

# FERTILE REMINDER

FEBRUARY 2015

## February Community Calendar

Feb. 2 --- Firemen Meeting      Feb. 10 --- Reminder deadline      Feb. 12 and 26 ---- Recycle  
Feb. 17 --- Fertile Girls Meet      Feb.17 --- Council meets      Feb. 19 --- Library Board meets  
Feb. 24 --- Reminder mailed      Feb. 28 --- Fertile Firemen's Soup Supper

### *Fertile Day's Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction 2015*

Words just cannot express our gratitude to all those who donated food for the supper and items for the auction. Not one person turned us down to donate food. We truly have amazing people in Fertile! A total of 78 items were donated from different businesses from Forest City, Clear Lake, Mason City, and our local craft and business people. Everyone enjoyed music by the Jones Family from Plymouth. They are amazing! Most importantly, thanks to our wonderful volunteers! It makes it so much easier for us to put this big event on with all your help! We served 163 people and raised \$1,080.00 from the meal and \$659.00 from the auction! Please mark your calendars for August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for our annual FERTILE DAY'S CELEBRATION! On behalf of the

Fertile Day's Committee – THANK YOU!

*Fertile Day's Committee*

*Cindy Peters, Penny Miller, Kevin and Cindy Bidne, Holly Hanna, Ron Rachut*

  
*Happy Valentine's Day*

**Valentine's Day**, also called St. Valentine's Day, (February 14) when lovers express their affection with greetings and gifts. Although there were several Christian martyrs named Valentine, the day probably took its name from a priest who was martyred about AD 270 by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus. According to legend, the priest signed a letter to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and with whom he had fallen in love, "from your Valentine." The holiday also had origins in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery. At the end of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I replaced Lupercalia with St. Valentine's Day. It came to be celebrated as a day of romance from about the 14th century.

The first commercial valentines in the United States were printed in the mid-1800s. Valentines commonly depict Cupid, the Roman god of love, along with hearts, traditionally the seat of emotion. Because it was thought that their mating season began in mid-February, birds also became a symbol of the day.

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2014 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

### Call to Order & Roll Call

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

*Holly motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the minutes of the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

• *Julie 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.

### City Maintenance Report

• It was brought to Steve's attention that there was a water leak and that the water needed to be turned off at the curb to avoid any further damage.

• Steve worked on trimming trees near the river bank.

• Buck and Steve put up Christmas lights by the bridge.

• Steve brought to the council three estimates for a new mower.

*Holly motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the purchase of a 2015 X-Mark commercial grade mower with 60" deck, 35 hp for \$5299.00 with trade in of our Country Clipper.* Unanimous. Thank you Diamond Jo Casino for the funding of the mower.

• *Holly motioned, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the purchase of a 2013 Chevy Silverado 1/2 ton pickup, 4-wheel drive, long bed with 30,000 miles, for \$16,000.00.* Tad also approved the purchase via email. Unanimous. Thank you Diamond Jo Casino for the funding of the pickup.

• *Julie motioned, Nicked 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the maintenance report.*

• The City of Fertile will be taking sealed bids for our City pickup truck, 1999 Ford F-250 Super Duty 3/4 ton, and snow blade, Western multi position V plow with remote. The bid will be for both pick up and blade together. Bid should be dropped off at the Maintenance Garage on Main Street no later than January 19, 2015. The bids will be opened at the regular City Council Meeting on January 20, 2015.

### Mayor's Report

• Office Elements delivered, set up and trained staff on use of new printer, copier, scanner and fax. Thank you Diamond Jo Casino for funding total cost of \$3995.85.

• WCTA ran a new line for the fax machine. The City of Fertile's new fax number is (641) 797-2123.

• A big THANK YOU to Jaci Miller for writing the WCDA grant for a new Danko storm siren for the spring grant cycle. Grants will be announce on April 15, 2015.

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

## City Clerk's Report

• Wendy presented additional October Financials and a complete set of November Financials to the council. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request.

7/1 - 10/31	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefit s	Utilities	Total
Income		204,000.0	13,794.7			
Expens e	75,722.15	0	3	573.24	39,037.16	333,127.28
	309,746.7	-				314,496.4
	8	36,000.00	9,646.10	0	31,103.60	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>234,024.63</b>	<b>240,000.00</b>	<b>4,148.63</b>	<b>573.24</b>	<b>7,933.56</b>	<b>18,630.80</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>22,315.85</b>	<b>36,000.00</b>	<b>41,998.86</b>	<b>573.24</b>	<b>103,219.04</b>	<b>204,106.99</b>

7/1 - 11/31	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefit s	Utilities	Total
Income		204,000.0	15,480.4			
Expens e	90,150.17	0	8	637.34	48,368.51	358,636.50
	322,895.4	-	11,436.2			338,123.9
	1	36,000.00	4	0	39,792.28	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>232,745.24</b>	<b>240,000.00</b>	<b>4,044.24</b>	<b>637.34</b>	<b>8,576.23</b>	<b>20,512.57</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>23,595.24</b>	<b>36,000.00</b>	<b>41,894.47</b>	<b>637.34</b>	<b>103,861.71</b>	<b>205,988.76</b>

*Nick motioned, Julie 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous  
*Julie motioned, Holly 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve November Bills* Unanimous

### Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at Fertile City Hall.
- *Jeff moved and Julie 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

### City of Fertile Deposits, as of Nov. 30, 2014

11/01/2014	Utility Deposit	176.82
11/01/2014	Farm to Market Deposit	1,387.65
11/03/2014	Local Option Sales Tax	2,312.17
11/03/2014	Property Taxes	2,765.43
11/03/2014	Casino Funds Deposit	2,493.32
11/06/2014	Utility Deposit	203.31
11/06/2014	Utility Deposit	1,177.23
11/10/2014	Enrich Iowa - Library Funds	1,183.31
11/12/2014	Local Option Sales Tax	1,671.64
11/13/2014	Utility Deposit	2,821.83
11/13/2014	Fertile Days Deposit	60.00
11/14/2014	Utility Deposit	67.67
11/18/2014	Road Use Tax	1,680.27
11/19/2014	Utility Deposit	2,277.61
11/19/2014	Utility Deposit	236.01
11/26/2014	Fertile Days Deposit	536.76
11/26/2014	Facility Deposit	75.00
11/26/2014	Fertile Days Deposit	536.76
11/26/2014	Utility Deposit	4,230.46
11/26/2014	Fertile Days Deposit	30.00
11/30/2014	Interest	3.93
		<b>25,927.18</b>

Road Revenue Acct. savings	5.48
Water Revenue Acct. savings	2.77
Sewer Revenue Accts. Savings	2.42

### Total

**25,937.85**

## City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of November 30, 2014

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
<b>Operating Accounts</b>					
<b>Checking</b>					
Paycheck	11/01/2014		Bruns, Warren		0.00
Paycheck	11/01/2014		Lunning, Wendy S		0.00
Paycheck	11/01/2014		Roberts, Stephen J		0.00
Paycheck	11/01/2014		Russell, Grant		-964.39
Paycheck	11/05/2014	7118	Roberts, Stephen J		-326.23
Paycheck	11/05/2014	7119	Lunning, Wendy S		-123.55
Paycheck	11/05/2014	7120	Russell, Grant		-1,367.65
Paycheck	11/05/2014	7121	Russell, Joyce		-20.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/05/2014	7122	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-301.39
Paycheck	11/05/2014	7123	Bruns, Warren		-56.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/06/2014	7124	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-96.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/06/2014	7125	Hare Electric	Labor to check water tower	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/06/2014	7126	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-20.64
Bill Pmt -Check	11/06/2014	7127	Kramer Ace Hardware	Nuts/Bolts, Clamp, Line for flag pole	-2,900.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/06/2014	7128	NIACOG	Codification - Ordinance Books	-375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/06/2014	7130	North Iowa Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Repair Park Street	-97.99
Bill Pmt -Check	11/06/2014	7129	Staples	Ink for Printer	-30.29
Bill Pmt -Check	11/06/2014	7131	Superior Lumber, Inc	Wood for Batting cages and saw horses	-2,117.28
Bill Pmt -Check	11/06/2014	7132	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-157.72
Bill Pmt -Check	11/06/2014	7133	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-50.96
Check	11/10/2014	DEBIT	US Post Office	Certified Nuisance Letters	-313.41
Bill Pmt -Check	11/13/2014	7134	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-194.08
Bill Pmt -Check	11/13/2014	7135	BMC Aggregates L.C.	Park Street	-175.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/13/2014	7136	Frank's Repair	Removing Tree from River	-1,890.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/13/2014	7137	Iowa Finance Authority	Sewer Loan	-380.50
Bill Pmt -Check	11/13/2014	7138	Mason City Glass Service	Door repair	-245.12
Bill Pmt -Check	11/13/2014	7139	Pronto	Gas for truck & mower	-22.26
Bill Pmt -Check	11/13/2014	7140	UPS	Water & Sewer testing	-118.07
Bill Pmt -Check	11/13/2014	7141	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-742.37
Liability Check	11/14/2014	EFT	IPERS		-1,072.34
Liability Check	11/14/2014	EFT	United States Treasury		-5.35
Check	11/16/2014	DEBIT	Walmart	Cleaning Supplies	-75.52
Check	11/16/2014	DEBIT	Midwest Wheel Companies	Light for Snow Plow	-964.39
Paycheck	11/19/2014	7142	Roberts, Stephen J		-1,183.31
Bill Pmt -Check	11/19/2014	7143	Fertile Public Library V	Enrich Iowa	-200.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/19/2014	7144	Iowa Rural Water Association	IRWA Membership Dues	-42.80
Check	11/19/2014	DEBIT	Otto's Oasis	Funeral Flowers	-1,447.08
Bill Pmt -Check	11/26/2014	7145	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/26/2014	7146	Clapper Tree Service	Removed dead Elm Tree on bank of river	-595.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/26/2014	7149	Visu-Sewer	Camera Main Sewer Lines	-27.40
Bill Pmt -Check	11/30/2014		ClerkBooks A/P Adjust	QuickBooks generated zero amount transaction for bill payment stub	-16.25
			Sewer Charges		-19,806.69
			Compounding Interest		-19,806.69
Total Checking					-19,806.69
Total Operating Accounts					-19,806.69
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>-19,806.69</b>

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2015 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

### Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg (arrived 7:10), Tad Miller, Nick Bailey and Holly Lovik-Hanna; City Clerk, Wendy Lunning & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts. Absent was Julie Jessen.

*Holly motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the minutes of the December meeting.* Unanimous

• *Tad motioned, Nick 2nd to accept agenda.* Unanimous.

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### Snow Removal

Snow ordinances are posted at City Hall, Library and at the Post Office. No Parking on Main Street from 7:00pm to 6:30am for snow removal. It is the owner's responsibility to keep sidewalks abutting property clear of snow and ice.

### Sealed Bids

Sealed bids were opened for 1999 Ford Truck and blade. *Jeff motioned, Tad seconded to accept the bid for \$3010.00.* Unanimous

### City Maintenance Report

- The City of Fertile has purchased the 2013 Chevy Silverado ½ ton pickup, 4-wheel drive for \$16000.00. The detailing and yellow flashing light have been put on it.
- 2015 X-Mark mower is purchased and will be delivered in April of this year.
- Water sample was not delivered timely by UPS and was frozen. Steve delivered another sample.
- *Jeff motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the maintenance report..*

## City of Fertile

### Deposits

as of December 31, 2014

Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
<b>Operating Accounts</b>			
<b>Checking</b>			
	12/01/2014	Road Use Tax	2,348.58
	12/02/2014	Assessment Deposit	289.21
	12/03/2014	Utility Deposit	955.02
	12/03/2014	Rental Deposit	200.00
	12/03/2014	Utility Deposit	224.67
	12/03/2014	Property Taxes	658.43
	12/03/2014	Casino Funds Deposit	2,245.96
	12/10/2014	Utility Deposit	4,061.64
	12/10/2014	Facility Rental Deposit	250.00
	12/10/2014	Utility Deposit	120.01
	12/24/2014	Utility Deposit	4,951.09
	12/24/2014	Farm to Market Deposit	3,418.88
	12/24/2014	Deposit	161.09
	12/26/2014	Road Use Tax	1,472.05
	12/29/2014	Local Option Sales Tax	2,348.58
	12/31/2014	Utility Deposit	3,214.61
	12/31/2014	Interest	4.49
			26,924.31

## Mayor's Report

- Joyce has submitted paperwork to Department of Transportation for title on New Pickup.
- Joyce completed mileage report of 1722 for 2014. Joyce has donated the gas, wear and tear on her vehicle. Thank you Joyce for your contribution to the betterment of the City of Fertile.
- Joyce is requesting reimbursement from UPS for the frozen water sample that was not delivered timely.
- Spaghetti Supper was a big success. Donations received at the Spaghetti Supper will be used for Fertile Days. Thank you for your support.
- Fireman's Soup Supper will be February 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 to 7:00 PM. *Holly motioned, and Tad 2nd to approve the mayor's report.* Unanimous.

## City Clerk's Report

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

7/1 - 12/31	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefits	Utilities	Total
Income	95,268.59	204,000.00	22,725.65	652.60	57,388.51	380,035.35
Expense	363,101.99	-36,000.00	13,742.66	0	47,857.85	388,702.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>-267,833.40</b>	<b>240,000.00</b>	<b>8,982.99</b>	<b>652.60</b>	<b>9,530.66</b>	<b>-8667.15</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>-11,492.92</b>	<b>36,000.00</b>	<b>46,833.22</b>	<b>652.60</b>	<b>104,816.14</b>	<b>176,809.04</b>

*Nick motioned, Tad 2nd to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous

*Jeff motioned, Holly 2nd to approve December Bills* Unanimous

Wendy presented budget information for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year to the council.

## Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at Fertile City Hall.
- *Jeff moved and Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

Total Checking					
Petty Cash					
Total Petty Cash					
Total Operating Accounts					26,924.31
<b>Roads Revenue Accounts</b>					
<b>Savings</b>					
	Deposit	12/31/2014	Interest		5.66
Total Savings					5.66
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					5.66
<b>Water Revenue Accounts</b>					
<b>Savings</b>					
	Deposit	12/31/2014	Interest		2.86
Total Savings					2.86
Total Water Revenue Accounts					2.86
<b>Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>					
<b>Savings</b>					
	Deposit	12/31/2014	Interest		2.50
Total Savings					2.50
<b>CD</b>					
Total CD					
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					2.50
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>26,935.33</b>

# City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of December 31, 2014

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
<b>Operating Accounts</b>				
<b>Checking</b>				
			Reverse Duplicate Entry effective 11-26-2014 & Reverse Memorize Transaction processed in error 1...	-566.76
Check	12/01/2014	City of Fertile	Banking error on Deposit 11-26-2014.	-47.51
Check	12/01/2014	City of Fertile		-301.39
Paycheck	12/03/2014	Bruns, Warren		-304.32
Paycheck	12/03/2014	Lunning, Wendy S		-33.69
Paycheck	12/03/2014	Russell, Grant		-1,383.65
Paycheck	12/03/2014	Russell, Joyce	City Administrator	-964.39
Paycheck	12/03/2014	Roberts, Stephen J		-20.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/03/2014	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-72.50
Bill Pmt -Check	12/04/2014	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/04/2014	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-786.33
Bill Pmt -Check	12/04/2014	Interstate Motor Trucks Inc.	Snow Plow	-1,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/04/2014	John Greve Attny Trust Acct		-17.99
Bill Pmt -Check	12/04/2014	Kramer Ace Hardware	Main Street Christmas Lights	-10.79
Bill Pmt -Check	12/04/2014	UPS	Water testing	-2,117.28
Bill Pmt -Check	12/04/2014	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-160.21
Bill Pmt -Check	12/04/2014	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	
			Mileage to Training (12 miles X .56 per mile / 2 cost shared with Hanlontown)	-3.36
Bill Pmt -Check	12/04/2014	Wendy Lunning - v	Water Plant	-13.06
Bill Pmt -Check	12/04/2014	CarQuest		-150.00
Check	12/10/2014	Haugen, Debbie	Utility Deposit Credit	-150.00
Check	12/10/2014	Rasmussen, Brittany	Utility Deposit credit	-136.00
Check	12/10/2014	US Post Office	Stamps	-220.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/10/2014	Fertile Reminder	Advertisement Costs	-158.57
Bill Pmt -Check	12/10/2014	Mills Fleet Farm	Christmas Lights	-215.46
Bill Pmt -Check	12/10/2014	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	Annual Renewal	-168.68
Bill Pmt -Check	12/10/2014	Fertile Pronto	Gas for mower and truck.	-779.60
Liability Check	12/10/2014	IPERS		-1,110.62
Liability Check	12/10/2014	United States Treasury		-332.46
Paycheck	12/17/2014	Miller, Tad		-957.39
Paycheck	12/17/2014	Roberts, Stephen J		-406.34
Paycheck	12/17/2014	Jessen, Julie		-480.22
Paycheck	12/17/2014	Berg, Jeffrey		-406.34
Paycheck	12/17/2014	Bailey, Nick		-779.79
Bill Pmt -Check	12/17/2014	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-70.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/17/2014	Decker Sports	T-Shirts for Fertile Days	-5,299.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/17/2014	M & S Outdoor Equipment	X-Mark Mower	-3,995.85
Bill Pmt -Check	12/17/2014	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-45.49
Bill Pmt -Check	12/17/2014	Menards	Cleaning Supplies	-801.25
Bill Pmt -Check	12/17/2014	Worth County Engineer v	Skiddloader Street	-868.50
Paycheck	12/17/2014	Russell, Joyce	Mayor Salary	-
Check	12/17/2014	Zarina Sahadat	2013 Chevy Silverado Truck	16,000.00
Paycheck	12/18/2014	Lovik-Hanna, Holly		-481.52
		North Iowa Sand & Gravel, Inc.		0.00
Check	12/18/2014	Inc.	Change Class	0.00
Check	12/18/2014	BMC Aggregates L.C.	Change Class	-43.46
Check	12/18/2014	Famous Dave's	Travel Expense - Meal	-45.00
Check	12/18/2014	Kwik Trip	Gas for Pick Up	-188.74
Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2014	Staples	Office Supplies - Paper, Flash Drives, Folders, Cable	-10.79
Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2014	UPS	Water testing	-1,579.68
Bill Pmt -Check	12/31/2014	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/31/2014	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-957.39
Paycheck	12/31/2014	Roberts, Stephen J		-2,500.00
Check	12/31/2014	City of Fertile	Reverse Duplicate Entry effective 10-29-2015	-350.60
Paycheck	12/31/2014	Lunning, Wendy S		-
Bill Pmt -Check	12/31/2014	ClerkBooks A/P Adjust	QuickBooks generated zero amount transaction for bill payment stub	-
				47,511.97
Total Checking				47,511.97
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>47,511.97</b>

Happy Valentine's Day

**FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
[www.youseemore.com/NILC/FertilePL](http://www.youseemore.com/NILC/FertilePL)  
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



**New Books**

Trust No One—Jayne Ann Krentz  
Die Again (Rizzoli & Isle) - Tess Gerritsen  
Hush—Karen Robards  
Trails and Targets—Kelly Eileen Hake  
The Escape—David Baldacci  
The Cinderella Murder—Mary Higgins Clark  
The Job—Janet Evanovich  
Crow Creek Crossing—Charles West  
Change of Heart—Jude Deveraux  
Look of Love—Sara Jio  
Betrayed—Lisa Scottoline  
Hope to die—James Patterson  
Steadfast Heart—Tracie Peterson  
Everything I Never Told You—Celeste NG  
Where She went—Gayle Forman  
The Bane Chronicles—Cassandra Clare

**New Books on CD**

The Cinderella Murder—Mary Higgins Clark  
Flesh and Blood—Patricia Cornwell  
The Escape—David Baldacci  
Blue Labyrinth—Preston & Child  
The Job—Janet Evanovich  
Private India-City on Fire—James Patterson  
Hope to Die—James Patterson

**New DVDs**

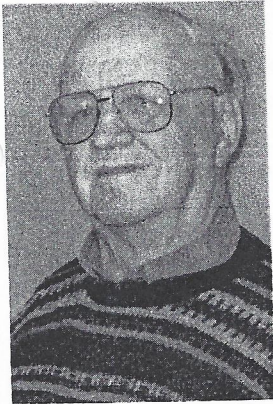
Dolphin Tale 2—Harry Connick Jr.  
World War Z—Brad Pitt  
Guardians of the Galaxy—Chris Pratt  
Edge of Tomorrow—Tom Cruise  
The Equalizer—Denzel Washington  
The Maze Runner—Dylan O'Brien  
Angry Bird Toons

**Library News!**

We had a great time celebrating Christmas this year. Over 40 young believers came to see Santa at our Holiday Open House. Lorna Holst won the \$100 Wal-Mart gift card! Below is a picture of Santa with one of his youngest fans. Chloe Vorland was 12 days old in this picture. Also pictured is the Friday Morning Coffee Club Christmas party. Fifteen women attended.

Thank you Hare Electric & Larsen Plumbing and Heating for donating to the Santa Fund. Thank you to these people & businesses for donating to our holiday drawing: Sheila Enderson, Humble Beginnings, Scentsy (Nicole Knudson), Manufactures Bank & Trust, Clete & Carolyn Nedved, Pronto, Sew Many Blessings (Tammy Waddington), Titonka Saving Bank, Wal-Mart, Winnebago Industries, YMCA. We can't do it without you!!





**Eugene F. Kirschbaum,** 95, of Mason City, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2014, at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit.

Interment will be at St. James Catholic Cemetery in Forest City, Iowa.

Eugene F. Kirschbaum was born on the farm Nov. 7, 1919, in rural Woden, Iowa, to Aloyus and Golda (Gordon) Kirschbaum. He attended Crystal Lake School. Eugene began farming with his father in rural Crystal Lake. He was married to Geneva Gelner on Jan. 3, 1941. They moved to a rural Hanlontown farm in 1944, where he continued to farm and do carpenter work until he retired.

They were members of St. James Parish in Forest City for many years. Geneva passed away in 1982. Eugene enjoyed horses, woodworking, making things with his hands and making things for his family. He enjoyed his grandchildren.

Eugene married Madonna Chodur in 1985. They lived on the farm before moving to Mason City.

He is survived by his wife, Madonna, daughter, Linda (Myron) Halvorson, Tolna, North Dakota; daughters-in-law, Catherine of Clear Lake and Gloria of Fertile; eight grandchildren: Wade (Lisa) Halvorson, Michelle (Terry) Calkins, Melissa (Philip) McHenry, John Kirschbaum, Erik (Brenda) Kirschbaum, Kristen Anderson, John (Kathy) Kirschbaum, Karl (Tisha) Kirschbaum; 15 great-grandchildren; sister, Marjorie Vavrik of Clear Lake; stepchildren: Sheila, Dennis, Renee, Barbara, Philip, Catherine, Nancy, Jovita, Mary, Joseph, and Jennifer.

Eugene is preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Geneva; granddaughter, Beth Ann; sons, Edward and Tom; brothers, Ray, Cecil, Vincent, and sisters, Darlene and Mae.

*Our sympathies to the Kirschbaum and Hauge families.*



**Helen Mae Hauge,** 87, of Fertile, died Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Center in Forest City.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at the Fertile Lutheran Church with the Pastor Dave Halvorson

officiating. Interment will be held in Brush Point Cemetery in rural Fertile. Memorials may be directed to the Fertile Lutheran Church.

Helen Mae Keyser was born in Dickinson County, Iowa on October 6, 1927 to Harold and Pearl (Nelson) Keyser. She was raised in the Spirit Lake area and attended school there until her sophomore year when the family moved to the Quad Cities for employment. She finished her schooling there. Helen met Arnold Hauge in 1945 and they were married at West Prairie church in Leland, IA in January of 1946. To this union five children were born; Dennis Arnold, Paulette Kay, Kent, Paul and Craig.

During their married years they lived and farmed in the Thompson/Leland area from 1946-1954. The following year they moved to Bancroft where Arnold and Helen worked for Welp's Hatchery. Later they moved to Forest City where Helen worked at Basket Grocery and the Bungalow Café and Arnold was employed with Fryer Farms. In 1966 they purchased acreage near Fertile. Helen then went to work for Johnson's Pharmacy. Helen later retired from working at the Chuck Wagon Café where she had worked for several years.

Helen was an excellent cook and baker. She took great pride in preparing meals for her family. She loved her family with her whole heart. She very seldom missed an event that her children or grandchildren were in. The best times were spent in her front yard watching the kids play ball on a Sunday afternoon.

Helen is survived by her husband, Arnold of Fertile; sons, Kent (Carmen) Hauge of Forest City and Paul Hauge of Britt; grandsons, Jeremy (Kellie) of Grimes, Ben (Julie) of St. Ansgar, Matt of Mason City and Bryan of St. Paul and great grandchildren, Kinzley and Beckett.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; sons, Dennis and Craig and daughter, Paulette.

She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.



Remember this picture from last **issue of the Reminder**? The girls have been identified as the Fertile Lutheran Church Confirmation Class of 1929.

Front row: Ruth Hall, Sylvia Hall, Pastor Hjelmeland, Doris Suby, Marlette Lovick, 2<sup>nd</sup> row, Mildred Sagen, Esther Benson, Hazel Ouverson, Florence Oredsen

Helping to identify people were Lorraine Bakke, Amy Mahoney, Jerry Ouverson, Ella Mae Butler, Donna Nelson. Thanks!

And so the mystery is now solved!



**Congratulations!! Bob and Fran (Jenkins) Cates of Mason City celebrated 65 years of marriage on December 31<sup>st</sup>. They were married in the Fertile Lutheran Church in 1949!**

## Fertile Garden Club

The Fertile Garden Club held their annual Christmas Party at Rhodes Mill Retreat with dinner catered by Rib Crib. Our dining room hosts for the evening were Mark Kragel and Dan Miller, and we thank them for their excellent job.

The Christmas story was read by Sara Innes and everyone's favorite Christmas carol was sung. Gifts were exchanged and secret pals revealed. It has been a good year with a lot of watering. We hope the people enjoyed the flowers and decorations done by the Garden Club! Our next meeting will be in March 10<sup>th</sup> at the City Hall. Anyone wanting to join, please let Cindy Peters know.

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'You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?' my wife asked incredulously.

'YES!' stated the waitress.

'I'll take the special then,' my wife said..

'How do you want your eggs?' the waitress asked.

'Raw and in the shell,' my wife replied.

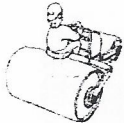
She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.



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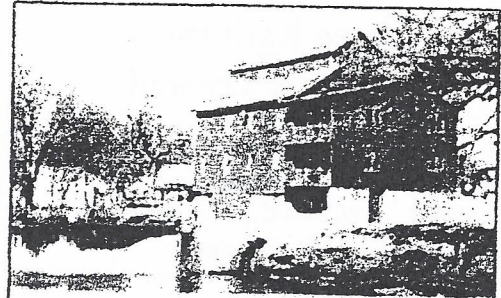


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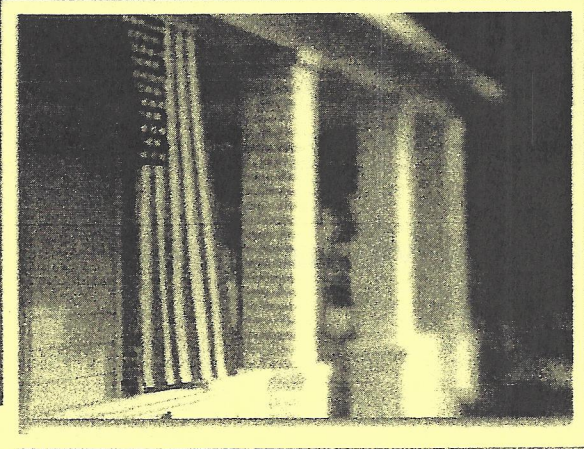
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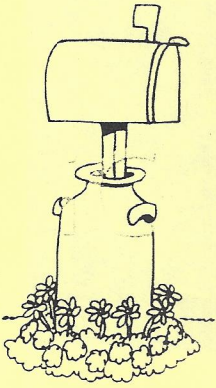
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A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.  
A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.  
A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.  
A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.  
A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.  
A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.  
A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.  
A snail can sleep for three years.  
All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.  
An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.  
Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.  
Butterflies taste with their feet.  
Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about 10.  
February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.  
If the population of China walked past you, in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.  
If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.  
On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.  
Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.  
Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.  
Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.  
The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.  
The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.  
The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.  
There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.  
There are more chickens than people in the world.  
There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous  
Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.  
Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.  
Women blink nearly twice as much as men.  
Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it will digest itself.



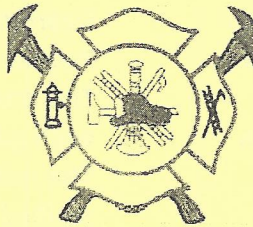
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