

# FERTILE REMINDER

JUNE 2014

## JUNE CALENDAR

- 2 Firemen Meet
- 10 Fertile Girls Meet
- 10 Garden Club
- 12 Recycle
- 16 Library Board meets
- 16 REMINDER DEADLINE
- 17 City Council
- 24 REMINDER MAILED
- 26 Recycle



*A 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party was held for Maxine Rye on Friday, May 2 at The Amish Pantry. Greetings may be sent to Maxine at 106 N. State Street, Fertile, IA 50434*



## GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club met at the City Hall on May 13. Meeting was called to order by Cindy Peters, President. Roll call was my favorite spring flower.

A motion was made and approved to a buy new summer flags for the town. The flags do not last for very many summers. Plants have been purchased at the Cedar Valley Plant Auction for the pots and beds.

The Fertile sign flower bed was cleaned and mulched. It was too cold to plant the plants. Next week we will have a work night.

May Baskets were exchanged. Carol Jara gave the Thought for the Day.

Lunch was served by our hostesses, Carol Jara and Ruth Topp.

Betty Waddington, Reporter

Bob Humphrey has a birthday May 27<sup>th</sup>. He has made the "90's" Club. Wishes may be sent to 2506 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Clear Lake, IA 50428

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Don't forget Viola Roberts Open House birthday party on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Come to the  
FERTILE CITY WIDE GARAGE  
AND YARD SALES  
Everyone is invited to buy or sell*



## City of Fertile

### City Council Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2014 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

#### Call to Order & Roll Call

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

*Holly motioned, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes of March 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.* Unanimous.

• *Jeff motioned, Julie 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 has been removing rust and painting at the water plant.
- Steve presented some information in regards to new mower with maintenance plan.
- Steve detected water leak.
- The locks at the ball diamond have been updated.
- DNR inspection expressed concerns about excess water pumpage.
- *Julie moved, Nick 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the maintenance report.* Unanimous.

#### Mayor's Report

- Due to the Municipal Oversight law passed during the 2012 Legislative Session state auditors will be conducting audits or examinations for Iowa Cities. The City of Fertile is on a periodic examination.
- There are two tree that need to be removed at the library to continue with the sidewalks.
- Joyce delivered certificates to four members of the Fire Department for completion of the mock drill in Manly.

- Joyce review the recommendations that are needed in review of Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association inspection.
- Joyce met with Mason City Glass to repair doors on the Community Center and City Hall.
- Green Canopy has been contacted to bring porta potties for park and fishing point.
- Lights on the foot bridge have been vandalized and broken.
- Joyce has contacted Black Hills Energy to move the gas meter at the library.
- *Holly motioned, and Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the mayor's report.* Unanimous.

#### City Clerk's Report

- Wendy presented the March Financials. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request. The following is a summary of the year-to-date income, expenses & fund balances.

7/1-3/31	General	WCDA	Roads	Utilities	Total
Income	221,607.64	79,670.00	29,094.16	91,330.57	421,702.37
Expense	156,970.80	167,279.00	44,040.29	100,126.13	468,416.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,636.84</b>	<b>-87,609.00</b>	<b>-14,946.13</b>	<b>-8,795.56</b>	<b>-46,713.85</b>
Fund Balance	116,921.18	-87,609.00	34,378.35	87,697.89	151,388.42

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

#### Committee Reports

- Julie attended Win Worth Betco meeting and mentioned that Ferile was eligible for CDBG Housing grant. Fertile was initially awarded a grant in 2009 which was completed.

#### Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 20<sup>h</sup>, 2014, at Fertile City Hall.
- *Julie moved and Holly 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

Next time when  
you think of  
Beautiful things,  
don't forget to  
count yourself in.

I was in the six item express lane at the store quietly fuming.

Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?"



**City of Fertile  
Deposits**

As of March 31, 2014

2:08 PM

04/15/2014

Accrual  
Basis

	Type	Date	Memo	Amount
<b>Operating Accounts</b>				
<b>Checking</b>				
	Deposit	03/03/2014	Utility Deposit	3,267.06
	Deposit	03/03/2014	Casino Funds Deposit	2,377.44
	Deposit	03/05/2014	Local Option Sales Tax	2,095.32
	Deposit	03/06/2014	Utility Deposit	493.81
	Deposit	03/11/2014	Grant Deposit	55,451.50
	Deposit	03/13/2014	Incubator Rental Deposit	200.00
	Deposit	03/13/2014	Farm to Market Deposit Insurance Reimbursement	1,651.94
	Deposit	03/13/2014	Deposit	9.00
	Deposit	03/13/2014	Utility Deposit	4,814.66
	Deposit	03/14/2014	Property Taxes	2,148.97
	Deposit	03/18/2014	Road Use Tax	1,838.97
	Deposit	03/19/2014	Utility Deposit	2,613.50
	Deposit	03/19/2014	Utility Deposit	0.10
	Deposit	03/20/2014	Incubator Rent & Electric Deposit	376.24
	Deposit	03/27/2014	Utility Deposit	743.58
	Deposit	03/28/2014	Utility Deposit	5,042.28
	Deposit	03/31/2014	Interest	4.13
				<u>83,128.50</u>
<b>Total Checking</b>				
<b>Roads Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>Savings</b>				
	Deposit	03/31/2014	Interest	4.90
				<u>4.90</u>
<b>Total Savings</b>				
<b>Total Roads Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>Water Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>Savings</b>				
	Deposit	03/31/2014	Interest	2.86
				<u>2.86</u>
<b>Total Savings</b>				
<b>Total Water Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>Savings</b>				
	Deposit	03/31/2014	Interest	2.50
				<u>2.50</u>
<b>Total Savings</b>				
<b>Total Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>				<u><u>83,138.76</u></u>

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives.."

Al said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'"



**City of Fertile**  
**Bills Paid**  
As of March 31,  
2014

Accrual  
Basis

**Operating Accounts**  
**Checking**

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Amount
Paycheck	03/05/2014	Bruns, Warren		-301.39
Paycheck	03/05/2014	Russell, Joyce		-907.41
Liability Check	03/05/2014	IPERS		-734.75
Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2014	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,720.09
Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2014	Bruns, Warren v	Parking	-7.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2014	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2014	Interstate Motor Trucks Inc.	Snow Plow Sensor	-494.90
Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2014	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-60.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2014	Office of Auditor of State	Periodic Audit Fee	-475.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2014	UPS	Water testing	-10.79
Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2014	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-146.23
Check	03/06/2014	USPS	postage	-131.40
Paycheck	03/12/2014	Lunning, Wendy S		-125.43
Paycheck	03/12/2014	Roberts, Stephen J		-837.74
Paycheck	03/12/2014	Russell, Grant		-462.82
Check	03/12/2014	Worth County Treasurer		-509.84
Bill Pmt -Check	03/12/2014	Fairchild, Brian	Snow Removal 30 hours Full Service Payroll (February)	-360.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/12/2014	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.		-84.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/12/2014	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-12.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/12/2014	Iowa Assn. of Municipal Utilities	Dues	-408.90
Bill Pmt -Check	03/12/2014	Larry Elwood Construction		-55,451.50
Bill Pmt -Check	03/12/2014	Miller, Josh v	Snow Removal 28 hours Public Hearing for 2014/2015 Budget	-336.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/12/2014	Northwood Anchor, Inc.		-115.34
Bill Pmt -Check	03/12/2014	Pronto	Gas for truck.	-86.61
Bill Pmt -Check	03/12/2014	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage Preliminary Design, Construction Documents and Bidding Phase	-2,035.68
Bill Pmt -Check	03/12/2014	CRW Architecture + Design Group		-925.00
Liability Check	03/14/2014	United States Treasury	42-1028074	-1,054.50
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2014	Iowa Communities Assurance Pool v	Insurance	-12,205.40
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2014	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-877.48
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2014	Menards	Community Center & Maintenance Shop Supplies	-141.84
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2014	UPS	Water testing	-10.79
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2014	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-54.03
Check	03/18/2014	Clear Lake Laser Wash	Wash City Truck Preliminary Design, Construction Documents and Bidding Phase	-5.50
Bill Pmt -Check	03/19/2014	CRW Architecture + Design Group	Supplies for drag on ball diamond	-450.00
Check	03/25/2014	Mills Fleet Farm		-82.06
Paycheck	03/27/2014	Lunning, Wendy S		-178.08
Paycheck	03/27/2014	Roberts, Stephen J		-837.75
Bill Pmt -Check	03/27/2014	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Exam Fee	-30.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/27/2014	MN Iowa Electric Motors & Equipment	Laser align motor and pump.	-350.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/27/2014	Staples	Office Supplies	-64.24
Bill Pmt -Check	03/27/2014	USA Blue Book	Water Testing Supplies	-97.61
Check	03/31/2014	Mills Fleet Farm	Supplies for drag on ball diamond	-53.33
Total Checking				-83,242.43

**Roads Revenue Accounts**

**Savings**

Total Savings

Total Roads Revenue Accounts

**TOTAL**

**-83,242.43**





FERTILE | Clarence Low Jr., 85, Fertile, Iowa, died Monday, April 14, 2014, at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa, Mason City.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 18, at the Church of Christ, Fertile, Iowa, with

the Rev. Rod Perry officiating.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 101 N. Fourth St., Clear Lake, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, Mason City, where military honors will be conducted by the Clear Lake V.F.W.

Memorials may be given to the Clarence Low Jr. Memorial Fund.

Clarence was born Aug. 3, 1928, in Northwood, Iowa, the son of Clarence and Luella (Freeman) Low. He grew up in the Manly, Ventura and Fertile areas. Following school he farmed with his dad and brother. He enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Following an honorable discharge, he came back to Fertile and farmed.

He enjoyed going to the Five Star elevator in Hanlontown and playing Liars at the Liars table in the Fertile Café. He really enjoyed spending time with his family. He had a special relationship with Harold "Sunny" Brunsvold and his family.

Clarence is survived by his brother, Gene (Lois) Low, Fertile; sisters, Beverly (Ralph) Smith, McIntire, and Donna (Earl) Miller, Clear Lake; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Leonard "Buddy" Low, three nephews, two great-nephews and one great-niece.



FERTILE | Theresa Louise Suby, 29, formerly of Forest City, died Monday, April 21, 2014

Theresa was born Aug. 4, 1984, in Forest City, Iowa, the daughter of Kenneth and Dottie (Hanson)

Suby.

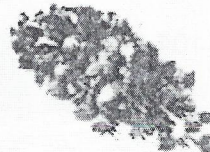
She attended

Forest City Schools and graduated in 2002. She was married to Josh Pounder, they later divorced. She lived in Colorado Springs, Colo., for many years and loved living there, and always wanted to return someday. She was currently employed at the Subway Restaurant in Forest City.

Theresa enjoyed sewing, camping, watching movies, coloring and enjoyed animals and her pets, especially her dog, Pixie. Theresa had a big kind heart, loved people and was very personable, she was a wonderful loving sister and a wonderful aunt to her two nephews and niece. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her parents, Kenneth and Dottie Suby of Forest City; siblings, Jessica (Chris) Oberg of Colorado Springs, Colo., Adam Suby (Elyse Ferrel) of Colorado, Springs, Colo., and Tonya Suby of Colorado Springs, Colo.; niece and nephews, Avianah and Carver Oberg and Elijah Suby; grandparents, Theresa C. Suby of Forest City and Henry and Ruby Hanson of Forest City and many aunts, uncles, cousins and special friend, Carlitos Figueroa.

She was preceded in death by her Grandpa, Duard Suby.



*Our sympathy to the families!*





**CLEAR LAKE | Eleanor L. Hepperly, 98, Clear Lake, Iowa, died Thursday, May 1, 2014, at Oakwood Care Center, Clear Lake.**

Funeral services for Eleanor will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at Ventura United Methodist Church, 10 South Weimer St., with the Rev. Dr. Rhoda Preston, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Clear Lake Cemetery.

Eleanor was born Aug. 16, 1915, southwest of Britt, to Lon and Sue Wright. She attended country school and Britt High School. On April 21, 1934, she was united in marriage to Louis Hepperly at Mason City. They were married for 68 years. They rented a farm north of Britt several years. Then purchased a farm north of Ventura and lived there until retiring and moved to Clear Lake. Louis passed away April 1, 2003.

Eleanor enjoyed gardening and yard work. She loved to make cookies. She loved her children, grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She was a member of Ventura Methodist Church and an active member of her Ladies Circle until her health and eyesight failed her. She stayed in her home for five years after Louis's death, then moved to Apple Valley Assisted Living for three years, then to the Courtyard Assisted Living and the past two years at Oakwood Care Center.

She is survived by a daughter Marilyn (Don) Severson, Joice, son Jerry Hepperly, Clear Lake; six grandchildren, Linda Rae Severson, Larry (Linda) Severson, Scott Hepperly, Julie (John) Rasmussen, Todd Hepperly, and Jon Hepperly; 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews; and other extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lon and Sue Wright, husband Louis, sisters Cleo (Bill) Faust, Marguerite (Lynn) Olson, Glenice (Bob) Hughes and one brother Glenn Wright.

Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 101 N. Fourth St., Clear Lake

*Our sympathies to Eleanor & Berna's families.*



**ALDEN, Minn. | A memorial service for Berna G. Nelson will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 5, 2014, at Emmons Lutheran Church. The Rev. Christopher Martin will officiate. Interment will be at Lime Creek Cemetery, Emmons**

Berna Nelson passed away on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at Mayo Clinic Health Systems, Albert Lea, at the age of 78 years, 11 months and 1 day.

Berna was born on May 29, 1935, to George and Amanda (Finsaas) Fjeld, in Joice. She was baptized and confirmed at Beaver Creek Lutheran Church. She attended and graduated from Fertile High School and was the 1953 Band Queen. She was united in marriage to Truman Opdahl, who later passed away in 1971. Berna married Jack Nelson on Christmas Eve 1976 in Clear Lake.

Berna was a resident of rural Alden, Minn., since 1953. She was a member of Emmons Lutheran church, where she was very active in Church Circle, quilting, and the Lydia Circle Bible Study. She worked for Winnebago Mutual Insurance Co., in Lake Mills, previous to marrying Truman and was a waitress at Arrowhead Golf Course in Emmons during the 70s. She took wonderful care of the farrowing operation on the farm. Berna loved the outdoors, and had many wonderful memories tending to her livestock, and being a part of many horse shows with her daughter, Sylvia, around the area. She had a deep love for her family and especially cherished all of her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; George and Amanda, first husband, Truman in 1971; and her mother and father-in-law, Albert and Tilda (Larson) Opdahl. Those left to cherish Berna's memory are her husband, Jack Nelson, of Alden; children, Sylvia (Dana) Christiansen, of Hartland, Richard (Kathy) Opdahl of Alden, and Dale (Linda) Opdahl, of Paullina; grandchildren, Audra Christiansen, Kari (Opdahl) Schwab, Brianna Opdahl, Staci Morgan, Wendy Chapin, and Michelle Rasmussen; great-grandchildren, Ashton and Sierra Thompson, Averie Morgan, Olivia, Ethan and Maycee Chapin; and Gwenyth Rasmussen; a brother, Glenn (Marilyn) Fjeld, of Joice; and many loving nieces, nephews and other relatives, and close friends.







BRANDON, Fla. | Margaret Hannah (Norem) Sweers, passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at the Brandon Hospital in Brandon, Fla. Margaret, the daughter of Roscoe and Hannah Norem, was born May 6, 1924, in

Belmond. She attended school in Fertile, where she graduated in 1944. Margaret married Jake Sweers in Albert Lea, Minn., on Jan. 25, 1950. The couple lived on the Sweers family farm until the spring of 1952, when they moved to a farm four miles north of Wesley, where they lived until moving to the property by Woden in August 1985. Margaret lived there until Jake's passing. She moved to the Brandon, Fla., area in 1999 and lived there until passing. Margaret's favorite pastimes were gardening, playing cards, and in later life motorhome traveling with Jake during the winter and camping with family/friends during the summer. Her true calling was her ability to help whenever asked. She was also known for her cooking ... you never left the Sweers farm hungry. She was a proud farming wife, wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Britt. She is survived by her four children, Gary (Wendy), Valrico, Fla.; John (Conni) of Wesley; Linda (Greg) Kohl of Plymouth, Minn.; and Jean (Mac) Beukema of Chesterfield, Va. Sister Gereene (James) Moen and her family and Brother Robert (Joan) Norem and his family. Grandchildren are Greg (Aprile), Lisa and Alan; Erin (Bob) Padgett, Kelly (Becca), Scott and Chris; Molly (Kevin) Graebel, Amy and Jeffrey Kohl; Jessie (Dave) Miller and Lacey (Mike) Marusienski. Great-Grandchildren are Shepherd and Landon; Halle and Caroline Padgett; Kayla and Madelyn Graebel; Hannah and Luke Miller. Margaret is also survived by many dear family members and friends. She is preceded in death by husband Jake Sweers, infant sister Mildred and infant brother Raymond and her parents Roscoe and Hannah Norem.



STORY CITY | Norma Louise VanDenBosch, 85, of Story City, died Monday, May 5, 2014, at Bethany Manor.

Private burial of cremated remains will take place at the Brush Point Cemetery,

Fertile, at a later date.

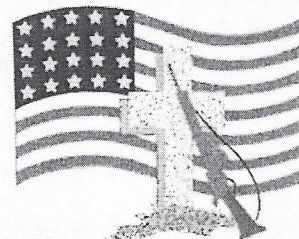
Norma was born on October 23, 1928, in Fertile, at the home of her great-grandfather, K.O. Sheimo; the daughter of Norman "Bud" and Lyra Deuel Oswald. She attended school in Fertile and graduated in 1946. Norma married Donald "Skinny" VanDenBosch on November 22, 1947.

The couple moved to Ames where they owned and managed an assisted living home for several years. Skinny began working with H&F Builders where he died in a construction accident on September 18, 1967. Following Skinny's death, Norma began working as a receptionist for the Buck Dental Office and enjoyed meeting all the patients. She remained there until her retirement in 2002.

Norma's life was her grandchildren. Always a happy person, Norma really came alive with the arrival of her grandchildren. She enjoyed growing flowers and is remembered as always being sharply dressed and dancing at the Val-Air Ballroom with her friends.

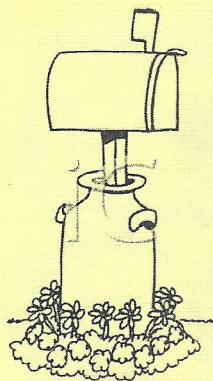
Norma is survived by her son, Paul (Mary) VanDenBosch of Centennial, Colo.; grandchildren, Lori (Brian) Belden of Olathe, Kan.; Jami (Jeff) Langenfeld of Ankeny, and Zac VanDenBosch of Conroy; daughter-in-law, Denise VanDenBosch of Huxley; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; sons, Mark, Bruce and Brian; and a brother, Bill Oswald.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL





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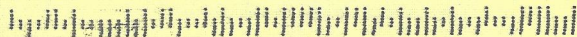
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**FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMC**

**Pastor David Halverson  
641-797-2767**

**WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 AM**

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**Celebration Community Church**

805 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. North,  
Clear Lake Iowa 50428  
**641-357-0026/641-797-2704**

**Pastor Dan Miller**  
Praise and Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Wed. Adult Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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**FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Pastor Robb Perry**  
Sunday School- 9:00 AM  
*Fellowship Time - 9:50 AM*  
Worship – 10:15 AM

**PILOT KNOB LUTHERAN CHURCH**

2391 330<sup>th</sup> St. Forest City, IA  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LUTHERAN  
CHURCHES

**Pastor Robert Snitzer**  
Worship Service – 9:00 am