

FERTILE REMINDER

JUNE 2016

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90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

The family of Ruth B. Ouverson will be celebrating their Mother's 90th birthday by hosting an

Open House Noon Luncheon

Fertile Church of Christ on

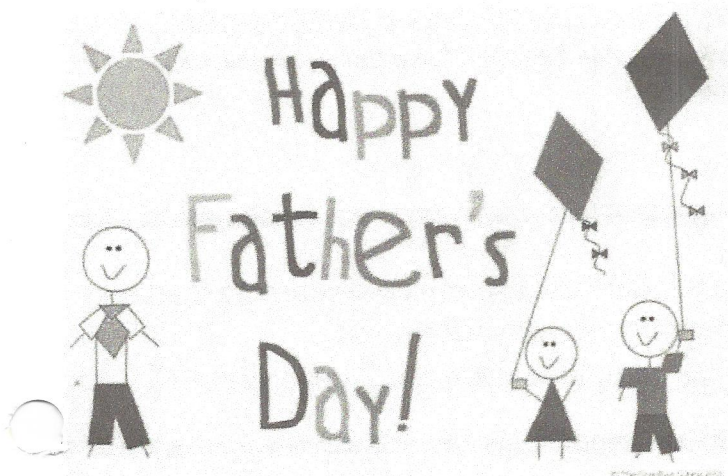
Sunday, June 12th

11:30 – 1:30

No gifts please!

See you there!

If you are not able to attend, cards may be sent to her at 20 N 4th St. Apt. 310, Clear Lake, IA 50428



**City Council Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2016 - 7:00 PM, City Hall
Call to Order & Roll Call:**

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Holly Lovik-Hanna, Cindy Peters, Nick Bailey, Tad Miller and Ron Rachut; City Clerk, Wendy Lunning & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.
- *Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the minutes of the April 19th meeting.* Unanimous
- *Ron 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.

Eddie May:

- No Report.

Fertile Days:

- Fertile Days committee is planning on Fireworks this year for their celebration. The contract for Flashing Thunder Fireworks and the Permit need to be signed and return to Kevin Bidne. Joyce will be working with insurance company to get this completed.

City Maintenance Report:

- The trees that have been taken out of the river have been cut up and Randy Bredeson hauled them away.
- The ball diamond has been cleaned up and ready for Little League. Little League will be held for ages 4 years old to Kindergarten. Please contact Tim Severson at 797-2333 if you are interested in participating. Practice starts Monday, May 23 at 6:30 pm.
- The park has been sprayed for weeds.
- The sheep are back at the lagoon.
- Steve has done some landscaping and put mulch around air condition at library.
- Steve is planning on removing brush on city right of way south of State Street.
- Water valve at curb stop needs to be repaired at 115 W Main.
- *Nick motioned, Holly 2nd to approve maintenance report.*

Unanimous

Mayor's Report

- Floodplain maps have been updated and sent to County Attorney and Sheriff's Office
- Ordinances have been updated to include new rates for utilities. Copies have been sent to County Attorney and Sheriff's Office.

- Gas leak detected at the Community Center. Black Hills Energy was called and they installed a shutoff valve for pilot lights and stove.
- Fertile is proud to be the #10 coolest town in Iowa.
- Sarah Innis, and Ron received a grant for Blue Star to be put on top of Veteran's Memorial in park. Thank you to WCTA and Aureon Charity Grant Program for the funds.
- City Wide Clean Up is scheduled for May 21st from 8:00 to 12:30 in front of Maintenance Garage. Must have Admit One Ticket and be Fertile Resident .
- Thank you to Marcheta Pederson for donating highchair for Community Center.
- Joyce has been working with Melissa Michaelis from Winn-Worth

7/1/2015 04/30/2016	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefits	Utilities	Total
Income	232,337.35	25,965.00	38,342.59	1,552.37	99,929.03	398,126.34
Expense	253,918.18	25,965.00	73,112.13	6,790.65	106,133.65	465,919.61
Total	-21,580.83	0.00	-34,769.54	-5,238.28	-6,204.62	-67,793.27
Fund Balance	50,849.52	0.00	20,850.86	-5,238.28	110,266.54	176,728.64

- Betco on brochures to represent the City of Fertile. This will include local businesses, maps and history of Fertile.
- Farmers Market is scheduled for June 1st from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at City Hall Parking Lot.

Ron motioned, and Cindy 2nd to approve the mayor's report. Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

- Wendy presented April Financials. The Fire Department financials are current through 03/31/2016. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request.
- *Holly motioned, Nick 2nd to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous
- *Nick motioned, Ron 2nd to approve April Bills* Unanimous
- Budget Amendment for 2015 – 2016 fiscal year presented to council. Public Hearing is scheduled for June 21st at 7:00pm.

Committee Reports:

- Informational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2:00pm to 4:30pm at the Fertile Community Center. There will be two State Representatives presenting information in regards to Sex Trafficking. The meeting will be open to the public. Light lunch to follow.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, June 21st, 2016 at Fertile City Hall.
- *Nick moved and Holly 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR
 Some articles may be missing from this edition of the Reminder because my computer crashed and nothing could be saved. I had to basically start from scratch yesterday afternoon. I copied the email addresses a few weeks before so just had to update them BUT copy them all back into the computer.

City of Fertile Deposits

As of April 30, 2016

Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts			
Checking			
Deposit	04/01/2016	Local Option Sales Tax	2,360.36
Deposit	04/02/2016	Utility Deposit	982.81
Deposit	04/04/2016	Casino Funds Deposit	3,595.97
Deposit	04/04/2016	Incubator Rental Deposit	1,310.13
Deposit	04/06/2016	Utility Deposit	93.59
Deposit	04/13/2016	City Celebration Deposit	3,000.00
Deposit	04/13/2016	Utility Deposit	2,446.53
Deposit	04/13/2016	Utility Deposit	45.00
Deposit	04/13/2016	Utility Deposit	67.67
Deposit	04/19/2016	Property Taxes	22,898.17
Deposit	04/19/2016	Road Use Tax	1,441.37
Deposit	04/20/2016	Clerkbooks Adjustment	0.00
Deposit	04/20/2016	Utility Deposit	180.46
Deposit	04/20/2016	Utility Deposit	3,444.59
Deposit	04/20/2016	Utility Deposit	660.51
Deposit	04/27/2016	Utility Deposit	380.84
Deposit	04/27/2016	Assessment Deposit	150.00
Deposit	04/27/2016	Initial Deposit	4,539.43
Deposit	04/27/2016	Utility Deposit	34.00
Deposit	04/30/2016	Interest Special Assessment Deposit	6.34
Deposit	04/30/2016	Interest	<u>47,637.77</u>
Total Checking			
Petty Cash			
Total Petty Cash			<u>47,637.77</u>
Total Operating Accounts			
Roads Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	04/30/2016	Interest	<u>0.56</u>
Total Savings			<u>0.56</u>
Total Roads Revenue Accounts			0.56
Water Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	04/30/2016	Interest	<u>2.77</u>
Total Savings			<u>2.77</u>
Total Water Revenue Accounts			2.77
Sewer Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	04/30/2016	Interest	<u>2.42</u>
Total Savings			<u>2.42</u>
CD			
Total CD			<u>2.42</u>
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts			<u>2.42</u>
TOTAL			<u><u>47,643.52</u></u>



City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of April 30, 2016

Accrual
Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Operating Accounts					
Checking					
Check	04/01/2016	7698	Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly Payment	-5,193.50
Check	04/01/2016	DEBIT	Lake Chevrolet	Key	-16.05
Check	04/01/2016	7726	Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly Allocation	-4,000.00
Paycheck	04/06/2016	7694	Bruns, Warren		-301.39
Paycheck	04/06/2016	7695	Lunning, Wendy S		-500.15
Paycheck	04/06/2016	7696	Russell, Joyce		-1,310.27
Paycheck	04/06/2016	7697	Roberts, Stephen J		-991.96
Bill Pmt -Check	04/06/2016	7699	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-40.00
Check	04/06/2016	DEBIT	US Post Office	Certified - USDA Annual Report	-7.45
Check	04/06/2016	DEBIT	US Post Office	Postage	-140.00
Liability Check	04/06/2016	ACH	United States Treasury		-1,088.98
Liability Check	04/06/2016	ACH	IPERS		-775.19
Bill Pmt -Check	04/06/2016	7700	CarQuest	Oil for Mower	-8.10
			Floyd & Leonard Auto		
Bill Pmt -Check	04/06/2016	7701	Electric, Inc.	Pole Chain Saw	-535.96
Bill Pmt -Check	04/06/2016	7703	NIACOG	Codification of Ordinances	-600.00
Bill Pmt -Check	04/06/2016	7704	Pronto		-107.41
Bill Pmt -Check	04/06/2016	7705	Roto Rooter	Jet from Main to 1st Street	-215.00
Bill Pmt -Check	04/06/2016	7706	Steve Roberts-v	Link for Plow Truck	-7.37
Bill Pmt -Check	04/06/2016	7707	Waste Management	Container Service Plan	-17.16
Bill Pmt -Check	04/06/2016	7708	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-193.88
Bill Pmt -Check	04/06/2016	7709	Kramer Ace Hardware		-18.48
Check	04/13/2016	CORR	Worth County Treasurer	Correction due to duplicate entry.	-2,213.11
Bill Pmt -Check	04/13/2016	7710	Country Landscapes	Top Soil	-370.00
Bill Pmt -Check	04/13/2016	7711	Fertile Days	WCDA contribution	-3,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	04/13/2016	7712	Hare Electric	Breaker Panel	-37.00
Bill Pmt -Check	04/13/2016	7713	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-49.16
Bill Pmt -Check	04/13/2016	7714	Menards	Mulch, Supplies and Grass Seed	-132.96
Bill Pmt -Check	04/13/2016	7715	PSI	1500 Utility Bill Cards	-83.49
Bill Pmt -Check	04/13/2016	7716	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-65.11
Bill Pmt -Check	04/13/2016	7717	Waste Management	Garbage and Recycling Pick Up	-2,117.28
Bill Pmt -Check	04/13/2016	7718	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	04/13/2016	7719	Fertile Garden Club	Beautification of Fertile 2015	-275.00
Bill Pmt -Check	04/13/2016	7721	Joyce Russell -P	US Flags	-64.07
Paycheck	04/20/2016	7720	Roberts, Stephen J		-991.97
Bill Pmt -Check	04/20/2016	7722	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-59.50
Bill Pmt -Check	04/20/2016	7723	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,838.63
Bill Pmt -Check	04/20/2016	7724	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-396.42
Bill Pmt -Check	04/20/2016	7725	UPS	Postage	-11.42
Bill Pmt -Check	04/27/2016	7727	BMC Aggregates L.C.	3/4 Roadstone	-209.68
Bill Pmt -Check	04/27/2016	7728	Hare Electric		-1,049.97
Liability Check	04/29/2016	ACH	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-533.00
Sales Tax Payment	04/29/2016	ACH	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-1,028.00
Total Checking					-30,604.57
Total Operating Accounts					-30,604.57
TOTAL					-30,604.57

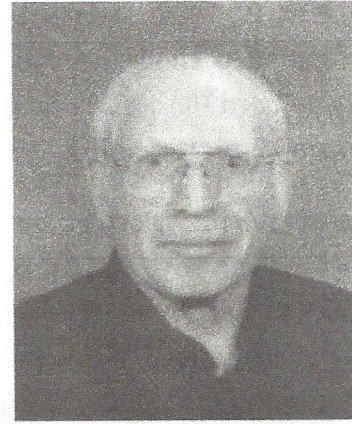


Dolores Jane Sandifer, 82, of Fertile, died Thursday, May 5, 2016 at the Hancock County Memorial Hospital in Britt. Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Calvary Baptist Church in Forest City with the Pastor Don Collings officiating. Burial will be in Brush Point Cemetery, rural

Hanlontown.

Dolores,... the daughter of August and Ernestine (Brandt) Jordan was born September 14, 1933 in rural St. Ansgar, Iowa. She attended school and graduated from Fertile High School. She continued her education at Waldorf College in Forest City, graduating with a 2 year secretarial degree. She worked at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN for a period of time before her marriage to Ray Sandifer on October 20, 1953 at the Fertile Lutheran Church. She worked for many years at Norwest Bank in Mason City until her retirement in 1989. She was the long-time editor of the Fertile Reminder newspaper, an avid rook card player and she enjoyed playing piano. She enjoyed the times she spent with her family and especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dolores was a long-time member of the Calvary Baptist Church, where she served as Treasurer and sang in the church choir. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Ray of Fertile; son, Rick Sandifer and wife Kathy of Bensalem, PA; granddaughters, Kelly Sandifer of Hopatcong, New Jersey and Kristen Ryland and husband Stephen of Lewisville, TX and two great-grandchildren, Claire and Calvin Ryland; brother, Raymond Jordan and wife Deanna of Fertile and many nephews and a niece. She is preceded in death by parents and son, Gary Ray Sandifer.

Delores served as Editor of the Fertile Reminder for 18 year and we thank her for all her diligent work. She did a great job, especially since she never used a computer!!



Melvin L.

Kennedy, 80, of Burchinal, IA died Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at Mercy Medical Center North Iowa in Mason City. A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 28, 2016, at the Hanford Community Church, 12411 Spruce Avenue – Mason City, with Pastor Dan Carlson officiating. Memorials may be directed to the Melvin Kennedy memorial fund in care of the family. No obituary was found for Melvin.



*Bridal Shower
Jessica Kleveland
(daughter of Deb & Tim Kleveland)
Bride elect of Derek Brown
Sat. June 18
Open House 9:30 – 11:30 am
Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church
Rural Juice
Registered at Kohl's and Target*

This month's Reminder features "Bud" Jenkins from our past. (It was printed in the 1980's)

Bud was born August 19, 1909. He married Cora Suby, they celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary in 1985. They are the parents of six children namely, Frances Lou Cates , Mason City; Norma Jean Tarr (deceased) Lanny, Forest City; Cherri Hascup, California; Connie Dirks and Bonnie Secory both of Clear Lake. They have 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Bud was a lifetime resident of Fertile. He was in the Plumbing and Heating business for several years. He drove the school bus for many years. In appreciation for his kindness, careful driving, and consideration for the children he was presented a Merit Award by the State Department. Bud was also the Custodian for the school for several years before his retirement.

He was very active in the community in many organizations. He was a member of the Fertile Lutheran Church, has served on the City Council, City Fire Department, Member of the Lion's Club , holding several offices, has served on the City, County and other Election Boards for many years, has helped in many ways throughout the years to keep our City Park clean and beautiful. During the years he has contributed much to our community.

Bud was nominated by the Senior Citizens Club from Fertile as the outstanding Senior Citizen from Worth County for 1986. He is a charter member of our club which was organized eight years ago. He is a very active and faithful member of our club, He has devoted many hours of volunteer work such as: helping keep our center clean, washing and waxing the floors, cleans the rest rooms, sees that the sidewalks are clean in the winter; he sees many other small chores to be done. He also spent many hours of volunteer work when we installed our two rest rooms on first floor of the center. He has much pride in our Center. In case a member cannot attend our fellowship meals, he is always willing to deliver the meals to their homes. If some members do not have transportation to the center he will get them and take them home. He also provided transportation out of town for members who have needed medical attention.

Bud always has a cheery smile for everyone, is very cooperative, faithful and most considerate of everyone. Every youngster loves Bud for his kindness and consideration for them.

Bud received a letter of congratulations from the ELDERBRIDGE Agency on Aging on his nomination as Worth Count 1986 Outstanding Senior Citizens Award. Bud feels deeply honored to receive this nomination. He is well deserving of this recognition extended to him for his contributions to the community.

Bud recently has major heart surgery, he is now home recuperating.

Picture on the following page is the Bud Jenkins Family

Front row L to R

Frances Lou, Cora and Bud, Norma Jean

Back Row L to R

Bonnie, Connie, Lannie and Sherri





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 Extreme Prey—John Sandford
 Hide Away—Iris Johanson
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 Beach Town—Mary Kay Andrews
 The Girl from Summer Hill—Jude Deveraux
 15th Affair—James Patterson
 City of the Lost—Kelley Armstrong
 The Lie Tree—Frances Harbinger

New Books on CD

The Fifth Wave—Rick Yancy
 The Last Mile—David Baldacci
 15th Affair—James Patterson

New DVDs

The Scorch Trials—Dylan O'Brien
 Mockingjay Part 2—Jennifer Lawrence
 In the Heart of the Sea—Chris Hemsworth
 The Runner—Nicholas Cage
 Kingsman— The Secret Service—Colin Firth
 33—Antonio Banderas
 Aloha—Bradley Cooper
 The Force Awakens —Harrison Ford
 The Peanuts Movie—Animated
 Big Stone Gap—Ashley Judd

Library News:

Welcome to our new Library Director Angie Thompson!! She comes to us with 9 years library experience. She is currently the children's librarian in Manly and has worked at the Forest City Library. She will start with us in June & we will work together through July. We are thrilled to have her and know you will be too!

Our summer reading program theme for this year is *"On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!"* Watch for signs telling of fun activities the library will be having!

An Exciting Opportunity!

The Fertile Library Board has one position open. Help advocate for the library and plan for the future! The position is for one resident of rural Fertile Township. Call the library or city of Fertile for more information!797-2787(library)797-2121 (city)

ANIMAL ATHLETES!

Blank Park Zoo

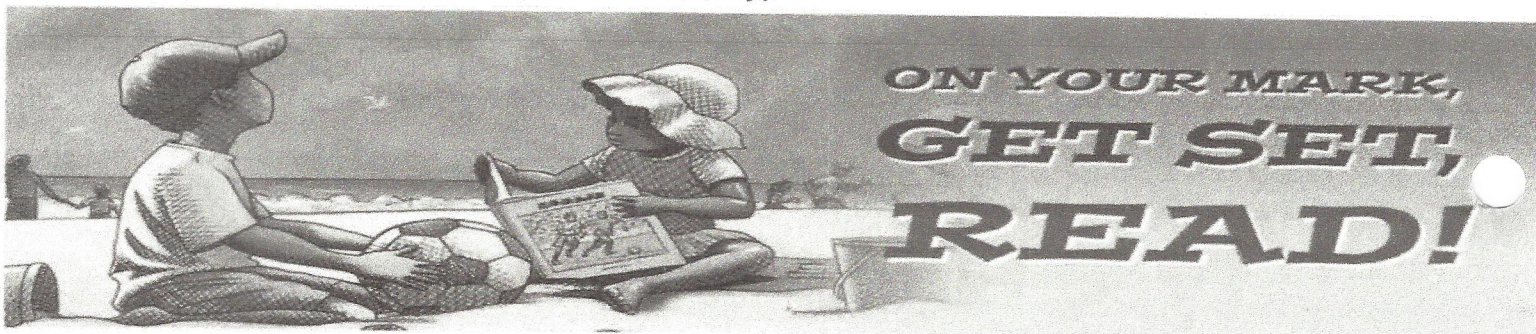
Fertile Library

July 14, 2016

6:30 p.m.

We always enjoy watching countries compete in the Olympics, but what if the animals had their own Olympics? Which animals would be best at high jump or excel in swimming? Who would take the gold in gymnastics?

Join us & find out!



THOUGHTS OF FARMER RON

I mentioned in an earlier letter that we were going to have a meeting on human trafficking here in Fertile. It is set for Jun 12 at 2:00 P.M. At City Hall. Guest speakers will include Erin Meyers of Crisis Intervention, Senator Amanda Regan, Representative Sharon Steckman, and a member of the law enforcement. It will last until 4:00 - 4:30 with a light lunch following. There will be time for questions.

It is interesting to listen to people talk about the vote in Mason City on the hog processing facility. After listening to both sides, I still think it would have been good for both Mason City and surrounding communities. However, I do agree with those who said it is moving too fast. When people are unsure, they dig in their heels and say no.

What lessons does Mason City have for Fertile? Mason City is getting to be a community with many older citizens and not enough young like Fertile. It appears it doesn't like change like Fertile. In the last 70 years, Mason City, I believe, has lost population and Fertile has gained five citizens. One of our fine citizens made the comment that if you don't move forward, you move backward. There is no such thing as standing still when others are moving forward. I have asked some people what they would like Fertile to be. They have or are going to be giving me their ideas. **GIVE ME YOURS!**

If you drive by Goose Lake and don't see fields of carrots, it is not because we have decided to quit. It is because the cannery needed less are we were the grower farthest from the processing plant. Will we grow carrots again? We don't know. Such is the risk we take in business.

By the time you read this, I will have much of the garden planting done and up and growing. Because of succession planting, it actually wouldn't be done until August 1. Growing my own plants from seed has been quite an experience.

Until next time, thank a farmer for the food on your plate, thank a veteran for the freedoms we enjoy, and above all, thank God for the blessings he has bestowed.

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL

This is what it will look like.



Sara Innes has been working on the Memorial in the park for the Blue Star Memorial sign to be placed on top of it.

She has applied for and received grants from WCTA and Aueron, but the two grants fall short of the cost. If anyone is willing to make a contribution in memory of or in honor of a veteran it would be appreciated.

Checks can be made out to Fertile Days with the notation that it is for the Blue Star Memorial and sent to Sara Innes, Blue Star Memorial, 303 West Main, Fertile, 50434. Or you can give the check to Cindy at the Post Office. Thank you.

**Sheriff Candidate Dan Fank
informational meeting
June 4th
9am - 12pm
Fertile Community Center Paid for
by the citizens to elect Dan Fank**



Strawberry time!!

Strawberries mainly consist of water (91%) and carbohydrates (7.7%). They contain only minor amounts of fat (0.3%) and protein (0.7%).

One cup of whole strawberries (150 grams) contains less than 50 calories.

EASY STRAWBERRY DESSERT

- 1 8 oz. Cool Whip
- 1 8 oz sour cream
- 1 sm. Box strawberry Jello
- 1 store bought angel food cake (break in small pieces)
- 1 qt. fresh or frozen strawberries, sliced

Mix in order given. It can be frozen until ready to serve. Better if allowed to sit in the refrigerator overnight.

SO EASY STRAWBERRY DESSERT

- 1 ½ c. miniature marshmallows
 - 1 white cake mix
 - 2 cups sliced strawberries
 - ½ c sugar
 - 1 (3 oz.) pkg strawberry Jello
- Grease bottom of 13 x 9 inch pan.
Sprinkle marshmallows in pan.
Mix cake as directed & pour over marshmallows.
Combine strawberries and Jello.
Spoon over top of cake batter.
Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.
(Marshmallow and strawberries trade.)

Why not make Dad a strawberry dessert for FATHER'S DAY?



TIP OF THE DAY

Don't store apples and carrots in the same fridge compartment. The apples emit a gas that makes the carrots bitter.

One minute of anger weakens the immune system for four to five hours. One minute of laughter boosts your immune system for over 24 hours.


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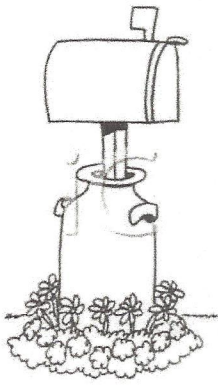
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