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2019 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:

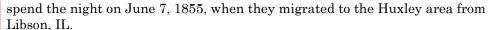
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 -10:30 am or call Nels to set up a visit 515-231-9174

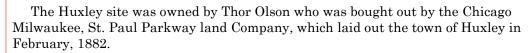
Nord's Notes ~ A word from our president ~

Huxley in 1953

I found this article – "Huxley – Where the first Norwegians Settled" on an internet search written by Mrs. Ora Hansen in 1953.

The town of Huxley is situated in the south part of Story County, one mile northwest of where the first Norwegian pioneers formed a ring with their caravan, to





In 1890 there was a population of 50 to 75 Norwegians. Thor Olson and Knudt Mikkelson, under the firm name of Olson and Mikkelson, was the towns first business place from 1882-1885. Jacob Stenson was the town's first blacksmith. Jacob was also postmaster from July 1882 to May 13, 1890. He also built the town's first house. A. L. Kloster and N. J. Thompson started a general merchandise store on August 25, 1884. Mr. Kloster was appointed postmaster on October 1, 1890 and was postmaster until his death in 1916.

The Bank of Huxley was established on May 6, 1901 with L. O. Larson, president, A. V. Eklund, vice-president, Ed Johnson, Ben Johnson, E. T. Johnson, T. A. Richardson, N. R. Sydnes, S. Tesdall, Andrew Nelson and A. L. Kloster, directors, and E. S. Tesdall, cashier.

The Huxley Farmers Creamery was established in the years 1896-97. Palmer Saveraid was employed in the creamery for 20 years, 1933-1953, and was the manager of the creamery.

The Huxley Mutual Telephone Company was started in 1902 in the A.E. Ness Hardware Store. The first two operators were Siri Oswald and Minnie Eide. The officers in 1953 were Wier Sydnes, president; Olem Testell, secretary and treasurer; Ole Brendeland and S.B. Sheldahl, boards members; and Charles Busby was manager and lineman. Mrs. Lillian Busby and Ella Heggen were the operators.

O J. Saveraid bought the drug store from Anfin Apland on June 6, 1904. In 1953, O. J. had operated the drug store for 49 years.

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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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Other businesses at the beginning of the 19th century were: A.E. Nass, hardware; Ole Dobbe, implement store; Sydnes and Chelsvig, livery stables; John Valen and Sons, grocery and butcher shop; H.O. Peterson, restaurant; H. J. Thompson, general merchandise; A. Gunderson, automobile business; Ole Heggen, shoemaker; Peder Seversike, blacksmith; Faltin Kalsem, real estate; Martin Hansen and Lars Fjelland, butcher shop; and O.M. Johnson, grain and lumber.

On November 24, 1919 a fire destroyed five businesses on the east side of main street including Roy Elliott's restaurant; Lem Sabo's, harness shop and post office; Saben Sydnes's, livery barn; W. R. Richardson and Andrew Wenos's implement store and an opera house.

Roy Elliot started in the restaurant business on December 22, 1909 when he purchased it from J. R. Sydnes. The restaurant was located at the corner of what now is Memorial Park.

When the building burned, Roy started a restaurant on the west side of the street and continued in business until May of 1937. Elmer and Charlotte Dobbe took over the restaurant on the west side of the street where Diane Lande's salon, Main Ave Salon, is now.

Roy Elliott and Orville (?) went into the oil business and had a Shell Station on the west side of highway 69 where the new car wash is located.

L.L. Kampley was a home decorator in Huxley for 51 years. Also, Weir Sydnes, mayor of Huxley for the past 17 years, was a home decorator for 52 years.

Albert Johnson was the postmaster from 1920 to 1946. Mrs. Albert Jacobson was acting postmaster from 1940 until 1949 when Robert Christopher was appointed as postmaster.

Huxley Fire Department Chief was led by Palmer Saveraid; Assistant Chief, Beverly Hill; Captain, Tilden Fjelland.

Population of Huxley in 1942 was around 400. The Huxley school was consolidated in 1918 and a new school house was built in 1921. Superintendent of school was Earl Stephenson and a staff of 18 teachers in 1953.

The Huxley Community Club was organized Dec. 8, 1941. On February 16, 1942, permanent officers were elected: President, Dr. O. F. Freed; Vice President, Weir Sydnes; Secretary and Treasurer, Orville Kalsem. Other active members were John Larson, Sophus Berhow, Dennis Ingram, and R. B. Helland. Projects accomplished through the years include:

- (1) Community Shelter House erected in 1947
- (2) sponsored 12 annual horse shows with entrants from five surrounding states
- (3) Story County FFA Tractor Rodeo was held in Huxley
- (4) other community projects were sponsoring merchant baseball teams, Christmas lighting and decorations and the planting of a permanent Christmas tree in the park.

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Nels A. Nord, President
Huxley Historical Society The Huxley Lions Club was organized Nov. 24, 1952 with 33 charter members. President, Earl Stephenson, Secretary and Treasurer, Kermit Freeland and Wier Sydnes.

1953 Huxley Officers:

Mayor – Wier Sydnes City Clerk - O. M. Tesdell

Councilmen: Ole Legvold, Elden Freeland, Ed Hull, Tilden Fjelland, and Henry Steel

Law Enforcement Officer - Norris Sydnes

Postmaster – Robert Christopher Health Officer - Dr. D. H. Nord, MD

Railroad & Station Agent Milwaukee Railroad - Orval Byrd

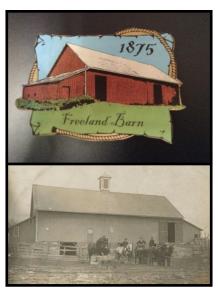
Churches - Palestine Lutheran - Harry Stoutland, Pastor (440 members)

Fjeldberg Lutheran – M. Harold Rye, Pastor (510 members)



~~~ *SA VE THE DATE* ~~~

Apland-Freeland Barn Party



~ Saturday, September 28th 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. ~

The family of Kermit and Flora Freeland invites you to the Apland/Freeland Barn in celebrating the restoration of their historic barn, which has been in the family since 1875.

Comfort Food food truck will be serving at 5:30

~ accepts cards and cash ~

Bob Black and Banjoy Bluegrass Band starts at 6:30

- ~ with Joy Ward on the fiddle ~
- \sim all donations go to the band \sim

Please bring your own beverages and lawn chairs

~ water will be provided ~

This land was homesteaded by Ole Apland in 1855. The house was built 10 years later in 1865 and the barn in 1875.

~ Address: 57304 U.S. Highway 210, Cambridge, IA ~

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: PHONE: NELS NORD 515-231-9174 EMAIL: HHS@HUXCOMM.NET



HUXLEY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 1922 - 1941

1922

Fred Berhow Lillian Dobbe Ruth Eklund Hannan Hauge Marie Larson Reuben Sheldahl

1923

Alma Bauge Leonard Berg Erma Johnson Joseph Kalsem Gaylord Larson Kenneth Larson Ruth Olson Elizabeth Saveraid Irene Severeid Henry Thompson Jennie Thompson Beatrice Walden

1924

Ted Bauge Ernest Fjelland Ellen Hauge Javerna Kalsem Lillian Kampley Walter Olson Alice Peterson Lloyd Ritland S.B. Sheldahl Angeline Tesdall

1925

Gladys Fjelland Agnes Kalsem Orville Kalsem Alma Larson Sarah Legvold Oliver Malmanger Myrtle Saveraid Christie Thompson 1928 Carrie Wee

1926

Ola Apland Alice Bauge Irene Berhow Mabel Berhow Angeline Fjelland Mabel Freeland Eleanor Johnson Christine Lande Olen Lande Ora Legvold Beatrice Malmanger Mildred Olson Pearl Peterson Dale Purvis Howard Severeid Marguerite Severeid Ward Severeid **Bueland Severson** Florence Severson Selma Stensland Naomi Swandahl Ruth Swandahl

1927

Martha Birkestrand Gertrude Fjelland Lillie Froland Ruth Froland Theressa Hanson Harry Kloster Bayard Lodden Fritz Lunde Elsie Nass Gladys Peterson Alma Severeid Theresa Severeid Joan Sheldahl Marjorie Tesdall Ruth Torgerson

Willard Anderson

Mamie Bates Irene Bennett Henry Berhow Herman Fielland Selma Fjelland Geneva Hill Veola Johnson Ella Legvold Gary Purvis Evelyn Ritland **Everett Ritland** Freda Scott Paul Severson Fern Sydnes

1929

LeRoy Anderson Leda Bauge Javerna Birkestrand Anna Fjelland Kermit Kampley Beulah Lande Joseph Lande Willene Maland Thurlo Ryan Torry Saveraid Alden Severeid Arnold Sydnes Bernice Toresdahl

1930

Vivian Antill George Apland Gerhard Birkestrand Herbert Eddy Thelma Hennick Bernice Hill Telford Lodden Alice Maland Elizabeth Maland Flovd May Amanda Sheldahl Ralph Severeid Flora Sydnes Myrma Sydnes Charlotte Wagley

1931

Lavona Anderson **Hubert Antill** Helen Apland Marguerite Apland Russell Eddy Helen Ellis Norman Ellsworth Leander Hauge Eva Jennings Palmer Kalsem Arlene Lande Ole Legvold Sam Legvold Caroline Mickelson Inga Overland Madeline Purvis Herbert Ritland Palmer Saveraid Everett Sheldahl Jeanette Swenson

1932

Albert Bauge Odella Birkestrand Gunder Halverson Doris Helland Inez Larson Lester Larson Viola Maland Charlotte Reinertson Eleanor Severeid Harold Stensland Mervin Tesdell

1933

Beverly Antill Thelma Berhow Orva Fjelland Sarah Fjelland Sherrill Freed Constance Hauge Omar Hill Louise Jennings Minnie Nagel Ola Reinertsen Bobby Ryan Irving Ryan Laurence Ryerson Leslie Ryerson Opal Ryerson Joyce Saveraid Jove Saveraid Stanley Swandahl Ruby Swenson Ilo Tesdall Lorene Weiser

1934

Mary Hally Margaret Halverson Marie Helland Gordon Hennick Gareld Jones Burnis Kalsem Stanley Lande Douglas Lantz Ellen Legvold Javerna Maland Jeverna Michelson Charles Ritland Esther Sheldahl Eugene Sheldahl Sherman Stensland Glen Tesdall Gladys Tweedt

1935

Weir Birkestrand Jr Ruth Freed JoAnn Freeland Ruth Golay Lloyd Hally Gladys Handeland Herbert Halverson Dorothy Johnson Virginia Kamphey Henry Larson Robert Larson Beatrice Maland Arline Olson Vivian Ritland Alma Thompson

1936

Hubert Fjelland Marcine Fielland June Hauge Elsie Mae Olson Jeane Overland Obert Ryerson Orland Steensland Dorothy Sydnes

1937

John Douglas Martin Fjelland Thelma Freeland Gene Hally Nora Handeland Ivadell Helland Norman Hennick Marion Hill Wayne Ingram Falten Kalsem Palmer Lande Dorothy Larson Helen Lee Ruth Olson Harold Sorenson Virgil Sorenson Thelma Sydnes

1938

Eugene Anfinson Arlene Berhow David Birkestrand Mildred Egland Neoma Hennick Orland Johnson Arnold Llovd Lande Rudolph Larson Joe Marvelli Donald Ritland Donald Tesdall

1939

Anthony Anfinson Delmer Bennett Borghild Boardsen Alvina Brendeland Leona Brendeland Lorraine Brendeland Wanda Fjelland Irene French John Hally Arlene Hill Jack Hynd Sherill Lande Pauline Lee Helen Maland Alvina Mickelson Ethel Myers Eide Ryerson Theodore Ryerson Herbert Tesdall Randall Thompson

1940

Audrey Apland Neoma Bjelland Joel Dobbe Yvonne Dobbe Robert Egeland Orland Fielland Clark Helland LaVerne Helland Robert Hill Betty Ann Johnson Kenneth Kalsem Alvin Lantz Kathryn Larson Donald Lee Vera Marvelli Jerry Stoll **Opal Sydness** Leslie Tesdall Edna Wenos

1941

Clarkson Anderson Raymond Anderson John Boardsen Robert Christopher Evelyn Dobbe Roger Fjelland Ronald Fjelland Ruby Fjelland Verna Hanson Herbert Hill Marion Kalsem **Everett Lande** Dorothy Larson Noel Larson Viola Lewis Alvin Stensland **Everett Steensland** Marjorie Swenson Wilma Tesdall Frances Tweedt

*** Several errors in spelling of classmate names (or were omitted) in our last newsletter. We apologize for those errors and hope this list is accurate. ***

HUXLEY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 1942 - 1958

1942

June Apland Melba Ashbaugh Arnold Boardsen Morris Helland Bud Hennick Eugene Hill Betty Kalsem Leonard Lee Louise McCabe Grace Myers Gene Rullestad Virginia Sydnes Opal Tesdall Norman Tweedt

1943

Maxine Anfinson John Brendeland Idalice Dobbe Marion Halverson Virginia Havens Glenn Ingram Doris Lewis Ruth Racek Lois Rullestad Elman Sheldahl

1944

Wayne Bennett Irvin Christiansen Kenneth Dobbe Lorraine Dobbe Robert Erickson Hortense Fjelland Lucille Hanks John Hendricks James Hildreth Irene Lande Edward Larson Lucille Larson Bonnie Lee Maxine Rullestad Rinard Ryerson Freida Stensland Marjorie Sydnes Maxine Thompson Donald Tweedt Donald Wee

1945

Lois Dobbe Avernal Fjelland David Freed Florence Lande John Lewis Helen Newgaard Edith Ann Ryerson Helen Sydnes Mildred Westvold

1946

Darlene Dobbe
Lois Ann Fjelland
Dorothy Fronsdahl
Anita Hauge
Jeanette Hildreth
Betty Larson
Richard Paulsen
Elizabeth Rabenold
Roy Reese
Francis Rullestad
Walter Sutton
Helen Thompson
Wilma Tweedt

1947

Marilyn Ashbaugh
Dorothy Dobbe
LeRoy Dobbe
Ronald Egeland
Donald Freese
Dean Hanks
Harriett Hanson
Clyde Hill
Paul Jacobson
Ruth Johnson
Ruth Lee
Nadean Richardson
Duane Severson
Delores Sheldahl
Helen Westvold

Willa Mae Bauge

1948

Joanne Birkestrand Omar Brendeland Harold Downs Geraldine Frederick Beverly Hanks Ann Marie Harestad Wesley Hill Owen John Kalsem Normand Koplin Sheldon Lee Robert McCabe Eugene Newgaard Mary Anne Racek Delores Rullestad Herbert Saveraid Arlin Severson Frank Smith Richard Sutton Evelyn Tesdall LaVern Thompson Ireta Wee

1949

Donald Anderson Bernard Anfinson Donald Berhow Bonita Erickson **Dolores Evans** Valerie Fjelland Eugene Freese Izetta Hill David Johnson Maxine Myers Leona Ness Conrad Richardson Earl Severson Audrey Thompson Mary Toresdahl Burnie Tweedt

1950

Ronald Dobbe Maxine Emerson Kenneth Fjelland Evelyn Hanson Dwain Johnson Homer Kalsem Frederick Lande Truman Lewis Lloyd Miller Ronald Myers Evelyn Newgaard Lois Okland Faye Peitzman Nancy Sheldahl Frederick Stoutland Darlene Sydnes Carolyn Thompson Keith Wee Agnes Westvold

1951

Ramona Anfinson Richard Anderson Jane Beck Marilyn Cronk Elaine Danilson Carrie Dueland Maxine Egeland Betty Finch Clarice Hillebo James Kalsem Ralph Kalsem Donna Longnecker Gerald Paulson Arthur Saveraid Maxine Severson Jeannette Shaffer Henry Siemers Katherine Vespestad Lois Vespestad Harold Wartburg Ralph Wilson Wahnita Williams

1952

Roger Beck LeRoy Cronk Beverly Dobbe JoLene Evans Gloria Finch Wendall Freed Mima Gregg Joan Hanks Orville Hauge MarJean Hill Jay Kalsem Marjorie Kalsem Darlene Lowman Dorothy Okland Elwin Pearey Janet Saveraid Ramona Sheldahl Martha Stoutland Janet Sydnes Clarice Wee

1953

Joan Anderson John Berhow LeRoy Downs Joan Dueland Donna Eide Richard Freeland Margianne Hall Wayne Halverson Janice Irving David Kalsem Roger Kalsem Gerald Myers Vernon Peterson Darlene Saveraid Bertil Twedt Clare Tweedt LeRoy Wee Charles Woods

1954

Carolyn Anderson Elaine Christopher Homer Cronk Barbara Erickson Madeliene Erickson Tom Erickson Marla Lee Evans Esther Freeland Nancy Hanson John Hillebo Stanley Hillebo Phillip Jordan John Lee Bonnie Lein Edward McMillan Margaret Patterson Delores Primmer Don Saveraid Janice Soderstrum Oliver Stoutland Donna Sydnes David Tesdall **Eleanor Thompson Bob Twedt** DeWayne Wee Carol Wilson

1955

Janice Bauge Mary Lou Berhow Barbara Echer Joe Echer Duane Finch Charles Fielland Nona Hill Max Irving Marilyn Jordan Rollin Jordan John Kennedy Nvla Knox Richard Miller Karen Nord Donna Osborn Norma Osborn Delila Peterson Virginia Peterson Paul Sandve Florence Severtson Shirley Thompson Deloris Woolsoncroft

1956

Ronald Chelsvig Earl Dobbe Nancy Erickson Bob Goodell Richard Gumtau Barbara Hill Donald Hill Charlotte Johnson **Bob Knutson** Don Nord Clarence Patterson Orrie Peterson Elaine Severson Tom Shaeffer Arlin Sheldahl Marcia Swanson Donald Tesdall Juanita Wee

1957

Sandra Carley
Connie Crispin
Arvid Eide
Larry Erickson
Brenda Freed
Alice Hill
Clarence Hill
Mayola Hill
Ernie Jordan
June Kalsem
Herman Kennedy
Carol Peterson
Georgea Severson
Carol Severtson
Paul Sydnes

1958

David Bender James Brendeland Larry Busby Karen Crispin Barbara Dobbe Philip Hall Paul Helland Roger Johnson Gary Lande Larry Lein Vickie Lester Mark Nord Linda Patterson Wanda Snider Ronald Swanson Paul Sydnes Donald Thompson Shirley Thompson Mary White



John Boardsen WW II - K.I.A.



Einar & Harry Boardson U.S. Navy



Ronald Dobbe U.S. Air Force



Lester Floden U.S. Navy



David Freed U.S. Navy



Ole Halverson U.S. Army



Obert Ryerson U.S. Army



Rinard (R.A.) Ryerson U.S. Navy

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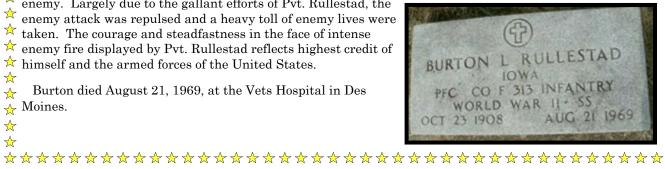
************ World War II Huxley Hero

One of the World War II heroes was Burton Rullestad of rural Huxley. He was born October 23, 1908 to ☆ Mr. & Mrs. Esten Rullestad just northeast of Huxley.

Burton was an army veteran of World War II and was awarded the silver star, with the citation reading as follows: For gallantry on action against the enemy from June 2, 1945 to June 14, 1945. During the defense of Reiportsweiller, France, the machine gun action in which Pvt. Rullestad was an ammunition bearer, received the brunt of the determined enemy attacks. Facing the intense enemy fire, he adequately supplied sufficient ammunition for the gun. When all members of the section, except for Pvt. Rullestad and another man, became casualties, the two men managed the gun, bringing deadly fire to bear against the

enemy. Largely due to the gallant efforts of Pvt. Rullestad, the enemy attack was repulsed and a heavy toll of enemy lives were taken. The courage and steadfastness in the face of intense nemy fire displayed by Pvt. Rullestad reflects highest credit of ☆ himself and the armed forces of the United States.

Burton died August 21, 1969, at the Vets Hospital in Des ☆ Moines.



Annual Pancake Breakfast









Our local pancake chef, Don Rimathe, flipped roughly 500 pancakes Saturday morning on April 27th. We had a change of venue from the Nord-Kalsem Shelter to the Huxley Safe Room due to new flooring going in at the Shelter. Which turned out to be a great because the Safe Room can hold a lot of hungry people!

Thank you to all that came out to support the Huxley Historical Society in the preservation expenses of the Maland Home. We know that the late Elizabeth and Javerna Maland would also be very appreciative!

Bottom right photo: Police Chief Gerald (Gerry Stoll), Gerald Caligiuri, & Officer Gerald (JJ) Caligiuri

Button, Button .. Who's Got the Button?

The Maland Home was honored to have Janice Roxberg from Des Moines give a presentation on her button collection. The presentation was held on May 2 at Fjeldberg Lutheran Church in Huxley with around 20 attendees.

Janice is the President of the lowa State Button Society and she has a true love of button collecting and her love of buttons was evident through her presentation. She was a delight to listen to and hear stories of her collection.

Janice passed around many button cards and talked about the history of the buttons on the cards. Each button has a story and it was very interesting to learn about them.

Whether buttons are purchased or traded at button shows or just collected in old family jars, they all are beautiful and have served our ancestors and us well.



Maland Home ~ High Tea on the Porch











The Huxley Historical Society was thrilled to co-host a high tea with Blumster's on June 19 at the home.

It was a beautiful summer day and guests were treated to a delicious and beautiful high tea experience!

Two seatings were held, one at 11:00 and one at 1:30. Eighteen guests were served at each seating. Blumster's staff, along with Maland Home committee members, prepared, served, and cleaned for the event.

Guest enjoyed a delicious five course menu served on beautiful china. Guests were served on the porch, living room and dining room. Lovely garden flower bouquets decorated each table.

Guests toured the home and enjoyed hearing about the home and the Maland family.

It was a great day for all of us and we are all sure that Elizabeth and Javerna would have loved to have been there too!

Thank you Blumster's staff for a delightful day! And thank you to all who attended to help with the operating expenses of the home.

HUXLEY



Name in Blue?

<u>Take a Moment to Renew!</u>

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2019 Membership Form—Clip o	or Copy and Mail
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2019 Annual Membership	\$ 20.00
Lifetime Membership	\$ 500.00
HHS donation	\$
Maland Home donation	\$
The Fjord recipe booklet S&H for booklet	\$ 5.00 \$ 2.00
2nd ed. DVD / 1939-1955 events S&H for DVD	\$ 20.00 \$ 2.50
Total	\$
Check# Date of check#	·
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****** SAVE THE DATE *****
Celebrating 25 Years Prairie Fest
Aug. 23-24, 2019
Apland-Freeland Barn Party Saturday Sept 28th - 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Maland Home Holiday Open House Sunday Nov 17th - 306 N 1st Ave



Website: www.huxleyhistoricalsociety.org