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2018 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.

Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 - 10:30 am

or call Nels to set up a visit
515-231-9174

Nord's Notes

~ A word from our president ~

History of the Ballard District

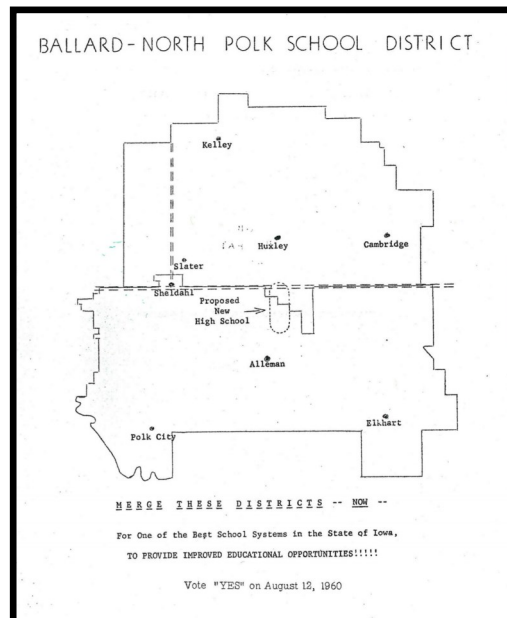
The Ballard Community School District became an official school district on July 1, 1957, even though the first classes didn't start until Sept. 2, 1958.

The reorganization election was held on May 1, 1957. The result was an 89% approval by voters from Cambridge, Huxley, Kelley and Slater.

Miss Eulalia Jensen, Administrative Assistant in the County Superintendent's Office, is credited with naming the district after Ballard Creek, which flows almost directly across the entire Ballard district.

For the first year of operation, no superintendent of schools was appointed. Each building administrator from the former districts met with the Board of Education each month. Mr. O. E. Lester, who was superintendent of the Huxley Consolidated School District, was appointed superintendent of the Ballard Community School District in 1958.

The Board of Education were: Ole Eide, member at large, represented the former rural independent school districts; L. J. Martin, the Cambridge area, Gerrish Severson, the Huxley area, Clyde Wilson, the Kelley area, Kermit Granseth, the Slater area, Tom Dunlap was treasurer and Burton Tesdall was secretary.



Forty-seven teachers and administrators were employed the first year of organization. In 1957-58, the total enrollment was 814.

The first year of Ballard in the Fall of 1958, the High School and Junior High were located in Huxley. Slater, Cambridge, and Kelley retained their schools for elementary education.

On August 12, 1960, there was a vote to consolidate the Ballard-North Polk School Districts and a new school to be built just one mile South of Huxley at Hwy 210 and Highway 69, but it failed.

A new High School was built in 1962 and dedication of the new school was September 9, 1962. The new school was located where the Jr. High is now.

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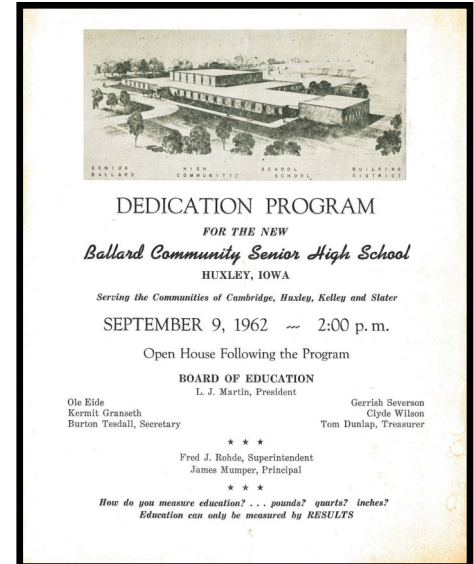
MISSION STATEMENT : *To engage the Community of Huxley, Iowa in the preservation, education, and celebration of our heritage and ancestry. To preserve for research and education, the artifacts, information, and verbal histories about the lives of the people of Huxley from its pioneer origins to the present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

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It has been 60 years this Fall when Ballard was started on Sept. 2, 1958. The Homecoming Committee honored our class of 59 at the Homecoming Parade this Fall.

I was part of the first Ballard football game played on Sept. 19, 1958 at the Slater Nite-Hawk field against United Community, which we won 15-12. Ray Cruse and I were the first co-captains of Ballard Football and Dean Cramer was the first football coach.

Nels A. Nord
President, Huxley Historical Society



The first senior class of Ballard started on Sept. 2, 1958. Huxley, Cambridge, Slater and Kelley reorganized on May 1, 1957.

There were 31 students from Huxley & Kelley, 12 from Cambridge, and 12 from Slater for a total of 54 classmates. Unfortunately, classmate Dick Warren from Cambridge was killed in a hunting accident over Christmas break. There were 24 girls and 29 boys in the graduating class of "59". The first class of 53 members graduated from Ballard High School on Friday, May 22, 1959.

The class of 1959 will be holding their 60th class reunion in 2019!



Ballard Community High School 2018 Homecoming float
Front row: Monte Lantz, David Halverson, Carolyn (Gill) Sesker,
 Judy (Floden) Weyer, Rowena (Accola) Nord, Nels Nord
Back row: Ron Finch, David Kalsem, Joyce Williams

It was a Picture Perfect Day on the Porch!

On Sunday afternoon, September 23, we were blessed with a beautiful Fall day to host the third annual Fall fundraiser event at the Maland Home. It was just the kind of day Javerna and Elizabeth Maland would have loved to welcome guests to their porch.

This year, instead of Pie on the Porch, we dished up ice cream and numerous toppings for the delicious Sundaes on the Porch.

Julie Huxford decorated the tables beautifully with flowers from her flower garden. The cutest little pumpkins were added to the decorations from Helen Kepler's garden. Corn stalks and pumpkins, from their garden, were placed around The Maland Home sign for that great Fall harvest look by Tim and Julie Huxford. All the touches made the house look so festive! Thank you to all!!

Mike Kalsem shared several articles and photos from past thrashing events at the Kalsem farm. Thank you Mike!

Guests enjoyed their time visiting on the porch, touring the home, and viewing the Kalsem farm photos.

Thank you to all who attended! We very much appreciate your support. Thank you to all for helping us keep the Maland Home going for current and future generations.

If anyone has an idea for a future fundraising event for The Maland Home, please let us know.

Thank you,

Susie Schaudt, Maland Home Committee member

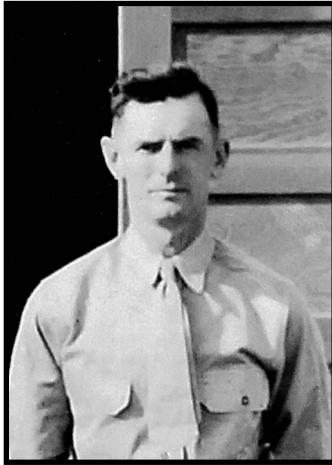


↑↓ Kalsems galore on the front porch! ↓↑





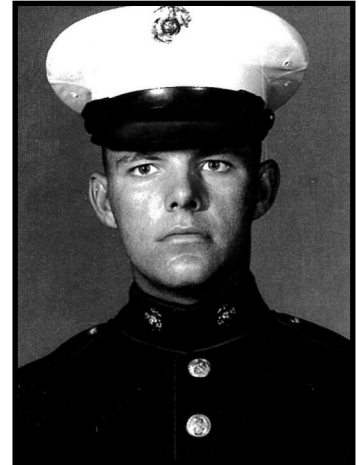
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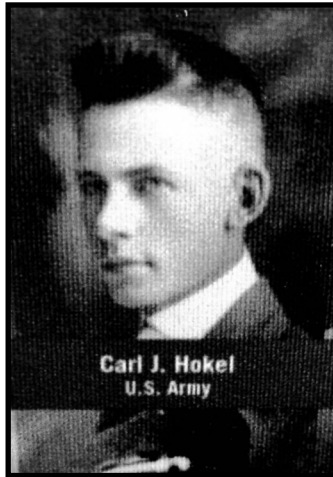
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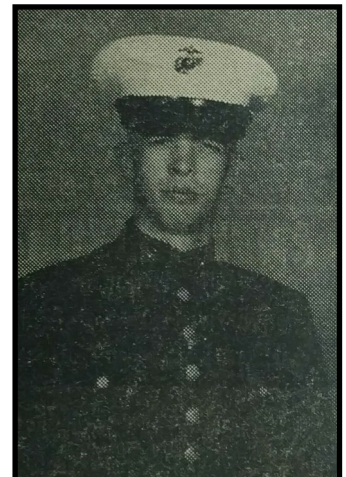
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Carl Hokel
U.S. Marine Corp



Tommy Jordan
U.S. Army



Alan M. Lantz
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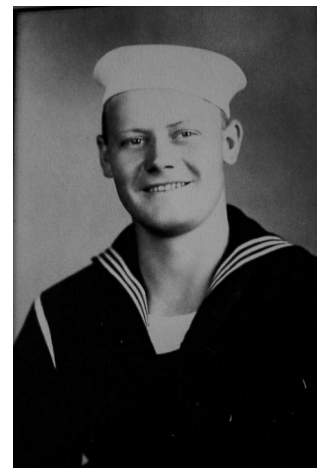
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Doug Martin
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Johnnie Ness
U.S. Army



Lawrence Ness
U.S. Army



Gene Newgaard
U.S. Army



Lester Ritland
U.S. Army - KIA



Joye H. Severaid
U.S. Navy



Paul J. Severaid
U.S. Air Force



Jerrold M. Stoll
U.S. Marine Corp



Arnold W. Tesdall
U.S. Army



Mervin B. Tesdall
U.S. Army Air Corp



Wilma Tesdall
"Iowa's" Rosie the Riveter
Solar Air Craft - Des Moines

We are still in need of the following photos:

Gene Lloyd Ames - US Navy - WW II - KIA
Raymond Anderson - US Army - WW II
Anthony Anfinson - US Army - WW II
Eugene Anfonson - US Army - WW II
Delbert Bennett - US Army - WW II
Leonard Berg - US Navy - WW II
Gerhard Birkestrand - US Army - WW II
Weir Birkestrand - US Army - WW II
John Boardson - US Army - WW II - KIA
Kenneth P. Christiansen - National Guard - WW II - KIA
John Douglas - US Navy - WW II
Don Duncan - US Air Force
Ben Erickson - WW I
Clarence B. Fatland - WW I
Leonard H. Foley - US Army - Vietnam
Sherrill Freed - US Army - WW II
John Hally - US Navy Air Corp - WW II
Sanford Handeland - US Army - WW II

Kenneth B. Hermann Jr - US Navy - Vietnam
Alden Hill - US Army - WW II
Robert Hill - US Army Air Corp - WW II
Wayne Ingram - US Army - WW II
Burns Kalsem - US Army - WW II
Faltin Kalsem - US Army - WW II
George Edgar Keller - WW I
Arnold Lande - US Navy - WW II
Emory Lande - US Navy - WW II
Sherrill Lande - US Army - WW II
Douglas Lantz - US Army - WW II
Robert Larson - US Navy - WW II
K. Knute Lee - WW I
Ole Legvold Jr - US Army - WW II
Archie Maland - US Army - WW II
Joe Marvelli - US Army - WW II
Burton Nagel - US Army - WW II
Martin L. Nass - WW I
Seward O.A. Nass - WW I
Obert Overland - US Army - WW II
Oscar Overland - US Army - WW II
Sherman Risvold - US Navy - WW II
Charles Ritland - US Army - WW II
Donald Ritland - US Navy Air Corp - WW II

Jennings A. Ritland - US Army - WW I
Obert Ryerson - US Army Air Corp - WW II
Harold Steensland - US Army - WW II
Sherman Steensland - US Army - WW II
Sean M. Stoll - Army National Guard
Stanley Sydnes - US Army - WW II
Duane M. Taylor - US Air Force - Vietnam
Herbert Tesdall - US Army - WW II
Gunder Thompson - WW I
Martin Thompson - WW I
Osmund J. Tweedt - WW I
Silas Tweedt - US Army Air Corp - WW II
Andrew O. Wenos - WW I
Alfred "Emil" Westvold - US Army - WW II - KIA
Michael Westvold - US Navy
Luther Williams - US Marine Corp - WW II - KIA

APRON SHOW

presented by
Arlene Bates

Monday, October 25th, was a beautiful and fun evening at the Maland Home.

Arlene read the history of the apron to a group of 35 women that were gathered in the living room and dining room.

She also brought along a few of her favorites to share with her audience. The aprons ranged from feed sack cloth for everyday home use to the very delicate fabrics used when entertaining or at bridal showers and weddings.

Also on display were aprons made by Arlene's mother, Leona Larson, and her grandmas Lydia Brendeland and Alice Larson.

Thank you to the Maland Home Committee for inviting Arlene to share her love of aprons!



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303 likes so far!

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





Join us for Pancakes by Don!

Saturday, November 3, 7 am - 11 am

Nord-Kalsem Shelterhouse
204 W. 4th Street, Huxley

Serving pancakes, sausages & beverages

Fundraiser for operating expenses at the Maland Home

Huxley Historical Society

Nord-Kalsem Military Display

We've started moving our military photos and artifacts.

We're in the process of creating a wall gallery for all of the military photos that have been graciously shared by you and we hope to have it completed by the pancake breakfast!



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******* SAVE THE DATE *******

Pancakes with Don !!*Nord-Kalsem Shelter 204 W 4th St**Saturday - Nov 3rd - 7am-11am**FREE WILL Donation***Christmas Open House - Maland Home***306 N 1st Ave - Sunday - Dec 9th - 5pm-7pm*

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