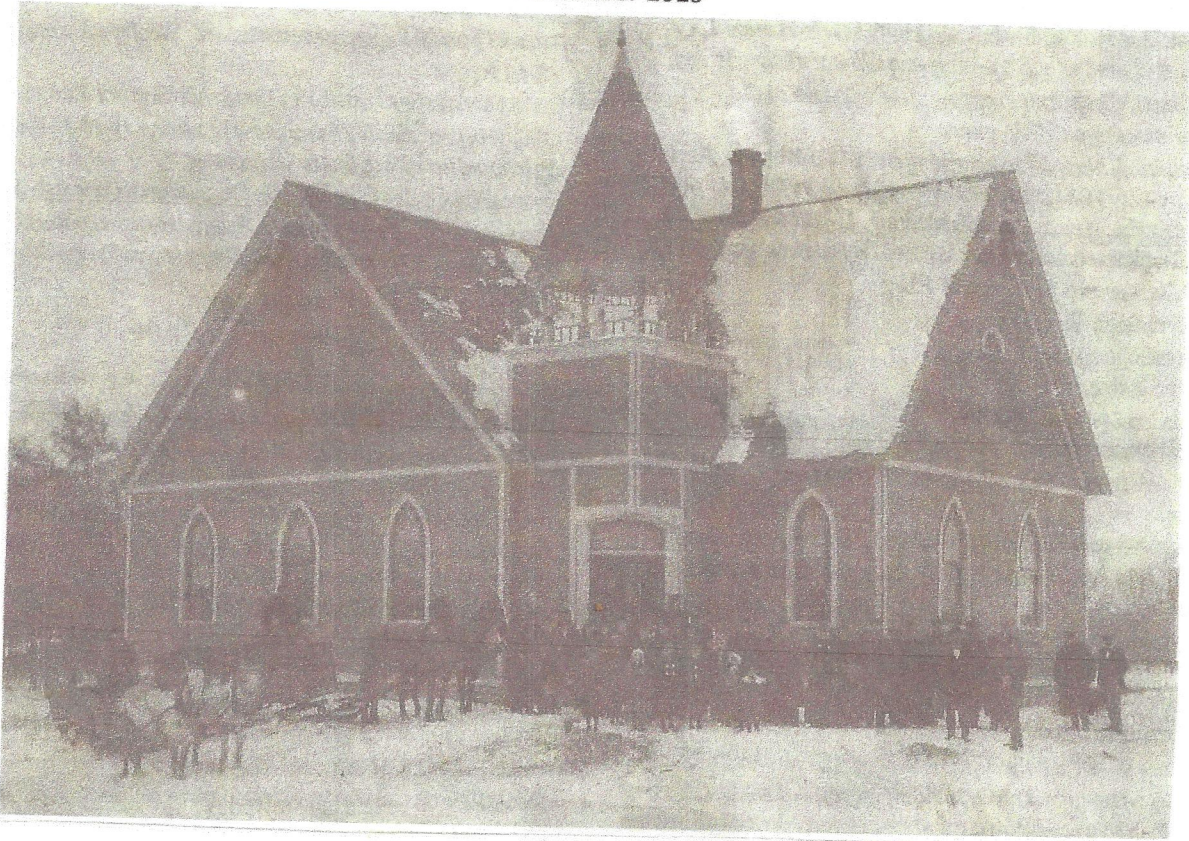


FERTILE REMINDER

November 2019



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 4 Firemen meet | 19 City Council |
| 7 & 21 Recycle | 23 Thanksgiving Dinner |
| 12 Garden Club | 20 Email Reminder |
| 13 Reminder deadline | 26 Mail Reminder |
| 18 Library Board | |
| 19 Fertile Girls | |



City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2019 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

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, Ron Rachut and Holly Lovik-Hanna. City Clerk Wendy Lunning and Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.
- Ron motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the minutes of the September meetings.** Unanimous
- Cindy motioned, Nick 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.

Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag

City Maintenance Report:

- Steve painted the shelter house and replaced the gutters.
- Steve replaced the coupler on the motor at the water plant.
- Fall draw down begins October 15 at the lagoon.
- Steve proposed new blade for the skid loader in the amount of \$6300.00. **Ron motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the purchase of the blade.** Roll call vote: Holly – yes; Ron – yes; Nick – yes; Cindy – yes & Tad – yes. Unanimous.
- Ron motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the City Maintenance report.** Unanimous

7/1/2019 to 9/30/2019	General	Roads	Emergency	EE Benefits	LOST	WCDA	Utilities	Total
Income	252,461.85	13,804.98	141.37	722.14	9,474.98	0	46,846.60	323,451.92
Expense	268,091.81	4,285.74	0	2,117.03	0	3,000.00	20,618.27	298,112.85
Total	-15,629.96	9,519.24	141.37	-1,394.89	9,474.98	-3,000.00	26,228.33	25,339.07
Fund Balance	-11,164.74	83,395.09	141.37	1,309.66	45,383.93	21.32	225,440.36	344,526.99

Mayor's Report:

- Worth County Office noticed a gas leak at 207 W Washington. Emergency Management, Black Hills Energy, Alliant Energy were all notified. Joyce & Nick were first responders. Joyce opened the Community Center for residences that were evacuated from their homes.
- Randy Bredeson notified Steve and Joyce that the slab south of the Fertile Mill with the hoist to raise gate on the flu had broken away and was on the North end of the dam. Joyce has been trying to contact owner of the Fertile Mill.
- Green Canopy has been notified to pick up Porta Potties on November 1st.
- Joyce contacted Worth County Sheriff in regards to abandon vehicle in town. Stromley's Towing will be removing.
- Tad motioned, Holly 2nd to approve the mayor's report.** Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report:

- City Election is scheduled for November 5th 2019. Public Measure on ballot: To authorize a change in the use of the one percent (1%) local sales and service tax in the City of Fertile effective January 1, 2020. Proposed use of the tax shall be allocated one hundred

(100%) of revenue shall be reallocated for any lawful purpose of the City of Fertile.

- Wendy received bank statements from the Fire Department. Although, they did match the financials that were previously presented. Wendy would like Fire Department financials to be transferred to City Hall. Nick will be working with the Fire Department.
- Auditors have mentioned that it would be beneficial to the segregation of duties to have a council member review and sign bank statements. Tad has agreed to do this.
- Annual Financial Report has been released. Wendy will complete and submit in paper.
- Budget Training is scheduled for November 12 in Fort Dodge.
- Cindy motioned, Holly 2nd to approve resolution 19-10-15-1 authorizing the internal transfer of funds.** Unanimous.
- Financial for Garden Club & Fertile Days are current through 08/31/2019.
- Fiscal Year End reports do not include the year-end adjustment to convert to Cash Basis. A full set of reports will be submitted to the City Council when completed.

- Nick motioned, Ron 2nd to approve Financial Report.** Unanimous
- Cindy motioned, Holly 2nd to approve September Bills.** Unanimous
- Liens presented to the Council were as follows:

108 W Washington Street	\$484.13
105 E Main Street	\$385.34
214 W Main Street	\$357.33

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

Committee Reports:

- Ron met with soil conservation to see what trees would grow best at the park. There is a program of 25 Hackberry trees for \$30.00. **Holly motioned, Tad 2nd to get the trees.** Unanimous The trees should arrive second week in April.
- Community Foundation has accepted the grant from the Garden Club for new golf cart.

Upcoming Meetings:

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

Summary:

- Purchase new blade.
- Segregation of Duties – Bank Statements.

Wendy Lunning, City Clerk

City of Fertile Deposits

As of September 30, 2019

			Accrual Basis
Type	Date	Memo	Amount
Operating Accounts			
Checking			
Deposit	09/01/2019	Property Taxes	3,483.77
Deposit	09/01/2019	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
Deposit	09/01/2019	Utility Deposit	381.28
Deposit	09/03/2019	Casino Funds Deposit	2,691.77
Deposit	09/05/2019	Utility Deposit	955.72
Deposit	09/05/2019	Refundable Utility Deposit	150.00
Deposit	09/11/2019	Utility Deposit	384.76
Deposit	09/11/2019	Utility Deposit	2,532.22
Deposit	09/17/2019	Road Use Tax	2,816.04
Deposit	09/18/2019	Farm to Market Deposit	2,514.42
Deposit	09/18/2019	Building Permits Deposit	35.00
Deposit	09/18/2019	Utility Deposit	3,446.46
Deposit	09/18/2019	Library Grant Deposit	2,000.00
Deposit	09/18/2019	Library Deposit	30.00
Deposit	09/18/2019	Library Deposit	25.25
Deposit	09/24/2019	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
Deposit	09/25/2019	Utility Deposit	4,553.73
Deposit	09/25/2019	Utility Deposit	1,366.19
Deposit	09/27/2019	Local Option Sales Tax	3,155.49
Deposit	09/30/2019	Interest	24.60
Total Checking			<u>30,546.70</u>
Petty Cash			
Total Petty Cash			
Total Operating Accounts			<u>30,546.70</u>
Roads Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	09/30/2019	Interest	0.57
Total Savings			<u>0.57</u>
Total Roads Revenue Accounts			0.57
Water Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	09/30/2019	Interest	2.78
Total Savings			<u>2.78</u>
Total Water Revenue Accounts			2.78
Sewer Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	09/30/2019	Interest	2.43
Total Savings			<u>2.43</u>
CD			
Deposit	09/18/2019	Interest	112.26
Total CD			<u>112.26</u>
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts			114.69
TOTAL			<u><u>30,664.74</u></u>

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of September 30, 2019

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts					
Checking					
Paycheck	09/01/2019	9237	Bruns, Warren	Water & Sewer Supervisor	-300.20
Paycheck	09/01/2019	9238	Lunning, Wendy S	City Clerk	-360.60
Paycheck	09/01/2019	9239	Russell, Grant	City Maintenance	-89.50
Paycheck	09/01/2019	9240	Russell, Joyce	Mayor (Donated 17 hours)	-1,493.13
Bill Pmt -Check	09/04/2019	9234	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-60.00
Paycheck	09/04/2019	9241	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,149.43
Check	09/05/2019	DEBIT	MCAfee	McAfee Antivirus - 2 years	-96.29
Bill Pmt -Check	09/05/2019	9242	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-15.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/05/2019	9243	Kum & Go	Gas for Mower	-194.26
Bill Pmt -Check	09/05/2019	9244	Waste Management		-2,410.65
Bill Pmt -Check	09/05/2019	9245	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-214.94
Bill Pmt -Check	09/05/2019	9246	Wendy Lunning - v		-31.47
Bill Pmt -Check	09/11/2019	9247	Alliant Energy	Electric	-1,214.84
Bill Pmt -Check	09/11/2019	9249	Five Star CO-OP	Gas for Truck	-175.39
			Floyd & Leonard Auto		
Bill Pmt -Check	09/11/2019	9250	Electric, Inc.	Blade Attachment for Weed Trimming	-89.06
Bill Pmt -Check	09/11/2019	9251	M & S Outdoor Equipment	X-Mark Mower Blades	-60.85
Bill Pmt -Check	09/11/2019	9252	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-85.99
Bill Pmt -Check	09/11/2019	9253	Menards	Paper Towels, Light Bulb Charger & LED lights.	-69.94
Bill Pmt -Check	09/11/2019	9254	The Red Geranium	Viola Roberts Funeral	-25.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/11/2019	9255	USA Blue Book	Water Testing	-149.65
Check	09/11/2019	DEBIT	Intuit	Payroll	-12.84
Bill Pmt -Check	09/11/2019	9256	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-75.79
Liability Check	09/11/2019	EFT	IPERS	(L)	-354.69
Liability Check	09/11/2019	EFT	IPERS		-611.88
Liability Check	09/12/2019	EFTPS	United States Treasury		-1,507.18
Paycheck	09/16/2019	9262	Arndt, Linda J		-145.77
Paycheck	09/16/2019	9263	Knudson, Loni		-201.08
Paycheck	09/16/2019	9264	Thompson, Angela M		-1,441.11
Paycheck	09/18/2019	9257	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,149.42
Bill Pmt -Check	09/18/2019	9258	Alliant Energy	Electric	-800.61
Bill Pmt -Check	09/18/2019	9259	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-170.25
Bill Pmt -Check	09/18/2019	9260	Fertile Fire Department V	ICAP Grant	-1,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/18/2019	9261	Hawkins, Inc.	Switchover, Vacuum Regulator, Tubing	-2,041.48
Check	09/18/2019	EFT	First Security Bank & Trust	Main Street Loan	-2,621.87
Check	09/18/2019	ACH	WCTA	(L)Telephone	-64.82
Bill Pmt -Check	09/18/2019	9265	Alliant Energy	(L) Electric	-127.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/18/2019	9266	Baker & Taylor	(L) Books & CDs	-813.43
Bill Pmt -Check	09/18/2019	9267	Black Hills Energy	(L) Natural Gas	-78.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/18/2019	9268	Joyce Russell -P	(L) People Magazine	-36.45
Bill Pmt -Check	09/18/2019	9269	MicroMarketing	(L) Books	-28.49
				Shop Towels, Permanent Markers & Ink for	
Bill Pmt -Check	09/18/2019	9271	Staples	Printer	-107.85
Check	09/20/2019	DEBIT	Carbonite	Online Backup	-77.03
Check	09/24/2019	EFT	First Security Bank & Trust	Main Street Loan	-3,393.03
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2019	9279	AgSource Laboratories	Water Testing	-137.50
			Iowa Department of Natural		
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2019	9280	Resources	Annual Water Use Fee for 2020	-95.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2019	9281	Menards	Gutters on Shelter House	-395.08
			Miller Ranch and Mobile		
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2019	9282	Repair	Snow Plow	-212.32
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2019	9283	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-209.74
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2019	9284	Wendy Lunning - v	Mileage (127 miles @ .58 per mile)	-73.66
Bill Pmt -Check	09/25/2019	9272	AgSource Laboratories	Water Testing	-13.50
Bill Pmt -Check	09/25/2019	9273	Plunkett's		-462.06
Bill Pmt -Check	09/25/2019	9274	Staples	Paper, Post Its, Envelopes & Labels	-83.24
Check	09/25/2019	EFT	First Security Bank & Trust	Main Street Loan	-2,691.77
				(L) Books & CDs, Supplies, Programs, Tax,	
Check	09/30/2019	EFT	Citibusiness Card	DVDs, Postage	-570.94
				QuickBooks generated zero amount transaction	
Bill Pmt -Check	09/30/2019		ClerkBooks A/P Adjust	for bill payment stub	
Total Checking					-30,091.07
TOTAL					-30,091.07



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

Movie Night

November 8th @ 7 pm

Join us for a family friendly movie
& popcorn

Adult Craft Afternoon

November 17th @ 1 pm

Join us for making Christmas cards and
gift tags, snacks and conversations.

Cookbook Club/Pie Making

November 21st @ 6:30 pm

Join us as we prep meals that can go
from freezer to crockpot! Call the library
for details!

Christmas Raffle

The library is looking for donations for our annual Christmas raffle. If you have anything
that you would be willing to donate, please contact us at the library. Any help is
appreciated!

The library will be closed Thursday the 28th & Friday the 29th For
Thanksgiving

featuring New Books

Met her match - Jude Deveroux

Land of wolves - Craig Johnson

Child's play - Danielle Steel

The 19th Christmas - James Patterson

A Mrs. Miracle Christmas - Debbie Macomber

The shape of night - Tess Gerritsen

What comes my way - Tracie Peterson

featuring New DVDs

Godzilla, King of the monsters

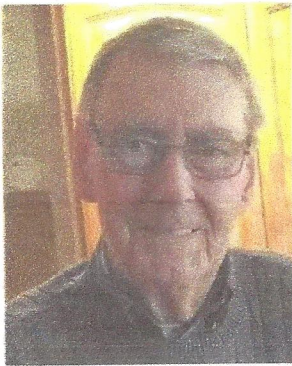
Spiderman: far from home

Little

Long shot

Rocketman

Toy story 4



Raymond John "Joe" Jordan, 82, of Fertile, died Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at Lutheran Retirement. Raymond was born June 20, 1937, the son of August and Ernestine (Brandt) Jordan in Mitchell, IA. He married Deanna M. Wolfe on

March 31, 1961, in Fertile, and to that union four children were born.

A graduate of Fertile High School, Raymond attended LeTourneau Technical Institute in Longview, TX. He operated Jordan's Service Station in Fertile for 30 years before briefly selling American Family Insurance, and working at David Manufacturing and Winnebago Industries. He also farmed with his son, John, in the Fertile area. Raymond was a member of Pilot Knob Lutheran Church and the Fertile Lions Club. He also served on the Fertile Public Library Board and Fertile Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, playing cards, completing jigsaw puzzles, and most of all, spending time with his family and friends.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Deanna Jordan of Fertile; four children, John (Michelle) Jordan of Clear Lake, Douglas Jordan of Clear Lake, Lindsay (Kimberly) Jordan of Waukesha, WI and Danielle (Mark) Hendrickson of Hugo, MN; seven grandchildren, Derek Jordan, Abby Jordan, Paul Jordan, Samuel Jordan, Brandon (Paige) Risetter, Megan (Shiloh Wagner) Risetter, and Jordyn Hendrickson; great-grandson, Croix Risetter; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Tyler Hendrickson; and sister and brother-in-law, Dolores and Ray Sandifer.

Norman Roger Nyhus, 88, of Forest City, died peacefully, Monday, October 1, 2019 at the Westview Care Center in Britt, Iowa

Norman was born at home on March 19, 1931 to Otis and Tillie (Midtgaard) Nyhus. He was baptized and confirmed (1946) at Ellington Lutheran Congregational Church. He started school in the country school and then transferred to Fertile and graduated from Fertile in 1951



He enlisted in the United States Army from Dec 5, 1952 to November 12, 1954, during the Korean War. He was in the artillery as a corporal and spent part of his service in Germany.

Norman was united in marriage on August 14, 1955 to Delores Morem at Ellington Lutheran Congregational

church, whose name was later changed to Pilot Knob Lutheran. Norman has farmed with his dad and brother, Harold since they were kids. In 1998, Norman and Harold quit farming full time and rented the land to Norman's son, Roger. He continued to help with the farming while his health would allow. Norman helped with doing custom work for neighbors like planting, combining, picking corn, shelling corn, trucking, and using a grain vac to clean out bins.

Norman and Delores owned 2 Winnebago motorhomes through the years. His hobbies were hunting, fishing, traveling and camping.

Norman was active in the WIT North Iowa Travelers club as a past president, Pilot Knob Lutheran church, Opportunity village, and was on the Forest City Co-op Oil Company board that later merged with the Farmers coop elevator.

Norman, Delores and Harold were winter Texans for several years. They enjoyed spending time with friend and taking tours.

He enjoyed taking his son, Roger, and grandson, Craig, prairie dog hunting in South Dakota. They went for several years with his brother Harold and Dana and Matt Swanson.

In October 2016, he had a stroke and could no longer stay on the farm. Norman and Harold moved into the Forest Plaza assisted living in Forest City. In April 2019 he entered Hospice care and due to his health requirement in May he was moved to Westview Care Center.

He is survived by his son Roger (Bonnie) Nyhus of Forest City, his grandson, Craig Nyhus (Laura) and great-grandson Carter of Sioux Falls, SD and his granddaughter Laura Nyhus of Gilbert, AZ. Also survived by his brother, Harold, and sister-in-law Donna (Harvey) Eden. His nieces Cindy (Keith) Mayland, Darla Carrasco, nephew David (Julie) Eden and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otis and Tillie Nyhus, infant brother, his wife, Delores, and his son Ronald.



Linda Kay Shahan, 66 of Mason City, formally of Fertile, IA went to be with the Lord on Saturday, October 12th 2019.

Linda Kay

Shahan was born April 2nd, 1953 in Mason City, Iowa, the daughter of Arthur Edward Niles Sr. and Barbara (Brown) Niles. Linda Graduated from Mason City High School. Linda married the love of her life, Michael Lee Shahan, on February 24th 1973 in Albert Lea, MN.

Mike and Linda were blessed with two children and made their home in Fertile, IA on an acreage where they enjoyed being outdoors as often as possible.

Linda was an avid gardener and enjoyed spending hours in her beautiful gardens planting flowers and landscaping. Linda worked as a florist for many years before retiring and working for her church.

Linda loved horses, owning and riding several over her life, which she passed that love down to her children and grandchildren. Linda had a passion for God and was a strong woman of faith. She also had an adventurous spirit and loved traveling.

"I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I trust!" Psalm 91:2

Linda is survived by her two children; Brandon (Dr. Sandye Bednarz) Shahan of Dows, IA, Alicia (Mitch) Horstman of Garner IA. two grandchildren; Alivia & Jolee Horstman, her siblings; Ed (Michelle) Niles of Clear Lake, IA. Scott Niles of Charles City, IA, Chad Niles of Waterloo, IA, Steve Niles of Ionia, IA. Sister-in-law; Pamela Shahan Wirtjes of Grafton, IA, brothers-in-law; Pat (Joy) Shahan of La Porte City, IA and Tom (Robin) Shahan of Montana, as well as several beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband Michael Shahan, as well as her sister; Cathie Niles, and brother-in-law; Randy Shahan. Memorials may be directed in care of the family.

DEATH CLEANING

I am in the process of **death cleaning**. This means that you remove unnecessary things and make your home nice and orderly when you think the time is coming closer for you to leave the planet. This is something that we will all have to face sooner or later. We really must if we want to save precious time for our loved ones after we are gone.

So what is death cleaning? For me it means going through all my belongings and deciding how to **get rid of the things I do not want anymore**. Just look around you. Several of your things have probably been there for so long that you do not even see or value them anymore. Sometimes you just realize that you can hardly close your drawers or barely shut your closet door. When that happens, it is definitely time to do something, even if you are only in your thirties.

I am now somewhere between eighty and one hundred years old. Today things are very different from when I was young, of course. I did not say *better*. But the pace today is very fast. Many young families have to schedule their lives down to the smallest increment to have time to do what they consider most important. Do not ever imagine that anyone will wish — or be able — to schedule time off to take care of what you didn't bother to take care of yourself. No matter how much they love you, don't leave this burden to them.

A tip: Don't start with your photos, as you'll get bogged down in your memories and never accomplish anything. Make sure you keep a book of passwords for your heirs. Give away nice things you don't want as gifts, such as china or table linens or books, as opposed to buying new items. Keep a separate box of things that matter only to you, and label it to be tossed upon your death. It's okay to keep a beloved stuffed animal or two.

This new job will not be accomplished any faster if you wait, but with a little practice and preparation, it will certainly be easier for you to make decisions about how to get rid of things. Trust me, the more time you spend going through your belongings, the easier it will be for you to decide what to keep and what not to.

WOMEN LEADS FIREMEN IN FIGHT ON CHURCH BLAZE

Published in Fertile Enterprize, Dec. 26???

(The Church of Christ has not only had one fire but two fires. Here is the article I got from Kay Sinclair about one of the blazes.)

When Mrs. E.E. Brown, wife of Editor Brown crept through a basement window and discovered the seat of the fire which threatened to consume the local Christian Church. (First Church of Christ, Fertile, Iowa) early Wednesday morning, she performed a feat of heroism that will not soon be forgotten by the kiddies of the town.

Editor Brown, who lives directly across the way from the church, discovered that the building was on fire when he saw smoke pouring through the windows, but by the time he had summoned help the building was so filled with gas and smoke that the seat of the blaze could not be located, although it was believed to be in the basement of the church.

Several attempts to enter the basement had met with failure when Mrs. Brown, in spite of the warnings of the neighbors and the protest of her husband, crept through a window and crawled across the basement floor to an anti-room where she discovered a large wall map and chart had slipped from its fastenings and fallen on a hot stove with the result the whole room was ablaze.

By crouching on the floor she faught her way back to an outside stairway, ordered the men to break/smash in a door leading to the burning room and form a bucket brigade to the well in her back yard.

Everyone obeyed the plucky woman's orders, and the fires was soon under control. The damage to the building is estimated at \$200.00 and covered by insurance.

But for Mrs. Brown's heroism, Fertile Kiddies would have no place for their Christmas tree last night.

G. O. 'ol' Sanderson

HISTORY OF FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Along in the summer of 1889 H. C. Class, an old butter-maker got a man by the name of Deval from Marble Rock to come and preach in a grove at the Old Law schoolhouse, a disciple of Campbelite then so called. Then in January 1892 G. W. Hasty, I think, of Des Moines came and preached in the old South Road schoolhouse. This school sat on the northeast corner of Clarence Oувersons'. A few sermons on prophesy the best I ever heard.

Then in the summer of 1893 M. S. Johnson of Mason City came and preached a few sermons in the grove at old Dad Cattrell, a little southeast of Fertile, now the Burr Oak grove where Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hyde live. In May 1894, a few of us got together and signed a petition to Ben Hill, and evangelist of Moniteau Co. Missouri, to come and hold us a six week meeting agreeing to pay \$2.00 each per week. There were 128 converts and this congregation was organized the 9th of July 1894. The First Church of Christ was incorporated by William Paschen, O. S. Mitchell and Squire Humphrey on Sept., 15, 1894 after the congregation was organized by Evangelist B. M. Hill. Baptismal services were held in the Winnebago river, west of the mill on the north side. The first pastor of the congregation after it was incorporated was T. A. West, known as Preacher West. (Lucille Brown Humphrey has a child's rocking chair Preacher West gave her on her first Christmas. Preacher West lived at the hotel, run and owned by Lucille's parents. Elizabeth Robison Oувerson lives in the house at the present time.

By William H. Humphrey (1970)



FERTILE MARKET OPENING SOON

Melissa Kuhn-Schmidt (great granddaughter of Marvel Burmeister and great niece of Bonnie Kuns) is the proud owner of the Fertile Market that is on Main Street across from the Post Office. When Melissa was in Fertile a couple of years ago, she fell in love with the town and wanted to open a store. Finally finding a space Fertile Market is born. It will have a little bit of everything! Vintage clothing - new or like new clothing, shoes and accessories- curated vintage and antique items -re purposed furniture - local art work and handmade jewelry also -- local hand made goods - local wine, beer, coffee and tea. There is room in the back with seating and a big deck that overlooks the river to enjoy beverages. Also, there will be fresh flowers from Spruce Ave. Flowers by Kristina Hand)

They are hoping to be open this fall. If you like their Facebook page, @thefertilemarket updates will be posted along with announcing when the Grand Opening will be.

Welcome to Fertile, Melissa and Kristina!!

Celebrating Anniversaries this Month

CONGRATULATIONS ON **70** YEARS OF
MARRIAGE TO GENE AND ROSEMARY
TANNAHILL 10-9-1949



60 years

Congratulations on 60 years of
marriage to Denny and Sharon Ganz
who got married 10-9-59 @ Brainerd,
MN.



Ellie Schulze, of Clear Lake, earned a degree in cosmetology from PCI Academy in Ames. Ellie is the daughter of Josh and Heather Schulze, granddaughter of Dan and Penny Miller and great-granddaughter of Betty Waddington, Earl and Donna Miller and Blanche Schulze. Ellie will be working at Salon Intrigue in Clear Lake along with her mom. Ellie is also

studying to get her real estate license.



I want to make sure I don't miss out on any "Fertile Reminder". Please make mine a 2 year subscription for \$16.00. Rev. & Mrs. Richard Varberg, 1466 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

Dear Staff: Thanks for all your work done, putting out a very good job. Enjoy reading it always. Jarlyn Upchurch

I apologize for being late in renewing my subscription - I must have overlooked the green star! I enjoy the news from Fertile, but recognize fewer and fewer names. 😊. Thank you for not cancelling my subscription. Anna Mary (Sanderson) Spengler. Fertile H.S. 1946.

Did you Know??? By Ann Hendrickson

"Whatever you are—be a good one." (Abraham Lincoln) People the world over, no matter their status in life, can benefit from this quote. Our relationships, our work ethic, our faith journey, our family life, etc can benefit from doing the very best we can.

We at the Worth County Historical Society strive to do the "best we can" with the resources we have available. Almost weekly we are informed of something needing fixing. Seven women meet regularly to discuss how to repair and/or solve each problem we are given. You noticed "women", so therefore we must request help from professionals—men and women. The Stromstein Building is beginning to change in looks on the interior; the print shop window was replaced and repaired; and new items are donated to the museum weekly.

Yes, "Whatever we are—be a good one"—and we keep trying. Number 9 of a list for Healthy hints informs us to visit a museum or nature center. We agree!

One last question—"Did you hear about the new Corduroy pillows? Answer: They're making headlines!" Until next time....



Garden Club met on October 8th at the Community Center with 14 members present for a pot luck supper of soups, salads and desserts.

Penny Miller opened the meeting with Roll Call which was a "favorite Halloween Costume".

An application for a grant has been sent in for a golf car and water tank to water the flowers from spring to fall.

Sharon McLaughlin taught a craft which we all enjoyed and took home with us.

Thank you to the members that decorated downtown with fall décor. It looks very festive.

Betty Waddington, Reporter



Orange Spice Carrots

- 2 lbs. medium carrots or baby carrots, cut into 1" pieces
- ½ c packed brown sugar
- ½ c orange juice
- 2 TBS butter
- ¾ tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp ground nutmeg
- 4 tsps cornstarch
- ¼ c cold water

In a 3-qt. slow cooker, combine the first 7 ingredients. Cook, covered, on low until carrots are tender, 4-5 hours. In a small bowl, mix cornstarch and water until smooth; gradually stir into carrot mixture until sauce is thickened, 1-2 minutes.

Baked Sweet Potato Fries

- 2 large sweet potatoes, cut into thin strips
- 2 TBS canola oil
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- ¼ tsp cayenne pepper

Preheat oven to 425°. Combine all ingredients; toss to coat. spread fries in a single layer on 2 baking sheets. Bake until crisp, 35-40 minutes. Serve immediately.

Homemade Pumpkin Pie Spice

- 4 tsp ground cinnamon 2 tsp ground ginger
- ½ tsp ground nutmeg 1 tsp ground cloves

Mix all ingredients, store in airtight container in a cool, dry place for up to 6 months.

Pumpkin Pie Smoothies

- 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin, chilled
- 1 1/3 c. evaporated milk (about 10 oz.), chilled
- 1 c orange juice
- 1/3 c packed brown sugar
- ½ tsp pumpkin pie spice
- ¼ tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 small ripe banana, cut into thirds

Process all ingredients in a blender until smooth. YIELD: 4 servings

Pumpkin Whip

- 1 pkg(3.4oz) instant butterscotch pudding mix
- 1 ½ cups cold milk
- 1 c canned pumpkin
- 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 1 ½ c whipped topping
- Gingersnaps, optional

In a large bowl, beat pudding and milk until well blended, 1-2 minutes. Blend in pumpkin and pie spice. Fold in whipped topping, spoon into dessert dishes. Chill. Garnish with gingersnaps if desired.

Tips from the olden days!

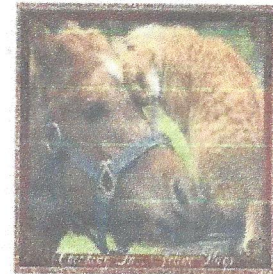
A book from 1951 says.....
The next time you bake a pumpkin pie, heat the pumpkin mixture before putting into the pie shell and it will bake in much quicker time.

To ripen bananas quickly, peel and place in a 350° for 10 minutes.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Why does rain drop and snow fall?

May you
have a very
Blessed
and
Happy
Thanksgiving



A letter from someone who wants to remain anonymous, who farms, actually tried this)

I had this idea that I could rope a deer, put it in a stall, feed it up on corn for a couple of weeks, then kill it and eat it. The first step in this adventure was getting a deer. I figured that, since they congregate at my cattle feeder and do not seem to have much fear of me when we are there (a bold one will sometimes come right up and sniff at the bags of feed while I am in the back of the truck not 4 feet away), it should not be difficult to rope one, get up to it and toss a bag over its head (to calm it down) then hog tie it and transport it home.

I filled the cattle feeder then hid down at the end with my rope. The cattle, having seen the roping thing before, stayed well back. They were not having any of it. After about 20 minutes, my deer showed up-- 3 of them. I picked out a likely looking one, stepped out from the end of the feeder, and threw my rope. The deer just stood there and stared at me. I wrapped the rope around my waist and twisted the end so I would have a good hold.

The deer still just stood and stared at me, but you could tell it was mildly concerned about the whole rope situation. I took a step towards it, it took a step away. I put a little tension on the rope, and then received an education. The first thing that I learned is that, while a deer may just stand there looking at you funny while you rope it, they are spurred to action when you start pulling on that rope.

That deer EXPLODED. The second thing I learned is that pound for pound, a deer is a LOT stronger than a cow or a colt. A cow or a colt in that weight range I could fight down with a rope and with some dignity. A deer-- no Chance. That thing ran and bucked and twisted and pulled. There was no controlling it and certainly no getting close to it. As it jerked me off my feet and started dragging me across the ground, it occurred to me that having a deer on a rope was not nearly as good an idea as I had originally imagined. The only upside is that they do not have as much stamina as many other animals.

A brief 10 minutes later, it was tired and not nearly as quick to jerk me off my feet and drag me when I managed to get up. It took me a few minutes to realize this, since I was mostly blinded by the blood flowing out of the big gash in my head. At that point, I had lost my taste for corn-fed venison. I just wanted to get that devil creature off the end of that rope.

I figured if I just let it go with the rope hanging around its neck, it would likely die slow and painfully somewhere. At the time, there was no love at all between me and that deer. At that moment, I hated the thing, and I would venture a guess that the feeling was mutual. Despite the gash in my head and the several large knots where I had cleverly arrested the deer's momentum by bracing my head against various large rocks as it dragged me across the ground, I could still think clearly enough to recognize that there was a small chance that I shared some tiny amount of responsibility for the situation we were in. I didn't want the deer to have to suffer a slow death, so I managed to get it lined back up in between my truck and the feeder - a little trap I had set before hand...kind of like a squeeze chute. I got it to back in there and I started moving up so I could get my rope back.

Did you know that deer bite? They do! I never in a million years would have thought that a deer would bite somebody, so I was very surprised when I reached up there to grab that rope and the deer grabbed hold of my wrist. Now, when a deer bites you, it is not like being bit by a horse where they just bite you and slide off to then let go. A deer bites you and shakes its head--almost like a pit bull. They bite HARD and it hurts.

The proper thing to do when a deer bites you is probably to freeze and draw back slowly. I tried screaming and shaking instead. My method was ineffective.

It seems like the deer was biting and shaking for several minutes, but it was likely only several seconds. I, being smarter than a deer (though you may be questioning that claim by now), tricked it. While I kept it busy tearing the tendons out of my right arm, I reached up with my left hand and pulled that rope loose.

That was when I got my final lesson in deer behavior for the day.

Deer will strike at you with their front feet. They rear right up on their back feet and strike right about head and shoulder level, and their hooves are surprisingly sharp... I learned a long time ago that, when an animal -like a horse --strikes at you with their hooves and you can't get away easily, the best thing to do is try to make a loud noise and make an aggressive move towards the animal. This will usually cause them to back down a bit so you can escape.

This was not a horse. This was a deer, so obviously, such trickery would not work. In the course of a millisecond, I devised a different strategy. I screamed like a woman and tried to turn and run. The reason I had always been told NOT to try to turn and run from a horse that paws at you is that there is a good chance that it will hit you in the back of the head. Deer may not be so different from horses after all, besides being twice as strong and 3 times as evil, because the second I turned to run, it hit me right in the back of the head and knocked me down.

Now, when a deer paws at you and knocks you down, it does not immediately leave. I suspect it does not recognize that the danger has passed. What they do instead is paw your back and jump up and down on you while you are laying there crying like a little girl and covering your head.

I finally managed to crawl under the truck and the deer went away. So now I know why when people go deer hunting they bring a rifle with a scope.....to sort of even the odds!!

All these events are true so help me God...An Educated Farmer

THOUGHTS OF FARMER RON



Good morning to Fertile's most popular post office lady. Sometimes it is a challenge to come to the post office (just kidding) but it is always a delight (what a smiling face). City elections should be interesting this year. We have Nick Bailey and Joyce Russell running for Mayor and we have Cindy Peters, Deena Biretz, and Ron Rachut running for two spots on the City Council. Some of you probably are wondering what would the Council look like depending on the vote totals. The Mayor's race determines it. If Joyce wins, Nick stays on as a Council member and the third place finisher for Council is out. If Nick wins the Mayor's race, Joyce is out. Nick would resign as Council member and the third place finisher would be

appointed to fill Nick's place. We are fortunate to have races where some towns have so many write-ins. Since we have the races, vote and vote for who you think is best for Fertile.

I needed to write an article for North Iowa Fresh's newsletter, so here is what I wrote. My first job that I earned money from was pulling weeds in one of my Dad's onion fields. It was about ten acres surrounded by willow trees. The trees were for a windbreak to protect the muck soil from blowing away. I was twelve at the time and I was suppose to just pull the bigger weeds. Working alone, I always looked forward to the noon meal. (When I was fourteen, I worked with the migrant crew.) We went to the café in Hanlontown and the lady who ran it always checked my neck. Sure enough, I usually had a wood tick or two that she would have to remove. As I grew older, I did many of the jobs on a grain, cattle, and onion farm, but onions were my favorite. I say this because by the time I was a senior in high school, many of my fellow farm boys said that they had had enough and went on to other professions.

I just read in "Vegetable Grower" magazine that in the 2017 Census of Agriculture that the producers age 65 or older outnumber those age 35 or younger by a ratio of 6.41 to 1. What I am trying to say is, who is going to raise the crops, especially the fruits and vegetables in the future. Marie Boyd of Healthy Harvest says that we could sell more local food if we had the producers. The demand is even greater in places like Des Moines and Iowa City. So where do I fit in? I can think of four things. First is to upgrade to some smaller equipment things I still do by hand to get more production per hour.

Second is to work a younger person into the business that has the time and energy, but not the resources. Third is to do as often as I am asked, to talk in schools to children as Donna and I did at Harding Elementary in Mason City. Fourth, but certainly not last, is to agree to do a N.I.A.C.C. spring class at Forest City or Garner on gardening. Who knows who I might interest to go from two tomato plants and a row of radish's to growing for profit.

Every health letter I read says we eat too much red meat and not enough fresh vegetables. Now it is up to me to do my part to change this. Enjoy your healthy food in your Bounty Box. When I quit raising grain, I didn't miss it at all. Not having onions this year when the crop is so good, I do miss it. Never say never. Depending on my knee surgery, I may be back with 4-5 acres in 2020. Of all the grain and vegetable crops I have grown, onions are still my favorite. Maybe it is because I started being around onions when I was five years old. Maybe it is because they are a challenging crop to grow. Maybe it is because I love to eat onions. (sliced onions, bread, and catsup make a great sandwich.) Whatever, I miss them.

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 your daily blessings.

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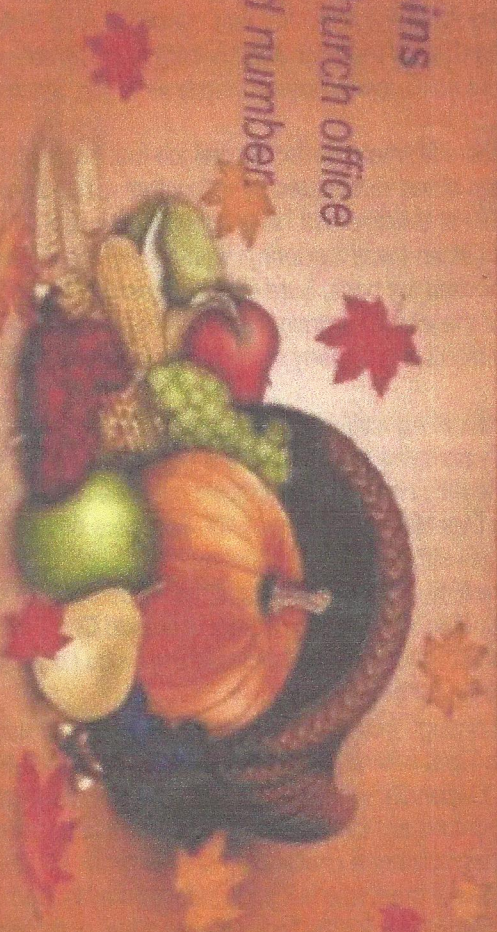
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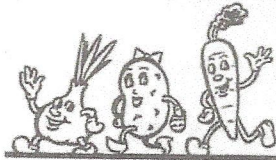
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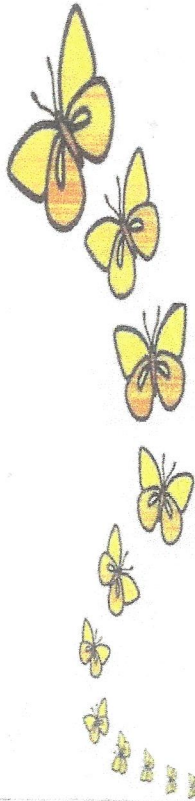
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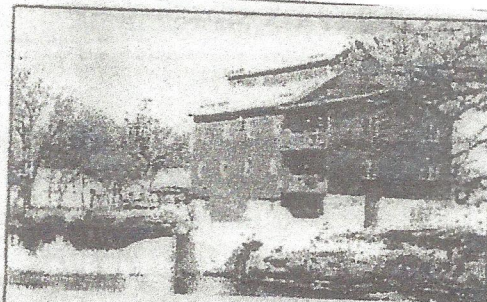
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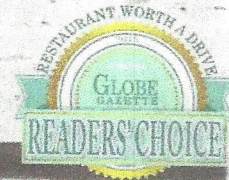
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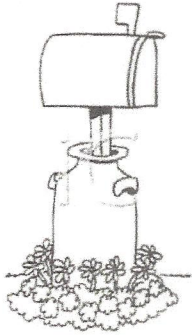
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