in the fight to open the Horicon Marsh for public hunting, and later helped the landowners with their fight to proper compensation for the lands used for the wildlife preserve.

Pete had a lifelong friendship with the great Connie Mack who sent roses to Husting's funeral when Pete died suddenly in 1948. He is buried in Graceland Cemetery.

Baseball historian, Dave Stalker, of Watertown, is instrumental in arranging for the installation, which honors players from what is known as the Deadball Era, 1901-1919. The monument will be erected in front of the museum, between the set of center steps and those to the north. The monument itself is very eye-catching with a picture of Pete in one corner surrounded by the biography text, and a baseball balanced on the top. On Sunday, June 21st, at 1:30 p.m. there will be an unveiling and dedication of the monument. The public is invited to attend.



The funds to install the monument were generously donated by descendants of the Husting family, Dave Stalker, Mike Kurutz, Mayville Sports, Inc., Mayville Mallards, Mayville American Legion Post 69 Baseball Teams, and Archie Monuments of Watertown, who will be installing the monument.

School Days

Memoirs from Limestone School Faculty & Teacher Aides

By Doris Van Loon



"School Days" is a regular feature that appears in each issue of the Limestone Times. We will print memoirs written by teachers or teacher aides who worked in the old Mayville Limestone School.

**Teacher: Mayville School District
(1942 -1944)**

When I recently visited the White Limestone School Museum, it was hard to realize that fifty-three years had passed since I taught here. I spent the years 1942-1944 teaching third grade in the upstairs north room. This was my first teaching experience, and my salary was \$1050 for the year with a \$100 increase for the second year. Of course, living expenses were much less than they are today.

I was rather overwhelmed with a room which varied from twenty-five to thirty children. This was during World War II, and we were limited as to books and other supplies. We did have some 16 mm films occasionally. I am sure there were children who had family members in the armed forces. There were some behavior problems, but the children had respect for teachers and in most cases were obedient.

All teachers were expected to participate in the community by leading Girl Scout troops, attending Mothers' Club, and chaperoning extra curricular school activities.

I met my husband, Carl Engel, while I was teaching here, and we were married soon after he returned from serving in the Army in Europe. We have lived in the Milwaukee area fifty-one years. We have three sons and nine grandchildren.

Since my husband attended this school from kindergarten through fifth grade and I taught here, we are both pleased to see that this building has been so carefully restored. The White Limestone School Restoration Corporation is to be commended for this excellent museum which is preserving the history of Mayville and the surrounding area.

A Day in the Life of Mayville

See your photo on display

“A Day in the Life of Mayville” is a city-wide event sponsored by the Mayville Limestone School Museum. The museum is inviting the public to document and capture life in Mayville, on June 13, 2009, in photos. The subject matter is endless and only limited by your creativity! We want to see the day exactly as it was in your experience. We encourage you to be creative in finding snapshots that capture the essence of life in Mayville.

WHO: This photojournalism event is open to people of all ages.

WHERE: All photos must be taken within the city limits of Mayville.

WHEN: Saturday, June 13, from 12:01 a.m. to midnight.

DETAILS: Digital or print photos are acceptable. Please use the highest resolution setting when taking digital images. Choose your favorite photo and submit it to the Mayville Limestone School Museum by email or mail. All photos must be received by Wednesday, July 1. Please include the name of the photographer, a caption for your image and the time it was taken, as well as your address, phone number and email address with each submitted photo. **Limit - 1 photo per person.** There is no charge to submit a photo.

Come and see “A Day In the Life of Mayville” Exhibit in October:

See your photo on display! ALL photos will be prepared and put on exhibit for the public to view at the museum on October 3-4 (Audubon Days from 1-4:30 p.m.) and on October 18 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Photos must be appropriate for general viewing. Obscene, provocative, or otherwise questionable content will not be used. The MLSM retains sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content. By submitting a photo to the exhibit, you agree to allow the museum to display your submitted photo without any fee or other form of compensation. You also agree to allow the museum to use the photo in future advertising or museum displays. Photos will be credited to the photographer submitting the photo. Photos will not be returned.



Email your photo by July 1 to: info@mlsm.org
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