

# HUXLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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~ We Need You ~

## 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 ~

### Huxley Grows

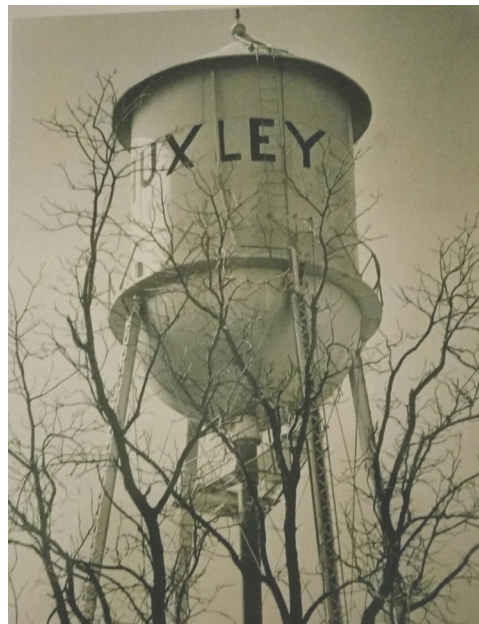
When Huxley was founded in 1882, the village consisted of four blocks beginning on the East with First Avenue and extending West to Fourth Avenue. It was properly plotted and recorded by the Milwaukee Land Company. In 1885, Block 5, the 1<sup>st</sup> addition was added to the West, and Fifth Avenue was created.

The Huxley Land Company formed in 1906. Peter T. Brown was president and A.E. Nass was secretary. Other members were A. L. Kloster, John V. Kalsem, Lewis Berhow, Peter D. Johnson, Ole Eide and Nels Helland.

The first transaction was when John Dobbe purchased two lots on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and the framed schoolhouse was moved from South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 310 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

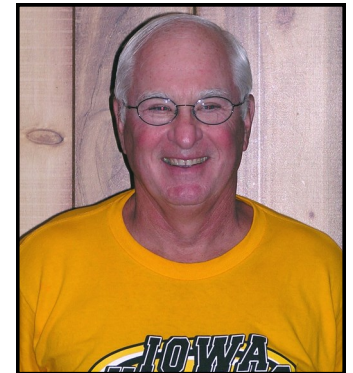
Huxley was incorporated in 1902 and at that time became a town. By state law, in the 1970's, all incorporated villages and towns became cities, and Huxley was known as the City of Huxley.

In the early 1900'S, few services were needed. There was no water, sewer system, street lighting and no sidewalks until 1907. Huxley did not have a water system in 1919 when fire destroyed much of the east side of Main Street.



In 1920, the first water tower was built. In the late 1980's it was taken down and a new water tower was built. Also, in 1920, a new city hall was built with a jail in the basement. That building still exists and is located just north of Huxley Communications who now owns the building.

In 1959-60, a sanitary sewer system and treatment plant was constructed. I remember it was a rainy Fall and people had to park their vehicles on the side of Highway 69 because the streets were impassable. A new sewer plant was built in 2004 and is located east of Interstate 35 on the Cambridge road.



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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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After a fire destroyed the Fjeldberg Church in 1945, the town provided a fire station to house a new fire truck and in April 1946 an International fire truck was purchased and the Huxley Fire Department was organized. Palmer Saveraid was fire chief and Punkin Fjelland, Doc Fjelland, Ronald Fjelland, Beverley Hill, Marion Hill, Irwin Hill, Donald Tesdall, Bob Christiansen, Orval Elliot, Lawrence Ness and Milo Veland were volunteer fire fighters.

In 1890, Huxley was a village of 50-75 Norwegians. By 1900, the population was 199. In 1930 - 362, 1940 - 392, 1950- 422. In 1959, when I was a senior in the first graduation class of Ballard Community School, the population was 486. In 1970, it increased to 937. Huxley really grew from 1970-1980 to 1,884, when Arnold Ihle developed subdivisions north of Highway 69 and Charles Raker developed subdivisions south of Nord Kalsem Park. Population increased to 2,047 by 1990. From 1990-2007, the population was 2,959 when Steve Quick developed Ashwood Estates and Larson's subdivisions.

Northview development, Trailridge development, Westview Heights, Ironridge, and Bella Vista development increased the population to approximately 4,500 in 2018.

In 10 years, the population is projected to be 7,000.

Nels A. Nord  
President, Huxley Historical Society



## Exciting news!!

### City Allows Historical Memorabilia to be Displayed at Nord-Kalsem Community Center

The Huxley Historical Society currently displays historical items in the Hub which is located in the 3C's building. However, that small space cannot hold all the items that could be displayed. Recently, the Historical Society approached the Huxley City Council about displaying the overflow of memorabilia that the Society has accumulated inside the Nord-Kalsem shelter house. Thankfully, the Council gave the nod of approval for the Society to use the south side of the community center.

The Society plans to display historical photos and stories of military service men and women from Huxley. There is also plans to display pictures and memorabilia from the historic Huxley Horse Show. Funds generated from the horse show between the years 1942-1956 were used to build the original shelter house in Nord-Kalsem Park.

Since the City has allowed the Historical Society to use the Nord-Kalsem shelter house, the Society would like to improve the landscaping around the facility. Monies from the Historical Society treasury will be used to fund this project which will improve the looks of the area around Nord-Kalsem Park.



2018

## Huxley High Alumni

June 9th

The 2018 HUXLEY HIGH ALUMNI dinner was held on Saturday June 9th in the Huxley Safe Room. 238 invitations were mailed out and 88 people attended.

The HUXLEY HIGH ALUMNI starts from 1922 to 1958. In 1959 the school districts combined to form the Ballard School District. During this 36 year time span, 630 people graduated from Huxley High!

Sisters Alvina (Brendeland) Larson and Leona (Brendeland) Larson were in attendance. Although Alvina and Leona are not twins, they both are graduates of the Class of 1939.



~ Alvina Brendeland ~



~ Leona Brendeland ~



The Nord siblings: Rick (class of 1960) Nels (class of 1959) Mark (class of 1958) Donnie (class of 1956) Karen (class of 1955)





Monty Brown  
U.S. Army



Kenneth Dobbe  
U.S. Navy



Everett L. Lande  
US Army



Roger Larson  
U.S. Army



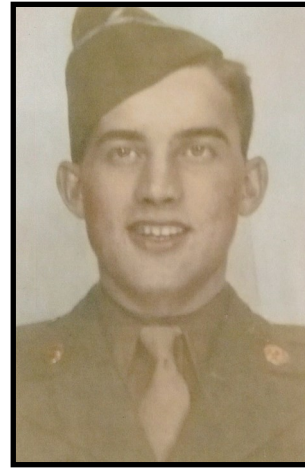
Mark Luiken  
U.S. Air Force



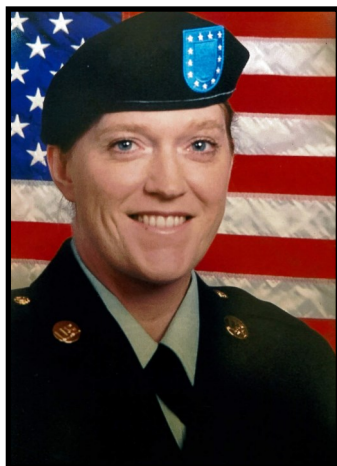
Norm Luiken  
U.S. Navy



Trisha Luiken  
U.S. Air Force



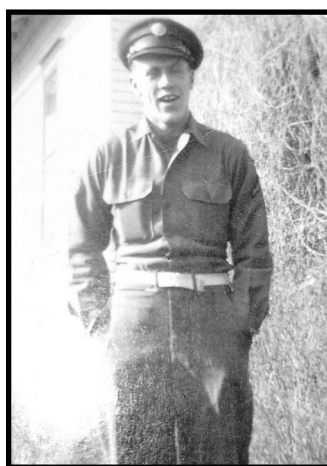
Owen Newgaard  
U.S. Army – WW II  
KIA 3-2-1945



Jennifer Pote  
U.S. Army



Mark Pote  
U.S. Army



Darrell "Doc" Reinertson  
U.S. Army



Gene D. Sydnes  
U.S. Army



Richard W. Sydnes  
U.S. Navy



Dr. Donald Tesdall  
U.S. Army



Milo Veland  
U.S. Navy

Gene Lloyd Ames - US Navy - WW II - KIA  
Raymond Anderson - US Army - WW II  
Anthony Anfinson - US Army - WW II  
Eugene Anfinson - US Army - WW II  
Albert Bauge - US Army - WW II  
Marion Bauge - 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  
Carl John Hokel - WW I  
Burns Kalsem - US Army - WW II  
Faltin Kalsem - US Army - WW II  
Homer Kalsem - US Army - Korean  
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 I  
Donald Ritland - US Navy Air Corp - WW II  
Jennings A. Ritland - US Army - WW I

Lester Ritland - US Army - WW II - KIA  
Obert Ryerson - US Army Air Corp - WW II  
Joye Saveraid - US Navy - 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  
Arnold Tesdall - US Army Air Corp - WW II  
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

**Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!**  
**We asked and you delivered!! We received 15**  
**new military photos since the Spring newsletter.**  
**Above is a list of military personnel from our**  
**community that we do not have photos for.**  
**We hope that you can help us out!**

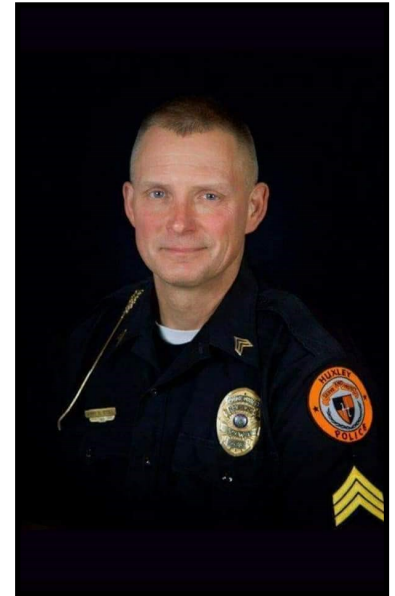




## Huxley's new Police Chief

Sgt. Gerry Stoll was sworn in as the 4th Police Chief to serve the citizens of Huxley. Chief Mark Pote retired in June after 29 years in law enforcement, 21 of those years with Huxley. Chief Stoll was sworn in on July 24th at the Huxley city council meeting.

Chief Stoll started his career in Huxley as a reserve officer June 16, 1992 and hired as a full-time officer October 22, 1994. His dad, Steven Stoll (class of 1962), and paternal grandparents, Jerrold & Betty Stoll (both class 1940) are all graduates of Huxley. And all three of his sons, Adam Crudele (class of 2007), Sean Stoll (class of 2009), and Jesse Stoll (class of 2011) are graduates of Huxley.



Then ... ... and now



Brian Melco, Mark Pote, Chief Nels Nord, Gerry Stoll  
1994



Chief Mark Pote, retired Chief Nels Nord, Sgt Gerry Stoll  
June 1, 2018

## APRON SHOW

*Presented by  
Arlene Bates*

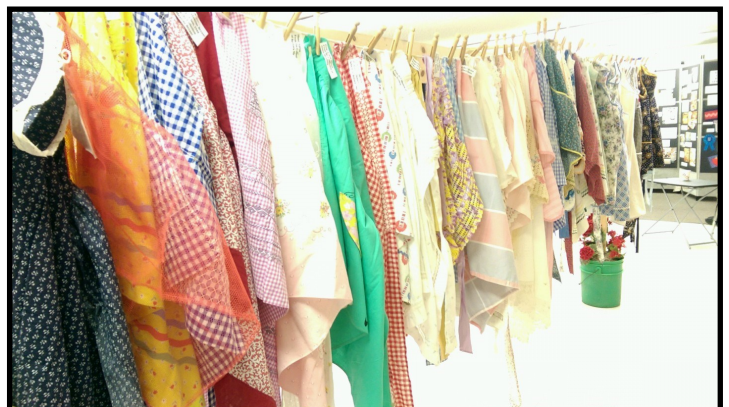
*October 25th at the Maland Home*

*Arlene will start her presentation at 6pm*

*Who still wears an apron?*

*Who remembers their Mom or Grandma wearing one?*

*Arlene will have aprons on display and give us a presentation on the history of aprons!*



# Sunday Sundae Funday !!



**I Scream You Scream We all Scream  
for Ice Cream**

**September 23rd from 2-4pm**

**The Maland Home Porch**

**306 N 1st Ave, Huxley**

**ICE CREAM served with:  
Numerous toppings / Brownie Bites /  
Wafer cookies / Angel food cake**

**FREE WILL donation**

Funds donated go to the operation and upkeep of the Maland Home  
~ Sponsored by the Huxley Historical Society ~



## Koffee & Kringla

Our Koffee & Kringla on the Porch at the Maland Home has come to an end this summer. Six dates were offered, 3 for men only and 3 for women only. A great time was had by everyone and total guests for the 6 dates was 45.

Thanks to all for gathering on the porch!



## *New Lifetime members*

**Richard & Sandra Sydnos  
(Class of 1965 & Class of 1966)**

**Thank You!!**

**HUXLEY****HISTORICAL****SOCIETY**515 N. Main Ave  
Huxley Iowa. 50124

Name in Blue?  
[Take a Moment to Renew!](#)



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

297 likes so far!



## 2018 Membership Form—Clip or Copy and Mail

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2018 Annual Membership \$ 20.00

Lifetime Membership \$ 500.00

HHS donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Maland Home donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Fjord recipe booklet \$ 5.00

S&amp;H for booklet \$ 2.00

2nd ed. DVD / 1939-1955 events \$ 20.00

S&amp;H for DVD \$ 2.50

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Date of check# \_\_\_\_\_

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

email \_\_\_\_\_ label \_\_\_\_\_ member list \_\_\_\_\_ tax letter \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*\*\*****Sunday Sundaes on The Maland Porch !!**

306 N 1st Ave Sept 23rd 2-4pm

*ICE CREAM served with:**Numerous toppings &**Brownie bites / Wafer cookies / Angel food cake!**FREE WILL Donation***Apron Show - presenter Arlene Bates***Thursday - October 25th - 6pm**NO FEE - at The Maland Home*FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US AT ONE  
OF THE FOLLOWING:

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