

FERTILE REMINDER

APRIL 2013

ATTENTION AREA GRADUATES!!!

It is time to feature our graduates in the May issue. Please email (fertilermd@wctatel.net), send or bring your picture to Betty Waddington by the 15th of April. Please have your name, parent's name, school, and future plans along with a picture. I do not know who is graduating so be sure to let me know. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in the next issue!!



COMING EVENTS

- 1 Firemen Meet
- 2 Senior Dinner
- 4 Recycle
- 9 Fertile Girls Meet
- 9 Fertile Garden Club, 7:00 pm
- 15 Library Board Meets
- 15 Council
- 15 Deadline for the Reminder
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- 16 Senior Dinner
- 3 Recycle
- 23 May Reminder mailed
- 30 Senior Dinner

Taco Bell's April 1, 1996, prank caught the nation, and the National Park Service, off guard. It began the morning with full-page ads running in six of the country's largest newspapers, including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *Philadelphia Inquirer*. The ad claimed Taco Bell was buying the historic icon in "an effort to help the national debt," and urged other corporations to purchase national treasures. A news release issued by Taco Bell showed its chief executive officer with an actor portraying Benjamin Franklin in front of a Liberty Bell replica. The release said the bell would continue to be available to the public, but it would spend half of its time in Philadelphia and the other half at company headquarters in Irvine, Calif. The phones started to ring at the National Park Service and at Taco Bell headquarters. Among the concerned callers were aides to two U.S. senators. In Philadelphia, the Park Service hastily called a news conference to declare that the bell had not been sold. "The Libery Bell is safe. It's not for sale," a spokeswoman said. By noon, Taco Bell issued another news release admitting the prank and pledging \$50,000 for the Liberty Bell's upkeep. At the White House, spokesman Mike McCurry got into the spirit of the hoax, telling reporters that Ford Motor Co. was purchasing the Lincoln Memorial, which would be renamed the Lincoln Mercury Memorial.

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2013 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Julie Jessen, Penny Miller and Pat Renschin; City Clerk, Cindy Peters & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts. Absent was Council Member Tad Miller.

- *Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the Feb. minutes.* Unanimous
- *Jeff motioned, Pat 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.

Resident Sidewalk Issue

- An unsigned letter was placed in the drop-box at the maintenance building regarding a non-shoveled sidewalk. The resident complained that a sidewalk located at 104 N. 4th street was not cleared of snow and as a result the resident fell. The letter stated that this anonymous person may pursue further action if the city does not remedy the situation. Mayor, Joyce contacted an attorney and was advised that the city has no liability, and that the resident would have to take it up with the owner of the sidewalk. In addition, the city does not require residents to have sidewalks at all.

Resident Water Bill

- Sara Innes was present at the meeting and asked for a variance for the property she just purchased at 306 West Main Street. Sara stated that she will be demolishing the house, just as soon as the weather permits and will turn the lot into a green space. No water or service will be required and she asked that the \$150 deposit and minimum service charge be waived. After discussion by the mayor and the council, Penny motioned and Julie 2nd that the deposit and monthly water bill would be waived until such time that a new building or house would ever be constructed and services would be reinstated.

Library Project

- The council and mayor reported that two of the three meetings were well attended, but that the third meeting had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. A total of 73 questionnaires were returned, with 14 requesting that the library be built next to the community center and 59 requesting that the library be built on Main Street. Julie asked that further cost investigations be made as many of the questionnaires were concerned about the cost that the present designs would incur. Julie also presented information and pictures of the library located in Staceyville that had been built in 2004 and seemed to include most of the requirements that the library board desired. Julie and the mayor had both visited with the Staceyville librarian and were very impressed with the structure as well as the layout. The library board members present were given the pictures and the floor plan to look over. Two Fertile residents advised the mayor, prior to the meeting, that they had measured the lot and had determined that it would be feasible for the new building to be constructed alongside the old library, allowing the library to be open throughout construction. Jeff motioned that that the library be built on main street. Pat 2nd and a roll call vote was taken: Penny-Yes, Jeff- Yes, Pat-Yes, Julie- Yes. Unanimous.

City Maintenance Report

- Steve reported that both trucks were detailed in-between snow and ice storms, even though it might not be apparent today. The sand vibrator on the snow plow stopped working and Steve just got another load of sand that he hopes will be the last load of the year. Steve stated that at one of the classes he took, a company that designs lift stations commended the gate design Steve implemented to prevent foreign

objects getting into the sewer. The alternate solution would be to construct pits that would be 15-20 ft deep. This would be cost prohibitive to retrofit and that the gates will provide the most cost effective solution for now.

- *Pat motioned, Julie 2nd to approve report.* Unanimous.

Mayor's Report

- Feb. 20th, Joyce met with ICAP (city insurance) to go over the policy. Everything checked out ok.
- A resident called in to report that a pit bull had been sighted at the Gildner Apartments. Joyce spoke with the owner of the property and he assured Joyce that pit bulls are not allowed at any of his apartments. Another resident reported that they had seen a pit bull running at large on the East end of town. There was a complaint earlier regarding the same animal and the mayor had called the Worth County Sheriff to investigate. Joyce believed the dog was no longer in town. Joyce will call the sheriff's office to determine if this is another dog or the same animal. If it is found that the pit bull is still residing on the east end of town, the mayor will send the letter to the owner regarding the city's ordinance in reference to pit bulls. Residents state that the dog is able to leave his kennel by jumping on to it's dog house.
- Mar. 7th the Mayor and new city clerk, Cindy Peters signed new signature cards at the bank, and past city clerk Eddie May's signature was eliminated. The credit card has also been transferred to Cindy and Eddie's name has been eliminated from the account. Once again, the city appreciates all the work Eddie did to bring the city up to date and in accordance to city, county and state regulations. The mayor introduced Cindy to all of the county offices and the sheriff's department in Northwood.
- The new ICAP policy has given the city a voucher of \$477.82 to deduct from the annual policy amount of \$12,410.31. Joyce signed all of the paperwork for our insurance and we are up-to-date for the year.
- A big thank you was given to council member Julie Jessen and to Dave Bang for taking over the Little League duties. This will enable our Little League to continue and thrive as it has in the past. Julie will be responsible for the financials and for the concession stand. Dave will be responsible for the operation of the League games. The deadline for registration is March 26th and you can contact Dave Bang with any questions at 797-2217 or Julie Jessen at 797-2629.
- Once again, Fertile will be doing a Spring Clean-up. Complete Appliance will also be available to pick up appliances, computer monitors, and tv's. Appliance pickup will be free, computer monitors are \$15, TV screens 20-27" are \$20, screens 28" or larger are \$25. The date of the Spring clean-up has yet to be determined.
- A benefit for Jay Langenbau was held in the community center last Saturday and was very well attended. Signatures Restaurant was in charge of the food and the Northwood Jaycees served it. A bake sale, silent auction, and local home business vendors all helped to make the event a huge success. A big thank you goes to Nicole Knudson and Jennifer Leerar for all of their hard work and effort to help the Langenbau family.
- The residents at 110 East Main Street have asked that their water be shut-off to winterize the home. Unfortunately, the curb stop is broken and the owners have been informed that they must repair it before the water can be shut off.
- A prior lien for the water bill at 101 School Street, will need to be revised as the resident paid a partial payment and the lien amount will

need to reflect that change. The lien will be revised and submitted for payment.

- Pat moved, Jeff 2nd to approve the mayor's report. Unanimous

City Clerk's Report

- Cindy presented the Feb. 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 - 2/28	General	Roads	Water/Sewer	Total
Income	106,929.05	23,835.98	103,297.03	234,062.06
Expense	108,507.51	18,530.27	100,623.64	227,661.42
Total	(1,578.46)	5,305.71	2,673.39	6,400.64
Fund Balance	34,786.76	48,481.67	94,576.40	177,844.83

- Penny motioned, Pat 2nd to approve Financial Report. Unanimous
- Pat motioned, Julie 2nd to approve February Bills with the exception that the Verizon bill be investigated for an unexplained charge. Unanimous

Committee Reports

- No reports were presented

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, April 16th, 2013, at Fertile City Hall.
- Julie moved and Penny 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous

City of Fertile

Bills Paid

As of February 28, 2013

3:01 PM

03/20/2013

Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Checking					
Check	02/01/2013		First Security Bank & Trust	Bank Deposit Adjustment	-0.19
Deposit	02/03/2013			Property Taxes	892.23
Deposit	02/04/2013			Casino Funds Deposit	3,176.39
Deposit	02/05/2013			Local Option Sales Tax	2,284.89
Paycheck	02/06/2013	6352	Bruns, Warren		-301.99
Paycheck	02/06/2013	6353	May III, Edgar F.		-834.93
Paycheck	02/06/2013	6354	Russell, Joyce		-809.04
Paycheck	02/06/2013	6355	Peters, Cynthia		-252.38
Paycheck	02/06/2013	6356	Roberts, Stephen J		-1,254.74
Liability Check	02/08/2013	iQue	IPERS		-689.43
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2013	6357	AgSource Laboratories	Water/ Sewer Testing	-28.50
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2013	6358	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2013	6359	Johansen Welding Construction	Snow Flow Repairs	-70.20
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2013	6360	Kramer Ace Hardware	charcoal to heat up curb stop dig	-8.99
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2013	6361	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Water Meter Installation	-88.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2013	6362	Menards	comm ctr supplies & water plant	-35.94
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2013	6363	Pronto	Gas for Truck	-254.31
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2013	6364	State Hygienic Laboratories	water testing	-20.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2013	6365	Superior Lumber, Inc	rebuild stairwell hall upstairs for business incubator	-26.64
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2013	6366	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-1,918.58
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2013	6367	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-146.80
Check	02/11/2013	debit	Standard Bearings	pump repair	-16.27
Check	02/11/2013	debit	Standard Bearings	pump repair	-128.88
Deposit	02/12/2013			water, sewer, garbage payments Deposit	382.85
Liability Check	02/15/2013	eftps	United States Treasury	941 Liability	-968.55
Deposit	02/15/2013			Road Use Tax	1,634.36
Deposit	02/18/2013			water, sewer, garbage payment	4,785.26
Check	02/18/2013		First Security Bank & Trust	Community Center Loan Payment	-2,500.00
Check	02/19/2013	6368	Fertile Public Library	Open Access	-747.50
Bill Pmt -Check	02/22/2013	6453	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Deposit	02/22/2013			Deposit	3,126.14
Paycheck	02/25/2013	6369	Peters, Cynthia		-248.05
Paycheck	02/25/2013	6370	Roberts, Stephen J		-906.43
Deposit	02/25/2013			water, sewer, garbage payments	360.00
Deposit	02/25/2013			water, sewer, garbage payments	2,707.33
Check	02/27/2013	debit	Staples	Wireless Router	-78.74
Check	02/28/2013	6440	Russell, Joyce	Stamps	-4.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/28/2013	6441	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-503.45
Bill Pmt -Check	02/28/2013	6442	Hare Electric	Sewer Pump Repairs, Install Incubator Meter	-1,021.71
Bill Pmt -Check	02/28/2013	6443	IMFOA	Annual dues	-40.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/28/2013	6444	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Annual Water Use Fee for 2013	-85.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/28/2013	6445	Iowa Rural Water Association	Continuing Education - Warren	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/28/2013	6446	Miller's Diesel and Automotive	snow plow fitting repair	-519.61
Bill Pmt -Check	02/28/2013	6447	MIN-IOWA Elec Motors & Equip. Inc	Water pump repairs	-612.50
Bill Pmt -Check	02/28/2013	6448	Staples	Office Supplies	-24.99
Bill Pmt -Check	02/28/2013	6449	UPS	Water Testing	-10.76
Bill Pmt -Check	02/28/2013	6450	USA Blue Book	Water Testing Supplies	-100.38
Bill Pmt -Check	02/28/2013	6451	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-74.43
Bill Pmt -Check	02/28/2013	6452	Worth County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement Agreement	-2,312.50
Deposit	02/28/2013			deposit discrepancy	0.02
Deposit	02/28/2013			Interest	2.82
Total Checking					1,587.88
Gas Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	02/28/2013			Interest	8.29
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					8.29
Water Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	02/28/2013			Interest	2.58
Total Water Revenue Accounts					2.58
Sewer Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	02/28/2013			Interest	2.25
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					2.25
TOTAL					1,601.00



CLEAR LAKE — Elaine L. Hall, 99, of Clear Lake, Iowa, died Sunday, March 3, 2013, at the Oakwood Care Center, Clear Lake, Iowa.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 7, 2013, at the Fertile Church of Christ, Fertile, Iowa, with the

Rev. Dennis Ganz officiating. Interment will be in the Lincoln Township Cemetery, rural Clear Lake, Iowa. Visitation will be one hour before the service.

Family suggests memorials to Fertile Church of Christ.

Elaine was born Sept. 15, 1913, on the family farm north of Fertile, Iowa, the daughter of James and Emma (Luken) Kirk. She graduated from the Fertile Consolidated School in 1931.

She worked in Mason City for three years.

Elaine married Hazar Hall on June 28, 1936, in a double wedding with her twin sister Loraine marrying Michael Hall at the Fertile Church of Christ.

She enjoyed sewing, gardening, baking, fishing trips to Northern Minnesota and especially painting.

Elaine was a member of Fertile Church of Christ; Christian Workers; Blossom Belles Garden Club, Hanlontown; past county board member of Cerro Gordo County Farm Bureau and North Iowa Artist League.

Elaine is survived by two children Wayne (Marilyn) Hall, Cambridge, Minnesota and Marilyn (Robert) Niemi, Clear Lake, Iowa; five grandchildren Sarah (Dan) Baxter, Isanti, Minnesota, Matthew Hall and his companion John Hobday, Minnetonka, Minnesota, Stephen (Wendy) Hall, Maplewood, Minnesota, Christopher (Stephanie) Niemi, Blaine, Minnesota and Mark (Teresa) Niemi, Hanlontown, Iowa; nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers William Kirk, Frederick Kirk buried in Luxemburg, France, during World War II and Horace Kirk; two sisters Iva Suby and her twin sister Loraine Hall and one grandson, Paul Niemi.

Our sympathy to the family



JOICE — Larry Lee Burke, passed away peacefully on Feb. 21, 2013, at Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City at the age of 69.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, April 5, 2013, at Zion Lutheran Church, 112 N. Fourth St., Clear Lake,

with the Rev. Dean Hess presiding. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to your local Human Society or Hospice of North Iowa-Muse Norris Inpatient Unit.

Larry Burke, son of Hollis and Violet (Erickson) Burke was born in Fertile, Iowa, on August 19, 1943. He graduated from Fertile High School in 1962 and was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1966; served in Vietnam with an honorable discharge in 1968, being awarded the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Larry worked as a truck driver for Ruan for many years, held a real estate license, was a savvy salesman and owned his own trucking and trailer company prior to retiring in Joice and living his life doing what he loved; having a farm and tending to his horses, cattle, chickens, his beloved dogs, Stretch, Shadow, Tina, Bandit, Jake, Auggie, Ollie and his cat Violet.

A special thank-you to Mike Duval, a family friend who was always there to lend a helping hand to Larry. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his four children, Robby Burke (Lora) of St. Augustine, Fla., Tiffany Henry (Byron), Foresthill, Calif., Cammie LaValle (Dan), Lakeville, Minn., and Ryan Stafford, Eden Prairie, Minn., two step-daughters, Heidi Christensen (Tim), Bloomington, Minn., and Heather Murphy (Kris), Hudson, Wis., his sister Sandra Hepperly (Duane), Mason City, William Burke (Anne), McGregor, Iowa, and Karen Hintch (Ron) of Hampton, Iowa.

Larry was a grandfather to Allisa (John), Ryan, Austin, Mallory, Loral, Johnathon, Lyle, Jena, Gianni and Ava and a great-grandfather to Cooper. He is preceded in death by his father, mother and step-mother Evelyn Burke, brother John (Jack) Burke and sister Patricia Patrick (Richard), step-brother, Peter Nissan, step-son Chad Thiesse, nephews Timothy and Christian Burke.

Our sympathy to the family

Happy 92nd Birthday

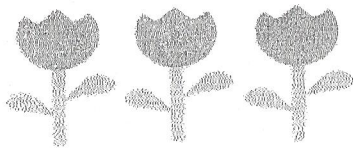
Max (Charley) Nye, March 27th

“our longest living resident in Fertile”

If you know of someone having a birthday that will be 90 or more, please let us know so we can feature them.

Send to Betty Waddington or e-mail

fertilermd@wctatel.net



FERTILE LIBRARY BOARD

**Elin Miner, Linda Tuttle,
Lisa May, Dawn Millard
and one position pending.**

Librarian, Nancy Suby

FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday- Sunday School 9:00 AM

Fellowship Time - 9:55 AM

Worship - 10:15 AM

Tuesday- Fireside study 10:00 AM

Wed.- Youth & Teen Groups 7:00

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**Fertile Lutheran Church
602 W. Washington Box 215
Fertile, IA 50434
Pastor David Halverson
641-797-2767**

**Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:40 am**

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Fertile Garden Club

The Fertile Garden club met in the Community Center on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. President, Penny was out of the country, so Vice President, Sue Lee led the meeting. Roll call was taken by answering the question; “Why did you join the Fertile Garden Club?” The club will be going on another garden tour this year and is looking forward to hearing three guest speakers covering very informative topics. The club will be expanding their flower displays this year, as they will be planting new flowers along the north side of the Community Center facing Hwy 9. A delicious pot luck supper was enjoyed by the members and Mary Anderson ended the meeting with the “thought for the day”. Cindy Peters, Reporter



Letters to the Editor: Thanks to all of you ladies for your generosity for putting this paper together & keeping everyone informed about Fertile News. Pat Tuttle



We enjoy the Reminder. Karen Perry

We always enjoy receiving the Fertile Reminder. We enclosed payment for the Fertile News to continue coming our way. Thanks for the good job. While vacationing in Florida this past January we met a couple from Fertile. After being away from the Fertile area for over 55 years we thought that was unique. Have a wonderful March and rest of 2013. Vonnie & Sever Pederson

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Celebration Community Church

805 10th Ave. North, Clear Lake, IA
641-357-0026

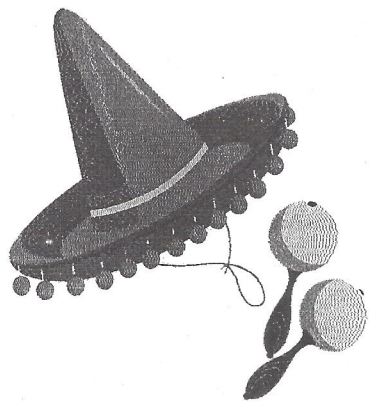
Sunday School – 9:00 – 9:45

Fellowship – 9:45 – 10:00

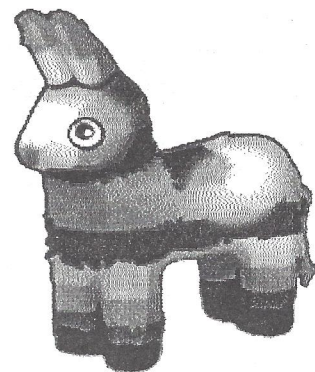
Praise and Worship Service – 10:00 – 11:00

Youth Group – 1st & 3rd Sunday 5 – 6 PM

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 Fertile, IA 50434
 641-797-2787 Phone/Fax
 Monday & Wednesday - 1-6 P.M.
 Thursday - 3-6 P.M.
 Friday 9-Noon & 3-6 P.M.
 Saturday - 9-Noon



NEW BOOKS

- Alec Cross, Run—James Patterson
- Law of the Gun—William Johnstone
- The Last Man—Vince Flynn
- Support Your Local Deputy—William Johnstone
- The Storyteller—Jodi Picoult
- Born of silence—Sherrilyn Kenyon
- Big Sky River—Linda Lael Miller
- The Silence of Winter—Wanda E. Brunstetter
- The Icecutter's Daughter—Tracie Peterson
- Swept Away—Mary Connealy
- The Chance—Karen Kingsbury

DVD's

- Argo— Ben Affleck
- Braking Dawn Pt 2
- Hope Springs—Meryl Streep
- Trouble with the Curve—Clint Eastwood
- Skyfall—Denzell Washington
- 5- Year Engagement—Jason Segal
- Ted—Mark Wahlberg
- The Pacific

AUDIO BOOKS

- Alec Cross, Run—James Patterson
- Level 26—Anthony E. Zuiker
- The Leading Lady—Betty White
- 61 Hours—Lee Child

LIBRARY NEWS

We will have a special drawing in the spring for a beautiful handcrafted Victorian Dollhouse donated by Bobbi Elbert. The doll house measures approximately 1 ft x 2 ft x 2 ft high. Its furnishings include a handmade four poster bed complete with a hand knitted spread and lace trimmed sheets and pillowcase, a handmade sofa and wing chair, Chippendale highboy chest on chest and dining table complete with brass candlesticks and pewter plates and silverware. Other details include a handmade needlepoint rug, a counted cross stitch wall hanging and placemats, as well as a trunk from Mexico. It also has a second stone fireplace and another sewing machine as well as a Christmas wreath so you can decorate the house for the Holidays. Suggested retail value \$500. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00



FAMILY FIESTA NIGHT

Fertile Community Center
Saturday April 27, 2013
5-7 pm
Mexican Food
Book Sale starts @ 4:00 pm

***BRING ON YOUR BEST
 HOMEMADE SALSA!***
 (canned or fresh)

***Be Fertile's First Ever
 "TOP CHILI PEPPER!"***
It will be the People's Choice!
Come Eat! Come Vote!



Easter Egg Hunt
March 30, 2013
10:00 a.m.
**Location depends
 on weather!**

AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change...Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE SO - ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS. ~Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect! ~Going out is good.. Coming home is better! ~You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!! ~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything.... especially golf. ~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore. ~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep". ~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.. ~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... ??? ~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere. ~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!! ~What used to be freckles are now liver spots. ~Everybody whispers. ~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear. ~~~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!! It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.

Downtown Café

Monday - Friday - 5:30 am - 2 pm
(Daily Lunch Specials)

Breakfast available all Day

Saturday - 5:30 am - 10:30 am

Friday Night 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm
(Fish, Chicken, Ribs)

113 W Main St. Fertile, IA
797-2510

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Dave Haugen, owner

HAUGEN LAWN SERVICE

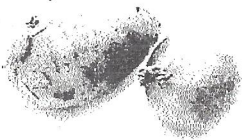
Mowing Seeding Spraying Fertilizing Thatching
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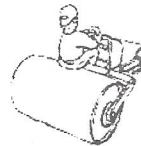
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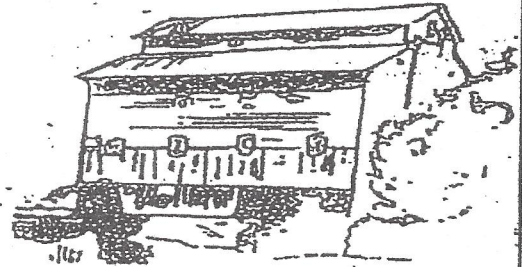
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Thank you to all who came to support our soup supper on March 2. This is the departments way of raising money for things needed by the department. We raised about \$500.00. Please watch for our next Fund Raiser!!
If you ate the Cheeseburger Soup that Andrew Hall made it came from the Fertile Garden Cookbook.



CHEESEBURGER SOUP

1 ½ LB, hamburger	¾ cup shredded carrots
1 tsp. basil (opt),	4 T. butter, divided
4 cups diced potatoes,	1 ½ cup milk
¾ tsp. salt	¾ cup chopped onions
¾ cup chopped celery	1 tsp. dried parsley flakes
3 cups chicken broth	¼ cup flour
8 oz. Velveeta cheese cubed	½ tsp. pepper

Brown beef; drain and set aside. Sauté onion, carrots, celery, basil & parley in 1 T. butter until vegetables are tender; about 10 min. Add broth, potatoes & beef; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until potatoes are tender. Meanwhile; melt rest of butter, add flour. Cook 3 min. Add to soup; bring to boil. Cook 2 min. add cheese, milk, salt and pepper. Cook on low until cheese melts.



"Mister, why doesn't this cow have any horns?" asked the young lady from a nearby city. The farmer cocked his head for a moment, then began in a patient tone, "Well, ma'am, cattle can do a powerful lot of damage with horns. Sometimes we keep'em trimmed down with a hacksaw. Other times we can fix up the young 'uns by puttin' a couple drops of acid where their horns would grow in, and that stops 'em cold. Still, there are some breeds of cattle that never grow horns. But the reason this cow don't have no horns, ma'am, is 'cause it's a horse."



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RHUBARB CUSTARD PIE



Pastry for 2 crust pie	2 cups sugar
4 cups rhubarb	¾ tsp. nutmeg
¼ cup flour	3 T. milk
3 eggs (slightly beaten)	
1 T. butter	

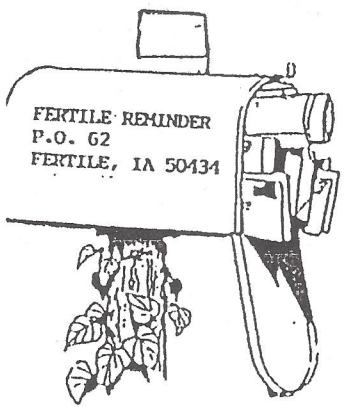
Mix flour, sugar & nutmeg together, add eggs with milk and mix thoroughly. Add rhubarb. Fill pie crust with filling, dot with butter, cover with top crust. Bake at 400 oven 50-60 minutes

VARIATIONS of PIE: 1 or 1/12 cup sugar instead of 2 cups, and use 3 cups of rhubarb instead of 4.

Don't forget you can freeze rhubarb and it is great in freezer jam with strawberries, blueberries or cherries. So easy to make.

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