

HAYLAND

Country School Reunion

June 30th ~ 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Reineke Park, at the north side of Milaca



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Ruth Samuelson, and you guess who and when.

Lots of information to fill in on above pictures. Come on North Hayland district 46ers. There have to be pictures out there. Billy, Walt, Dar-la, Dora, Children of Raymond Peterson. Great going district 25ers!

Everybody, mail or email stuff in that can be collected in binders. I'll make up several binders with the same stuff for the reunion on June 30th. Bring stuff then. It can be added for later distribution.



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My earliest memories of Hayland School date back to when I started 1st grade. I had Mrs. Beryl Martinson as my teacher for Grades 1 through 3. Her daughter, JoAnn was also in my class – we were good friends, staying overnight at each other's houses. In our Junior and Senior years at Milaca High School, were both on the Cheerleading Squad, and we are still good friends to this day, and still keep in touch.

I remember the GOOD old Hayland School softball team, we were good! We would ride our bikes all the way to Riverside School, so tired we could hardly move, and then play a softball game – and still beat them! Gale Wilkens, my 7th and 8th grade teacher, was a real sports fan; he made us play all sports, including touch football and boxing. To this day, I can hold my own with any person (man or woman) when it comes to discussing teams, players, and positions. We still occasionally get to visit with Gale's wife, Eleanor – she also taught at Hayland – what a great teaching team they were.

I remember all the Christmas Programs at Hayland, and how they packed all the parents into such a small space. I also re-

member having to say the Pledge of Allegiance every morning, and how we would look up current events in the newspaper, and learn Bible verses – unheard of things in today's classroom!

We used to think that the Grange Hall was haunted by Indians– when I was little, I would run as fast as I could past the Hall on my way to school. Later, of course, it became a place for young people to hang out, and not a bad place to “park” – I know!

I remember how Mrs. Samuelson used to “pack” us all in her Model T when it was raining and cold, and give us a ride home from school. Winter recess time, sliding down the hill across from the school, was great fun. Lunch time consisted of bag lunches, it seems like I ate millions of them – hot lunch was unheard of – amazing we all survived! All in all, Hayland School gave me a strong and confident start in life, something for which I will always be grateful.

I have attached a 2009 picture of our family – Bud says this is what happens when you begin 57 + years of romance parking at the Hayland Grange Hall!!



"2009 picture of our family"

Come on Lorraine, Your might be a Larson, but really?

John - 5 kids plus spouses; 15 grandkids, (now) 4 great grand kids - -that's the group as of 2012!!!!
Not sure at this point if we will be down in June - -depends on how Bud's work schedule works out

Sure hope Lorraine comes in person. Even without, her memories, humility, and humor are great.

Ruth Samuelson Memories

Hayland School District #25 (aka #1156)



Maxine Anderson, Ruth Samuelson, Bobby Larsen

Kindergarten class of 1952, which is also the 8th grade graduating class of 1960

Hayland School was a 2-room school on a corner lot; we had two outdoor sheds, one for wood, and one for coal. It was always exciting to see when the truck would deliver the coal. Across the road up on the hill lived the Dranselka brothers, they were the custodians and would always have the fires burning in both stoves and the steps cleared off after the snow. Their hill was also the one that we would go sledding on during our recesses.

There was a pump out front in the middle of the school yard from which the buckets of water were brought in for drinking and washing our hands. The kids all had chores each day to do such as hanging out the flag, cleaning the erasers, being the health inspector, ring the bell, checking the cloak room for orderliness, and naturally it was always the bigger boys that would bring in the big buckets of water in the morning, and dump the waste water in the evening.

Each morning began with the ringing of the big bell to call us in as it was also rung when recess and lunch were over. We began the day with the Pledge of Allegiance and it was during those years that the phrase "under God" was added to it.

The first day of school was always a day of eagerness to start the year as well as trying to get there early and pick the best desk for the year. There were some to be avoided because the seats were crooked. The school year held so many activities such as the Halloween Party, Thanksgiving party, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's, Easter, Mother's Day and the rooms were always decorated accordingly with the handwork of the students. Then the big one – The Christmas Program – when students learned their parts for plays, sang the Carols and the stage was set up in the Big Room. Seemed like that stage with curtains and steps made that room so huge and it held all the parents and other friends and family to watch the big performance of the year before Santa Claus would visit.

Come the end of the year and the last day of school was the School Picnic. Families were assigned different foods to bring and all would come to enjoy the day of eating, games and races



8th grade 1960 graduating class Edward Eisenzimmer,
Maxine Anderson, Ruth Samuelson, Bobby Larsen

and the inevitable baseball game!!!

That country school held the community together in many ways that we no longer see.

Hayland School consisted of 2 rooms, the little room grades 1-4 and the big room grades 5-8.

Memories from the Little Room.

Mrs. Eleanor Wilkins my teacher for kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade. She had so much love and patience for us all and a warm smile that always made me feel comfortable.

Mrs. Dorothy Gause was my teacher for 3rd and 4th grade. She also taught piano and it was from her I learned how to play the piano. After school and then during the summer I would go to her house.

Classes were called up to the long red table which had 2 long benches on either side. There we would learn our numbers and letters and how to write them using the old wide-lined paper with dotted lines to help us determine the height of our letters. That is where Mrs. Wilkins would help us read from the Dick and Jane books. Flash cards were the most fun. From them we learned our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Also learned our letters, words, and how to sound them by the method of phonetics.

Mrs. Gause would always read books to us and that is when the "Little House" books became popular and she read the entire series to us. Also during this time one year during the winter it was decided that mothers would provide "hot" lunches for us. Meals were usually brought in in the mornings and were heated by the teacher on an electric hot plate behind the stove.



1954 Little Room Students

Front: Lloyd Iverson, Bobby Larsen, Judy Broberg, Jim Will, Ruth Samuelson, Maxine Anderson

Back: Ralph Larsen, Merrill Iverson, Bernice Nelson, Arlyss Girard, Mrs. Wilkins

Memories from the Big Room

Mrs. Marcia Hatch was my teacher for 5th and 6th grades. I remember her being stricter, but presented so much knowledge to us, wonderful and caring for each one of us.

Mr. Nat Sahlstrom was my teacher for 7th and 8th grades. He introduced many different ideas and projects to us.

Classes were called up front and we would sit on the drop down seat in front of each row of desks. I enjoyed listening to the older classes and learning from them when they were up front. During our 6th grade year under Mrs. Hatch was the year of studying Minnesota History and taking the state-wide exam at the end of the year.

While Mr. Sahlstrom was our teacher during the time of the Russian Sputnik satellite being launched. He was able to secure a replica of it from the U of MN for us to see. It actually beeped when the sunlight hit it. He was an avid music lover, played his violin for us during singing time, also promoted myself, Maxine Anderson and Ed Eisenzimmer with our accordion playing. Each afternoon at the close of school he would have us stand and sing Taps while saluting the flag.

A big activity for the Big Room was the softball team. Each fall and spring we would practice, practice and on Friday afternoons would play other country schools either on our home field or at theirs.



Hayland Big Room about 1958. Mrs. Hatch teacher

Those you can see on left: Darla Baker, Wayne Stark, Bobby Larsen, Merrill Iverson, Bernice Nelson

On right: Ruth Samuelson, Maxine Anderson, Phillip Hakes, Duane Baker



Nat Sahlstrom had the big room . The ever important softball backstop is in the background.

Bobenmeyer, Bolz, Johnson, Nelson, Larsen students shown. You fill in the detailed names.

The Ladies Aid endured for generations. Mrs. Stark greeted Mrs Oss as Mrs Ass. After a laugh and an exchange on pronouncing Oss with a long O, a life long friendship was established. Mrs Stark's grandson Donald was the best man when John Oss married Ruth Bolz.

— Name the Ladies —





There was time in the 50s for 4H. A good looking heifer could hold center stage. Ellen and Harold Oss had the only strong worded exchange John ever heard. "You start up a 4H and you will be raising all the kids in Hayland". Well he was very wrong. Every kid in the club had parents who opened their home for meetings that rotated from farm to farm each month. Many life long friendships in and across generations came out of the 4H experience. Kids even learned how to set up Roberts Rules of order and conduct meetings accordingly. Somebody want to talk to congress.



The Quintet from Hayland.

Could those girls harmonize or what? Many of the guys didn't seem to hear much but they sure could see the curves.

There are pictures and good stories from before and after the 50s. They will be gathered to help us share Hayland across the generations. We Haylanders were and are very blessed people.

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Mail, or give your memories to John Oss. Typed, written, recorded, or video are all OK. They will be gathered and shared with whoever wishes a copy. Downloads from the internet will be free. Postage and publishing costs will be known and advertised once the materials are assembled. This news letter and following letters will form the main input to the assembling of the memories.