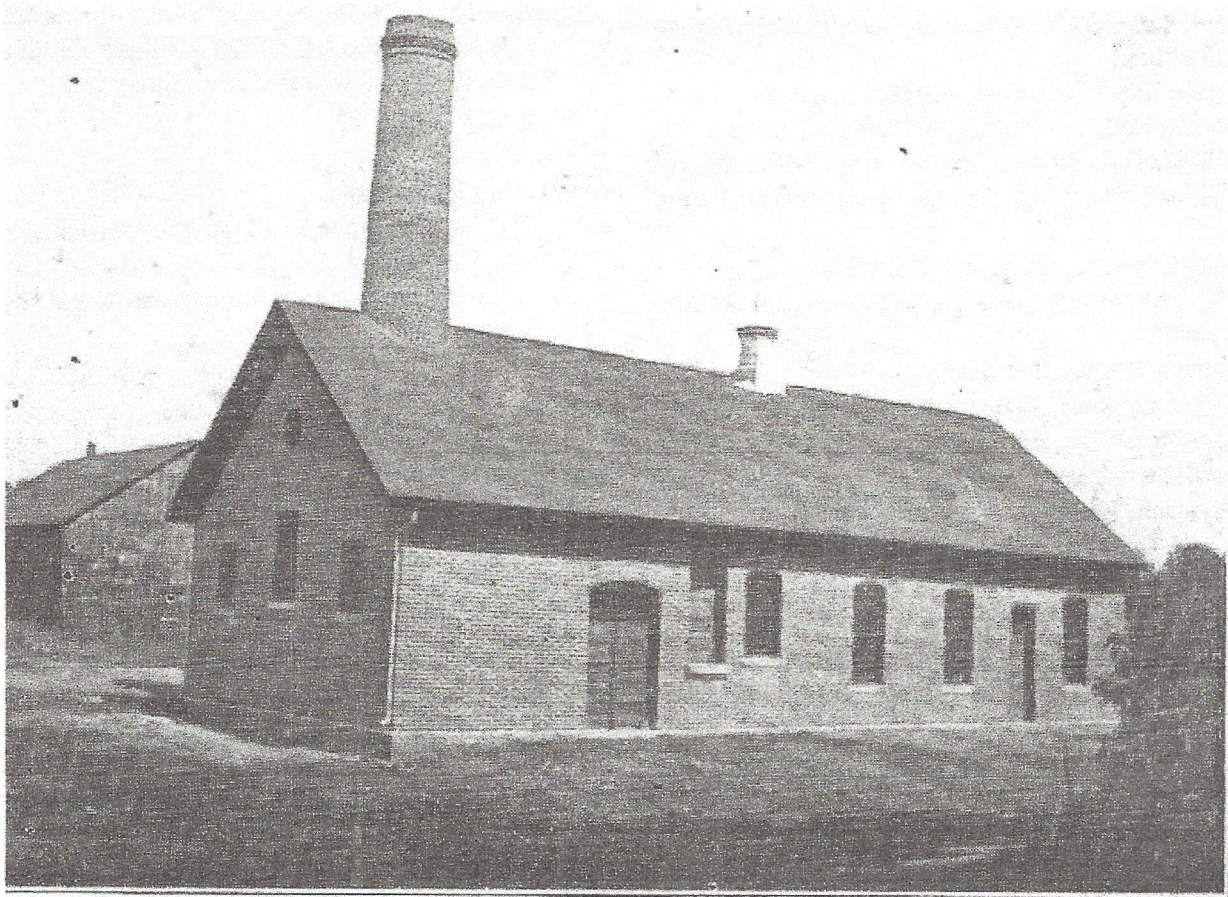


FERTILE REMINDER

March 2017



THE FERTILE CREAMERY, BUILT WHOLLY OF FERTILE BRICK.

This postcard was given to Russ Faulken via Ruth Ouverson. Russ's father was butter maker here when he was a young kid.

MARCH CALENDAR

2/16 Recycle

6 Firemen Meet

14 Garden Club

15 DEADLINE FOR REMINDER

20 Library Board Meets

21 Fertile Girls

21 Council meets

Wouldn't you like to hear about people that helped to make Fertile the town that it was and is. If you are knowledgeable about any of the following people would you be willing to share their stories. Harley and Edith Ouverson, Jean and Wayne VanDenBosch, George and Violet Hall, Les and Gertie Lindquist and many more as they were people we all looked up to. If you know of anyone that will write an article on any of these people, please let me know. bettyw@wctatel.net or 554 Hwy 9, Hanlontown, IA 50444

Income	187,192.96	0.00	28,379.29	1,044.84	61,818.28	278,435.37
Expense	172,636.74	0.00	14,534.14	0.00	81,019.74	268,190.62
Total	14,556.22	0.00	13,845.15	1,044.84	-19,201.46	10,244.75
Fund Balance	52,890.30	0.00	37,505.96	1,044.84	123,884.76	215,325.86

**City Council Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2017 - 7:00 PM, City Hall**

Call to Order & Roll Call:

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Tad Miller, Holly Lovik-Hanna, Nick Bailey, Cindy Peters, and Ron Rachut; Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts and City Clerk Wendy Lunning.
- **Ron motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the minutes of the January meeting.** Unanimous
- **Tad motioned, Cindy 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.

Autoworks:

- Toni Gonnerman presented questions in regards to utility bill. Based on City Ordinances 6-5-6 Property Owner is responsible for all city utility bills.

City Maintenance Report:

- Steve completed maintenance on mower for spring.
- Chains for plow truck have been purchased.
- Steve has been cleaning sticks in park.
- Steve is restoring the Horseshoe covers.
- **Holly motioned, Tad 2nd to approve maintenance report.** Unanimous

Mayor's Report

- City of Fertile received \$1,000.00 ICAP grant. It is to be used for pea rock under present playground equipment for park and ball diamond.
- Steve & Joyce met with ICAP for inspection. There are three items that need to be updated and are currently being worked on. City of Fertile will be receiving a credit voucher of \$1278.77 when completed.
- Joyce met with Iowa State Legislators in regards to the changes in Road Use Tax funds for city budgets.
- **Tad motioned, and Nick 2nd to approve the mayor's report.** Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

- Advantage Business Solutions is no longer offering web hosting for the city's website. Wendy presented estimates to the City Council from WebWise Solutions and Coloff Digital. Wendy will be doing additional research and notifying council of feedback received.
- Fire Department current through 12/31/2016. Garden Club current through 11/30/2016.



- **Ron motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve Financial Report.** Unanimous
- **Holly motioned, Tad 2nd to approve January Bills.** Unanimous
- Liens presented to the council were as follows:
105 E Main Street \$342.52
- **Tad motioned, Ron 2nd to file liens with County Treasurer.** Unanimous
- Wendy presented proposed 2017/2018 Budget to City Council for review. A Public Hearing will be held March 21 for approval.
- **Committee Report:**
- No Report.
- **Upcoming Meetings:**
- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 21st, 2017 at Fertile City Hall.
- **Nick moved and Cindy 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Unanimous

**City of Fertile
Deposits**

January 31, 2017			
Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts			
Checking			
Deposit	01/03/2017	Property Taxes	203.17
Deposit	01/03/2017	Casino Funds Deposit	1,945.62
Deposit	01/04/2017	Utility Deposit	1,637.22
Deposit	01/04/2017	Farm to Market Deposit	1,941.17
Deposit	01/04/2017	Facility Rental Deposit	200.00
Deposit	01/04/2017	Utility Deposit	87.09
Deposit	01/11/2017	Facility Rental Deposit	275.00
Deposit	01/11/2017	Incubator Deposit	907.64
Deposit	01/11/2017	Utility Deposit	2,828.83
Deposit	01/18/2017	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
Deposit	01/18/2017	Fertile Days Deposit	242.01
Deposit	01/18/2017	Building Permit Deposit	25.00
Deposit	01/18/2017	Utility Deposit	2,917.18
Deposit	01/18/2017	Utility Deposit	198.45
Deposit	01/18/2017	Road Use Tax	2,187.14
Deposit	01/25/2017	Utility Deposit	3,689.08
Deposit	01/25/2017	Paypal Deposit	401.31
Deposit	01/25/2017	Farm to Market Deposit	1,608.97
Deposit	01/25/2017	ICAP Grant Deposit	1,000.00
Deposit	01/27/2017	Local Option Sales Tax	2,578.85
Deposit	01/31/2017	Interest	13.73
Total Checking			24,887.46
Petty Cash			
Total Petty Cash			
Total Operating Accounts			24,887.46

Road Revenue accounts savings	.58
Water Revenue Accounts savings	2.87
Sewer Revenue Accounts saving	2.50
Total	24,893.46

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of January 31, 2017

						Accrual Basis
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	
Operating Accounts						
Checking						
Check	01/01/2017	7983	Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly Allocation	-4,000.00	
Check	01/01/2017	7984	Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly Payment	-5,193.50	
Check	01/01/2017		Fertile Days	Fertile Days Budgeted amount from 2015 - 2016 Fiscal year.	0.00	
Paycheck	01/04/2017	7980	Bruns, Warren		-301.39	
Paycheck	01/04/2017	7981	Lunning, Wendy S		-213.47	
Paycheck	01/04/2017	7982	Russell, Joyce		-1,268.68	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/04/2017	7985	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Support Hours	-1,300.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/04/2017	7986	Haugen Lawn Service	Broadleaf Weed Control	-400.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/04/2017	7987	Kramer Ace Hardware	Paint for Horseshoe Covers	-40.97	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/04/2017	7988	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-10.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/04/2017	7989	Waste Management	Container Services	-17.16	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/04/2017	7990	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-200.27	
Liability Check	01/04/2017	EFT	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-624.00	
Liability Check	01/04/2017	EFT	IPERS		-1,012.34	
Liability Check	01/04/2017	7974	United States Treasury		-1,419.76	
Check	01/04/2017	DEBIT	USPS	Postage	-71.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/11/2017	7991	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.		-2,673.35	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/11/2017	7992	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-138.50	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/11/2017	7993	CarQuest	Snap Ring Pliers	-12.99	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/11/2017	7994	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-5.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/11/2017	7995	Menards	Park - Horseshoe Covers	-133.22	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/11/2017	7996	Pronto	Gas for Mower, Golf Cart & Truck	-223.11	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/11/2017	7997	Waste Management	Garbage and Recycling Services	-2,179.92	
Paycheck	01/11/2017	7998	Roberts, Stephen J		-1,018.51	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/11/2017	7999	Fertile Public Library V	Open Access	-798.58	
Check	01/18/2017	8000	Tuttle, Isaac	Refund Utility Deposit	-150.00	
Check	01/18/2017	8001	Peterson, Zachary	Refund Utility Deposit	-150.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/18/2017	8002	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,886.87	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/18/2017	8003	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-762.51	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/18/2017	8004	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-56.54	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/18/2017	8005	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-87.33	
Check	01/25/2017	DEBIT	USPS	Postage	-149.00	
Paycheck	01/25/2017	8006	Roberts, Stephen J		-1,018.51	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/25/2017	8007	Iowa One Call	Water locates	-16.20	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/25/2017	8008	Jaci Miller	Grant Writing	-100.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/25/2017	8009	Menards	Hammer Drill	-242.69	
Sales Tax Payment	01/30/2017	EFT	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-1,061.00	
Total Checking						-28,936.37
Petty Cash						
Total Petty Cash						-
Total Operating Accounts						-28,936.37
Roads Revenue Accounts						
Savings						
Total Savings						-
Total Roads Revenue Accounts						-
TOTAL						-28,936.37

Patricia Ann Oswald

Patricia Ann Oswald, 80 of Fertile passed away Tuesday, January 17, 2016 at Good Shepherd Health Center, Mason City, Iowa.

The family suggests memorials be directed to Hospice of North Iowa, Hanlontown Fire and Rescue, Fertile Fire and Rescue, and the Fertile Lutheran Church.

Patricia Ann Legge was born on September 8, 1936 in Clarion to George O. and Edna Mae (Mason) Legge. She graduated from Garner High School in 1955. Patricia married Andrew "Andy" Oswald on February 3, 1957 at Klemme Methodist Church. In 1955 Patricia began working for Farm Bureau as a secretary, serving the Cerro Gordo and Worth County communities until 1990. She also clerked at Pronto MKT for seven years.

Patricia was a member of Fertile Lutheran Church, and served as the Parish Secretary for twelve years before retiring in December 2006. She belonged to the Fertile Garden Club and served all offices. Patricia founded the Library Friend group at the Fertile Library and served as Chairman for ten years. She was the very first woman to be on the Worth County Fair Board and served on the board for sixteen years as the secretary. She then continued working in the floral hall and fair office during the Worth County Fair. Patricia served on the Worth County Extension and 4-H Council, Cerro Gordo County 4-H Foods Group, PTA for Roosevelt Elementary serving as Chairman for a year, making an impact on each community. She was also a member of the Pleasant Ridge Club in Mason City.

Patricia is survived by her children, Annette (Rolly) O'Donnell, Joice, and Randall (Patti) Oswald, Joice; grandchildren, Josi (Seth) Thompson, Forest City, Cody Askvig, Mason City, and Ashley O'Donnell, Joice; five great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews; and a sister-in-law, Sarah Innes, Fertile.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a grandson, Mason Oswald; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Sue Legge; and a brother-in-law, John Innes. Pat did the cook's page of the Reminder for a few years, also.

Frances "Fran" Lorraine Tibbits, 94 Clear Lake, died Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the Mercy Medical Center of North Iowa, Mason City, IA.

In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial contributions to Fertile Lutheran Church or Cerro Gordo County 4-H. Fran was born January 9, 1923 in Mason City, IA, the daughter of Frank and Mamie (Moe) Skalicky. She graduated from Mason City High School in 1941. She met the love of her life, Lawrence Tibbits, at the Park Inn Hotel in Mason City and they were married November 11, 1946 in Mason City. They had three children, Nancy, Judy and Tim.

Fran was a homemaker, enjoying time with her children and neighbor children. Outside of the house, Lawrence and Fran went to the Surf Ballroom whenever they could and enjoyed playing cards with neighborhood friends. They loved square dancing with their friends and other popular dances. At home Fran completed puzzles and crosswords, liked to cook, and was a wonderful seamstress. She also was involved in 4-H for over 30 years, volunteering as a leader for part of that time. She always wanted to share pictures and stories of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and new great-great-grandchildren with anyone who walked into her home. She was a five generation grandmother!

Fran is survived by her three children Nancy (Mike) Cash, Ventura, IA, Judy (Jim) Levad, Forest City, IA and Tim (Candy) Tibbits, New Virginia, IA; grandchildren Todd (Jennifer) Cash, Ryan (Shana) Cash, Megan (Paul Beisner) Levad, Jason (Brooke) Tibbits, Logan Tibbits and Tyler (Elena) Levad; great grandchildren Katie (Dan) Behr, Madalynn Cash, Garret Cash, Sofia Levad, Mara Cash and Tallulah Tibbits; great-great-grandchildren Abel and Lyla Behr; sister June Hanna, Clear Lake, IA; sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty Lane, June Fredrickson, Marlys Pederson, Marlene Jenkins, Gladys Krahenbuhl, Ed Davies, and Wally Davies; and many nieces and nephews.

Fran was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Mamie Skalicky; husband Lawrence Tibbits, brothers, Floyd Skalicky and Harold Skalicky; sisters, Marjorie Kaufman and Dorothy Cary.



SUNDAY, MARCH 12





Joyce Jessen, 75, of Charles City passed away at home surrounded by her family on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Joyce Winifred (Shaver) Jessen was born on July 4, 1941, at the Eldora Community Hospital in Eldora, Iowa to her parents, Dwayne E. and Nellie I (Squire) Shaver. She was welcomed by

her older siblings, June A. and Donald L. The Shavers were farming south of New Providence at the time. Dwayne and Nellie welcomed a fourth child, Janet in 1943. Joyce attended New Providence Community School from kindergarten until her graduation in 1959. She participated in several activities and lettered in basketball and music.

After graduating she attended AIB College of Business in Des Moines. While at AIB she met the one and only love of her life, Ronald S. Jessen. Joyce and Ron were married on July 10, 1960, at the Honey Creek Friends Church (now on the National Historical Registry) at New Providence. They started their married life near Exira, Iowa. Three children were born to their union: Kevin, Keith and Kim. They moved to North Central Iowa early in their marriage, living in Clear Lake, Fertile and Charles City. They purchased their current home and acreage outside Charles City in 1986. During her life Joyce worked as the Fertile City Clerk and was secretary for Worsley Electrical Contractors in Fertile. Most of her career, though, was at the Northern Trails Area Education Agency in Clear Lake where she spent over 30 years, retiring in 2007 as Library Supervisor. She loved her career and work but was happy to retire. She then had time for the things she really loved; she continued having a large garden simply because she enjoyed working outside with the plants. She also froze or canned everything in sight! Joyce enjoyed sewing and quilting and worked toward her goal of giving each of her children and their families her finished projects. She could knit and crochet with the best of them! She was very talented in the kitchen, loving to cook, bake and experiment with her new recipes.

Joyce was very involved in her church and loved her church family. She enjoyed spending time traveling, and exploring the country with her sister. Most of all, Joyce loved her family and watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren grow! She was grateful for them and proud of them all.

Living family members include her husband, Ronald S. Jessen; children: Kevin (Kim) Jessen

of Joice, Iowa; Keith (Julie) Jessen of Fertile, Iowa; and Kim Jessen of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin; grandchildren: Julia Jessen; Kelli (Matt) Welp, Kassi (Scott) Salsbury; Katie (Ryan Nelson) Jessen; Jennifer (Matt) Olson; and Brittany (Sam) Newell; great grandchildren: Makenna, Brayden, and Brinley Welp; Carter and Olivia Nelson; Jamie and Soren Olson; and Bailey Holtorf; siblings: June (John) Bradley; Janet (Woody) Grabenbauer; and Donald (Marlene) Shaver; and many nieces and nephews who mourn her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Dwayne E. and Nellie I. Shaver; parents-in-law: Soren and Anna May Jean Jessen; brother-in-law: Kenneth Jessen; and nephew: Donald Brian Shaver.

John Wayne Bailey, Jr., 78, passed away at his home in Indian Land, South Carolina on December 19, 2016. Born on September 10, 1938, in Mason City, Iowa, to John Wayne and Delma Akeson Bailey.

He was a member of Church of the Living Waters in Charlotte, N.C. He had pastored churches in Cedar Rapids & Davenport, Iowa. Also helped at other Iowa churches under the umbrella of Grace Communion International Church. He enjoyed the ministry and the people he served.

Mr. Bailey had been a teacher at NIACC in its early years. He also was a very successful business man, having worked for several companies.

He is survived by his loving wife, Karen Rae (Oswald) Bailey (class of "55" Fertile High School) of Indian Land; a son Troy Bailey of Indian Land; a daughter Dawn Stephens and her husband, Bob, of Charlotte, N.C.; two grandchildren, Michael Stephens of Atlanta, Ga.; and Jeffrey Stephens of LaMesa, Ca.; and a great-grandson, Daniel Stephens of Atlanta, Ga.

John loved studying the Bible and reading all genre of books. His favorite being Sherlock Holmes.

He was cremated and a service will be held at a later date.

Our sympathies to all the families!!



*Death leaves a heartache that no one can heal
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.*



Vesta Arlene Carr and her best friend Flossie Schmidt, daughter of the minister of the Fertile Church of Christ, attended a youth rally at the Baptist Church in Forest City. There she met Ernest Ammon Kuns, a member of that congregation and the relationship blossomed into love and marriage in 1930. This photo is from their 25th Wedding anniversary on October 2, 1955. Old timers will recognize the location as the basement of the old church of Christ basement.

Dad had had enough of the farm by the time he graduated High School and became an auto mechanic. He was mechanically inclined and could solve almost any problem with a piece of machinery or a motor. During the early days of the Depression he worked at the Chevrolet Garage in Forest City, driving both ways to work in his little Austin auto, earning \$8 each week. My parents lived with Grandpa and Grandma Carr on East Main Street. It was there I was born in December 1931.

Sometime in the early 1930's Dad decided to rent the rear portion of the building at the corner of Main and First Streets and to open a garage offering automotive repair, including valve grinding, brake shoe and drum service, body repair and painting and major motor overhaul. He timed ignition points, calibrated carburetors and figured out what was wrong with a motor and how to fix it. I remember him placing one end of a long-handled screwdriver on a running motor and the other end to his ear searching for the source of the knocking or squeaking. For major repairs he had a flat-rate book to tell him how long a repair should take, and what he should charge. For minor repairs or adjustments his reply to the question "What do I owe you?" was often, "Oh, fifty cents." At that rate it is no wonder that that he had to work long hours seven days a week.

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Ernie also sharpened and repaired tools and equipment for area farmers. He welded with both electric and acetylene rigs and often had to fabricate from raw steel a broken or missing machine part. During World War II area farmers petitioned the Selective Service in Northwood for an exemption from the draft, claiming he was essential to their continued production of vital foodstuffs. Leo Elthon operated the lime quarry on the south bank of the river at that time (long before it moved east of town and was sold to Martin Marietta) The hard stone wore out the crusher jaw's teeth, and Dad spent many hours with his electric welder building up those teeth so they could continue their work.

When the new gymnasium was built in 1939 or '40, the school board commissioned Ernie to construct a time clock and score board for the basketball court. I remember him working out the details of the display itself and the remote-control box that was on the scorer's table. This was later replaced with a commercial score-board, but during the war nothing like that was available.

In 1948 Dad purchased the old blacksmith's building west of the mill and moved his business to that location. He sold Red Star gasoline distributed by a small company out of Mason City, and later Cities Service and Shell Oil products. Perhaps the most noteworthy recollection from that location was Dad's sign "IF YOU CAN'T STOP WAVE AS YOU GO BY" Roger Humphrey made the sign for Dad. When the business was auctioned off the sign was not supposed to be sold. The auctioneer, anxious for another little commission bowed to the insistence of a seller and it was gone at the end of the day. I have often pondered where it went and wonder if anyone knows.

Larry Purcell wrote about his parents pursuing many different income flows to make ends meet. Like many other families in Fertile, my parents did the same. Mom drove school bus, using our family car for that purpose. Such contracts were offered annually with closed bids by the school board. Many different routes were demanded, and would-be drivers had to bid on the specific route they wanted. I recall Mom driving the route, recording the miles, calculating how much gasoline would be used, and what the other incidental costs might be, including securing a chauffeur's license and the

additional insurance required. She and Dad would sit at the table, pour over the figures, come up with their bid and hope for the best.

Vesta also served as bookkeeper or Town Treasurer for Fertile, BC -- before the casino. I vaguely remember her writing checks, recording them in a huge book and attending town council meetings. The checks and balances were miniscule those days, compared with the numbers now published monthly in the Fertile Reminder.

Ernie and Vesta also were often asked to sing at funerals, but that was surely more a labor of love than contributing in any way to the family' fortunes. I have some thoughts concerning promoting town pride and relative poverty in Fertile but that's a story for another day.

The poverty in Fertile was not the result of any one person's actions.

Thanks to Neil Kuns for this interesting article about his parents. He sent it in pdf so I could not change it in any way. He did tell me to change the sign that was on his dad's garage to IF YOU CAN'T STOP SMILE AS YOU GO BY. As kids, we all read the sign whenever we passed by and smiled in his direction. Someone asked on Facebook last week who that building belonged to and what was in it. Now we all know!!



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Saturday - 9 - Noon



Library Events

Dr. Seuss Storytime:

March 6th @ 5pm

Family Friendly movie, Pajamas encouraged and popcorn Provided!

Movie Night:

March 18th @ 5pm

Story time will have a craft, stories & a treat. All children Are welcome, younger ones may need help from an adult!

Adult Craft Afternoon:

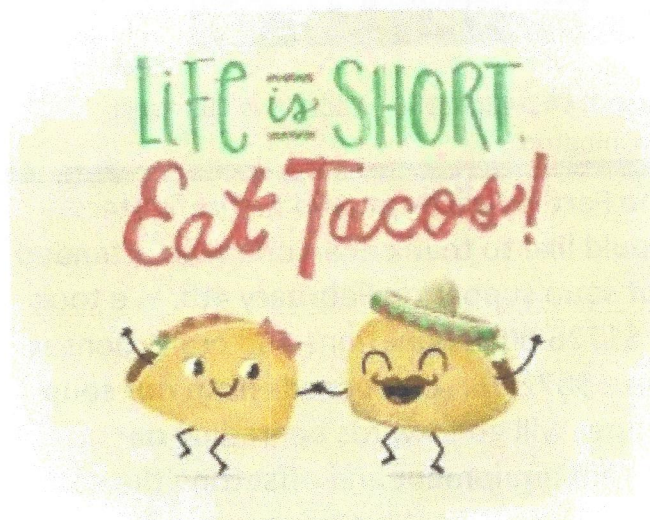
March 25th @ 1pm

We will be learning how to arm knit. For this program, all you need to bring is 3 skeins of bulky weight yarn. Adults only at this program.

Taco Night!

March 18th 4-7pm

Come Join us for our annual Fiesta Taco Night Fundraiser! Enjoy tacos, nachos and community with good friends and support the Fertile Public Library. We hope to see you all out to Fiesta!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

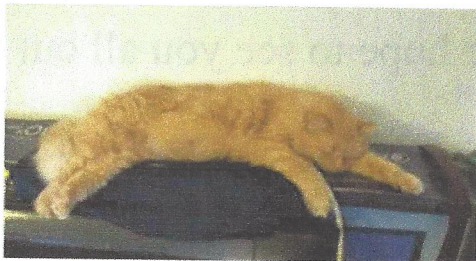
Please renew my subscription for another year. You have done a great job of reporting the Fertile News. I enjoy reading it very much. Keep up the good work, **Lyle Knudson**

Please renew my subscription for another year. Thank you! **Judi Larson**

Jerry Nye writes from Brian's in Colorado: Hi! That he is doing well, he had his knee surgery and is going through therapy and is walking much better now.

If you stop your mail temporarily, will you please let the Reminder know? When the post office returns them the cost to the Reminder is 75 cents. Send a note to peterscindy@gmail.com, that way we won't send the second month.

If you prefer to get your Reminder by email, write a note to bettyw@wctatel.net and I will send it that way. You get it a week earlier and it will print in color.



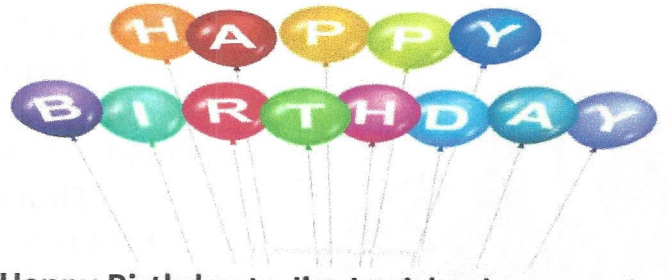
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The Fertile Fire Dept. and its firefighters would like to thank everyone who attended out soup supper on February 4th. We took in \$1726.00 in donations and our expenses were \$572.36. All proceeds from our soup supper will go towards upgrading our current equipment and offsetting the cost of new equipment we have recently purchased. We hope to see everyone at our Fireman's Breakfast in August!

Thank you for your support!

Your Fertile Firefighters



Happy Birthday to Jim Lovick who turned 98 on the 13th of February.

Happy Birthday to Ruth Rhodes as she turns 94 on the 24th.



Several people called or wrote as to the identity of most of these ladies. Bottom row from left to right: Mary Oувerson, ?, last person to the far right is Nora White.

Madalyn Midtgaard wrote this: Top row Aimee Nye, __?__. Annie Eikenbary, Grandma Ethon, Grandma Dora Carr, __?__, Grandma Hjellmland and Grandma Mary Purcell
Bottom Row: Mrs. Oувerson, Grandma Hill, Mrs. Gunder Vaa __?__, __?__ Grandma White.
Others say this: Top row: 2nd one Agnes Suby or Sophia Deuel, last one Mina Smith
Top row l to r, Ethel Duel, Sophia Duel or Agnes Suby or Mila Hall, Annie Eikenbary, Dora Carr, Mina Smith

Bottom row: Mary or Mila Oувerson, Grandma Hill, And Gary Hall says the upper left first person is Ethel Deuel and the 2nd is his Grandma Mila Hall. I have probably messed this all up and apologize if I did.

Thanks to the firemen for delivering our soup supper, it was much appreciated. Dean and Betty Theilen



Old Fashioned Banana Cream Pie!

THE FILLING

- 1 2/3 cups water
- 4 heaping tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 (14 ounce) can Eagle Brand Condensed Milk
- 3 egg yolks, beaten
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 medium bananas, sliced
- 2 large RIPE bananas, mashed

FOR WHIPPED CREAM

- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 Tablespoons powdered sugar

Instructions

Mix water and cornstarch until smooth.
Stir in Eagle Brand milk and egg yolks.
Cook until thick in saucepan or microwave.
Stir in 2 tablespoons butter.
Add vanilla.
Cool slightly (stirring occasionally).
add in 2 mashed banana, mix until combined
Pour 1/2 of filling on pie crust.
Place 3 sliced bananas on filling.
Pour remainder of filling on the sliced bananas.

WHIPPED TOPPING-

Combine the whipping cream, powdered sugar and vanilla extract and beat well
Spread on top of the filling.
Garnish with the last sliced banana
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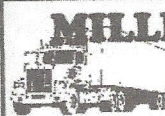
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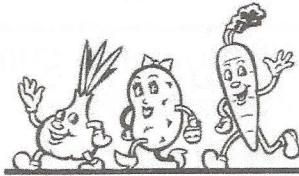
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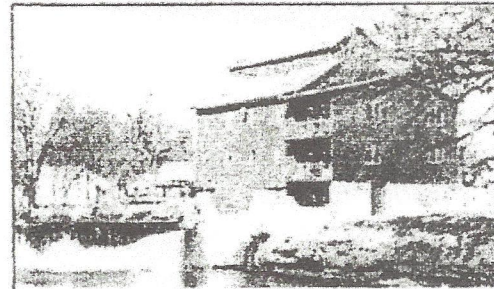


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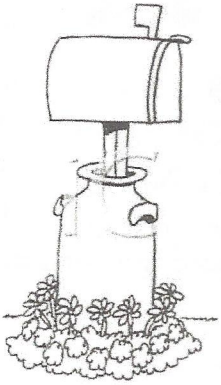
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