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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.

Winter Hours:

October – April
Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 - 10:30 am
or call Nels to set up a visit
515-231-9174

Nords Notes

~ A word from our president ~

This article is about my father, Dr. D.H. Nord, M.D.. I was hesitant about writing about my own father, but since he practiced medicine in the Huxley, Cambridge, and Ankeny area for almost 50 years and was so respected in the communities, I thought it would be an interesting story.

Donald Harold Nord was born on October 22, 1910, in Red Wing, Minnesota. He was the son of Nels A. Nord and Anna Nelson. Grandpa Nord was a Swedish immigrant who came to America in 1890 with his two brothers to the upper peninsula of Michigan to work in the copper mines. They eventually ended up in Red Wing, MN where my grandpa became the superintendent of the sewer pipe plant.

My grandfather married my grandmother, Anna Nelson, in 1898 and whose parents were Swedish immigrants and farmed across the Mississippi River in Ellsworth, WI. Dad had an older brother, Sid, who owned the Corner Drug Store in Red Wing for over 60 years and an older sister who was an elementary school teacher in Minneapolis for over 30 years.

Dad graduated from the University of Minnesota in the early 1930's and then attended Saint Louis University Medical School, St. Louis, MO, in 1932 which, at that time, was one of the best medical schools if you wanted to practice general medicine and surgery.

He graduated in 1936 where he met my mother, Celeste Elise Mathis, of Jerseyville, IL, who was a nurse at Saint Louis hospital at that time. They were married on December 31, 1936, in Waterloo, IL and headed to Des Moines to do his internship at Broadlawns Hospital. While my dad was doing his internship, my mother was a surgical nurse at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines.

After my father finished his internship in July of 1937, he started his medical practice in Cambridge, IA. Cambridge was a railroad town and it had the distinction of being a migrant worker community. It was a tough town and fit my father's personality, as he was tough and tough minded.



Donald H. Nord



Celeste E. Nord

The area of Cambridge and Huxley was an ethnic Norwegian community. With my dad being a full blooded Swede, there was a lot of good natured ribbing between him and the Norskies.

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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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In 1940 my mom and dad, sister, Karen (1937) and brothers Donnie (1939) and Mark (1940), moved to Huxley and bought a house across from the Huxley High School on North Main Ave. Dad also bought 10 acres just behind the school where my grandfather built a barn and my dad started the hobby of raising horses. I was born in 1941 and Rick in 1943. He started raising Tennessee walking horses in the 1940's and then in the 1950's raised Appaloosa horses. Later on he raced thoroughbred horses all over the U.S.

I remember my mother told me when they moved to Huxley she was not accepted very well at first because she was black haired, dark skinned and was Catholic and French heritage in a community that was 99% Norwegian and Lutheran. But it didn't take long for people to get to know her. She and dad delivered a lot of babies in homes in the Huxley area from 1937 till 1942. After about 1942, he delivered the babies at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines. Over his career, he delivered around 1000 babies.

Virgil Larson of Maxwell and the son of Lawrence and Evelyn Larson, sent me a copy of checks for the delivery of Virgil in 1942 and the charge was \$45.00 for Dr. Nord's delivery and \$57.50 for a week in Iowa Lutheran Hospital.

In 1954 dad started another practice in Ankeny and hired a German doctor, Dr. Felix Hach. Dad put in 16-18 hours a day working in both the Cambridge and Ankeny offices, checking on his patients he had admitted to Iowa Lutheran Hospital, making house calls, and people coming to our house for medical attention. The only days he took off were Thursday afternoons and Sundays. He still would make his rounds checking his patients at Iowa Lutheran on Thursdays and Sundays.

He finally slowed down a little bit by closing his office in Cambridge in the early 1970's and just having the one office in Ankeny. He also worked in the emergency room at Iowa Lutheran Hospital one to two nights a week as an ER physician from 1969-1984. He retired after having a stroke in 1984.

An article was written in the Iowa Family Physician in the fall of 1988 by Janet Wee, wife of Raymond Wee. Janet wrote that she became acquainted with Dr. Nord through marriage. "I guess you could say when you married into the Wee family, it was assumed that Dr. Nord would become your doctor. Dr. Nord had taken care of my husband's family since 1936. During the twenty-two years Dr. Nord took care of my family, I marveled at this man's ability to diagnose and always be right. He never ran unnecessary tests and always seemed to have a sixth sense. It is indeed a special "gift" he had and I feel most fortunate to have had him for my doctor. Not only did he have that special "gift", but he also knew all the family history. There were two and three generations of the Wee family living within the county which he cared for. He knew the stresses a family was experiencing and knew that a lot of their illnesses were related to their stress. Nevertheless, you always knew you still had the best doctor. Dr. Nord always knew when to call a specialist and never thought he knew it all. He was never afraid to be your advocate when you were in the care of another specialist. He knew the family and always acted in their best interest.

She stated, "She could go on and on about Dr. Nord, but I guess the best way to wind up how I feel about this man would be to say if I had to have a second opinion (even though he's retired), my choice would be Dr. Nord. Doc Nord, we miss you!"

Esta Freeland once told me that dad had diagnosed her two year old son with a brain tumor in 1940. At that time there was not a neurosurgeon in Des Moines who would operate. She told me that Dr. Nord, on his Thursday afternoon off, took her and her son to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN to be evaluated and it was determined that the tumor was inoperable and the boy passed away. She said she always remembered his compassion for her and her son. He really did care about his patients.



Mom on her horse Stonewall Eagle
~ son of Champion ~ Gene Autry's horse~



In 1987, the City of Huxley named the park behind old Huxley High School, the Nord-Kalsem Park after dad and Orville Kalsem, who were instrumental in starting the Huxley Horse Show from 1942-1956. Enough money was raised from those horse shows to build the shelter house at the Nord-Kalsem Park.

The barn and 10 acres dad owned was right behind the park. The barn was the hub of the community where the town's people would congregate to discuss all kinds of things. This is where all five of us Nord kids learned to work, taking care of the horses and how to

be responsible, for dad was a tough taskmaster. Gene Newguard was the hired hand while I was going to Huxley High School and he always looked out for the five of us kids.

Mom passed away in 1987 and dad passed away in 1996. All five of us Nord kids, who are now in our late 70's, are indebted to mom and dad on how they raised us.

Nels A. Nord, President, Huxley Historical Society



RESOLUTION NO. 87-40

Resolution Naming Nord-Kalsem Park

Whereas, Dr. D. H. Nord and Orville Kalsem exemplify the true meaning of community spirit and caring for their fellowman; and

Whereas, Dr. D. H. Nord and Orville Kalsem put Huxley on the map through their efforts with the Huxley Horse Show, "the biggest little horse show in the State of Iowa"; and

Whereas, these efforts led to funds being raised to construct the new Huxley Community Center located in the park at 204 West Fifth Street; and

Whereas, the City of Huxley wishes to recognize Dr. D. H. Nord and Orville Kalsem for their community efforts and their concerns for their fellow citizens.

Now, Therefore be it Resolved, that the City of Huxley wishes to honor these two men by naming the park at 204 West Fifth Street as The Nord-Kalsem Park.

Passed and Approved this 15th day of September, 1987.

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk

Christmas at the Maland Home....

On Sunday, December 10, it may have not felt too much like Christmas outside with the warm day (45 degrees!) and no snow. But it sure did as soon as you stepped onto the Maland Home front porch!

Guests were treated to 4 carolers singing old-fashioned Christmas songs on the front porch. Inside the home, the scent of hot apple cider, coffee, and Christmas cookies welcomed each guest.

The Maland Home was decorated with several wonderfully decorated trees through out the home. Starting with the largest tree on the front porch decorated in beautiful gold tones and clear lights. As you stepped through the front door, a tree decorated in traditional Scandinavian straw ornaments greeted you. In the living room the tree was decorated in vintage 1920's style. An adorable small tabletop tree in the kitchen was decorated in vintage red plastic cookie cutters. And finally, the main floor bedroom had a small tree decorated in vintage jewelry owned by the Maland family.

The open house was attended by close to 50 visitors from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. The open house was hosted by the Maland Home Committee.

Merry Christmas from the entire Maland Home Committee and we thank you for your support in helping preserve this piece of history for future generations.

Sincerely,
Janet Stoll, HHS Secretary &
The Maland Home Committee



1st floor Dining Room
Scandinavian Straw Ornaments



Maland Home at dusk



Carolers: 1 - r
Susan Roberts, Lucy Snyder, Brenda Neville, Jolene Roberts



Severson sisters
1-r: Sharon Erickson , Becky Long, Peggy Wilson



1st floor Living Room
1920's themed tree



Maland Sisters: 1-r
Javerna and Elizabeth



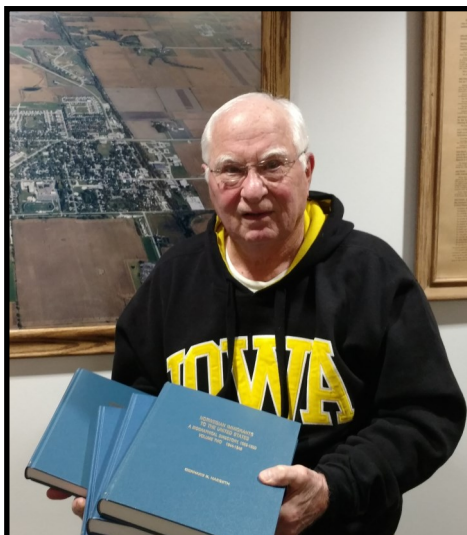
Christmas Joy



View from the back porch



November 15, 2017 was an exciting day. The Maland Home sign was installed! It was a year long process and we hope that Elizabeth and Javerna would be pleased with the sign that was designed for their family home, which they were both so proud of. The sign was made possible from donations made in memory of Elizabeth.



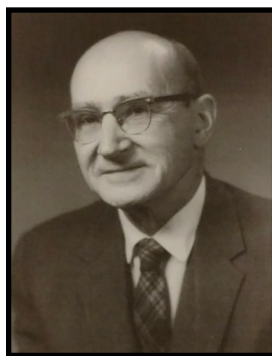
Donna Wagner of Ames recently donated four volumes of the Norwegian Immigrants to the United States to the Huxley Historical Society. The volumes donated are 1, 2, 3, and 5. Donna obtained the books from the Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naesth Library which is located in Madison, WI.

Originally it was a five volume biographical directory of the Norwegian immigrants who came to the United States between 1825 and 1850.

As of June, 2014, Volume 4 is out of print and no longer available from NAGC & Naesth Library.

The NAGC website is a wealth of information for your genealogy needs!

Website: genealogy@nagcnl.org.



Gerhard B. Naeseth
1913-1994



Doloris Hauge of Ames donated this family owned 1880 spinning wheel to HHS. It belonged to her late husband's (Orville) paternal grandparents Hans and Anna Hauge. Hans & Anna lived on an 80-acre farm where the Ballard Golf and Country Club is now located on the northern edge of Huxley along Highway 69. Orville's parents were Ole & Bertha Hauge.



Orville B. Hauge "Orvy"
Sept 9, 1934 - Feb 7, 2017
Huxley High ~ Class of 1952



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2017 Year of Events Recap

Our year started off on a sad note. In April, Elizabeth Maland passed away at 104 years of age. We will always be grateful to her for choosing to donate her family home to The Huxley Historical Society.

Events for the year 2017:

April— The Maland Home Committee hosted a fundraiser meal of a homemade hamball dinner at the Nord-Kalsem Park Shelter.

May—The Maland Home Committee held a yard “porch” sale at the Maland Home.

June— The Huxley Historical Society presented at the Huxley High Alumni Reunion.

August—The Huxley Historical Society & Maland Home Committee participated in the Huxley Prairie Fest parade and then held a youth pie eating contest.

August—The Huxley Historical Society sponsored a “Pie Off” fundraiser in honor of Huxley’s Police and Fire Departments. All proceeds raised were split 50/50 to those departments.

September—The Maland Home received a new roof and gutters.

September—The Maland Home Committee hosted a “Pie on the Porch” fundraiser at The Maland Home.

October—A presentation of “Fashions to Die For - Really” was co-sponsored with the Huxley Public Library and was held in the library.

November—The Maland Home sign was installed.

December—The Maland Home Committee hosted a Christmas Open House at the Maland Home.

The Huxley Historical Society is very grateful to all the contributions given this year. We received donations of furnishings for the Maland Home, pies, monetary contributions, and many volunteer hours. Thank You!!

Celeste Allen
David & Margret Anderson
Richard & Beverly Anderson
Eric & Ann Bernhardt
Casey’s General Store
City of Huxley
Arvid & Cheryl Eide
Nancy Fausch
Dr. Kent & Kay Freeland
Constance Greig
Tim & Julie Huxford
Darlene Kalsem
Ralph & Sandra Kalsem
Gerald & Eileen Klonglan
Mary Lande
Ruth Lee
Mike & Becky Long
Jim & Barb Mallon
Rick Nord
Elizabeth ‘Munn’ Poletti
Don & Cathy Rimathe
Gene & Marita Rouse
David & Jean Saveraid
Elaine Schwartz
Carolyn Sinclair
Dave & Joan Stensland
Story County Board of Supervisors
DeAnn Thompson
Norma Thompson
Carrie Witt

Susan Larson Allen
Donald & Angela Anderson
Patricia Beneke
Charles & Shirley Cairns
Alan & Linda Cron
Gary & Sharon Davis
Mark & Sharon Erickson
Duane & Barbara Finch
Kermit & Flora Freeland Family
Orville & Dolores Hauge
Max Irving
David & Cheryl Kalsem
Mark & Marsha Kenney
Leona Lacroix
Nero & Linda Lantz
Virginia Lee
Judy McKinney
Lyle & Pat Martin
Dennis Parmenter
Mark & Jen Pote
Harold Rittgers
Quick’s Hardware Hank
Katherine Saveraid
Tom & Linda Sharpnack
Oriett Snider
R. Scott & Victoria Stiner
Richard & Sandie Sydnese
Gary & Janet Thompson
Tri-County Times

John & Cindy Ambrosen
Margaret Anderson
Mary Lou Berhow
Mike & Carolyn Carpenter
Diane Cronk
Jim & Dolores Douglas
Fareway—Huxley
Gary & Lois Fjelland
Tomas & Kay Furtak
Lori Hill
Ralph & Joan Johnson
Owen “John” & Ann Kalsem
Richard & Helen Kepler
Dean & Diane Lande
Paul & Deana Larson
Jolene Lettow
Marlene McLaurin
Nels & Rowena Nord
LeRoy & Gale Peterson
Paul & Jill Renze
John Roberts
Paul & Florence Sandve
Susan Schaudt
Tracy & Marge Sheldahl
Avis Steensland
Gerry & Janet Stoll
Lee Tesdell
Larry & Kay Thompson
Ronald & Colleen Twedt

Thank you to all HHS members of 2017!

~ Huxley Historical Society Lifetime members ~

William & Susan Allen
 *Virginia Anderson
 John Berhow
 LeRoy & Ruth Dobbe
 Bruce & Sandy Halverson
 Laverne & Elaine Helland
 Homer & Kay Kalsem
 Paul & Deanna Larson
 Elizabeth & Javerna Maland
 Don & Donna Nord
 Paul & Florence Sandve
 David & Verda Tesdall

Donald & Angela Anderson
 Boyd Antill & Mary Tomlinson
 Omar & Valerie Brendeland
 *Jim & Dolores Douglas
 Orville & Dolores Hauge
 Robert & Darlene Herman
 Owen "John" & Ann Kalsem
 Arlo & Joann Ledet
 Margaret Nelson
 Dr. Kirk & Liz Peterson
 Harriet Sheldahl
 Gary & Janet Thompson

Richard & Beverly Anderson
 Marilyn Baldus
 LeRoy & Diane Cronk
 Duane & Barbara Finch
 Charles Helland
 David & Cheryl Kalsem
 Dean & Diane Lande
 Larry Lein
 Nels & Rowena Nord
 Steve & Anne Quick
 Avis Steensland
 Arlene Wee
 Marilyn Whetstone

* New 2017 Lifetime Members

~ Huxley Historical Society Annual members ~

Celeste Allen
 John & Cindy Ambroson
 Mike & Carolyn Carpenter
 Arvid & Cheryl Eide
 William & Carolyn Frederick
 Eugene Freese
 Edna Hellekson
 Richard & Marjorie Johnson
 Mark & Marsha Kenney
 Nero & Linda Lantz
 Leona Larson
 Virginia Lee
 Jim & Barb Mallon
 Roger & Debra Moore
 Rick Nord
 Mark & Jen Pote
 Delila Roberts
 Katherine Saveraid
 June Squire
 Gerry & Janet Stoll
 Larry & Kay Thompson
 Roger & Judie Weyer
 Charles Woods

Doug & Valerie Allen
 Margaret Anderson
 Alan & Linda Cron
 Mark & Sharyn Erickson
 Dr. Kent Freeland
 Richard Gumtau
 Max Irving
 Darlene Kalsem
 Gerald & Eileen Klonglan
 Ed & Ruth Larson
 Idalice "Ikey" Lee
 Jolene Lettow
 Lyle & Pat Martin
 Richard & Chris Nelson
 Louise O'Donnell
 Don & Cathy Rimathe
 Steve Rye
 Tom & Linda Sharpnack
 Denny & Karen Soderstrum
 Richard & Sandie Sydnes
 Norma Thompson
 Ernie & Gloria Wilkening

Susan Larson Allen
 Kenny & Roberta Angell
 Jim & Dolores Douglas
 Donald & Judy Fausch
 Mark & Diane Freeland
 David & Mary Halverson
 Richard & Esther Johnsen
 Ralph & Sandra Kalsem
 Mary Lande
 Kenneth & Louise Larson
 Ruth Lee
 Judy McKinney
 Dennis & Donna Millang
 Mark & Wanda Nord
 Elizabeth Munn Poletti
 David Risvold
 David & Jean Saveraid
 Arlie & Nancy Sheehy
 Dave & Joan Stensland
 Larry & Kay Thompson
 Ronald & Colleen Twedt
 Carrie Witt

~ HHS lost three of our members this year—Omar Brendeland ~ Orville Hauge ~ Elizabeth Maland ~

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&H for booklet \$ 2.00

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

S&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 _____

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

PHONE: NELS NORD 515-231-9174

EMAIL: HHS@HUXCOMM.NET

Pancake
Breakfast

Nord-Kalsem Shelter — 204 W. 4th St

Saturday April, 7th 2018

7am-11am

Maland Home Fundraiser

\$ Free Will Offering \$

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