

# HUXLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### 2016 Calendar:

*Meetings are the 4th  
Monday of the month  
at 6:00 pm in the city  
Council Chambers*

**"The Hub"** museum is  
located at **515 N. Main** in  
the 3C's building.

### Summer Hours:

May – September  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 -10:30 am  
& Thursday 1:00-3:00 pm  
Or call 515-231-9174  
to set up a visit.

## Nords Notes

### A word from our president

~ The Huxley Creamery Company ~

Through the late 1880's and early 1890's a big problem confronted merchants of Huxley that bought butter for cash or accepted the butter in trade for merchandise. The problem was that some butter was good, some not so good, and some not fit for human consumption.

The average pioneer housewife made good butter. The secret of the success was sweet cream, coupled with cleanliness and a cool place to put the milk. The sweet cream was always in demand and brought an extra good price.

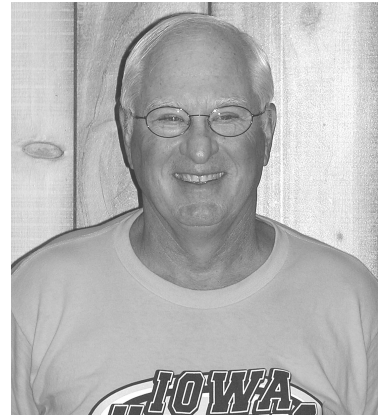
Poor butter generally made by a careless housewife, had a bad taste as well as a strong odor and was a distinct loss to the merchant as well as the producer. How to correct this condition was the problem that confronted both parties and they were eager to solve it.

A creamery was the answer to correct this problem. From Wisconsin, when the co-op creamery movement was very strong, came reports that they were very successful. Creameries sprang up and were established in Story City, Roland, McCallsburg, Ames, Nevada, and Slater. A meeting of the citizens in and around Huxley was held at the Huxley hall on December 19th 1896 for the purpose of organizing and building a co-op creamery. S.S. Helland was elected chairman and John Johnson secretary.

It was decided A.H. Sheldahl was to go to Roland to gain information to plan a creamery in Huxley and how many cows and how much milk it would require to pay the expenses.

More meetings were held on December 29 and December 31 and anyone who was present who chose to use the Norwegian language was free to do so. The cow committee reported that they had 375 cows that they could get milk from. The Huxley Creamery came into existence the last day of December 1896.

The stockholders chose L.N. Bauge as President, John Stenberg, secretary, and A.L. Kloster as treasurer. Directors were A.H. Sheldahl, Nels R Sydnes, and L.S. Heggen.



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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.*

### The Creamery—cont'd from page 1

They hired J.F. Burrets from the Roland creamery as the buttermaker and he also helped plan the building and buying the equipment.

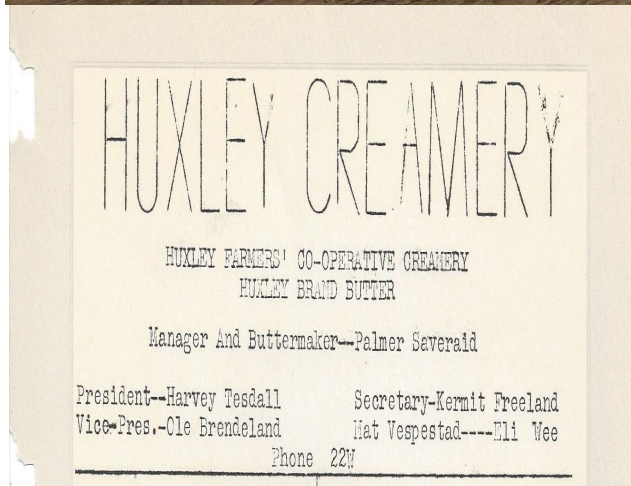
The creamery opened for business on May 11<sup>th</sup> 1897 and 10,000 pounds of milk was received. Every year new patrons were added and the results was a good output of butter that that total sales was \$114,000.00.

The creamery incorporated in January 1902 and the name of the creamery was changed from Huxley Farmers Creamery Company to the Huxley Farmers Co-Operative Creamery Company.

P.J. Severaid succeeded Burrets as buttermaker in May of 1900 and served for many years. Other buttermakers were Orcan Olson, O.J. Jensen, Jens Bjing, Leonard Eklund, Ed McCarthy, Palmer Severaid, and Herb Halverson.

The creamery closed down in the early 1960's, but I remember around 1957 or 1958 they served soft serve ice cream on the south side of the creamery.

Nels A. Nord President, HHS





## 103rd Birthday Celebration

Over 130 friends and family came to wish Elizabeth a very happy birthday on February 13th. Elizabeth greeted each guest with a warm smile and a twinkle in her eye. Many thanks to everyone who was able to spend time with her and to those who weren't able to attend and sent her birthday greetings. A special thanks to volunteers who made Elizabeth's birthday celebration possible and also to the staff of Ballard Creek Community. Many, many thanks to all who donated monetary gifts to the Maland Home in honor of Elizabeth's 103rd birthday!



*Elizabeth celebrated her 103rd birthday on February 16th.*



L-R: Ethan DeBrower, Nancy Slife-Stoll, Elizabeth, Carrie Evans  
2nd row: Leslie DeBrower, Marsha Kenney-Stoll



Elizabeth, Rowena & Nels Nord



L-R: front row: Nancy Fausch, Elizabeth Maland, Julie Huxford  
middle row: Melanie Fausch, Vincent Peterson, Casey Huxford, Chelsea Fausch, Ellen Huxford, Kari Sandquist, Jeannie Williams  
back row: Mitchell Peterson, Ryan Peterson, Cody Fausch, Kyle Limoges, Craig Fausch



L-R: front row—Darlene Kalsem, Elizabeth,  
2nd row—sisters Julie McAuliff, Lori Hill, Susie Schaudt

COME JOIN US !!

## HUXLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Fjord Style—Norwegian Meatball Dinner

April 16th 2016 4:00-7:00 pm

Goodwill donations accepted

### RSVP :

Delila Roberts

515-597-2782 or

HHS@huxcomm.net

### Nord-Kalsem Community Center

204 W. 5th St, Huxley

**Maland Home Fundraiser**—Funds raised will help cover expenses of the Maland Home.

Carry-outs available

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## *A Gift of Love*

*The deed to the Maland Home has been transferred to the  
Huxley Historical Society!*

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Joshua Schaudt & Christopher Schaudt

This pump organ belonged to the grandparents of Elizabeth and Javerna Maland and Palmer Saveraid. It was moved to the Maland home on Easter Sunday.

Three of Palmer and Jean Saveraid's great grandsons, Bryan Hill, Christopher Schaudt and Joshua Schaudt placed the organ in the living room.

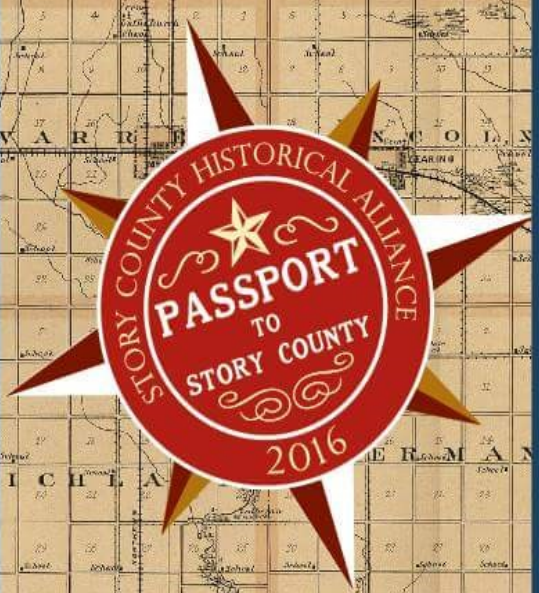
These boys are cousins of Elizabeth and Javerna and are also great, great, great grandsons of the original owners, John and Elizabeth Severeid.



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The Story County Historical Alliance is pleased to announce a trip back in time this Summer! Do you enjoy history? Do you enjoy traveling? Do you enjoy discovering new things? Then you're going to enjoy this Passport activity! The 11 museums in Story County invite you to come visit this summer. They are located in Ames, Cambridge, Gilbert, Huxley, Kelley, Maxwell, Nevada, Roland, Slater, Story City, and Zearing. You can pick up a Passport booklet from any of the museums to begin your journey. Once you've visited each museum, mail in your Passport for a chance to win a gift basket which will include an item from each of the participating museums!

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No purchase necessary, just visit all eleven Story County Historical Alliance organizations between now and Labor Day to receive a stamp. Then return full passports to:

The Museums of Story City  
P.O. Box 104, Story City, IA 50248

by September 12 for a chance to win a Story County themed gift basket!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLORE THE HISTORY OF STORY COUNTY, IOWA			
<b>Ames Historical Society</b> 416 Douglas Avenue Ames, IA 50010 (515)232-2148 Hours: Mon-Fri 1-5, Sat 10-4	<b>Cambridge Historical Association</b> 504 3rd St Cambridge, IA 50046 (515)220-4478 Hours: Open June 25, July 9, 23, August 6, 20 9 am - noon	<b>Gilbert Community Historical Society</b> 209 Main St Gilbert, IA 50105 (515)708-2808 - director Hours: Tuesdays 4-6 pm and by appointment	<b>Huxley Historical Society "The Hub"</b> 515 N. Main Ave Huxley, IA 50124 hhs@huxcomm.net Hours: Thursdays 1pm-3pm
<b>Kelley Historical Hall</b> 1004 Hubbel Street Kelley, IA 50134 (515)769-2355 Hours: Mon-Fri 9 am - noon	<b>The Community Historical Society</b> 101 Main Street (North Building) Maxwell, IA 50161, (515) 387-8742 Hours: Sundays and holidays, 1-4pm, Memorial Day - Labor Day, and by appointment	<b>Nevada Community Historical Society</b> Evergreen Lane Museum Complex 1204 H Avenue, Nevada, Iowa 50201 (515)382-6703 Hours: Sunday 2-4 pm	<b>Roland Historical Society</b> 104 E. Poplar St. Roland, IA 50236 (515)388-4031 Hours: Sunday 1-4 pm Memorial Day - Labor Day or by appointment
<b>Slater Area Historical Association</b> 318 First Ave Slater, IA 50244 Office (515)228-3832 Cell (515)480-9789 Hours: Thursday 10am-2pm	<b>Museums of Story City</b> 619 Grand Ave Story City, IA 50248 (515)460-1749 Hours: Wed-Fri 12-5 pm, Memorial Day-Labor Day, Sun 1-3 pm	<b>Heritage Room</b> 101 E Main St Zearing, IA 50278 Open by appt only contact Ava Haun (785)221-1573	<b>Thank You</b> For your support of local historical research and preservation!
Designed by Molly Nagel, Upper Story Studio, 518 Broad St Suite #3 Story City, Iowa 50248			

## A Stroll down Highway 69— a note from our member

Dear Janet,

I certainly appreciated the Huxonian and especially all about Midvale—it resonated instantly!

Brother Jim (Hwy 69 S. Ames) and I & dad (Porter—Kelley) deceased (buried in Lincoln Cemetery) all went to Midvale a multitude of times! We picked up calf feed, chicken feed, etc. And before coming home Jim & I received a candy bar—the hi-lite of the trip!

The peak years for Midvale (I will speculate) were about 1942 to 1952! Midvale was a “bee-hive” of activity during those years! Many of the customers that counted are resting in Lincoln Cemetery. Including Ole & Porter Kalsem, Grant Rullestead, Stenslands, etc etc. Try to speak to Jim sometime & get his recall on that chapter of history!

Midvale had most of the criteria for incorporation but just not quite enough. Maybe in the “next—life” it will make it!! Ha!

Janet, you did a nice job of including a lot of detail and research findings! I’ve always been interested in searching my roots as we go thru life filling in the gaps!

Now I’m 81 & had a very busy life. After graduating in 1953 from Huxley, I was twice in the military, 20 years of teaching (west coast & Iowa), 37 years in machinery business (still am) and a host of other endeavors including auctioneering.

I want to thank all your officers for their interest & enlightenment.

My regards to you all,

Roger Kalsem

Roger,

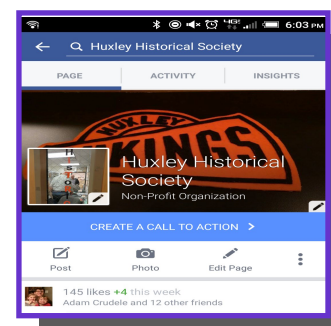
Thank you for the kind words and the letter containing your memories of Midvale! We certainly enjoyed them as we know the rest of our members will too!

Janet, HHS Secretary

If you have stories and photos you would like to share, please send them to the Huxley Historical Society. You can either send them by email to [hhs@huxcomm.net](mailto:hhs@huxcomm.net) or by mail to  
HHS, 515 N Main St, Huxley, IA 50124



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### Meet your 2016 HHS Board Members

L-R:

Nels Nord—President—serving since 2005

Judie Weyer—member-at-large— serving since December 2015

Delila Roberts—Vice President—serving since February 2015

Janet Stoll—Secretary—serving since July 2010

Scott Petersen—Treasurer—serving since 2007

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Photos of our local service men and women are on the Huxley Historical Society Facebook page. We would be proud to add additional photos to this gallery!



### MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS—WE WANT YOUR PICTURES PAST, PRESENT, AND CURRENT

**Pictures can be emailed, mailed, or dropped off at the Huxley Historical Society museum “The Hub” located inside the 3 C’s building.**



Display case for our military photos was donated recently by Huxley resident Jon Barton !!

# 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 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.

Please come to a meeting when you can, as you are what make HHS what it is. We value your help making good plans for our future. NOT to mention the great stories we share!

The following are Lifetime members committed to HHS.

Donald & Anglea Anderson  
Richard & Beverly Anderson  
Boyd Antill & Mary Tomlinson  
Marilyn Baldus  
John Berhow  
Omar & Valerie Brendeland  
LeRoy & Diane Cronk  
LeRoy & Ruth Dobbe  
Duane & Barbara Finch  
Bruce & Sandy Halverson  
Orville & Dolores Hauge  
Charles Helland  
Laverne & Elaine Helland  
Robert & Darlene Hermann  
David & Cheryl Kalsem

Homer & Kay Kalsem  
Owen "John" & Ann Kalsem  
Dean & Diane Lande  
Paul & Deana Larson  
Arlo & Joann Ledet  
Elizabeth & Javerna Maland  
Don & Donna Nord  
Nels & Rowena Nord  
Dr. Kirk & Liz Peterson  
Steve & Anne Quick  
Paul & Florence Sandve  
Harriet Sheldahl  
Avis Steensland  
David & Verda Tesdall  
Gary & Janet Thompson



# Graduating classes of 1922 — 1961 are invited to the 2016 Annual Huxley High School Alumni Reunion

## **Huxley High School Alumni Reunion** *for*

Graduates & Spouses of Huxley High School  
**June 11, 2016 (Saturday)**

Huxley City Hall Safe Room  
515 North Main Avenue  
Huxley – 515-231-9174  
Social Time: 3:30 p.m.  
Announcements: 5:30 p.m.  
Catered Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

*Program:*  
**Huxley  
Historical Society  
Annual  
Presentation**

**REUNION COMMITTEE**

Dellia (Peterson) Roberts  
Duane Finch  
Marge (Kalsem) Muench  
Charlotte (Johnson) Nutty  
Jolene (Evans) Wilhelm  
Marilyn (Cronk) Whetstone  
Nels Nord

Treasurer Diane (Peterson) Cronk-

515-597-2782 [lroberts@huxcomm.net](mailto:lroberts@huxcomm.net)  
515-768-2219 [bdfinch@aol.com](mailto:bdfinch@aol.com)  
515-280-9291  
515-280-9243  
515-964-2385 [JJWIL34@aol.com](mailto:JJWIL34@aol.com)  
515-232-7459 [Grankringia1@aol.com](mailto:Grankringia1@aol.com)  
515-231-9174 [np4hawks@hotmail.com](mailto:np4hawks@hotmail.com)  
515-367-4628 [sheepmando@huxcomm.net](mailto:sheepmando@huxcomm.net)

It is always fun to see old school pictures and memorabilia from our high school days. Display tables will be available for showing your keepsakes. Huxley Historical Society continues to collect Huxley area history.

Checks Payable to: **Huxley Alumni Reunion**

Payment Due by: **June 1, 2016**

Mail to:

**Diane Cronk**  
**4281 NE 150<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Elkhart, IA 50073**

Names who will attend \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**If you desire a Huxley-Grad Master List contact a committee member.**

**2016 Membership Form—Clip or Copy and Mail**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_   
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle the options that apply:**

2016 Annual Membership	\$20
Lifetime Membership	\$500
HHS donation	\$_____
Maland Home donation	\$_____
2nd ed. DVD Purchase	\$20
S&H for DVD	\$2.50
Total	\$_____

Mail To:

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE  
CONTACT US AT ONE OF THE  
FOLLOWING:

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EMAIL: HHS@HUXCOMM.NET

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Huxley Iowa, 50124



*Please remember to renew your 2016 dues*