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2014 Calendar:

Meetings are generally the
4th Monday of the month
at 6:30 Pm in Council
Chambers.

Our home is located at
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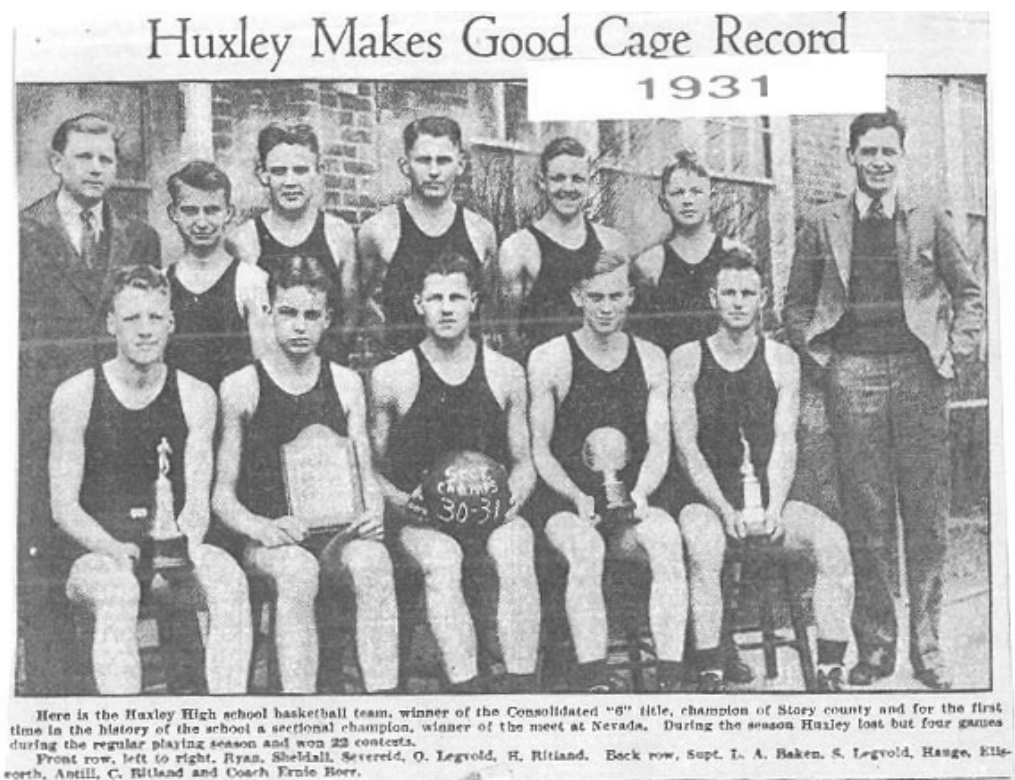
Summer Hours:

April – October
Tuesday & Thursday
3pm-5pm.

HUXLEY SPORTS HISTORY

Huxley High School sports goes way back to 1915 when the 1st girls basketball team was organized with 16 girls participating. The coach was Miss Wyman. Some of the players were M. Berhow, M. Malanger, C. Thompson, L. Kumpely, M. Savereid, M. Ritland, S. Legvold, J. Kalsem, M. Johnson, and A. Fjelland.

There is no record of who they played. The basketball court was played outside on a grass court with basketball hoops.



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MISSION STATEMENT :To engage the Community of Huxley, Iowa in the preservation, education, and celebration of our heritage and ancestry. To preserve for research and education, the artifacts, information, and verbal histories about the lives of the people of Huxley from its pioneer origins to the present day and into our future.

Huxley Sports History Cont. from pg 1

The Huxley consolidated school was built in 1921 with a gymnasium that was considered the best in Story County and the Story County Tournament was held at Huxley in 1922 and 1923.

In a Huxonian dated January 1923, an article described the Shipley boys defeated the Huxley boys on Dec. 15, 1922 in a slow and uninteresting game. Score book missing, lost, strayed or stolen – reward, nothing.

They then played Ankeny and were beaten by Ankeny who having just finished a successful football season, showed their superiority by making use of their football tactics by playing rough. The referee showed great skill as a football referee but lacked basketball qualities. Members of that team were Severied, Fjelland, Sheldahl, Thompson, and Kalsem.

The Huxley girls of 1922-23 played Ankeny on December 21, 1922 and won 17-7. The unexpected victory was due to the high Christmas spirit everyone possessed at the time. A box of candy was presented to the team by Miss Cessna, the coach, as a reward for the victory.

On January 5, 1923 they defeated McCallsburg 21-10. The starting 6 on that team were Thompson, Olson, Ritland, Berhow, and Larson.

The 1924-25 baseball team consisted of Orville Kalsem as pitcher and Everett Ritland as catcher.



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The girls team of 1932-33-34, won two conference titles in 2 years and were 35-6 over a two year period. Miss Laurie Ruppert was the coach. The starting lineup was Captain Joyce Saveraid and Ilo Tesdall at forward, Lorene Weirsen and Ellen Legvold at the centers, and Beverly Antill and Marie Hellang at the guards. Other team members were Connie Hauge, Javerna Michelson, Ruth Freel, Javerna Maland, and Vivian Ritland.

There were some really outstanding athletes in the late 1930's – early 1940's. The girls of 1939-40 were Kathryn Larson, Opal Tesdall and Opal Sydnes as forwards, guards were Neomi Bjelland, Ruby Fjelland, and Daisey Dobbe.

The boys were both good in both basketball and baseball with Jerry Stoll, Lavern Helland, and Bud Hennick and Leonard Lee were excellent athletes in the early 1940's. They even had track coach by the superintendent, Mr. Golz. They participated in a track meet in Ames with several Story County teams involved.

Morris Helland got 3rd in the low hurdles, Jim Hildreth 4th in the 440 yards, Leonard Lee won 3rd in the 100 yard dash, 2nd in the 220 yard dash, 2nd in the football throw, and 1st in the shot put. Leonard advanced to district meet in Des Moines.

In 1941, a nine game home basketball season ticket cost \$1.65 and a student ticket was \$1.10. Regular admission price was \$.28 - \$.17 per game.

In the mid 1940's the basketball team were very good. Some of the good girls on the basketball team were Lucille Larson, Ruth Lee, Freda Steensland, and Darlene Dobbe.

Punkin Fjelland, Ed Larson, Bob Erickson, and John Hendricks were outstanding for the boys basketball.

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SERVICE MEMBERS—WE WANT YOUR PICTURES

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IN OR NOT IN UNIFORM.

**Pictures can be emailed, mailed, or
dropped off to Nels or the Huxley Historical
Society room at 3 C's.**



*******NOTICE *******

The Annual Meeting will be held April 28, 2014 at 6:30pm and coffee and Kringla will be served during the meeting.

The Huxley Historical Society presentation on Huxley High and Ballard Sports will be presented at the Huxley High School Alumni Reunion on June 7, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Thank You—Nels Nord, President

*******NOTICE *********Huxley Sports History Cont. from pg 3**

In the late 1940's Huxley went from the Big Six to the South Story County Conference of Huxley, Slater, Shipley, Cambridge, Colo, Maxwell, and Collins.

In the late 1940's and early fifties some of the good athletes were Gerald Paulson, Henry Siemers, Arlin Severson, Duane Severson, Frances Rullestad, Owen John Kalsem, Truman Lewis, Ron Myers, Ron Dobbe, Burnie Twedt, Dick Anderson, and Ralph Kalsem.

In 1948 against Sheldahl the baseball team completed a triple play, a feat they accomplished against Slater the previous Fall.

Sheldahl had runners on second and third with nobody out. A swift line drive to the left of shortstop Arlin Severson was snagged by the all-around athlete who whipped it to Truman Lewis at third and then covered second for the return throw from Lewis for the third out as both runners were unable to return to their bases in time and won by 9-4.

In 1950, Homer Kalsem hit a grand slam home run with two outs in the last inning to win over Cambridge 8-4. Later, Huxley advanced to the District tournament by defeating Slater 4-3 in 11 innings. Huxley won in the 11th inning when Ron Meyers blasted a triple and came home on Homer Kalsem's single.

Some of the outstanding girls basketball players of the late 1940's to early 1950's were Izetta Hill, Mary Ann Racek, Valerie Fjelland, Geraldine Fredericks, Donna Longnecker, Carrie Dueland, Janet Saveraid, Gloria Finch, Evelyn Tesddall, and Ramona Sheldahl.

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Huxley Sports History Cont.

1956-57 "SWEET SIXTEEN"



FRONT ROW, Left to Right: June Kalsem, Wanda Snider, Karen Holland, Karen Crispin, Brenda Freed, Sandra Carly. SECOND ROW: Carolyn Hillebo, Manager; Twilla Jordan, Linda Patterson, Jean Soderstrum, Min. Sepp, Coach Sepp, Norma Hyerson, Doris Overland, Connie Crispin, and Georges Severin, Manager.

From 1953-1958, the last year of the Old Huxley High, some of the good athletes were Gerald Myers, Leroy "Ace" Downs, John Hillebo, Stan Hillebo, Tommy Erickson, Tom Shaeffer, Earl Dobbe, Arvid Eide, Larry Erickson, Mark Nord, Larry Lein, Ron Swanson, Larry Shaeffer, Ron Rude, Ron Finch, and Nels Nord.

There were a lot of outstanding girls teams from 1953-1958. Carol Wilson, Darlene Kalsem, Joan Anderson, Janice Soderstrum, Mary Lou Berhow, Nona Hill, and Karen Nord were outstanding players.

The 1956-57 Huxley Vikingettes were the only team that ever made it to the "Sweet Sixteen" State Tournament. Brenda Freed, June Kalsem, Sondra Carly, Wanda Snider, Karen Crispin, and freshman Karen Holland all made the All South-Story Conference first team. Brenda Freed, June Kalsem, and Sandra Carly made the Des Moines Register and Tribune All-State honor roll. Wanda Snider was a Sixth Team All-State selection. Over two years this outstanding team was 35-11.

The last Huxley Vikingette team, 1957-58, also was really good and ended up 15-6. Karen Crispin and Wanda Snider made first team All South-Story Conference team. Jean Soderstrum and Wanda Snider were Honor Roll All-State by the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

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Huxley Sports History Cont.

The last Huxley Viking baseball team was very successful too with a 17-4 record. Larry Shaeffer, Ron Swanson, Larry Lein, Ron Finch, Mark Nord, Nels Nord, and Ron Rude led this outstanding team to the Sub-State Tournament before being beaten by Radcliffe 9-8.

1958 ended an era of old Huxley High Vikings and Vikingettes team when Huxley, Cambridge, Kelley, and Slater merged to form Ballard Community School and were named the Ballard Bombers.

Athletics got off to a good start with the baseball team went to the sub-state tournament behind the great pitching of Larry Shaeffer who eventually would become Ballard Boys Basketball coach and posted a 426-197 record, won 12 conference championships, and seven teams to the State Tournament and eventually was elected to the Coaches Hall of Fame.

Also that Fall of 1958 we had our first football team and Ray Cruse and Nels Nord were the first Captains of the Ballard High School football team.

The 1958-59 Bombers girls basketball team was exceptionally good and went to the "Sweet-Sixteen" State Tournament with a 25-2 record. Tri-Captains of the first Ballard girls basketball team were Gayla Richardson, Patte Locker, and Colleen Twedt.

Over the next 55 years there were a lot of great sports teams at Ballard High winning State Championship in Girls Basketball, Golf, Track, and Wrestling. The 1964 football team was probably the best team in the 55 years of Ballard when they were rated number one in the State in Class.

Ballard teams that won State Championships were: 1994 Boys 2A Track; 1997, 2001, 2007, 2009, and 2010 3A Boys Golf; 2008 and 2009 2A Wrestling; 2009 3A Girls Basketball; and 2012 3A Girls Softball.

The End.



Ballard Individual State Champions or named 1st Team All-State

Amanda Zimmerman - 1st Team All-State Basketball 2006, 2007,
2008, 2009

Alison Lacey - 1st Team All-State Basketball 2006

Alissa Dennis - 1st Team All-State Softball 1999, 2000

Jeremy Kovarik - 1st Team All-State Football 2000

J.J. Wulfekuhle - 1st Team All-State Football 2003

Paul Aanonson - State Champion Long Jump 2003

Matt Finch - 1st Team All-State Football 2003

Nicole Denmon - 1st Team All-State Basketball 2001, 2002

Jacob Motsinger - 1st Team All-State Soccer 2005

Alissa Dennis - State Champion Discus 1999, 2000

Trent Weatherman - State Champion Wrestling 2008, 2009

Tera Peterson - 1st Team All-State Basketball 2002, 2003

Paul Aanonson - 1st Team All-State Football 2002

Paula Krull - State Champion 100 Meter Hurdles 1993

Clint Blackburn, Amos Nelson, Marty Strouse, Curt Accola -
State Champions - 4x200 Relay 1994

Marty Strouse - 1st Team All-State Baseball 1994

Kim Thompson - 1st Team All State Basketball 1997

Sandy Saveraid - State Champion 400 Low Hurdles 1980

Phil Strouse - 1st Team All-State Baseball 1990

Chad Bennett - State Champion Wrestling 1992

Brian Hood - 1st team All-State Baseball 1989

Curt Accola - State Champion Long Jump 1994, 1995

Kim Thompson - 1st Team State Softball 1997

Clint Blackburn, B.J. Harmon, Chris Dietz, Amos Nelson State
Champions 4x4 Relay 1995

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Ballard Individual State Champions or named 1st Team All-State - Continued

Sue Ann Wheeler – 1st Team All-State Softball 1985, 1986
Brent Wright – State Champion High Jump 1985
Nick Herman – State Cross Country Champion 1997
Matt Shaeffer – 1st Team All-State basketball 1984
Todd Kolander – 1st team All-State Football 1983
Brice Petersen – 1st Team All-State Basketball 2008
Tanner Weatherman – State Wrestling Champion 2009, 2010
Brock Weatherman – State Wrestling Champion 2008, 2009
Tanner Hyatt – State Wrestling Champion 2009
Susan Kirschenman – State Golf Champion 2008, 2009
Dakota Bauer – State Wrestling Champion 2009
Tyler Grask – State Wrestling Champion 2008
Taylor Greenfield – 1st Team All-State Basketball 2009, 2010
Devin Leland – State Golf Champion 2009
Mark Baker – State Wrestling Champion 1980
Gabbrielle Doud – 1st Team All-State Basketball 2014



Thank you for being a member. We appreciate it very much.

Please consider joining as a LIFETIME member and never have to worry about renewing again.

A LIFETIME membership is easy (\$500 one time) and it means so much to HHS as we need a safe space to store the heritage we have already acquired AND your input about how best to preserve it. The HHS needs a building and archival quality storage to protect our fabulous treasures much of which are delicate photo's, fabrics, and papers.

Feel free to use the membership form on the back of this newsletter.

Be sure and come to a meeting when you can because even as we need financial assistance we also need help making good plans for our future. NOT to mention the great stories we share!

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