FERTILE REMINDER

MAY 2020



Our own Fertile Mill taken April 2020 by Bill Sinclair, Clear Lake, IA. Thank you Bill for sharing it with us! MAY CALENDAR 12 Firemen meet

7, 21 Recycle

- 12 Deadline for Reminder
- 18 Library Board meets

19 Fertile Girls ??

19 City Council

20 Reminder Emailed

26 Mail Reminder if published

27 HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOB HUMPHREY

CORONA VIRUS

As the Corona Virus has affected each and every life we pray that all our readers are safe and healthy. Only one case in Worth County is known at this time.

Out of everything bad, something good comes is a life philosophy that is great to live by, and it improves people's outlook on life, and helps people become Focused and active global citizens. It truly reflects a person's character, integrity, and courage! Count your blessings!!

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes April 21, 2020 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call:

- Mayor Nick Bailey called the council meeting to order. Present were: Mayor Nick Bailey; Council Members: Cindy Peters, Ron Rachut, Tad Miller, Holly Lovik-Hanna and Penny Miller. City Clerk Wendy Lunning and Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.
- Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Unanimous
- Ron motioned, Penny 2rd to accept agenda with the removal of the Budget Public Hearing. Unanimous. Agendas are posted at City Hall, at the Library, and at the Post Office, 24 hours in advance of each Council Meeting. If you wish to be on the Agenda, please contact City Hall two days before the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag

Employee Wages:

- Cindy asked for \$1.00 per hour wage increase for Steve & Wendy. The council decided to focus on balancing the finances. The council expressed great appreciation for Steve & Wendy.
- The Mayor's salary was also reviewed. Based on the Iowa Code 372.13 (8), the council will be updating the Mayor's salary to \$2,400.00 per year and no hourly rate.

ATV/UTV Ordinance:

 The City Council reviewed the Fertile Code of Ordinances and the lowa Code of Ordinances for ATV/UTV guidelines. The council approved ordinances as written.

Code of Conduct:

Ron postponed topic until the May meeting.

City Maintenance Report:

- Steve removed the snow fence North of West Washington.
- Steve filled pot holes on Park Street and alleys.
- VisuSewer camera lines & grouted joints on East Main Street from 3rd Street to City Limit on the East.
- Sewer draw down at the Lagoon has begun.
- Steve taped off the playground equipment and shelter house due to recommendation from Governor Reynolds for COVID-19.
- Steve received estimate of \$5,400.00 to fill crack at City Hall Parking Lot, Washington and Main Street.
- Steve received estimate of \$1,176.00 to fill dirt on right of way on Farm to Market 2020 road project.
- Hydrant on East Main broke and is currently turned off. Steve will be getting estimates on replacement cost.
- Ron motioned, Holly 2nd to approve the City Maintenance report. Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

- The City Council has decided to postpone the Clean Up Days due to the COVID-19.
- Nick repaired furnace at the City Garage.
- Nick installed Garage Door opener & Keyless entry at South side Community Center.
- Fire Department had 1 Fire call and 2 Medical calls. The Fertile Fire Department had 12-day search for missing person on the Winnebago River. Thank you to the Fertile Fire for your dedication to our community.
- *Cindy motioned, Holly 2nd to approve the mayor's report.* Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report:

- Penny motioned, Tad 2nd to approve resolution 20-04-21-1 authorizing the internal transfer of funds. Unanimous.
- The Fertile City Council reviewed recommendations from NIACOG for Code of Ordinances.
- Cindy motioned, Ron 2nd to approve Financial Reports. Unanimous
- Penny motioned, Holly 2nd to approve March Bills. Unanimous
- Liens presented to the Council were as follows:
 - 201 E Washington Street
 \$278.46

 210 E Washington Street
 \$377.10

 605 W Washington Street
 \$254.33

 115 W Main Street
 \$335.12

 103 First Street N
 \$335.12

Ron motioned, Tad 2nd to process liens with Worth County Treasurer. Unanimous

Committee Reports:

- Due to lack of rental during the COVID-19, Holly and Penny didn't receive information to determine new rates.
- Ron received trees and Steve has planted them at the park.
- Thank you to Community Support for our local businesses.
- Worth County is planning to resurface Fir Avenue Ron will be working with BMC in regards to usage of City Roads.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session on May 19th at 7:00 pm at Fertile City Hall.
- Penny motioned, Cindy 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous

Summary:

Ordinance Review

Wendy Lunning, City Clerk

7/1/2019 to 03/31/2020	General	Roads	Emergency	EE Benefits	LOST Pre	LOST Post	WCDA	Capital Projects	Utilities	Total
					01/01/2020	01/01/2020				
Income	448,320.04	23,874.19	1,230.83	7,383.02	22,148.19	8,684.18	3,000.00	2,916.64	118,469.16	636,036,25
Expense	486,231.25	26,222.62	962.13	5,246.35	0	0	6,000.00	0	59,041.24	583,703.59
Total	-37,911.21	-2,348.43	268.70	2,146.67	22,148.19	8,684.18	-3,000.00	2,916,64	59,427,92	52,332.66
Fund Balance	-33,585.99	83,994.00	268,70	4,851.22	58,057,14	8,684.18	21,32	2,916.64	258,639.95	383,847.16

City of Fertile **Bills Paid**

As of March 31, 2020

03/01/2020 Lien Interest Deposit

March 31, 2020 Type	Date	Man			Bas
erating Accounts	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Checking					
Paycheck	02/04/2020	0171			
	03/01/2020	9471	Bruns, Warren	Water & Sewer Supervisor	-300.2
Paycheck Check	03/01/2020	9472	Lunning, Wendy S	City Clerk	-559.
	03/02/2020	DEBIT	NAPA	Oil for Mower	-11.
Check	03/03/2020	EFT	Citibusiness Card	(L) Books, CDs, Supplies, DVDs & Postage	-233.
Paycheck	03/04/2020	9473	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,159.
Bill Pmt -Check	03/04/2020	9474	Bell's Fire Stop, Inc.	Annual Inspection Fire Extinguisher	-63.0
Bill Pmt -Check	03/04/2020	9475	Hawkins, Inc. Iowa Communities Assurance	Chlorine Cylinder	-15.0
Bill Pmt -Check	03/04/2020	9476	Pool v	Insurance	
Bill Pmt -Check	03/04/2020	9477	Lonnie Knudson		-15,087.0
Bill Pmt -Check	03/04/2020	9479	WCTA	Community Center Cleaning	-65.
Check	03/09/2020	ACH	Intuit	Telephone/Internet	-198.
Bill Pmt -Check	03/09/2020	9480	AgSource Laboratories	Payroll	-12.
Bill Pmt -Check	03/09/2020	9481	Alliant Energy	Water Testing Electric	-13.
Bill Pmt -Check	03/09/2020	9482	Five Star CO-OP		-1,354.
Bill Pmt -Check	03/09/2020	9483	Kramer Ace Hardware	Gas for Truck	-57.0
Bill Pmt -Check	03/09/2020	9484	Verizon Wireless	Batteries	-10.5
Bill Pmt -Check	03/09/2020	9485		Cell Phone	-75.0
Liability Check	03/17/2020	EFT	Waste Management IPERS		-2,410.0
Liability Check	03/17/2020	EFTPS	United States Treasury		-708.9
Liability Check	03/17/2020	EFTPS	United States Treasury		-1,538.1
Paycheck	03/18/2020	9486			-1,274.5
Paycheck	03/18/2020	9487	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,159.2
Paycheck	03/18/2020	9488	Arndt, Linda J	(L) Assistant Director	-206.0
Paycheck	03/18/2020	9489	Knudson, Loni	(L) Clerk	-186.0
Check	03/18/2020	ACH	Thompson, Angela M	(L) Librarian	-1,459.8
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2020		WCTA	(L)Telephone	-46.2
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2020	9490	Alliant Energy		-1,003.6
Bill Pmt -Check		9491	Baker & Taylor	(L) Books & CDs	-280.0
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2020	9492	Black Hills Energy		-654.1
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2020	9493	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-97.1
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2020	9494	MicroMarketing	(L) Books	-34.9
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2020	9495	Miller Ranch and Mobile Repair	Hydraulic Hose on Plow Truck	-543.2
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2020	9497	Swank Movie Licensing USA	Movie License	-184.0
Check	03/18/2020	9498	WebWise Solutions Inc.	Web Hosting & Domain Name	-378.0
	03/18/2020	DEBIT	North Iowa Lumber & Design Inc	Park Fence	-78.0
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2020	9500	Menards	Wood & Concrete Mix for Fence at Park	-76.7
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2020	9501	North Iowa Media Group	Publish Annual Financial Report Fuel for Skid Loader, Plow Truck, Sand/Salt	-183.8
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2020	9502	Worth County Engineer v	Mix	-1,564.4
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2020	9503	Frederick Blanch	(L) Books	-1,504.4
Bill Pmt -Check	03/31/2020		ClerkBooks A/P Adjust	QuickBooks generated zero amount transaction	·U£.*†
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Deposits

Property Taxes	825.59			
Paypal Utility Deposit	754.00			
Utility Deposit		03/18/2020	VOID Check 9467.	543.25
Refundable Utility Deposit		03/19/2020	WCDA Deposit	3,000.00
		03/25/2020	Utility Deposit	2,678.32
The second		03/25/2020	Paypal Utility Deposit	852.25
Utility Deposit	*	03/27/2020	Local Option Sales Tax	2,728.16
Utility Deposit		03/31/2020	Interest	31.41
Road Use Tax	993.50			24,954.58
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46.00



Shirley M. McIlhatton, 94, of Mason City, died Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at Good Shepherd Health Center in Mason

City. Following the recommendations set forth by the CDC, as well as careful consideration for the family and friends of

Mrs. McIlhatton, Shirley's family will hold a memorial service a future date.

Shirley's family appreciates the compassion and sympathies felt from their Christian family and the community; more information will be forthcoming as soon as it is available.Should friends desire, condolences may be sent to Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel to be forwarded to Shirley's family.

The daughter of Amos and Aletta (Nelson) Nissen, Shirley Maxine Nissen was born on November 14, 1925 on the family farm in rural Cerro Gordo County. She attended Fertile Consolidated School, graduating in 1944. Shirley then attended Waldorf College in Forest City before accepting a position with Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. Shirley remained with Northwestern Bell for over 35 years until her retirement in 1981.

On March 4, 1971 Shirley was united in marriage to Loren McIlhatton in Fertile, IA. Together they would be blessed with nearly 50 years of matrimony, having just celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. For the past 25 years Shirley and Loren have enjoyed wintering in Mesa, Arizona, where they escaped the harsh Iowa winters.

Those grateful in sharing in Shirley's life are her husband, Loren; nephews, Donald (Janice) Nissen and their daughter, Bobbi Jean, and Robert (Sarah) Nissen; as well as extended family members and many friends.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents, Amos and Aletta; stepson, Dennis McIlhatton; and brothers, Donald Nissen and Marlin (Phyllis) Nissen.



Cletus W. Nedved, 78 of Fertile, Iowa died March 18, 2020 at the MercyOne Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.

Upon his wishes he was cremated and memorial services will be held at a later date.

At this time, in lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to his family.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.

Our sympathies to the families.



Dear Gals:. So glad to get the Fertile Reminder. With staying in, makes for good memories. Have some goodies. Many Thanks, Marlys Pederson.

Enjoy getting the Reminder. Thanks Nancy Schroeder

Thank you for keeping us all informed about Fertile & vicinity! God Bless &Stay Safe! Mona Humphrey Kumm

Dear Fertile Reminder Staff. We still have fond memories of the days and years we were students at Fertile Consolidated School. Hope everyone stays safe, healthy and free from the Coronavirus! Thanks to all the staff for the Fertile Reminder. Sincerely, **Vonnie & Sever Pederson**



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Things are a little crazy here at the library these days, as I am sure they are with you. Even though our building is not open to the public right now, we have many resources available to you online, with just your library card. From books and audios available on your phone, to research and learning a new language and Chilton auto repair manuals. Now is the perfect time to exp[lore these things your library card gets you.

If you find you need a little help getting something going, please feel free to call me @ the library Mon-Thur 9:30-

12:30 and I will walk you through it over the phone. Take care of yourselves and each other!

-Angie





TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER

Tad Miller, 706 WestMain Street Married to Jaci Miller and they have two girls: Molly 16 and Kaysee 14

How long have you lived in Fertile? Since 1999

How long have you been on the council & what position do you hold? I think it has been about 17 or 18 years now. I am mayor pro tem to help as needed and also the building inspector along with committee activities. I was the Win Worth Betco city representative for several years.

What was your purpose or goal in running for town council? I attended a council meeting shortly after moving here and I felt like the city needed some help and I could offer it. There was a lot to do with

updating the book keeping records, getting compliant with our water and sewer and the DNR requirements. It took a good group of people that cared about the community, and I believe we are in much better shape now then we were.

Tell us something about yourself.

I work for a global energy company providing service to utility scale renewable energy plants like wind and solar. I get to see the world but enjoy living in a small town and seeing my children be able to participate in so many activities in a good school system. I moved to California for ten years and didn't like the different culture there. The culture and community in this area is so much more grounded and has higher ethics. People look out for each other and it is priceless.

As a member of the town council where do you see Fertile in 5 to 10 years?

I see us continuing to be a bedroom community although I feel we have some great opportunities to grow and add some businesses and homes. It is most important that the city is planning for the future and making sure we are stable financially and environmentally.

What town projects are you most interested in seeing done?

There are many opportunities with the casino and the people here. I believe it would be nice to have a bike trail or walking path that allows more outdoor recreation. We also need a gas station and convenience store so we will continue to try to get one back here, although it might take some creative thinking to make it economically feasible for a new owner.

Please share anything that you feel would get the people to know you better.

My belief is that we need to run the city like a business but make sure it is focused on the people that live here. As a council person I work hard to be unbiased to my own needs but to think of the majority of the people and how our decisions could impact them. It is not easy, and I would like to see more people get involved as the city council can't do it all alone, we need input and ideas and it takes a community.

This is a good town with a lot of good people and I enjoy living here.

CHAPEL HILL RETRIEVERS

Hello, my name is Isaac Langerud and I started Chapel Hill Retrievers with the purpose of helping dog owners reach the goals they set fourth for both themselves and your canine friend. Whether you are a first time dog owner or someone who has been competing in competition events year after year, we tailor our program to help you reach your goals. We offer a variety of services ranging from pet boarding, basic obedience, hunting retriever training, and all the way up to our specialty of training competitive field trial dogs to compete in competitions across the country.

My passion for dogs started in my youth while pheasant hunting with my father. We quickly realized that we were much productive when hunting over a dog. Being able to see the dogs work in the field and help us achieve our goals, in hunting, was truly where it all began for me. After those hunting experiences, I began to search for and acquire as much training knowledge as I could come up with. I read books and magazines, watched training videos, trained with a local training group and then went on to do my college internship with Scott Dewey at Rock River Retrievers. After graduating college, I went out to work with Jim Van Engen at Right Start Kennels in Sheboygan Falls, WI. While working at Right Start Kennels, I had the opportunity to work with a vast array of young dogs and was able to gain a ton of hands on experience learning to read dogs and adjust training methods to meet each dog's individual needs. Over the two years that I spent training at Right Start Kennels I had the opportunity to work with and do basics on a number of dogs that went on to achieve the following titles: National Amateur Field Champion, Field Champion, Amateur Field Champion, as well as other hunting titles in the hunt test game.

While working at Right Start Kennels as an assistant trainer where we specialized in young dogs an opportunity arose, again at Rock River Retrievers with Scott Dewey, to further my training knowledge. Scott was searching for a new assistant trainer and I felt it was the right move to further my training education. I moved back from Wisconsin and spent 5 years training with him where we developed a very competitive truck of dogs on the AKC retriever field trial circuit. We made several Field Champions, Amateur Field Champions, National Open Finalists, National Amateur Finalists, and even a Purina high point amateur dog. Things were definitely going good for us at Rock River Retrievers. Scott decided to take a different path in his career and began to train service dogs and that is when I made the decision to start Chapel Hill Retrievers.

Since the beginning of Chapel Hill Retrievers, we have been fortunate in the field trial game and have won and place numerous dogs in the derby, qualify, amateur, and open stakes that we compete in at AKC Field Trials. We also have customers who have competed in ACK hunt tests and have received various titles in that game as well.

Our training facility is located just west of Fertile, IA on highway 9. Our grounds are constantly being managed for the purpose of dog training. Many people drive by the property and probably wonder to themselves, "what are they doing with all the different features, such as ponds, mounds and cover strips?" Well it is all specifically done for the purpose of recreating what these dogs may see during competitions or a day's hunt out in the field. We currently have eight training ponds as well as a creek that runs through the center of our property which provides cool water to run the dogs through on those warm summer days. It probably won't be too long before another pond is underway. Our dogs are transported in custom made dog boxes built by Ainley Kennels and Fabrication, which are mounted to chassis cab trucks. These vehicles provide a safe and comfortable mode of transportation in all types of weather to and from where we are training or competing. Currently our dogs have the opportunity to relax in shade covered kennel overlooking a portion of our training grounds. The shade is provided by a roof over the kennels and plenty of nice trees to help keep them comfortable on those warm summer days. These kennels are outdoors, therefore there is an ample supply of fresh air which helps to keep our dogs healthy which means less down time due to sickness. We also have a heated building to house the dogs when the weather in North Iowa begins to get

cold in late October through December before we take our operation to Texas for 4 months from January through April.

I am blessed to be able to share the dream of building Chapel Hill Retrievers with my wife, Lindsey, who is a RN at Mercy Medical Center North Iowa and our two kids, Teagan and Calum.

If you have any additional inquiries, please feel free to reach out to me at chretrievers@gmail.com









THOUGHTS OF FARMER RON

Good Morning Fertile. I hope you are all feeling well. First, a thank you before I tell you my thoughts on the coronavirus. Thank You Joyce and Thank

You Nick. While Mayor, Joyce donated many of the hours she worked for the city. Now that Nick Bailey is Mayor, he is also donating any hours he works for the city over his salary of \$1000.00 per year. City officials don't get over paid for what they do. Any donations from our citizens, whether monetary (like starting a fund for replacing flags at city hall) or physical, like helping Steve plant trees, is very much appreciated. Thank you to anyone I did not mentioned, who has donated in some way to the city.

am going to ask a favor of anyone who reads this letter. If anyone has any pictures of the swinging bridge that used to go over the Winnebago River south of the Quarry, please let me know. The family of Adam Van Syoc, who caught a cable left from the bridge and drown in the river, would like to see what it looked like when it was in use. The family would appreciate this.

Now on the coronavirus. Three things seem to have surfaced. The first is health. While some get the virus and have zero symptoms, others die. The difference seems to be underling conditions. When this is over, people will, individually, really look at improving their health, if possible. Do I need to eat better? Do I need to eat differently? Do I need to exercise more? Do I need to walk around Fertile each day as some do now? Do I need to stop smoking? Do I need to check my blood pressure more often?

The second is a renewed interest in religion. When something so small it can only be seen with a high powered microscope, brings the world to its knees, we need a belief in a higher power. Whether that is being a Christian, Jewish, Muslim, or other, we humans are really pretty weak and we need to put our trust in the Almighty. I have had Pastors tell me that during Holy Week, those churches that had their service on Facebook or YouTube, had more followers, than would have ever been in church. It is a way to reach people with the message that would never walk into a church.

The third really scares me. We have found out how easy it is for an enemy of the U.S.A., whether that being China, Russia, or another country, to bring a biological element into this country, release it, and destroy our country. I think of the Spanish Flu of 1918 or Ebola. Our nation is changed, never to go back to what it was before the virus. Every one of us will change. There will be a greater love of God, our family, our nation, and our fellow man. The virus will have made us stronger. Instead of how I usually end my letter, I am simply

going to say, LOVE OTHERS AS JESUS LOVED US.

WANTED: A Fertile School Book published in 2009 by Betty Waddington. If you have one you would like to sell, contact Anna Mary Sanderson Spengler. I can give you her address.

The Fertile Reminder welcomes family histories from the Fertile area. Please share yours!!





Cooks page by: Tammy Waddington

Clarice's Rhubarb Strawberry Pie

2-1/2 c. rhubarb	1
3/4 c. sugar	P

1 c. whipping cream Pie shells

1 c. strawberries

Cut rhubarb into small chunks; slice the strawberries. Mix the rhubarb, sugar and strawberries; pour into a pie shell. Pour the whipping cream over the fruit and place another pie shell on top. Bake 1 hour at 350°.

Rhubarb Iced Tea

8 stalks rhubarb, cut into 3" pieces

8 cups water

1/2 cup granulated sugar, or to taste

Bring rhubarb and water to a boil in a large saucepan. Reduce heat; simmer 1 hour. Strain; discard pulp. Stir sugar into the hot liquid until dissolved. Cool. Serve over ice.

Freezer Rhubarb-Strawberry Jam

4	C.	rhubarb,	diced
4	C.	sugar	
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1 c. fresh strawberries, sliced 1 (3 oz)pkg. strawberry gelatin *

2 tsp. lemon juice Combine rhubarb, sugar, strawberries and lemon juice in a saucepan; stir to blend. Place over low heat, stir until juice forms. Bring to boil, stirring occasionally. When mixture is at full boil, cook 15 minutes; time carefully. Remove from heat, stir in gelatin. Pour into small containers and seal. Store in freezer, refrigerate after opening.

* I use raspberry jello; use flavor of your choice.

NOTE:

I like to cook some rhubarb just covered with water until soft, then I will add some dry flavored gelatin (usually raspberry) to taste. I really enjoy this easy quick treat.

Tips from the olden days!

A book from 1951 says...to economize on sugar when making jam, let the fruit boil for about 10 minutes before adding sugar. Only about 1/2 of the usual amount of sugar will be needed.

Creamy Rhubarb Dessert

1/2 c. cold butter or margarine 1-1/2 c. all-purpose flour 1/2 c. chopped pecans RHUBARB LAYER: 4 c. sliced rhubarb 1/2 c. sugar 2 Tbs. all-purpose flour CHESSECAKE LAYER: 2 pkgs. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened 1/2 c. sugar 1 tsp. vanilla extract 3 eggs TOPPING: 1-1/2 c. (12 oz.) sour cream 3 Tbs. sugar 1 tsp. vanilla extract Additional chopped pecans, optional

In a bowl, cut butter into flour until mixture resembles coarse crumbs; stir in pecans. Press into an ungreased 13x9x2" baking pan. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes. Combine rhubarb, sugar, and flour; spoon over the crust. Bake for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, in a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Pour over hot rhubarb layer. Bake for 30 minutes. Combine sour cream, sugar and vanilla; spread over hot cheesecake. Cool on a wire rack for 1 hour. Refrigerate overnight. Sprinkle with additional pecans if desired.

What happened to the rhubarb when he got caught shoplifting?: He was taken into custardy then crumbled under questioning.

A train station is where the train stops. A bus station is where the bus stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

PRODUCT WARNING: Cardboard dashboard sun shield: Do not drive with sun shield in place.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

May you have a wonderful MAY. God Bless and Keep You. ©



THANK YOU to the **Fertile Fire Department** for cruising the town to wave at people and get them out to their front porches so see each other. It was done on a beautiful afternoon, April 5. These are the vehicles now owned and cared for by the department. Give them a big "thank you" for the great work they do!



THANK YOU POET for lighting your Christmas tree on Hwy 9 near Hanlontown during this time of the Corona Virus. It is a great inspiration to see it as a beacon of hope.



NUMBER	MO. DAY YR	TOTAL HOURS	HOURS	GROSS	FEDERAL INCOME TAX	F.I.C.A.	STATE W/H
905	03/01/69	45.00	5.00	118.75	9.20	5.70	1.91
OTHER DEDUCTIONS		AMOUNT]				
INSURA		.15	NUMBER	M	industries, inc. · forest	t city, iowa	
	AL SECURITY	NETPAY	TAX EXPT	GROSS EARNINGS	FED INCOME TAX	FICA.	STATE W/H
		101.79	4	1,248.47	64.16	59.94	19.55

And here are the food prices for April 1966, I am sure they did not raise much from 1966 to 1969. These are the food prices when the tornado "visited" Belmond. This is P & G's ad for the week.

Hormel Ham butt portion \$.69 @ lb.

Philadelphia Cream cheese 8 oz. for \$.29

Libby's catsup 14 oz. bottles 5 for \$.89 Soft as Silk, Ig box cake flour \$.35

Club steak or standing rib roast \$.79 @ lb.

Tenderloins or minute steaks each \$.10

Tea Biscuits..... Pkg. of 12 for \$.10

Milk gallon \$.69

Wilderness pie mixes 4 cans for \$1.00

Libby's pineapple 4 (no. 211 cans) for \$.89

Miracle Whip 1 ½ qts. \$.69

Oleo \$.15 a lb.

Borden's Ice Cream gallon \$.98 Frozen Orange juice, 6 oz, 5 for \$.89 Polar Frozen peas 10 oz. box ten cents CA navel oranges 5 lbs. \$.59 Clorox Bleach ½ gal. \$.29 Smuckers Peanut Butter 12 oz. @ \$.39 Charcoal 10 lb. bag \$.49 celery \$.10 a lb.





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