

# FERTILE REMINDER

MARCH 2015



## March Community Calendar

**Feb. 28** --- Fertile Firemen's Soup Supper

March 5 and 19 ---- Recycle

March 17 --- Fertile Girls Meet

**March 20** --- **FIRST DAY OF SPRING**

March 2 --- Firemen Meeting

March 10 --- Reminder deadline

March 16 --- Library Board meets

March 24 --- Reminder mailed

March 8 --- Daylight Savings Time

March 10 --- Garden Club

March 17 --- Council meets

## The Vernal Equinox

Ah, spring! This season brings increasing daylight, warming temperatures, and the rebirth of flora and fauna.

The word *equinox* is derived from the Latin words meaning "equal night." All over the world, days and nights are approximately equal. Today, the Sun rose exactly in the east and it will set exactly in the west.

At the equinoxes, the tilt of Earth relative to the Sun is zero, which means that Earth's axis neither points toward nor away from the Sun. (However, the tilt of Earth relative to its plane of orbit, called the ecliptic plane, is always about 23.5 degrees.)

According to folklore, you can stand a raw egg on its end on the equinox.



# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2015 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

### Call to Order & Roll Call

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

**Tad motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the minutes of the January meeting.** Unanimous

• **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

- Steve put up new street signs on West Washington and 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
- Local Fire Department noticed fire hazard at the Community Center. Steve cleaned out ventilation fan above the stove and screened so that debris couldn't get in.
- **Julie motioned, Holly 2nd to approve the maintenance report.** Unanimous

### Mayor's Report

- Joyce met with ICAP insurance for review of our policy. A credit voucher of \$1079.47 will be received for being 100% vested.
- Martin Brothers approved our credit charge account for the City of Fertile. This will be used by the Fertile Days committee and Fire Department.

- Joyce updated computer documents for 2015 and has posted at City Hall, Post Office and Library.
- Joyce completed survey for Midwest Assistant Program about rural America towns for government financial assistant programs.
- Family of Senior Citizen has been notified and have removed Camper and Van. Family is in the process of cleaning out the house.

**Tad motioned, and Jeff 2nd to approve the mayor's report.** Unanimous.

### City Clerk's Report

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

7/1 - 1/31	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefits	Utilities	Total
Income	111,854.48	204,000.00	25,798.93	743.20	66,924.21	409,320.82
Expense	379,017.81	-36,000.00	13,742.66	0	55,053.00	412,976.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>-267,163.33</b>	<b>240,000.00</b>	<b>10,893.71</b>	<b>743.20</b>	<b>11,871.21</b>	<b>-3,655.21</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>-10,822.85</b>	<b>36,000.00</b>	<b>48743.94</b>	<b>743.20</b>	<b>107,156.69</b>	<b>181,820.98</b>

**Jeff motioned, Julie 2nd to approve Financial Report.** Unanimous

**Jeff motioned, Tad 2nd to approve January Bills** Unanimous

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

**Tad motioned, Julie 2nd to approve Budget with proposed adjustments.**

### Upcoming Meetings

- Public Hearing will meet at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Fertile City Hall
- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at Fertile City Hall.
- **Julie moved and Jeff 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Unanimous

## City of Fertile Deposits As of January 31, 2015

Operating Accounts Checking			Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
			Deposit	01/05/2015	Local Option Sales Tax	2,348.58
			Deposit	01/05/2015	Property Taxes	3,908.95
			Deposit	01/05/2015	Assessment Deposit	1,476.60
			Deposit	01/05/2015	Casino Funds Deposit	2,996.69
			Deposit	01/07/2015	Balance Sheet Adjustment	0.00
			Deposit	01/09/2015	Open Access Sate Aid for Library	414.99
			Deposit	01/10/2015	Utility Deposit	1,736.29
			Deposit	01/10/2015	Fertile Days Deposit	125.00
			Deposit	01/10/2015	Water Meters Deposit	200.00
			Deposit	01/14/2015	Utility Deposit	2,050.61
			Deposit	01/21/2015	Fertile Days Deposit	1,778.52
			Deposit	01/21/2015	Truck Deposit	3,010.00
			Deposit	01/21/2015	Farm to Market Deposit	1,306.89
			Deposit	01/21/2015	Utility Deposit	2,513.74
			Deposit	01/21/2015	Road Use Tax	1,760.72
			Deposit	01/28/2015	Utility Deposit	2,987.26
			Deposit	01/28/2015	Incubator Deposit	950.48
			Deposit	01/31/2015	Interest	3.34
						<b>29,568.66</b>
		Total Checking				
		Road Revenue Accounts Savings				5.67
		Water Revenue Accounts Savings				2.86
		Sewer Revenue Accounts				2.50
		<b>Total</b>				<b>29,579.69</b>

## City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of January 31, 2015

Accrual  
Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>Operating Accounts</b>					
<b>Checking</b>					
Check	01/01/2015	7194	Fertile Fire Department	Quarterly Allocation	-3,500.00
Check	01/01/2015	7195	Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly Payment	-4,993.50
Check	01/02/2015	DEBIT	USPS	postage	-49.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/05/2015	7212	Cindy Peters	Fertile Days: Spaghetti Supper	-78.16
Bill Pmt -Check	01/05/2015	7213	Hare Electric	Light Ballast for Street Light	-500.03
Bill Pmt -Check	01/05/2015	7214	Holly Lovikv	Fertile Days - Coffee Supplies	-17.52
Bill Pmt -Check	01/05/2015	7215	Menards	Cleaning Supplies	-57.36
Paycheck	01/07/2015	7192	Bruns, Warren		-302.39
Paycheck	01/07/2015	7193	Russell, Joyce		-1,259.58
Bill Pmt -Check	01/07/2015	7196	Jaci Miller	Grant Writing Main Street Christmas Lights & Shop	-75.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/07/2015	7197	Kramer Ace Hardware Larsen Plumbing &	Light Bulb	-37.95
Bill Pmt -Check	01/07/2015	7198	Heating	Repairs	-11.25
Bill Pmt -Check	01/07/2015	7199	LeDoux Signs	Truck Lettering	-145.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/07/2015	7200	Penny Miller-v	Fertile Days - Slow Cooker and Spaghetti supper supplies	-73.48
Bill Pmt -Check	01/07/2015	7201	USA Blue Book	Water Testing Supplies	-139.29
Bill Pmt -Check	01/07/2015	7202	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-13.65
Bill Pmt -Check	01/07/2015	7203	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-226.81
Liability Check	01/10/2015	EFT	United States Treasury		-1,947.32
Sales Tax Payment	01/10/2015	EFT	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-1,036.00
Paycheck	01/14/2015	7204	Roberts, Stephen J		-957.39
Bill Pmt -Check	01/14/2015	7205	Ag Source Laboratories	Water Testing	-12.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/14/2015	7206	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-794.02
Bill Pmt -Check	01/14/2015	7207	Fertile Pronto	Gas for truck and golf cart.	-258.07
Bill Pmt -Check	01/14/2015	7208	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/14/2015	7209	Iowa One Call	Utility location	-14.40
Bill Pmt -Check	01/14/2015	7210	PSI	1500 Utility Bill Cards	-80.49
Bill Pmt -Check	01/14/2015	7211	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-2,117.28
Liability Check	01/14/2015	EFT	IPERS		-1,094.69
Check	01/15/2015	DEBIT	Verizon Wireless	Telephone	-25.87
Check	01/16/2015	DEBIT	Mills Fleet Farm	Spray & Light for Truck	-25.62
Paycheck	01/28/2015	7216	Roberts, Stephen J		-971.39
Bill Pmt -Check	01/28/2015	7217	Fertile Public Library V	Open Access	-414.99
Bill Pmt -Check	01/28/2015	7218	IMFOA	Annual dues	-40.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/28/2015	7219	UPS	Water testing	-10.82
Bill Pmt -Check	01/28/2015	7220	Worth County Engineer	Fuel Skidloader and Plow Truck	-189.75
Liability Check	01/31/2015	EFT	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-585.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/31/2015	7243	Iowa Assn. of Municipal Utilities	Dues	-429.09
					-22,494.16
Total Checking					
<b>Petty Cash</b>					
Total Petty Cash					-22,494.16
Total Operating Accounts					
<b>Roads Revenue Accounts</b>					
<b>Savings</b>					
Total Savings					
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>-22,494.16</b>



**FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Pastor Rob Perry**

**Sunday School 9:00 AM**

**Fellowship Time 9:50 AM**

**Worship- 10:15 AM**

**Wed. - Youth & Teen Groups - 7:00 PM**

**Celebration community Church**  
**805 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. North, Clear Lake, Iowa 50428**

**Pastor Dan Miller**

**Sunday School – 9:00 am**

**Fellowship – 9:45 am**

**Praise and Worship: 10:00 a.m.**

**Wed. Adult Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.**

**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**

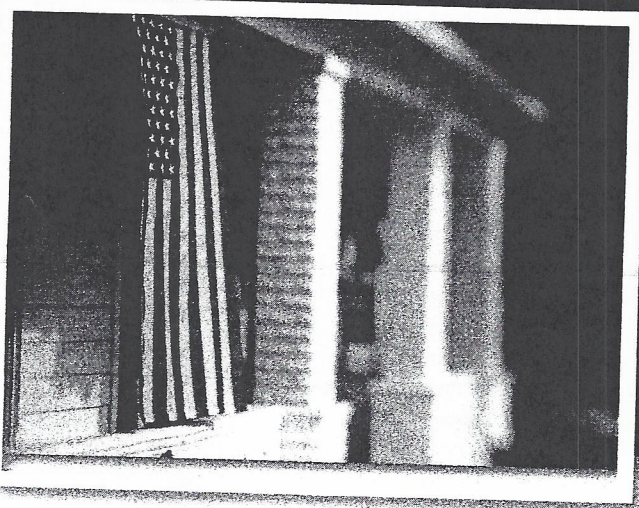
**Pastor Robert Snitzer**

**Worship 9:00 am**

**Sunday School 10:15 - 11:15 am**

**Thursday Evening**

**Lenten Service 5:45 Soup Supper - 6:30 Service**



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**BELMOND | Eileen Murial (Orvick) Field**, 92, most recently a resident of the Rehabilitation center of Belmont, went to be with her Lord on Feb. 11, 2015. Burial will be in the Elim Cemetery near Fertile. Eileen was born June 14, 1922, on a farm near Hardy, to George and Mabel (Mandsager) Orvick. Eileen attended grade school at

Hanlontown, and graduated from Meservey High School in 1940 with a class of 7. During high school she attended church and youth group at Trinity Lutheran Church, Belmont. She attended Hamilton Business College for two years. Eileen worked at Northwestern Cement as a switchboard operator, filing clerk, and sales.

On Nov. 17, 1946, she was united in marriage to Marlin Field at Richland Lutheran Church in Thornton. They lived on a farm near Joice for 35 years raising four children. She loved working along side Marlin on the family farm and having a large garden.

After her children were raised, Eileen enjoyed working as a CNA at Good Samaritan Home in Forest City for two years. In August 1978, Eileen moved from the farmstead to a home in Belmont. She worked at the Belmont Hospital as a CNA for six years. Her gifts of compassion and caring for those in need were obvious to the new mothers, babies, and adults she cared for.

In 2006, she moved to the Belmont Community Apartments enjoying life there for 8 years.

She was a member of Fertile Lutheran Church for many years, where she was active in the women's group and children's' ministries. Since moving to Belmont, she has been a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where she was in a women's circle and prayer group.

She was also a cancer survivor for 42 years. With faith, courage, and determination she endured a lot of medical problems following her treatments and surgeries.

Bible study, scrapbooking, genealogy, flowers, and reading occupied her time. She had a deep love for her family, always encouraging them to do their best but above all, to put their trust in Jesus to guide them and help them with their day to day problems. She cherished the time spent with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Marlin, her parents, and one brother Hubert. Those left to cherish her memory are: Marshall (Phyllis) Field, Columbia, MO; Blaine (Judy) Field, Spicer, Minnesota; Jane (Vaughn) Pals, Clear Lake; and Brad (Connie) Field, New Richland, Minnesota. Grandchildren include: Rebecca (Steve) Kincheloe, Matthew (Cynthia) Field, Nathan (Megan) Field, Michael (Emily) Field, Karen (Tyler) Johnson,

Brandon (Liming) Pals, Jonathan Pals, Cheston (Erin) Field, Clark (Audra) Field, and Carson Field. Great-grandchildren: Caleb and Jacob Kincheloe; Daniel, Ivory, and Jessica Pals; Alexandra Field; Isaac, Cadence, and Adalee Field; and McKenna Field.



**FERTILE | Lynette L. Berding**, 61, of Fertile, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015, at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.

Lynette Lea Berding, the daughter of Keith and Alverda (Smalley) Mallow, was born Oct. 10, 1953, in Osage. She attended Osage Community Schools graduating in 1972.

On Jan. 20, 1973, Lynette was united in marriage to John Berding in Osage. They lived in Charles City until 1986 when they moved to Fertile.

Lynette continued her education at North Iowa Area Community College graduating with an Electrical Technician Degree in 1978. She was employed at Unisys in Clear Lake, Cummins Filtration in Lake Mills and Winnebago Industries in Forest City.

Lynette is survived by her husband, John Berding of Fertile; three children, Jason Berding of Fertile, Melissa (Joshua) Finn and their children Chloe and Jedi of Everett, Washington, and Megan Berding and her children, Blaine, Cameron and Mia of Forest City; her father, Keith Mallow of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; two sisters Sheryl (Rod) Achterberg of Deshler, Nebraska, and Sue (Tom) Tischer of Chanhassen, Minnesota, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Alverda.

**LAKEWOOD, Colo. | Dean L. Suby**, 84, of Lakewood, Colorado and formerly of Mason City, Iowa, died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015, at St. Anthony's Hospital, Lakewood, Colorado.

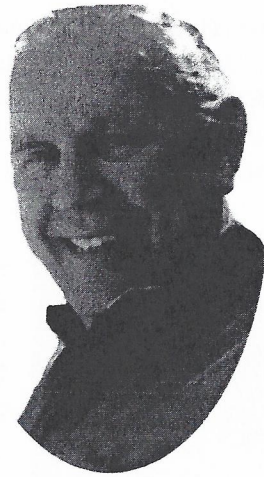
A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Golden, Colorado

**Hopefully we will have Dean's obituary for next months Reminder.**

**Our deepest sympathies to these families.**

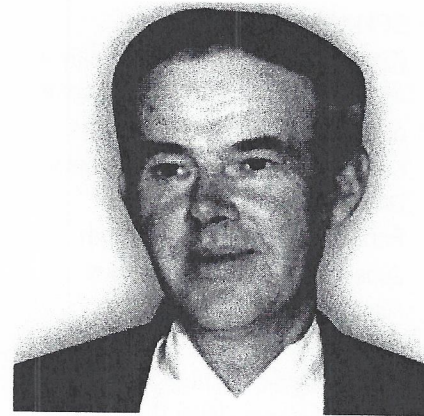


**ROCKWELL —**  
**Robert “Rip”**  
**Rippentrop, 71, of**  
**Rockwell, Iowa, passed**  
**away Monday, Feb. 16,**  
**2015, surrounded by**  
**family at Mercy**  
**Medical Center North**  
**Iowa, Mason City,**  
**Iowa. Rip donated to**  
**the Iowa Donor**  
**Network.**



Robert was born May 29, 1943, in Buffalo Center, Iowa, the son of Donald and Josephine (Wessels) Rippentrop. He attended school in Fertile, Iowa. He married the love of his life, Bev Paulson, Feb. 22, 1964, in Clear Lake, Iowa, and to this union they were blessed with two children, Scott and Jeff. Following school he worked as an auto mechanic for various shops, until he owned and operated Rip's Repair, until he retired. Rip enjoyed hunting; fishing; camping; riding his ATV with his close friend George in Arizona, also many trips on his Harley with wife Bev. Rip enjoyed spending time with family, friends and his pets.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 50 years Bev Rippentrop, Rockwell, Iowa; two sons Scott (Tina) Rippentrop and their children Drew and Alex Dahley, Rockwell, Iowa and Jeff (Karla) Rippentrop and their children Michael and Nicole Rippentrop (Jake Hutzel) all of Mason City, Iowa; two sisters Jean (Ron) LaCoste, Rockford, Iowa and JoAnn (Larry) Mozack, Mason City, Iowa and sister-in-law Kathy Rippentrop, Minnesota; nieces, nephews and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Ron Rippentrop and his wife Linda and Rodney Rippentrop.



**Jerry L.**  
**Hepperly, 74.**  
**Of Clear Lake,**  
**died Monday**  
**(February 16,**  
**2015) at Good**  
**Shepherd**  
**Health Center,**  
**Mason City.**  
**A Memorial**  
**service will be**  
**held 1:30 p.m.**

Saturday (February 21, 2015) in the Chapel at Good Shepherd Health Center, 302 2nd St NE, Mason City, with Rev. Janet Dorenkamp, officiating.

The family will greet friends one half hour prior to services in the Chapel at Good Shepherd Health Center, Saturday.

Jerry L. Hepperly was born October 9, 1940 at Britt, the son of Louis and Eleanor (Wright) Hepperly. He was united in marriage to Nina Trimble on June 10, 1962 at Ventura.

He attended country school near Britt and Fertile school. He was a 1960 graduate of Fertile High School.

Jerry farmed in the Clear Lake and Fertile areas for many years.

He enjoyed attending auctions, horses, and helping with equipment and traveling with the Hepperly family band. He instilled a strong work ethic in his three sons, and loved making people laugh.

He was a member of Ventura United Methodist Church.

Jerry is survived by his sons, Scott Hepperly, Killeen, TX, Todd Hepperly and Pam Theilen and her son, Gunner, Mason City, Jon Hepperly and Jennifer White, Clear Lake; grandchildren, Nicole (Wallace) Risen, Joseph (Alexandria) Hepperly, Ashley Hepperly, Justin (Jessica) Hepperly, Megan (Craig) Hepperly; great-grandchildren, Jacob and Maxwell Risen; a sister, Marilyn (Don) Severson, Joice; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Jerry's family wishes to acknowledge the wonderful care given by the staff at Good Shepherd Health Center and Hospice.

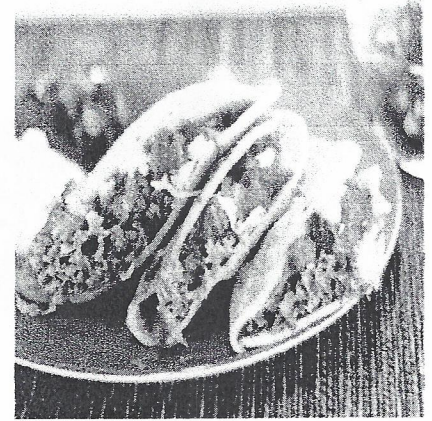
**OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES**







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#### **New Books**

Cold Cold Heart—Tami Hoag  
A Sudden Light—Garth Stein  
Mark of the Hunter—Charles West  
The Marriage Pact—Linda Lael Miller  
Private Vegas—James Patterson  
Breaking Creed—Alex Kava  
All the Light We Cannot See—Anthony Doer  
Crash and Burn—Lisa Gardner  
The Nightingale—Kristin Hannah  
Winchester 1886—William Johnstone  
Preacher's Slaughter—William Johnstone  
Tried and True—Mary Connealy  
The Girl on the Train—Paula Hawkins  
River of No Return—David Riley Bertch  
A Harvest of Hope—Lauraine Snelling  
Light in the Wilderness—Jane Kirkpatrick  
The Boy on the Wooden Box—Leon Leyson  
The Healer's Touch—Lori Copeland  
The Evil Men Do—Ralph Compton

#### **New Books on CD**

All the Light We Cannot See— Anthony Doer  
The Girl on the Train—Paula Hawkins  
Private Vegas—James Patterson  
Cold Cold Heart—Tami Hoag  
Pegasus—Danielle Steel  
Crash and Burn—Lisa Gardner

#### **New DVDs**

Philomena—Judy Dench  
Expendables 3—Sylvester Stallone  
Mr. Peabody and Sherman—animated  
The Giver—Jeff Bridges  
Gone Girl—Ben Affleck  
Fury—Brad Pitt  
John Wick—Keanu Reeves  
The November Man—Pierce Brosnan  
Planes: Fire and Rescue—Disney  
X-Men: Days of Future Past—Hugh Jackman  
A Walk Among Tombstones—Liam Neeson  
Earth to Echo—Ted Halm  
Sex Tape—Cameron Diaz  
If I Stay—Chloe Grace Moretz  
The Hundred Foot Journey—Helen Mirren

## **Fertile Library's Fiesta Night**

**March 28, 2015**

**4-7 PM**

**Fertile Community Center**

**Tacos Nachos Crustos  
Desserts  
Coffee & Lemonade**

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#### **Library News:**

If you haven't been to library lately be sure to stop and see our new shelving. They are beautiful and look great in our new and remodeled building. The DVD and CD shelves have pull out drawers for easier patron access. The center fiction shelves have wheels so they can be moved when we need more space for programs. We were able to purchase the shelving with grants from the **John K. & Luise V. Hanson Foundation, The Farrer Endowment Foundation** and the **Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust**. We thank them again for their generosity. We also thank Jones Library Sales (Carlisle, IA) for being such a great company to work with.





**Belated FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS OVER 90!!!**

96 on the Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> Jim Lovick  
Good Samaritan Society  
606 S 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Forest City, IA 50436

Ruth Rhodes 92 on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>  
201 Park St.  
Fertile, IA 50434



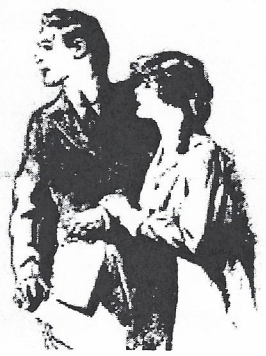
**ANYONE YOU KNOW?**



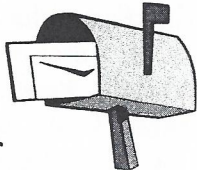
*This was sent to me and all it said was "Manly Man marries Fertile Girl". Does anyone recognize the woman or man?? Let me know at Fertilermd@wctatel.net. Thanks*

**NORTH IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION**  
P. O. Box 1627, Mason City, Iowa 50402-1627  
Starting in February, the Head Start Preschool program administered by North Iowa Community Action Organization will be taking preschool applications for classes that begin this fall. There is no cost for preschool to qualifying families. Your child must be 3 & 4 by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Head Start is a warm, nurturing preschool atmosphere provided by licensed teaching staff. The classroom follows Creative Curriculum, with God assessments and a focus on school readiness goals. Children are served nutritious meals and health/development screenings are provided. Family engagement is encouraged. To complete an application for Forest City or Garner Head Start, please call Meghan at 641-357-0621.

It appears someone invited a lot of old people to my high school reunion.



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**Letter to the Editor**

*Please renew my subscription for another year. I enjoy it so much. Thank You, Nelda Halverson, Clear Lake, IA*

**Mark your calendars!!!!**  
**FERTILE ALL SCHOOL REUNION**  
**SATURDAY, June 13, 2015**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER, Fertile, IA**  
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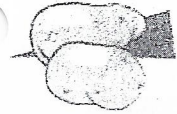
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## FERTILE VALLEY GARDENS



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Do you recognize Viola (Miller) Roberts, our oldest living graduate from Fertile High School. 82 years ago this May she received her diploma at the Church of Christ where graduation was held. Congratulations, Viola, you have not changed that much in 82 years!!!



## Subject: A Great Lesson on Stress

A young lady confidently walked around the room with a raised glass of water while leading a seminar and explaining stress management to her audience. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'Half empty or half full?' She fooled them all. "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. To 20 oz. She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow if you must.

1 \* Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!

2 \* Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

3 \* Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

4 \* Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.

5 \* If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

6 \* If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

7 \* It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

8 \* Never buy a car you can't push.

9 \* Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

10 \* Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

11 \* Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.

12 \* The second mouse gets the cheese.

13 \* When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

14 \* Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

16 \* Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.

17 \* We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

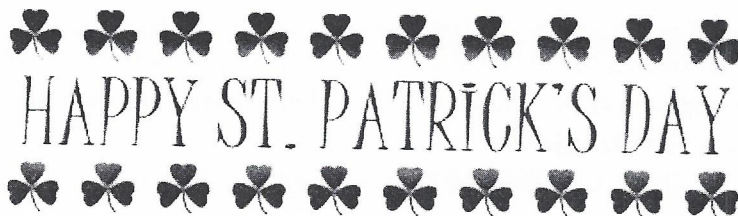
18 \* A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

19 \* Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY

20 \* Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!\*

Have a good month!!





## COOK'S CORNER

### Snickerdoodle Bread

2 ½ cups flour, 2 tsp. baking powder  
 ½ tsp. salt, 2 tsp. cinnamon  
 1 cup butter softened  
 2 cups sugar, 3 eggs  
 1 tsp. vanilla, ¾ cup sour cream  
 1 pkg. Hershey's cinnamon chips  
 3 TB sugar, 3 tsp. cinnamon  
 Cream butter, sugar, salt and cinnamon until fluffy. Add eggs and mix well. Add vanilla and sour cream and mix well. Mix flour and baking powder in a separate bowl. Add to wet ingredients and mix until all combined. Add cinnamon chips and stir into batter. Set aside. Spoon batter into 4 mini loaf pans until about 2/3 full. Mix 3 T. sugar and 3 t. cinnamon in a bowl and sprinkle over the batter in each loaf pan. Bake at 350 for 35-38 minutes. Let cool before removing from pan.

### CARAMEL ROLLS

2 loaves frozen bread dough  
 ½ cup margarine  
 1 cup brown sugar  
 1 lg pkg regular vanilla pudding  
 1 T. milk  
 1 tsp. cinnamon  
 Thaw bread overnight. Grease 9x13" cake pan. Tear 1 loaf of dough into pieces and drop into pan. Melt margarine, and rest of ingredients and beat until smooth. Pour over loaf in pan. Tear second loaf into pieces; place in pan between other pieces and on top of sauce. Let rise about 2 ½ hours. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes at 375 degrees. Turn out on waxed paper.

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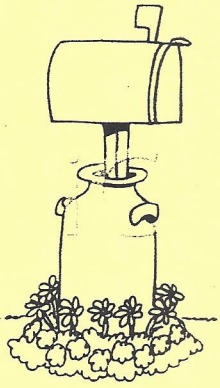
Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45 minute wait for a table.

"Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes." They were seated immediately.

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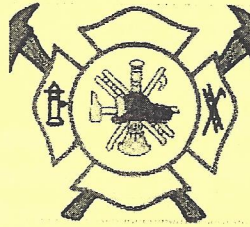
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