

HUXLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Website: www.huxleyhistoricalsociety.org

VOLUME 9 ISSUE 3

Summer 2016

2016 Officers

President

Nels Nord

Vice President

Delila Roberts

Secretary

Janet Stoll

Treasurer

Scott Petersen

Member-at-Large

Judie Weyer

Newsletter

Janet Stoll

Webpage

Michele Kalsem

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 Nels to set up a visit
515-231-9174

Nords Notes

~ A word from our HHS president ~

One of the more respected and nicest person I ever have known was Ben Anfinson, Huxley Consolidated School janitor.

Bernard Julis Anfinson was born July 12, 1894 in Story City, Iowa. He was known to all Huxley students as "Ben" and was associated with Huxley School as a custodian and engineer for over 20 years.

Ben went from Story City to Dilke, Saskatchewan, Canada, and then to Gurken, Shyberg, West Concord, and Wanamingo, MN to engage in farming. He then worked in Chicago, IL before coming to Huxley on December 17, 1935.

Ben was married to Minerva Sheldahl in 1922. They had four children – Eugene, Anthony, Maxine, and Bernard, all Huxley High graduates.

Ben was very talented and engaged in various kinds of work over the years. He had farmed, been a Bakelite molder, and elevator operator in Chicago.

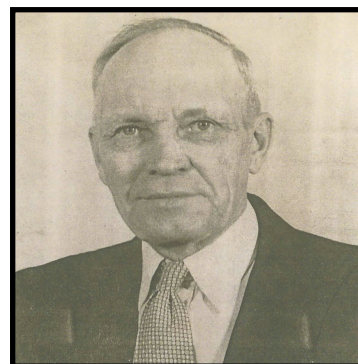
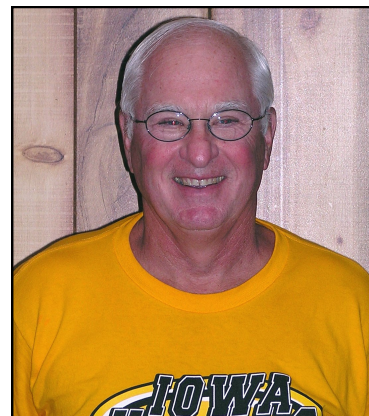
I remember when Ben bought the Dairy Sweet in 1956 on Highway 69 and operated it for several years. During the summer for many years, Ben did painting, built some homes in Huxley, operated kiddie rides which he built, and sold popcorn at carnivals and at the Huxley Horse Show.

Ben was a very talented musician both singing and playing the tuba and bass drum. He belonged to the Fjeldberg church choir and was a member of the Ames Municipal band, Story City band, Roland band, National Guard band of Iowa and Illinois, and the Huxley Municipal band.

Ben passed away March 26, 1967.

Nels A. Nord

President, HHS



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 High School Reunion Dinner

The Huxley High School Reunion committee wants to give special recognition to Delila Roberts. She serves as Vice President of the Huxley Historical Society and she also serves as a key member of the Huxley Grad Reunion Committee. Delila is the catalyst that makes our Reunion Committee meet all their obligations.

The 2016 Huxley Grad Reunion was held at the Safe Room in Huxley – June 11th. 73 grads and spouses were in attendance. A catered dinner by Comfort Food and BBQ had positive reviews. All who attend enjoy the time to meet again and remember.

After dinner Delila Roberts presented the program. Huxley High School Grads are the last organized Huxley group who represent the early heritage of Huxley. Many of the grads belong to families who settled Huxley in the early years. For this reason the Huxley Historical Society is interested in keeping Huxley grads connected with the Huxley Historical Society.

The Maland Home was the theme of Delila's remarks to the grads. The Maland Home was a 2016 gift to the Huxley Historical Society from Elizabeth and Javerna Maland. These sisters were the last to live in the home that their parents built in 1913. Elizabeth now lives at Ballard Creek Community in Huxley. She recently celebrated her 103rd birthday.

Several fund raising events have already taken place to benefit the Maland Home: a February birthday party at Ballard Creek Community for Elizabeth on her 103rd birthday and a Fjord Norwegian dinner at the Nord-Kalsem Shelter House in April. The society will sponsor "Pie on the Porch" event at the Maland Home on Sunday July 24th. All are invited to have pie and tour the HHS Maland Home.

The Huxley Grad Reunion Dinner ended the evening singing several old-time classic songs. Carl Anderson, husband of Virginia (Peterson) Anderson '55, led the singing.

Thanks again to Delila Roberts for her steady influence.

~ Duane & Barbara Finch ~Kelley Historical Hall~

***** 2017 Reunion is on the calendar for June 10th *****

The Maland Home Fjord Norwegian meal was a tremendous success! It was held on April 16th at the Nord-Kalsem Community Center. 150 meals were served! Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed the Norwegian meatballs, rice pudding, and shared your stories.

Many thanks to the Maland Home Committee who made this event possible.
~ Celeste Allen, Diane Cronk, Judy Fausch, Nancy Fausch, Lori Hill, Darlene Kalsem, Jolene Lettow, Claudette Peterson, Delila Roberts, Susie Schaudt, Linda Sharpnack, Janet Stoll, Jeannie Williams, as well as, Jolene's daughter Samantha, and Rowena Nord. ~

Special thanks to the Huxley Fareway for your donations and to the Tri-County Times for advertising our event.



Jolene, Diane, Samantha, Delila



Judy & Claudette



Meal Prep—many great cooks in this kitchen!

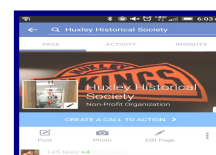


l-r: Rowena, Claudette, Judy, Diane, Jolene, Delila, Janet, & Nancy



Like us on Facebook !!

Website: www.huxleyhistoricalsociety.org



Lincoln Lutheran Church

The Lincoln Lutheran Church of Huxley, often referred to as the “Hauge Church”, belonged to the Hagues Synod. It was located two blocks west of Main Street, on the corner of South Fourth Avenue.

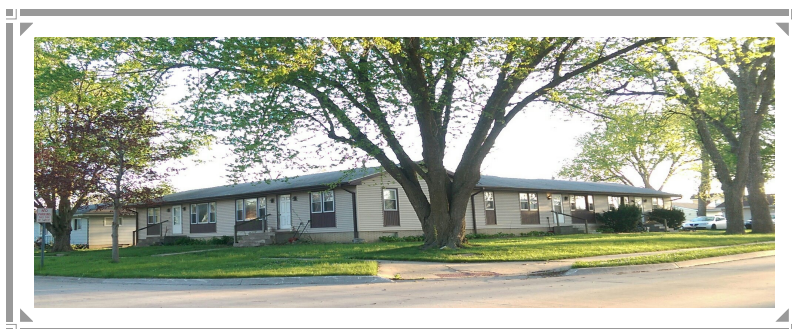
The Church was organized in 1871 and was always a rather small congregation. The church was closed in 1949. After it was closed, other churches made use of the building as a mission facility. Several local people said that children, who found it too far to go to Palestine Sunday School, at times would attend the Sunday School at the Lincoln Church. The Palestine congregation also used the building for worship services while their own church was being remodeled in 1954-55.

The building was torn down in 1970 and the property sold to Dan Lynam who built a duplex. Dean Cretsinger bought the property in 1974 and converted it into a four-plex the next year. Looking at the multi-dwelling unit, it's hard to visualize a busy church occupying the space.

The pastors who served the Lincoln Lutheran Church were: Endre Johannesen, 1871-75; I. Eisteinsen, 1875-78; H. Hendricksen, 1878-84; I. Eisteinsen, 1882-84; P.L. Solberg, 1884-85; C.C. Holter, 1885-87; N.G. Petersen, 1887-91; O.P. Svinger, 1892-97; J.N. Sandven, 1898-99; G.C. Gjerstad, 1899-1904; N.J. Lohre, 1904-05; S.E. Hanson, 1905-09; G.O. Paulsrud, 1909-10; P.O. Wee, 1910-18; Edward Duea, 1918-26; Carl S. Vang, 1927-28; Olaf Holen, 1928-30; P.O. Buland, 1930-37; G.O. Mona 1939, July to November, and J. Aarhus, 1947-49. Records could not be found to fill the gaps between pastorates.



~ Then ~



~ Now ~

Huxley Historical Society

invites you to visit Huxley's
newest historic landmark



*Join us for
"Pie on the Porch"*

*Pie on the Porch at the Maland Home
306 N. 1st Avenue*

Sunday, July 24

2:00-4:00 pm

\$5.00 for a slice of pie and a slice of history!!

Have you ever sat on the Maland Porch with Elizabeth and Javerna Maland? We are putting together a scrapbook of memories and we would love to hear about your visit(s)!!

You can send them to us either thru snail mail or email:

Huxley Historical Society, 515 N Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124 or hhs@huxcomm.net

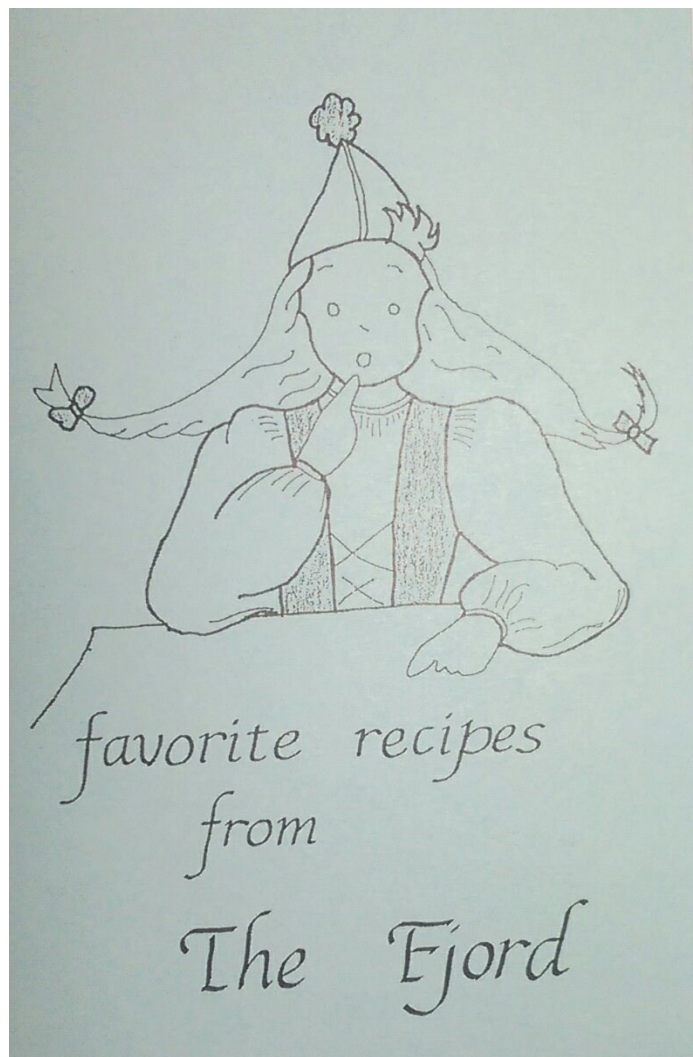
Bonnie Erickson, former owner of the famous Huxley restaurant “The Fjord” graciously gave the Huxley Historical Society permission to make copies of the recipe book “favorite recipes from The Fjord.”

For \$5.00 + \$2.00 s&h this recipe booklet can be yours! Order form is on page 8.

Or, order two and give one to a friend or family member!



Fritz & Bonnie Erickson



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.

The Creamery — notes from our members

One Summer Man/Boy Job

Working at the Huxley Creamery was good work that I enjoyed but often found it challenging as a teenager. I recall being outside on a dock made of heavy planks where the farmers lifted their 5 and/or 10 gallon cans. Here was I, a skinny kid out in the warm heat using a rubber mallet to help open the milk containers. After opening the can, I lifted and dumped the milk that went into a huge butter churn inside the creamery. My memory escapes but I think the next step was to scrub the inside of the can before lifting the empty can upside down over the steamer and pull a lever that shot the steam up into the can. The lid was washed before replacing the lids on the empties. I titled this "Man/Boy Job" because it often took all the strength I had to lift a full 10 gallon can to dump out the milk.

I also worked indoors and learned how to wrap the butter and put it in the Huxley Butter Box. I think that once I was asked to get inside one of the churns to wash it down. It was a good Summer learning and working with the manager and all the employees who treated me well.



LeRoy Dobbe ~ Class of 1947 ~

Interesting story. I remember a lot of that too. Remember bringing those big milk cans & dropping them off on the dock on south side of creamery. Palmer was head of the creamery then. I remember making the butter. The big slabs of butter then a big cutter that cut them into size to package. I remember how clean everything was. Always hosing off the concrete floors. Good memories. Peter Saveraid who was in charge of creamery in early 1900s was my grandfather. Then he moved to Boone where he had the creamery there. They lived not too far from Mamie Eisenhower's house.

Nancy Sheehy ~ Class of 1959 ~

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 or by mail to
HHS, 515 N Main St, Huxley,
IA 50124

Memories from Working at the Huxley Creamery

When I worked at the creamery, Saturdays were the day that the creamery would churn butter. After the butter was made the drain on the large churn was opened and the buttermilk was dumped into a floor drain. Every Saturday two bachelor brothers who lived in Huxley, Martin (aka Christmas) and Gunder (aka New Year) would bring a 2 ½ gallon milk can over and fill it with buttermilk. They would take the buttermilk home and soak whole kernels of field corn in it overnight and then eat it the next morning for breakfast. For this reason they always raised a small patch of field corn behind their home in Huxley, planting it in the spring and hand harvesting it as needed throughout the winter months. Their method for planting their field of corn was that in the spring Gunder would pull last year's stalk out of the ground and Martin would drop a kernel of corn in the hole where the old stalk stood and then step on it to plant it firmly in the ground. Their nicknames of Christmas and New Year were due to the fact that Martin always walked ahead and Gunder would follow about two feet behind him, just as on the calendar New Years always follows Christmas.

LeRoy Cronk ~ Class of 1952 ~

New LIFETIME members were recognized at the April meeting:

Richard and Beverly Anderson ~ Marilyn Baldus ~ LeRoy and Ruth Dobbe ~ Bruce and Sandy Halverson

Charles Helland ~ Paul and Donna Larson ~ Arlo and Joann Ledet ~ Margaret Nelson

Steve and Anne Quick ~ Arlene Wee



Paul Larson



Bruce & Sandy Halverson

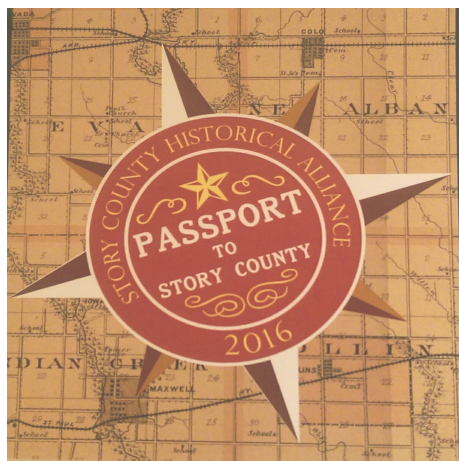


Steve Quick

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.



Story County Historical Alliance "Passport" Program

The Story County Historical Alliance, made up of the member communities of Huxley, Ames, Cambridge, Gilbert, Kelley, Maxwell, Roland, Slater, Story City, and Zearing has announced a "Passport" program for their visitors. Just visit all 11 of the historical organizations between now and Labor Day, receiving a stamp in your passport at each location. Then return the full passports to the museums of Story City for a chance to win a gift basket. Passports are available at each site.

2016 Membership Form—Clip or Copy and Mail

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

PHONE: NELS NORD 515-231-9174

EMAIL: HHS@HUXCOMM.NET



August 26—28, 2016

2016 Theme—"Board Games"

Parade Saturday the 27th at 10 a.m.

Watch for the "Fjord" "Viking Ship" in the parade!

Join us right after the parade for a

good ole pie eating contest

Divisions: Kids & Adults

Name _____
Address _____

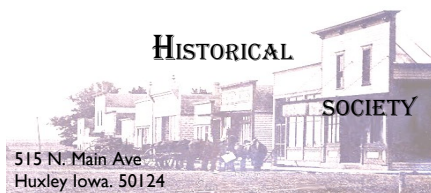
Email _____
Phone _____

2016 Annual Membership	\$ 20.00
Lifetime Membership	\$ 500.00
HHS donation	\$ _____
Maland Home donation	\$ _____
The Fjord recipe booklet	\$ 5.00
S&H for booklet	\$ 2.00
2nd ed. DVD Purchase	\$ 20.00
S&H for DVD	\$ 2.50
Total	\$ _____

Mail To: **HHS-515 N. Main Ave-Huxley Iowa. 50124**

Office use only: check # _____ date of check _____
email _____ label _____ member list _____

HUXLEY



Please remember to renew your 2016 dues

Website: www.huxleyhistoricalsociety.org

