
























FERTILE REMINDER

JUNE 2019

LAST GRADUATING CLASS AT FERTILE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

				
<i>Demit Dawson</i>	<i>Merle Tuttle</i>	<i>Mona Olson</i>	<i>Larry McCauley</i>	<i>Harlan Rodberg</i>
				
<i>Larry Haugen</i>	<i>Richard Norem</i>	<i>Rosemary Waage</i>	<i>Bert Pederson</i>	<i>Darlene Johnson</i>
				
<i>Robert Jensen</i> PRESIDENT	<i>Sandra Purcell</i> VICE-PRES.	<i>Joanne Roberts</i> TREASURER	<i>David Lovick</i> SECRETARY	<i>Gail Lee</i>
				
<i>August A. Luther</i> SUPT.	Fertile HIGH SCHOOL class of... '62			<i>Sylvia Evans</i> PRIN.
				
<i>Jay Overson</i>	<i>Marlye Tweed</i>	<i>James Myhre</i>	<i>Larry Burkee</i>	<i>Judith Schuler</i>

— RUSSELL STUDIO —

JUNE CALENDAR

3 Firemen meet

6 & 20 Recycle

10 Garden Club

12 Reminder Deadline

17 Library Board Meets

18 Fertile Girls

18 City Council

19 Reminder emailed

24 Reminder mailed

ENJOY JUNE

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2019 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Public Hearing:

- Mayor Joyce Russell called the Public Hearing to Order for the Budget Amendment. There were no comments. *Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to close the Public Hearing.*

Call to Order & Roll Call:

- Mayor Joyce Russell called the council meeting to order. Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, Nick Bailey (early dismissal), Ron Rachut and Holly Lovik-Hanna; City Clerk Wendy Lunning and Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.
- Ron motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the minutes of the April meeting.* Unanimous
- Tad motioned, Holly 2nd to accept agenda.* 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.

Top of Iowa Trail:

- Myron Lupkes, Tom Reed, Dennis Johnson and two interns from ISU Rising Stars attending to shed light on the walking trail between Fertile & Hanlontown. The trail would not allow for motorized vehicles with the exception of maintenance vehicles. It would be the cities responsibility to maintain the trail. The city would be working with County Conservation & local grants to make this possible. Next meeting is Thursday, May 30th, 7:00 pm at the Fertile Community Center. Your feedback is appreciated.

Public Hearing Budget Amendment:

- Wendy presented the budget amendment to the City Council with increases due to grants received. *Tad motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the budget amendment.* Unanimous

7/1/2018 to 4/30/2019	General	Roads	Emergency	EE Benefits	LOST	WCDA	Utilities	Total
Income	277,850.35	40,334.21	1,842.28	7,522.26	29,670.43	64,792.98	137,461.55	559,474.06
Expense	307,585.94	29,085.44	0	5,113.15	0	61,792.98	86,930.50	490,508.01
Total	-29,735.59	11,248.77	1,842.28	2,409.11	29,670.43	3,000.00	50,531.05	68,966.05
Fund Balance	25,093.38	71,567.26	1,842.28	3,622.53	29,670.43	3,021.32	205,598.51	340,415.71

Grants:

- NIACOG is now accepting applications for home repair. The program is for low income households with a resident who is over 62 years of age and/or disabled. Repair projects require a minimum cost of \$15,000 and include items such as: roofing, siding, windows, doors, furnace, water heater, electrical, accessibility (ramps and bathrooms), and plumbing works. Contact NIACOG at 641-423-0491 (Myrtle x16 or Caraline x27).
- While there are several ideas for grants for the City of Fertile, the council decided to apply for a WCDA fall grant for generator for Community Center and lagoon. *Cindy motioned, Ron 2nd to proceed with this grant.* Unanimous

City Maintenance Report:

- Steve burn brush that was on city property.
- Steve picked up several rocks at the park due to flooding. The first mowing revealed additional rocks. Steve replaced blades on the mower.
- Steve completed the DNR Water Use report.
- Steve pressure washed the snow plow truck.
- Steve sprayed weeds at the bridge.

- City Clean Up was successful and both dumpsters were filled by noon.
- Steve planted some grass seed at City Hall.
- Steve put some rock in the alleys where needed.
- The trees that were planted last year survived the flood and are blooming.
- The pump at the water plant had air in the line and got over heated. Steve & Warren pumped the water manually until they were able to get the air out and original pump running. Council asked Steve to check into auto shut off to pump when it gets over heated.
- Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the City Maintenance report.* Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

- Joyce met with ICAP in regards to the 2019 / 2020 policy. Effective May 1, ICAP began offering Active Assailant Coverage at no additional charge to all ICAP members. The Fertile Fire Department will be submitting a \$1000.00 grant for new hoses and gear.
- Historian James Kenyon is seeking information about the early education in the community. He will be at the Fertile Community Center on Tuesday, July 2nd at 1:00 pm.
- The Fertile Fire Department purchased new Ranger with tracks and sold the old one.
- Thank you to Nick Bailey, Buck Russell and Steve Roberts with your help during the City Wide Clean Up day.
- New signs have been installed at the Library for customer parking only.
- Nuisance letters written & sent to residences in town.
- Ron motioned, Holly 2nd to approve the mayor's report.* Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report:

- Ron motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous
- Cindy motioned, Holly 2nd to approve April Bills.* Unanimous
- Write off for outstanding bill 103 Spring Street from previous owners. Write Off not granted.
- Liens presented to the Council were as follows:

115 W Main Street	\$325.43
101 E Main Street	\$354.18

Ron motioned; Tad seconded to process liens with Worth County Treasurer. Unanimous

Committee Report:

- Ron & Tad mentioned the use of Solar Panels for the City of Fertile. This will be included with the list of grants to apply for.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session on June 18th at 7:00 pm at Fertile City Hall.
- Holly motioned, Cindy 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

Summary:

- Public Hearing for 2019 Budget Amendment
- Grants

City of Fertile Deposits

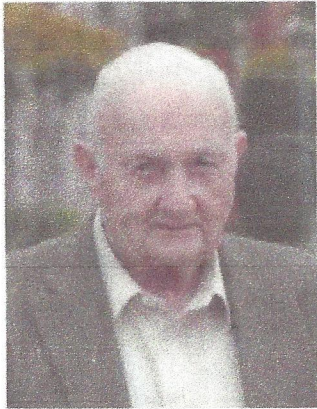
As of April 30, 2019

	Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts				
Checking				
Deposit		04/01/2019	Property Taxes	32,417.95
Deposit		04/01/2019	Lien Deposit	246.94
Deposit		04/03/2019	Utility Deposit	145.35
Deposit		04/03/2019	Utility Deposit	482.64
Deposit		04/03/2019	Casino Funds Deposit	2,857.22
Deposit		04/05/2019	Farm to Market Deposit	1,532.43
Deposit		04/08/2019	Utility Deposit	294.28
Deposit		04/16/2019	Road Use Tax	1,066.69
Deposit		04/17/2019	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
Deposit		04/17/2019	Utility Deposit	77.39
Deposit		04/17/2019	Refundable Utility Deposit	150.00
Deposit		04/17/2019	Farm to Market Deposit	1,881.43
Deposit		04/17/2019	Utility Deposit	2,607.61
Deposit		04/17/2019	(L) Book Return Deposit	11.92
Deposit		04/17/2019	Library Deposit	10.00
Deposit		04/17/2019	Library Deposit	213.00
Deposit		04/19/2019	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
Deposit		04/24/2019	Utility Deposit	3,334.32
Deposit		04/24/2019	Facility Rental Deposit	250.00
Deposit		04/24/2019	Utility Deposit	242.43
Deposit		04/29/2019	Local Option Sales Tax	2,654.52
Deposit		04/30/2019	Utility Deposit	2,590.75
Deposit		04/30/2019	Interest	<u>22.17</u>
Total Checking				53,089.04
Petty Cash				
Total Petty Cash				<u> </u>
Total Operating Accounts				53,089.04
Roads Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
Deposit		04/30/2019	Interest	<u>0.57</u>
Total Savings				<u>0.57</u>
Total Roads Revenue Accounts				0.57
Water Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
Deposit		04/30/2019	Interest	<u>2.78</u>
Total Savings				<u>2.78</u>
Total Water Revenue Accounts				2.78
Sewer Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
Deposit		04/30/2019	Interest	<u>2.43</u>
Total Savings				<u>2.43</u>
CD				
Total CD				<u> </u>
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts				<u>2.43</u>
TOTAL				<u><u>53,094.82</u></u>

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of April 30, 2019

	Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts						
Checking						
	Check	04/01/2019	9052	Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly Allocation	-3,833.33
	Check	04/01/2019	TRANSFER	Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly Payment	0.00
	Check	04/01/2019	CORR	Worth County Auditor	Correction to duplicate entry effective 03-06-2019 check #425734.	-8,750.00
	Paycheck	04/03/2019	9046	Bruns, Warren	Water & Sewer Supervisor	-300.21
	Paycheck	04/03/2019	9047	Lunning, Wendy S	City Clerk	-335.10
	Paycheck	04/03/2019	9048	Russell, Grant	City Maintenance	-55.94
	Paycheck	04/03/2019	9049	Russell, Joyce	Mayor (Donated 14 hours)	-1,345.52
	Paycheck	04/03/2019	9050	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,095.71
	Bill Pmt -Check	04/03/2019	9051	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-40.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	04/03/2019	9053	Carrot-Top Industries, Inc.	Flags	-122.65
	Bill Pmt -Check	04/03/2019	9054	Menards	Pothole Patch	-152.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	04/03/2019	9055	Waste Management	Garbage, Recycling & Container Services	-2,339.78
	Bill Pmt -Check	04/03/2019	9056	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-199.71
	Bill Pmt -Check	04/03/2019	9057	Wendy Lunning - v	Mileage to Northwood & Bank (30 miles @ .545 per mile)	-16.35
	Check	04/03/2019	ACH	Citibusiness Card	(L) Books & CDs, Supplies, Programs, DVDs, Postage, Dues & Magazines	-538.83
	Check	04/08/2019	DEBIT	USPS	Certified Letter	-8.20
	Check	04/09/2019	ACH	Intuit	Payroll	-12.72
	Liability Check	04/10/2019	EFT	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-685.00
	Liability Check	04/12/2019	EFT	IPERS		-898.68
	Liability Check	04/12/2019	EFTPS	United States Treasury		-1,417.82
	Paycheck	04/16/2019	9061	Arndt, Linda J	(L) Assistant Director	-253.69
	Paycheck	04/16/2019	9062	Knudson, Loni	(L) Clerk	-202.13
	Paycheck	04/16/2019	9063	Thompson, Angela M	(L) Librarian	-1,153.72
	Paycheck	04/17/2019	9064	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,095.72
	Bill Pmt -Check	04/17/2019	9065	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-64.75
	Bill Pmt -Check	04/17/2019	9066	Alliant Energy		-832.57
	Bill Pmt -Check	04/17/2019	9067	Baker & Taylor	(L) Books & CDs	-229.67
	Bill Pmt -Check	04/17/2019	9068	Black Hills Energy		-587.14
	Bill Pmt -Check	04/17/2019	9069	Joyce Russell -P	(L) People Magazine	-27.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	04/17/2019	9070	Menards	Supplies & Road Crack Filler	-63.32
	Bill Pmt -Check	04/17/2019	9071	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-73.01
	Check	04/17/2019	EFT	First Security Bank & Trust	Main Street Loan	-1,969.87
	Bill Pmt -Check	04/24/2019	9072	Staples	Folding Machine, 3 Tab Folders & Pens.	-228.36
	Check	04/29/2019	Ach	Citibusiness Card	(L) Books & CDs, Supplies, Programs, DVDs, Postage, Meals, Fees	-583.97
	Sales Tax Payment	04/30/2019	eFile	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		0.00
	Sales Tax Payment	04/30/2019	eFile	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		0.00
	Total Checking					-29,512.47
	Petty Cash					
	Total Petty Cash					
	Total Operating Accounts					-29,512.47
	Roads Revenue Accounts					
	Savings					
	Total Savings					
	Total Roads Revenue Accounts					
	TOTAL					-29,512.47



Ray L. Sandifer Jr., 89, of Fertile, died Sunday, April 14, 2019 at Mercy One North Iowa Hospice in Mason City.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Calvary Baptist Church in Forest City with the Pastor Doug

Farrell officiating. Burial will be in Brush Point Cemetery, rural Fertile, Iowa.

Memorials may be directed to the Calvary Baptist Church.

Ray Lomax Sandifer Jr. was born January 2, 1930 in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, the son of Ray L. Sr. and Mildred (Paul) Sandifer. He served during the Korean War in the United States Army and was honorably discharged.

Ray was married to Dolores Jordan on October 20, 1953 at the Fertile Lutheran Church. He enjoyed the times he spent with her family and especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Ray was a long-time member of the Calvary Baptist Church, where he served in many capacities.

Left to cherish his memory are his son, Rick Sandifer and wife Kathy of Nashua, granddaughters, Kelly Sandifer and Kristen (Stephen) Ryland of Lewisville, TX and three great-grandchildren, Claire, Calvin, and Elliot Ryland; brother-in-law, Raymond Jordan and wife Deanna of Northwood, and many nephews and nieces.

He is preceded in death by parents; wife, Dolores in 2016 and son, Gary Ray Sandifer.

PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

Jimmy Carter is now our oldest living president. The 39th U.S. president, who is turning 95 this year, was born on October 1, 1924 in Plains, Georgia. He served in office from 1977-1981.

Jimmy Carter's full name is James Earl Carter, Jr. He was the first U.S. president to be born in a hospital, unlike his predecessors who were all born at home. Being raised on a family farm, he grew up with traditional rural family values and went to a local Baptist church. He has blue eyes and stands at 5 feet, 9 ½ inches tall.

Carter was the oldest of his three younger siblings,

Gloria, Ruth, and Billy. Sadly, all of them have passed from pancreatic cancer. When he was a child, Jimmy Carter shot his sister, Gloria, in the behind with a BB gun after she threw a wrench at him. He was later punished by his father for tormenting his little sister.

On July 7, 1946, Jimmy Carter married Eleanor Rosalynn Smith. Their first date was at the movie theater, and Carter knew that she was "the one" right away. The four children that they have together are John, James Earl III, Jeffrey, and Amy.

Growing up, Carter played basketball at his high school. He also ran cross-country when he was attending the U.S. Naval Academy. He is also a life-long tennis player since his family had a dirt court on the farm he grew up on. As for a spectator sport, Carter's favorite one is baseball.

In his free time, he enjoys bowling, fishing, and hunting. And especially loves to hunt wild turkey, quail, and dove. To stay in shape, Carter rides a bicycle, jogs, plays tennis, and dances with Rosalynn.

Did you know???? By: Ann Hendrickson

"We Want You". Some of us can remember seeing a poster with Uncle Sam pointing a finger at you with the title "We want you". This was used during war time to recruit soldiers.

This just gave you a hint as to where this is going! The Historical Society really does want you, and really does need you. We just do not have the number of people we need for our doors to be open.

The plans now are for the museum to be open Sunday afternoon 2:00-4:00PM beginning June 2nd and ending August 25th. Two hours can pass very quickly if you bring someone with you and have a good visit. You do not have to be a historical society member to volunteer.

Please call Amanda at the museum 324-1180 or Ann Hendrickson 324-1017 if you wish to volunteer for a couple of hours. We would appreciate it so very much. The plans are to have a booth at the fair again this year. We will have a guessing game and a monetary prize for the winner. Please look us up in the commercial building.

Until next time....



FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY
 204 West Main Street/Box 198
 Fertile, IA 50434
 641-797-2787 Phone/Fax
 Monday & Wednesday: 1-6 P.M.
 Thursday: 3-6 P.M.
 Friday: 9- Noon & 2-6 P.M.
 Saturday: 9 - Noon
 WWW.YOUSEEMORE.COM/NILC/FERTILEPL



Library Events

Family Movie Night

June 7th @ 7 pm

Come join us for a a fun time with
 books and crafts!

Cookbook Club

June 20th @ 6:30 pm

Join us as we discuss a cookbook and sample
 some of it's offerings. This is a dinner and
 conversation group. 18+

Adult Craft Afternoon

June 22nd @ 1 pm

We will be painting pots, eating snacks &
 chatting. Join us for the fun. Ages 18+

Summer Reading Registration

Begins June 1st. There is a program
 for all ages, so come sign up today!

Summer is Coming...

The Library is preparing for summer! Come on in and sign up for the
 adult program, grab some books for the beach, join us for a trip to
 space, or view a movie that is out of this world. Contact the library for
 more information.

featuring New Books

Blessing in disguise - Danielle Steele
 Caught by surprise - Jen Turano
 Neon prey - John Sandford
 The 18th abduction - James Patterson
 Redemption - David Baldacci
 Someone knows - Lisa Scottoline

featuring New DVDs

Blackkklansman
 Green Book
 The old man & the gun
 Bumblebee
 Second Act
 White Boy Rick

JENKINS FAMILY STORY

When I think of my Jenkins family heritage and all they went thru back in the early days, all I can say is UFFDA.....Times were tough and you worked hard for a dime.

I remember my Jenkins Grandparents, Frank and Lena living in a small home on the east side of Fertile while he worked at the lumber yard. Grandma Lena made the best homemade lemon pie, and to this day, lemon is still my favorite pie. They had four boys, Lawrence "Bud", James "Jim", Clyde "Skeeter", Norman "Nubs", and three girls, Gladys, Elma, and Geneva. Bud was my dad, he starting working young, doing plumbing jobs and selling philgas, then he opened Jenkins Appliance, you just had to call 4802. Later he drove the Fertile school bus for 25 years without an accident, such a character and loved by all the school kids. Once Bud met the love of his life and married Cora Suby, Fertile was home for sure adding six kids eventually to their little home on main. Cora was amazing at sewing, she made our clothes, curtains and so much more. She and Doris Burtness were known as the Fertile wallpaper gals, and wallpapered many homes in the area over the years, which I'm sure some may even still have the same paper hanging today. Crafty she was, and always had a cup of coffee and cookie ready for a friend.

The family story below continues with some fun details and memories from my mom and I on how the Jenkins family came to be....

*Fond memories got me thinking of how my family came to be,
The true love of Bud and Cora, the answer the key*

*Lets all go back to the time so dear, Bud and Cora as classmates, thru the Fertile school year
Bud never noticed little Cora so small, until after school ended, he began to call
A car he would rent, \$1 for the night, to impress Cora Suby, was nothing he took light.*

*Their love grew and grew, it was plain to see, 1928 was the year, married they'd be
A small place in Fertile was all that needed, a home near the lumber yard is where it all seeded*

*One long summer night, the family began, it was July 1930, a little baby named Fran
This cute cubby baby, a picture to see, at the fair won first prize, do believe that was me*

*A small of family of three, seemed pretty lean, finally 6 years later came my little sister Norma Jean
Her tough entry to the world, almost took Cora's life,
Celia Calhoun helped as she hemorrhaged, Fertile's wonderful mid-wife
Now a family a four, but something still missing, Jean and I told Mom, a brother we were wishing*

*Five years later our wish did come true, living over the grocery store, our brother came on que
Cora loved her radio, she listened every day, Lanny Ross was her favorite, so her son now named Lanny Kay
We were all so happy our brother our kin, now we thank God he wasn't a twin*

*A family of five seemed totally complete, but four years later another baby we'd meet
Cheri was the first born on the house on the main block, she had tons of blonde hair, Dad called her Goldilocks*

*The biggest challenge was yet to come, for the year 1949 the babies would finally be done
Cora never knew twins there would be, born in Mercy Hospital, Dad was late to see
Connie and Bonnie looked alike when they came, no one could tell the difference, always even dressed the same*

*Oh how the days pass as the days do, and the days turn into years, and they pass too.....
Remember the swinging rope and swimming over the dam
The bridge in dark, and shanty full of mom's jam*

*I was an x-ray student shopping Fareway one day, I fell for the meat man, in love I would stay
Bob and I married, Mason City was our place, Mrs Skram was my life saver when babies began to race
Debbie was first, Jan close behind, both were a handful and always hard to find
Andy looked like Lanny all over again, Cathy had blonde curls and weighed almost ten.*

Jean was a cheerleader for the Fertile high team, a Clear Lake basketball player became her dream
 At a game mom was yelling, as though she knew, give it to Bill, he'll know what to do.
 Bill married Jean, the year 1957, a family they wanted, Michael was their gift from heaven.

Lanny and Sandy, sweethearts forever, married in 63, a love even war couldn't sever
 Sandy stayed with us and I remember her mad, no walking for Joleen, her first step had to be for her dad.
 Jody came next, then Jeanna then Mark, a family of six, landing in Forest city with a few dogs to bark.

Cheri must have know new places there would be, leaving Fertile behind, a whole new world she would see
 California her new home, Iowa wasn't for her, Paul and David grew up never learning the work burrrrr.

Connie met Wayne in Clear Lake one day, she knew he was the one until he went away
 Then came a call from so many miles, Wayne missed his Connie, and she was all smiles
 A couple well matched was soon to be married, at the Fertile church, yellow flowers she carried.
 With family and challenges together they'd meet, soon came Kelly and Kevin, now their family complete.

Bonnie met Mike babysitting in Clear Lake, another Lion she thought was out on the make
 Behind her sunglasses Bonnie would blush, when Mike yelled "Miss Hollywood", she turned to mush
 They finally married, committed together, Michelle made their family close knit forever.

Oh how the days pass as the days do, and days turn into years and they pass too

Blessing still continue as great grandchildren arrive, all full of new life that helps us survive
 Happy and sadness will continue we know, that what makes us stronger, will help us to grow
 This is my story on how the Jenkins came to be, full of God's blessing and love to you from me.

Story written by Fran Cates and Cathy Gomez



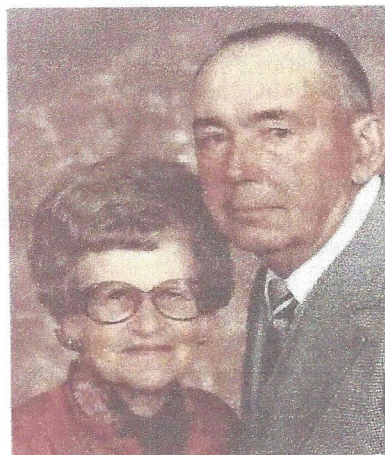
Lena and Frank Jenkins



Bud, Norman, Elma, Skeeter and Gladys



Front row: Bud & Cora
 2nd row: Fran, Jean, Lanny, Cheri, Connie, Bonnie



Bud & Cora Jenkins



THOUGHTS OF FARMER RON

I would like to say THANK YOU to the families of any deceased military service member this Memorial Day weekend. America is free and America is great because of their sacrifice.

I would like to say thank you to Miss Betty for being so patient with me during the planting season. Again, thank you Miss Betty.

I was just recently told by two different people in Mason City that had eaten at Café Mir for the first time and that it was about the best meal that they had eaten. One was a banker and the other was a pastor, so that is high praise. We are so fortunate to have Café Mir here. Josh has a knack of turning something ordinary into extra ordinary. Give it a try and judge for yourself, with an open mind, of course.

We are getting serious about the trail between Fertile and Hanlontown. I will soon be able to devote more time to my part. Stay tuned.

My left knee is now my weak knee. I walk slow and funny because it is stiff and weak, no pain though. Surgery is set for December 3 of this year. I have too many commitments before then.

I would like to tell Miss Penny that if they turn out like I think, I will have grown a yellow fleshed potato that she will die for. I picked up seed for both German Butterball and Oneida Gold from a see producer in Antigo, Wisconsin. German Butterball is an older variety, but it is good. My only concern is how does it handle scab. I can only find out by growing it. Oneida Gold can go either way so I will have a yellow potato for Miss Penny. (By the way, thank you Penny for putting me on to Dr. Li at Clarion. The complications that I had, had nothing to do with Dr. Li. Now my right knee is so good and getting stronger by the day. I can't wait for surgery on my left knee.)

I am going to leave on a somber note. This Memorial Day I look around this big globe and I think back in history. How many times this great nation could have been taken over by a foreign power, if it hadn't been for our military. THANK

YOU for your service to our country to each and every one who ever served. Stand tall and be proud.

Until next time, thank a veteran for the freedoms you enjoy. Thank a farmer for the food on your plate. And above all, thank God for you daily blessings.

THE LEGEND OF HUNGRY HOLLOW

One summer a man and his family moved in to a ravine along Lime Creek and lived in sort of a dugout. They lived there through the summer and when winter came upon them they did not have enough food and fuel to last through the terrible snow storms that came upon them.

This man started out in the middle of a snow storm to get help for his family. He did not have clothes to keep him warm in such weather but walked bravely on in the direction of the nearest home. He fell unconscious before he reached the house, but the Lang family, whose home he was trying to reach, saw him and carried him in. When he became conscious he asked them to save his family, which they did by bringing them to their home with sleds. Lang's kept this family until spring when they went back east. To this day this ravine is called "Hungry Hallow".



*For those who have fallen
and for those who have stood to fight
May God bless and keep you safe
throughout each day and night*

Happy Memorial Day



Hi, Thank you gals for all your work. Always enjoy getting the Reminder. Have a few cookies for your coffee. **Marlene Jenkins**

"Please renew my Reminder. I enjoy it so much. Thanks to all who put it together! **Kay Sinclair**

Always happy to see about all the people of Fertile. You gals keep many people happy with your great work. Many thanks, **Marlys Pederson**. PS: have some goodies!

Thank you, ladies, you always do a great job. **Ruth Sunne**

Thank you for all your hard work on putting out a great newsletter. **Karen Jurgens**

You do a wonderful job and we really enjoy it each month. **Joyce Russell**

We really enjoy reading about Fertile every month. You girls really do a good job. Thank you, Robert Humphrey

Thank you gals! **Janice Asche**

We enjoy the historical information found in the "Fertile Reminder". It does bring back memories of the years we were students at Fertile Consolidated school. Now we are great grandparents, and our grandson, Jonathan Pederson and his wife Olivia, named their new daughter born April 7, 2019 Mia LaVonne Pederson. The middle name is after Vera LaVonne Pederson.

Thanks to all the staff for the wonderful Fertile News. **Vonnie and Sever Pederson**

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My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "do you know him?" "Yes," she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "My Goodness!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" And then the fight started...

## THAT WAS FUN by Neil Kuns

One of the last times we visited my Mother while she was still in her own home was during a July. For as long as memory serves me Clear Lake, Iowa has celebrated the 4th of July with a fireworks display next to the lake. It is a perfect setting. The works are visible and the sounds audible to people all around the lake. Bright reflections off the water double the visual pleasure. Even though Mom's public mobility at the time was limited to a wheelchair she wanted to go to "the Lake" for the show. We located a place with parking and access close to the water near Shady Beach. The night and the sights were perfect (no wind, rain or mosquitoes) and as we made our way back to the car Mom said, "That was fun!"

For perhaps the first time it registered that older people need to have fun as well as young folk. This is especially true after one's ability to gad about is gone. I read recently that sunlight, good food, exercise and friends all contribute to a healthy fourth quarter of life. To that I would add fun or pleasure. However and wherever you find it let me encourage you to keep having fun. I'm trying to do the same.



Garden Club met May 14<sup>th</sup> with ten members present. Tina Larson led the meeting. Roll call was "A Special Memory of Mother's Day"

Water and weeding schedules were handed out for the summer. Our plant buying trip will be May 22nd for getting the plants for all the flower pots. Deb Berg will buy the potting soil and mulch needed. Penny Miller will get solar light replacements.

May baskets were exchanged, opened and shared. Thought for the day was shared by Cindy Peters.

Carol Jara and Deb Berg were hostesses.



The Bud Jenkins family is featured this month. Here is their favorite meal to share.

### SLOPPY JOES



4 lbs. hamburger

1 med. onion

1 20 oz bottle of ketchup

1 ½ tbl. mustard

1/3 cup sugar

¼ cup bread crumbs

¾ cup water

1 ¼ tsp salt

½ tsp pepper

½ tsp paprika

½ tbl. chili powder

½ tbl. Worchester sauce

1 1/4 tbl. vinegar

Brown hamburger and onion, use the remaining ingredients, except the bread crumbs, to make the sauce, bring it to a boil, then add to the beef, add the bread crumbs, simmer for about 1 hr. ....enjoy



### THE SHOEBOX

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about.

For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover. In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000.

He asked her about the contents.

'When we were to be married,' she said, 'my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll.'

The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two Precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two Times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with Happiness.

'Honey,' he said, 'that explains the doll, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?' 'Oh,' she said, 'that's the money I made from selling the dolls.'

**A Prayer:** Dear Lord, I pray for Wisdom to understand my man; Love to forgive him; And Patience for his moods; Because Lord, if I pray for Strength, I'll beat him to death, Because I don't have the time to crochet.

June 14  
**FLAG DAY**

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\*WE ALL GET OLD IN THE END...\*

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now..

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers..

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to stop calling the bathroom the 'John' and renamed it the 'Jim'.

I feel so much better saying "I went to the Jim this morning".

Old age is coming at a really bad time. When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is....."I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights" I'm just very wise.

Don't ever ask me to bend down and touch my toes. If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for "procrastinators" We haven't met yet.

Of course I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age, "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

Actually I'm not complaining because I am a Senager.. (Senior teenager) I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 50 years later.

- I don't have to go to school or work.
- I have a driver's license and my own car.
- I get an allowance every month.
- I have my own ipad (although I can't recall where I kept it)



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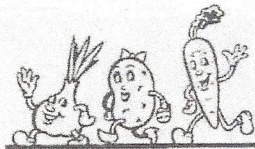
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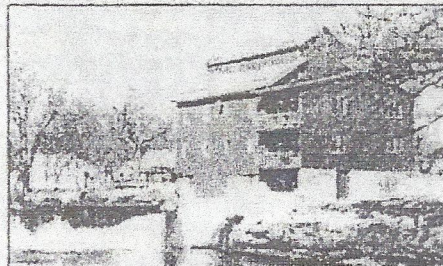
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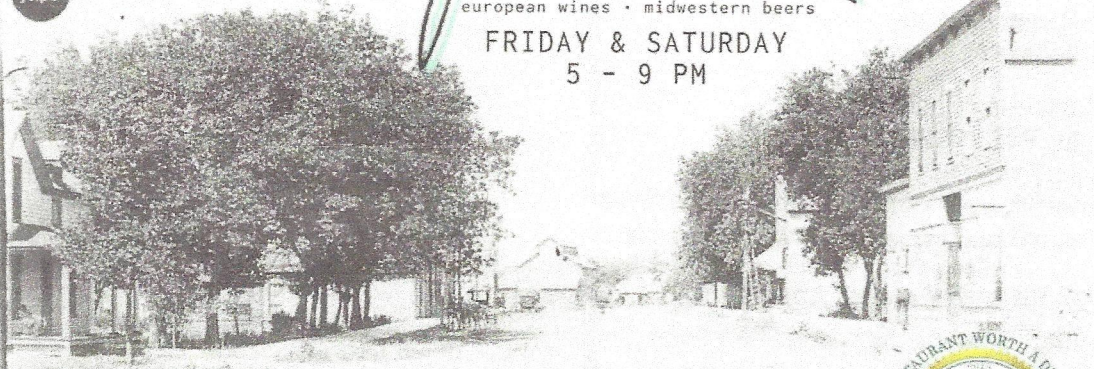


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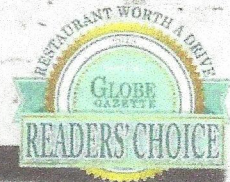
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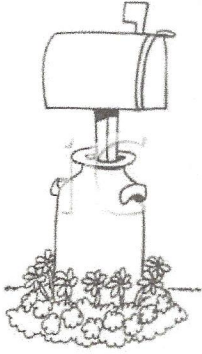
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