

HUXLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Second Quarter - 2008

2008 Officers

- **President**—Nels Nord
- **V.P.** — Don Duncan
- **Sec.**—Michele Kalsem
- **Treasure**—Scot Petersen
- **Officer**—Ron Krull

2008 Calendar:

July 28th—Meeting —7:00 pm

August—Pre-Prairie Fest planning session.

August 22nd—24th Prairie Fest weekend

August 25th—Meeting 6:30 pm **TIME MOVE**

September 22nd —Meeting 6:30 pm

October 27th—Meeting 6:30 pm

November 24th—Meeting 6:30 pm

December 22nd—Meeting 6:30 pm

2008 Calendar:

Nords Notes

a word from our president

In 1953, there was a sign on the East side of Highway 69 just before you went over the overpass over the Milwaukee Railroad that stated “Huxley is in the Heart of the World’s Largest Cornfield”. How true that was for the town of 400 to describe it perfect for this farm community.

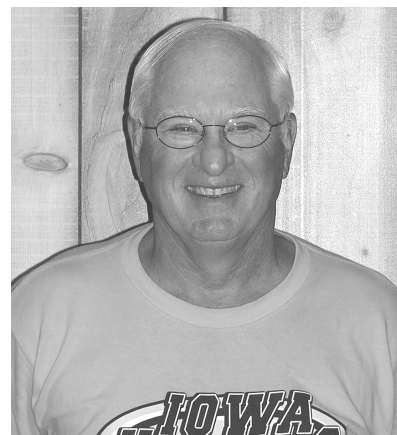
At that time, practically all of the businesses in Huxley catered to the farmers who earned their livings on the fertile, level acres settled way back in 1854 and 1855 by a group of Norwegian pioneers who migrated from Lisbon, Illinois.

The town’s oldest business was the Huxley Cooperative Creamery that was founded in 1896. Palmer Severaid was the manager of the creamery in 1953 and had been for 20 years.

Some of the businesses I recall that were on Main

Street were Ed Hall Implement, Frank’s Blacksmith Shop, Legvold Hardware & Plumbing, Hendricks Insurance Agency, O.J. Saveraid Drug Store, Sherrill Freed Hi-Quality Chicken Hatchery, and Milton Dobbe Feed Store. Huxley had two grocery stores, one was Henry Dobbe food store which was connected to the frozen food locker. I remember Beverly Hill was the meat cutter of fresh meat. Tollefson Grocery at 1st & Main also had a coffee shop where local citizens congregated. The Huxley Cooperative Telephone Office was above the Post Office and was managed by Chuck Busby.

Wier Sydnes was the mayor and had served since 1937. Council members were Ole Legvold, Eldon Freeland, Ed Hall, Tilden Fjelland and Hank Steel. Norris



Sydnes was the town man and law enforcement officer. Palmer Saveraid was the head of the volunteer fire department.

I have a lot of great memories of Huxley while growing up and Huxley was a great town to be raised in.

Nels A. Nord, President

**Know someone
who would like
to get this
newsletter?**

**LET us know!
515-597-3142**

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.*

April Meeting Minutes

April 28th, 2008 - Call to order at 7 Pm in the Council Chambers by President Nord.

Attendees: Nels Nord, Michele Kalsem, Scott Petersen, Don Duncan, Ikey Lee, Arlene Lande, John Hendricks, Yvonne (Daisy) Fjelland, Vivian and Arnold Larson, Harriet Sheldahl, Ron Krull, Laverne Helland and Ron Chelsvig.

- Secretary Kalsem read the past Minutes.
- Treasurer Scott Petersen reported a balance on 4-24-08 was \$6654.86.
- Web Master Kalsem reported the web site is up to date and encouraged the membership to visit the site.
- Collections committee gave no report.
- All reports were approved as read.

Old Business

Secretary Kalsem reported on the mailing of the 1st quarterly news letter. There were 100 Printed, and 70 Mailed. The printing bill was \$41.73 the Stamps were \$29.40. The membership voted to pay the printer and Secretary Kalsem reported the stamps were left over from an earlier mailing.

Secretary Kalsem read the proposed letter to send to the area businesses, some improvements and general editing was done with the membership approving it for distribution.

New Business

The Story Co. Supervisors awarded HHS a \$2000.00 Donation. Thanks to them.

Don Duncan talked about the July 4th celebration and we discussed Prairie Fest parade and possibly sponsoring some type of award during Prairie Fest in addition to the float.

There was a short planning conversation on Ballard Cemetery Clean up but nothing was settled on.

April Meeting Minutes cont.

Leisure activities

Discussion - "What is your earliest memory of Huxley?" This was a fabulous fun discussion and secretary Kalsem was left in the dust of a memories swirling thru the room. The notes from this discussion are to be assembled and will be corrected at the end of the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9PM

Secretary Kalsem

May Meeting was cancelled in observation of Memorial day.

HHS would like to say

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

to all our members of the armed service. With out you we would
be with out!



**Do you know someone that has Huxley His-
torical memorabilia?**

How about photo's or a great life story?

Let us know! Call Don Duncan 515-597- 2563

**Prefer to get your newsletter on
line? Email and let us know!
hhs@huxcomm.net**



June Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2008 - Call to order at 7 Pm in the Council Chambers by President Nord.

Attendees: Nels Nord, Michele Kalsem, Scott Petersen, Don Duncan, Ikey Lee, Arlene Lande, John Hendricks, Yvonne (Daisy) Fjelland, Vivian and Arnold Larson, Ron Krull, Laverne Helland, Darlene Kalsem, Bonny Eriockson, Delila Roberts, Javerna Maland, Sandy Halverson and John Kalsem

- Secretary Kalsem read the past minutes.
- Treasurer Scott Petersen reported a balance on 6-23-08 was \$7315.07
- Web Master Kalsem reported the web site is up and mostly current.
- Collections committee gave no report.

All reports were approved as read.

Old Business

While discussing how to get the HHS to the community we discussed publishing a new Centennial book. One possibility is to have it ready to sell for July 4th celebration 2010. Additional ideas were taping stories from community members to publish to a DVD and having members tell stories during the Prairie Fest celebration. Also discussed was taping small groups – we asked for volunteers to be our ginny pigs at our July meeting.

For Prairie Fest celebration we plan to have a float possibly carrying people from different graduation years or representing decades in some way. We will also run our 50/50 raffle again this year in addition to selling memberships and DVD's.

Ron Krull mentioned the Ballard Cemetery was growing rampant again and we need to get someone on that project. It was suggested since we have some funding for the cemetery we should see if the 4-H kids might want to assist us in up keep. We have a Ballard family researcher coming from Canada in the fall to visit and we might get a special interest story in the Tri – County Times about her.

New Business

For the August meeting we hope to have Arlen Twedt, Coordinator Central Iowa Norwegian Project come talk to us.

Our meeting time will move up to 6:30pm in September.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Have time and energy?

The Historical Society always has projects we could use assistance with. Simple things like editing to physical things like cleaning of the cemetery.

ANY help is welcome call to volunteer.

Sec Kalsem 515-597-3142

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

To all those who have purchased memberships.

The HHS also wants to thank members for all donations, project specific and general.

2nd edition DVD is ready!

This DVD includes the 1st edition AND more it can be purchased for \$20 or \$22.50 w/S&H if we need to ship it to you.

This awesome DVD contains video stream of Huxley Iowa 1939-1955, Ladies at Ovid Louks Farm, 1955 City streets, 125th Anniversary of Fjeldberg Lutheran Church, Huxley Horse Show, and a 1944 Baseball game in addition to some silliness. Get yours today!

The Historical Society would love to have copies of any film you may have or photo's from the past in our community. To purchase a video OR contact us about getting copies from you please contact us at 515-597-3142 or email to hhs@huxcomm.net

Membership Form—Clip and Mail or Copy.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Circle those that apply please.

Annual '08	\$20
Family '08	\$30
Lifetime Membership	\$500
Gift Amount	\$ _____
2nd ed DVD Purchase	\$20
S&H for DVD	\$2.50
Total	\$ _____

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