

# FERTILE REMINDER

APRIL 2015

News! News! News!

With regrets we wish to inform you that this will be the last edition of the Fertile Reminder. Due to lack of interest, cost and time involved it has been decided by this editor that we will no longer be putting out the Reminder. Thank you for your support all these years April Fool's!!!

Happy  
April Fools  
Day



## FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club met on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center with a delicious soup supper served by the board.

Roll call "What did you do interesting this winter" was answered by 10 members.

Secret Pal names were drawn and dues were paid.

The Constitution was read and our years program was reviewed. Lots of exciting things coming up!

The plant watering schedule was passed around to sign up for turns in watering the town plants.

Next month's hostesses will be Bev Bruns and Jean Marie Anderson.

## APRIL CALENDAR

March 28.....	FIESTA NIGHT
April 2, 16, 30	Recycle
April 5	EASTER
April 6	Firemen meet
April 10	<b>Reminder Deadline</b>
April 14	Garden Club
April 20	Library board meets
April 21	Fertile Girls Meet
April 21	Fertile Council
April 28	Reminder Mailed

1. Spring is here

**City of Fertile  
City Council Budget Public Hearing Meeting  
Minutes**

**March 10, 2015 - 7:00 PM, City Hall**

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller (email votes received), Julie Jessen, Nick Bailey and Holly Lovik-Hanna; City Clerk, Wendy Lunning.

The meeting was opened to public hearing for 2015 - 2016 Fiscal Year Budget. No comments received. Public hearing closed.

☐ *Jeff motioned and Nick 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the 2015 - 2016 budget.* Unanimous

☐ *Holly motioned, Nick 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept agenda.* Unanimous.

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Meeting. If you wish to be on the Agenda, please contact City Hall two days before the meeting.

**Mayor's Report**

☐ *Jeff motioned and Julie 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve salary increase's as of July 1 2015.* Unanimous

Joyce Russell .25 per hour

Wendy Lunning .47 per hour

Steve Roberts .50 per hour

☐ *Holly motioned and Nick 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the resolution for the addendum to the Refuse / Recycling contract with Waste Management. Tad, Julie, Nick, Holly approved. Jeff opposed.*

**Upcoming Meetings**

Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at Fertile City Hall.

☐ *Holly moved and Julie*

**City of Fertile**

**City Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 17, 2015 - 7:00 PM, City Hall**

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Nick Bailey, Julie Jessen and Holly Lovik-Hanna; City Clerk, Wendy Lunning & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.

*Tad motioned, Holly 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes of the February meeting.* Unanimous

*Holly motioned, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes of the Special Budget meeting.* Unanimous

• *Julie motioned, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept agenda.* Unanimous.

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**City Maintenance Report**

- Steve has been patching some pot holes on streets.
- Steve has been painting the equipment for the Horseshoes and cleaning up the park.
- The benches at each end of the bridge are in need of some maintenance.
- *Julie motioned, Nick 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the maintenance report.* Unanimous

**Mayor's Report**

- Joyce met with ICAP insurance for Loss Control Service inspection. Recommendation include: Emergency lighting in the Library and has been ordered. Fire extinguishers need to be inspected. Supplies at the Fire Department in need to be stored properly.
- The walk in door at the City Maintenance garage has been replaced with a secure door.
- Govenor Branstad designates March 23 – 27 as Severe Weather Awareness week. March 25 the Tornado drill siren will sound at 10:00am.

- Ruth Willard has approached the City of Fertile with an opportunity for a Farmer's Market beginning May – September 4:00pm to 6:00pm. This will be the first Wednesday of each month.
- Steve and Joyce have met with Heartland Asphalt in regards to paving street and filling cracks.
- A big thank you to Eddie and Lisa May of Fertile Pronto for the Broasted Chicken Dinners. It was very yummy.
- Cement slab above dam washed out underneath and came loose. Joyce is working on getting this removed and hauled away.
- City Clean Up is tentatively planned for Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

*Jeff motioned, and Nick 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the mayor's report.* Unanimous.

**City Clerk's Report**

- Wendy presented February Financials to the council. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request.

7/1 – 2/31	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefits	Utilities	Total
Income	119,395.00	204,000.00	29,086.05	747.67	76,270.66	429,499.38
Expense	389,311.59	-36,000.00	16,673.86	0	62,431.59	432,417.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>-267,916.59</b>	<b>240,000.00</b>	<b>12,412.19</b>	<b>747.67</b>	<b>13,839.07</b>	<b>-2,917.66</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>-13,576.11</b>	<b>36,000.00</b>	<b>50,262.42</b>	<b>747.67</b>	<b>109,124.55</b>	<b>182,558.53</b>

*Nick motioned, Tad 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous

*Jeff motioned, Julie 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve February Bills* Unanimous

**Committee Report**

- Jeff inquired if the tennis courts could be painted to support a Pickleball court. Council agreed.
- Horseshoe pits are in need of blue clay
- Joyce is working to get a partial little league going for this summer.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- Public Hearing will meet at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at Fertile City Hall
- *Jeff moved and Nick 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

## City of Fertile

### Deposits

As of February 28, 2015

	Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
<b>Operating Accounts</b>				
<b>Checking</b>				
	Deposit	02/03/2015	Property Taxes	192.73
	Deposit	02/03/2015	Casino Funds Deposit	2,374.32
	Deposit	02/04/2015	Utility Deposit	1,074.33
	Deposit	02/11/2015	Utility Deposit	584.51
	Deposit	02/11/2015	Refund Deposit	10.87
	Deposit	02/11/2015	Refund Deposit	67.29
	Deposit	02/11/2015	Farm to Market Deposit	1,563.17
	Deposit	02/11/2015	Utility Deposit	2,934.06
	Deposit	02/17/2015	Utility Deposit	2,385.37
	Deposit	02/18/2015	Road Use Tax	1,718.83
	Deposit	02/25/2015	Utility Deposit	3,206.50
	Deposit	02/25/2015	Donation Deposit	332.46
	Deposit	02/25/2015	Local Option Sales Tax	2,111.90
	Deposit	02/28/2015	Interest	<u>3.30</u>
Total Checking				18,559.64
<b>Petty Cash</b>				
<b>Total Petty Cash</b>				
				<u>18,559.64</u>
<b>Total Operating Accounts</b>				
<b>Roads Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>Savings</b>				
	Deposit	02/28/2015	Interest	<u>5.12</u>
Total Savings				<u>5.12</u>
Total Roads Revenue Accounts				5.12
<b>Water Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>Savings</b>				
	Deposit	02/28/2015	Interest	<u>2.59</u>
Total Savings				<u>2.59</u>
Total Water Revenue Accounts				2.59
<b>Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>Savings</b>				
	Deposit	02/28/2015	Interest	<u>2.26</u>
Total Savings				2.26
<b>CD</b>				
<b>Total CD</b>				
				<u>2.26</u>
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts				<u>2.26</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<u><u>18,569.61</u></u>

### Thank You

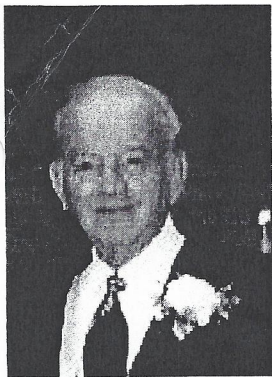
Thank you to Mary Petersburg Anderson for donating her Mother's handmade dress and bonnet she wore to the Fertile Centennial Celebration in 1956, along with a hand sewn black skirt of even an earlier time. Both items will be placed on display at the Oswald/Sime Log house in Hanlontown.



# City of Fertile

## Bills Paid

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
<b>Operating Accounts</b>					
<b>Checking</b>					
Paycheck	02/04/2015	7221	Bruns, Warren		-301.39
Paycheck	02/04/2015	7222	Lunning, Wendy S		-416.38
Paycheck	02/04/2015	7223	Russell, Joyce		-1,046.99
Bill Pmt -Check	02/04/2015	7224	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill September - Fishing Point, Ball Diamond, Park	-1,743.11
Bill Pmt -Check	02/04/2015	7226	Green Canopy, Inc.		-215.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/04/2015	7227	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/04/2015	7228	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-40.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/04/2015	7229	Menards	Cleaning Supplies	-27.69
Bill Pmt -Check	02/04/2015	7230	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage - Container Service	-13.65
Bill Pmt -Check	02/04/2015	7231	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-192.81
Bill Pmt -Check	02/04/2015	7232	Worth County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement Agreement	-2,312.50
Bill Pmt -Check	02/04/2015	7233	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Street Signs and Baracdades	-497.77
Check	02/05/2015	DEBIT	USPS	postage	-131.40
Paycheck	02/11/2015	7234	Roberts, Stephen J		-964.39
Bill Pmt -Check	02/11/2015	7236	AgSource Laboratories	Water Testing	-12.50
Bill Pmt -Check	02/11/2015	7237	Fertile Pronto	Gas for truck.	-114.79
Bill Pmt -Check	02/11/2015	7238	Menards	Door Knob	-12.39
Bill Pmt -Check	02/11/2015	7239	Mills Fleet Farm	Chain Saw & Light	-42.64
Bill Pmt -Check	02/11/2015	7240	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-2,117.28
Bill Pmt -Check	02/11/2015	7241	Worth County Engineer v	Seat Covers & Mat	-93.28
Liability Check	02/11/2015	EFT	IPERS		-677.50
Liability Check	02/11/2015	EFT	United States Treasury		-984.66
Check	02/11/2015	7235	Vosburgh, Dell		-90.06
Bill Pmt -Check	02/12/2015	7242	Wendy Lunning - v	Paper	-34.20
Paycheck	02/25/2015	7244	Roberts, Stephen J		-964.39
Bill Pmt -Check	02/25/2015	7245	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-818.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/25/2015	7246	Marco		-128.25
Bill Pmt -Check	02/25/2015	7247	Staples	Year End Office Supplies	-124.32
Bill Pmt -Check	02/25/2015	7248	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-62.99
Bill Pmt -Check	02/25/2015	7249	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Online Backup (12 months)	-83.40
Check	02/27/2015	DEBIT	Staples	VOID Stamp	-3.28
<b>Total Checking</b>					<b>-14,277.01</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>					
Total Petty Cash					
Total Operating Accounts					<b>-14,277.01</b>
<b>Roads Revenue Accounts</b>					
<b>Savings</b>					
Total Savings					
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>-14,277.01</b>



**Dean LaVerle Suby, 84,** of Lakewood CO formerly of Fertile IA and Mason City IA passed away Wednesday, January 14th, at St. Anthony's Hospital, Lakewood CO in the presence of his family.

Dean was born July 27th 1930 to Lewis and Agnes (Tweed) Suby in Fertile IA where he attended school and was raised as a child. Dean was united in marriage to Katherine Tickal on January 16th 1953 in Mason City. They were two days short of celebrating 62 years of marriage. They were blessed with three children and spent several years living and working in Mason City before relocating the family to the Denver/Lakewood CO area.

Dean is survived by his dear wife Katherine; Lakewood CO, two sons Ricky Dean (Vicki Jean) Suby, Golden CO and Randy Lee (Sheryl ) Suby, Lakewood CO; one daughter Kimberly Kay Suby Dokken, Lakewood CO; Four Grand-daughters, ten Great Grandchildren, his sister Judy (Jim) Suby Gilbertson, Ackley IA; Nieces, nephews, numerous cousins and friends.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his younger brother Don Suby and an older sister Ardis (Richard) Suby Sheimo.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 30th, 2015 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Golden CO officiated by Pastor Dwight Helmers. Memorials directed to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

*Our sympathy to the family*

**Mr. Aloyce D. "Bud" Nelson.** Age 74, of Mayfield KY died Wednesday March 4, 2015 at Mills Health and Rehab in Mayfield. He was; A member of the St. Mathews by the Lake Lutheran Church, Retired employee from Brown and Williamson Tobacco Co., Air Force Veteran; member of the Burlington Iowa Eagles Club, and member of the VFW in Burlington IA. Mr. Nelson is survived by; his wife of 54 years Margaret Juan Chapman Nelson, one son Brett (Holly) Nelson of Hampton IA, one daughter Susan (Bruce) Wehling of Mayfield, two sisters Natalie (Dave) Weber of Queen Creek AZ and Elouise Harmeyer of Clear Lake IA, 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents Alton and Gertrude Burkley Nelson.

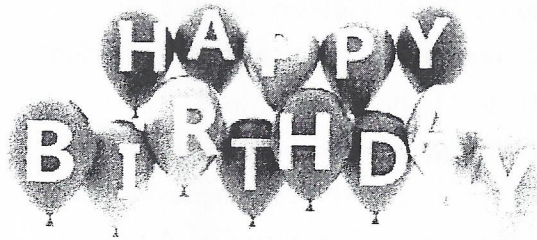
Funeral services will be held 2:00PM Monday March 9, 2015 at the Byrn Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held from 11AM until 2PM Monday March 9, 2015 at the funeral home.

"I DID NOT DIE"

Do not stand at my grave and forever weep.  
I am not there; I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn's rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and forever cry.  
I am not there. I did not die.

*Author: Mary Frye*



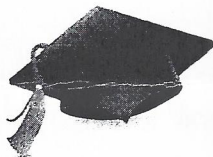
These special people have reached 90 or beyond.

6<sup>th</sup> Fern (Seglem) Midtgaard  
1327 330<sup>th</sup> St.  
Hanlontown, IA 50444

7<sup>th</sup> Glenn Miller

22<sup>nd</sup> Amos Miller  
502 W. Jackson St. Apt. 409  
Mulberry, IN 46058

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**OLDEST LIVING GRADUATE FROM FERTILE SCHOOL** Last month it was reported that Viola Roberts was the oldest living graduate but that is not the case. **Gladys (Field) Almelién**

graduated in 1930 and will be 104 next September.

*Thank You*

The Fertile Fire Department wants to thank everyone who had any part in the success of their Soup Supper held in February.

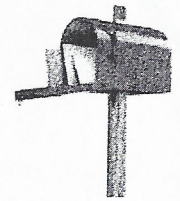
Thanks to Poet Biorefining, Hanlontown, MBT Bank, Perkins and Fertile Valley Gardens for the food. Thanks to all the people who came and so generously donated for the meal.

The donations will go toward a new pickup Tsunami Fire Skid unit. This is a 450 gallon unit with a centrifugal pump with a cost of \$4,200.00. Our volunteer department not only goes when called but prepared the entire supper themselves.

**WE THANK ALL OUR FIREMEN FOR A JOB WELL DONE.**

**Letters to the Editor**

I can't resist, I'm partial to the editor. Keep 'um coming.  
Tammy Waddington, Clear Lake, IA



Do you have those calendars marked??

**Fertile All School Reunion**

**Saturday, June 13, 2015**

**Community Center, Fertile, IA**

Do you have an interesting for funny story to tell about when you went to Fertile School? Send it to the Reminder and it shall be printed. We all have those stories so let's get plenty of them. Email to [fertilermid@wctatel.net](mailto:fertilermid@wctatel.net), or [bettyw@wctatel.net](mailto:bettyw@wctatel.net) or Betty Waddington, 554 Hwy 9, Hanlontown, IA 50444

**REMEMBER WHEN!!!**



**FERTILE** school reunion was attended by more than 240 alumni including Mabel Elthon of Fertile (right) who graduated in 1908. At the left is Violet Hall of the class of 1922. Both still live in Fertile.



# FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Fertile, IA 50434

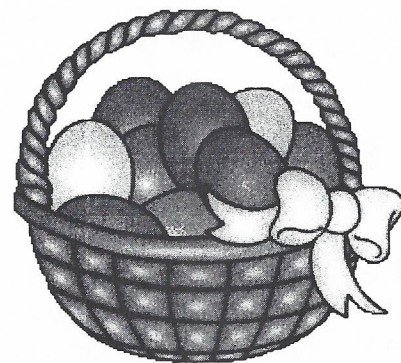
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### New Books

- Petticoat Detective—Margaret Brownley
- Tried and True—Mary Connealy
- River of No Return—David R. Bertsch
- Frontier—S.K. Salzer
- Shawn O'Brien— Manslaughter—William W. Johnstone
- My Heart Stood Still—Lori Copeland
- Prodigal Son—Danielle Steel
- Vision in Silver—Anne Bishop
- The Devil's Posse—Charles West
- Last One Home—Debbie Macomber
- Cold Betrayal—J.A. Jance
- Endangered—C.J.Box
- A Harvest of Hope—Lauraine Snelling

### New Books on CD

- Prodigal Son—Danielle Steel
- Death Canyon—David R. Bertsch

### New DVDs

- Mockingjay Part 1—Jennifer Lawrence



## EASTER EGG HUNT

### Fertile Library's

### *Fiesta Night*

**March 28, 2015**

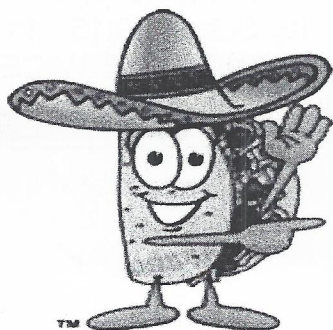
**4-7 PM**

**Fertile Community Center**

**Tacos Nachos Taco Salad  
 Crustos & Desserts  
 Coffee & Lemonade**

*Free Will Donation*

. Sponsored by Fertile Library Friends



### *FERTILE PARK*

April 4, 2015

10:00 a.m.

For Ages 10 & Under

*Sponsored by Fertile Library Friends!*



### *OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER*

for

Emily Suby

Bride-Elect of Matthew Odden

Saturday April 4, 2015

10 a.m. - Noon

Community Room

Titonka Savings Bank Forest City

*She is registered at Target & Kohls*

# Holy Week

## Holy Week at the Fertile Church of Christ:

Palm Sunday Worship- March 29th @ 10:15

AM "a First Person presentation"

Good Friday Service- April 3rd @ 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday- April 5th:

Breakfast @ 8:30 AM (everyone is invited)

Worship starts @ 10:00 AM

- Prelude of traditional songs

- Contemporary Worship

- Message: "A.D." Easter was only the Beginning

*(Start of a 12 week series paralleling the NBC Network Series)*

### Heritage Worship

Sunday- PM, April 12th

*Time to be announced* All are welcome to Come and Join as we gather together in a worship that will be a blessing to those who value the traditions of the past.

*(Warning: Paper cuts are possible as Hymnals will be used)*



## Celebration Community Church

805 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. North, Clear Lake Iowa 50428

**PASTOR DAN MILLER**

### Coming up:

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

*Maundy Thursday Service "Ultimate Sacrifice"*

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** – 8:30 Easter morning Breakfast

*9:30 – Resurrection worship service!*

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship – 9:45 a.m.

Praise and Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

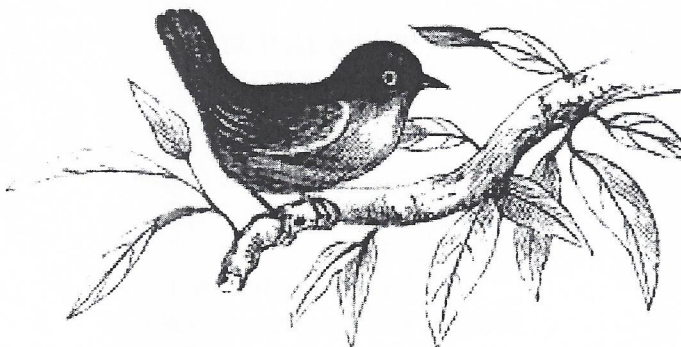
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## FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMC

Pastor David Halverson 641-797-2767

**WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 AM**

**Sunday School 10:30 – 11:15 am**



## PILOT KNOB LUTHERAN CHURCH, AALC

2391 330<sup>th</sup> St. Forest City, IA

Pastor Robert Snitzer

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 - 11:15 am

**EASTER SONRISE SERVICES 7:00 AM**

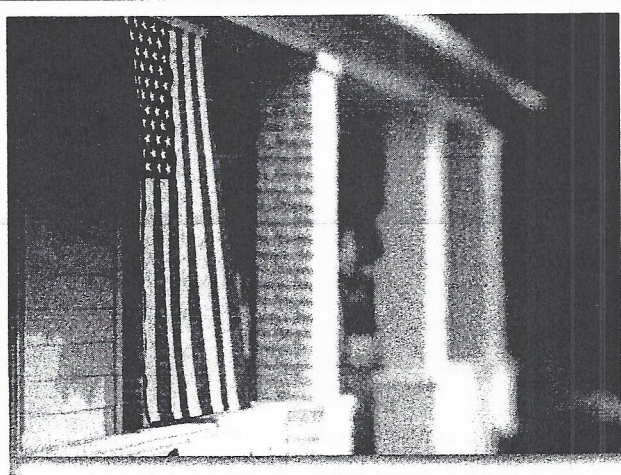
Easter breakfast following services





SPEECH CONTEST ENTRANTS Saturday at Mason City from Fertile high school included the above students, left to right, front: Kay Aspland, Karen Zirbel, Mary Louise Peterson, Jennifer Graham, Amy Zirbel, Carol Beteis

and Sandra Johnson. Back row: Elizabeth Elthon, Jay Ouverson, Dennis McVicker, Merle Tuttle, Joan Roberts, Cindy Midgaard, Marlys Tweed and Joan Scobee. Missing from photo were Elsie Felland and Judy Schuier.



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## COOK'S CORNER

### CRP or CCRP

(Chicken, Rice, Pea OR Cheese, Chicken, Rice Pea)

### CASSEROLE

#### Tammy Waddington

2 cans cream of chicken soup

1 can cream of celery soup

1 can carnation milk

2 containers chicken strips (6 oz. in deli meat section)

1 can of peas – drained

½ cup milk (if needed)

2 stalks of celery – chopped

2 packages Velveeta Cheese Sauce

¾ - 1 cup white rice (uncooked)

Celery salt - to taste

Combine all ingredients and bake in 350 degree oven until rice cooked.

(CRP is without the cheese sauce)

## Spring Salad

Prep Time: 10 Minutes

Ready In: 25 Minutes

Cook Time: 15 Minutes

Servings: 8

12 slices bacon	1/2 cup raisins
2 heads fresh broccoli, florets only	1/2 cup blanched slivered almonds
1 cup chopped celery	1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup chopped green onions	1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
1 cup seedless green grapes	1/4 cup white sugar
1 cup seedless red grapes	

### DIRECTIONS:

Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside.

In a large salad bowl, toss together the bacon, broccoli, celery, green onions, green grapes, red grapes, raisins and almonds.

Whisk together the mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar. Pour dressing over salad and toss to coat. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

## STRAWBERRY COTTON CANDY SALAD

### Ingredients:

1 can sweetened condensed milk

2 cups crushed pineapple, well drained

1 cup strawberry pie filling

12 oz tub cool whip

8 large strawberries, halved

¾ cup pecans, chopped

Fold all ingredients together.

Top with strawberries

Chill and Serve. Enjoy!



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## Old Faithful Insurance Co, Claims Department

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to your request for additional information. In block #3 of the accident reporting form, I put "poor planning" as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more fully, and I trust that the following details will be sufficient.

I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof of a new six story building. When I completed my work, I discovered that I had about 500 pounds of brick left over. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley which, fortunately, was attached to the side of the building at the sixth floor.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went up to the roof, swung the barrel out, and loaded the bricks into it. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope while holding it tightly to insure the slow descent of the 500 pounds of brick. You will note in block #12 of the accident reporting form that I weigh 135 pounds.

Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate up the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming down. This explains the fractured skull and broken collar-bone.

Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two-knuckles deep into the pulley.

Fortunately, by that time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly onto the rope in spite of my pain.

At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the bricks, the barrel now weighed approximately 50 pounds. I refer you again to my weight in block #12. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles and the lacerations of my legs and lower body. The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of bricks and, fortunately, only three vertebrae were cracked.

I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the pile of bricks in pain, unable to stand, and watching the empty barrel six stories above me. I again lost my presence of mind - I let go of the rope.

### **Words of Wisdom**

"Some people believe that holding on and hanging in there are signs of strength, but there are times in life when it takes much more strength just to let go." ~ Ann Landers



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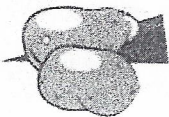
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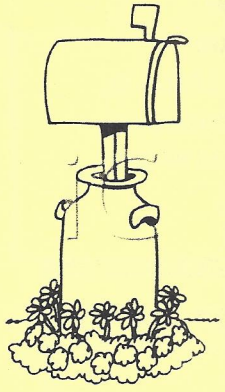
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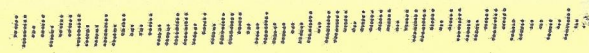
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**Worst Day**

A small man was sitting in a bar staring into his drink. He didn't move for a half-an-hour when a big trouble-making truck driver stepped up next to him, took the man's drink and guzzled it down.

The poor man started crying. The truck driver turned and said: "Come on man, I was just joking. Here, I'll buy you another drink. I just can't stand to see a man crying."

"No, it's not that. today is the worst day of my life. First, I overslept and was late for an important meeting. My boss became outraged and fired me. When I left the building to my car, I found out that it was stolen. The police said they could do nothing. I then got a cab and went home. After the cab had gone, I found that I left my wallet in the cab. I went in the house only to find my wife was in bed with the gardener.

I left home depressed and came to this bar." And now, when I was thinking about putting an end to my life, YOU show up and DRINK MY POISON!