

FERTILE REMINDER

FEBRUARY 2013

COMING EVENTS

- 4 Firemen meet
 - 5 Senior Citizen Dinner
 - 7 Recycle
 - 12 Fertile Girls Meet
 - 18 Library Board
 - 19 Council
 - 19 Senior Citizen Dinner
 - 21 Recycle
- Mar. 2 Fireman Soup Supper



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

So enjoy the Fertile Reminder. It brought back so many memories reading my cousin Ellamae's article about the "dipper", even remember using it. I wrote a poem about Fertile many years ago and am sending it. Thanks for all the work you do for our little town!!! Phyllis Clausen

Fertile

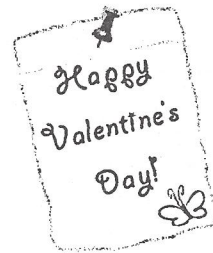
*Oh, little town in Iowa,
I miss you, oh so much.
If I could hold you in my arms,
then I could gently touch
your river as it's flowing by,
our little church, its steeple high.
Feel warmth from all the loved places,
see smiles from all the friendly faces,
be home again, my youth regained!!!
Thank you my little town for everything you gave me.
Phyllis (Suby) Clausen*

FERTILE FIREMEN SOUP SUPPER

Sat., March 2

4pm - 7 pm
Community Center

*Come for food, fellowship and to support
your local Fire department.
Free Will Offering*



FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club met Dec. 11 at the Old Mill for our Christmas party. The Mill was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Thanks, Ann!

Each member was to bring a Christmas tree ornament that was special and tell why. The Christmas story (Mary's story) was read by Ginny Lovik and Mary Anderson led us in Christmas carols.

Our secret pals were revealed for the year with a gift exchange. All received lovely gifts. The Downtown Café catered us a delicious Christmas supper. Thanks Nicole and Kylie! Our new year will start in March. We wish all a Happy New year and another great year of gardening. Susanna Lee, Reporter

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2012 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Julie Jessen, Penny Miller, Tad Miller, Pat Renchin; City Clerk Eddie May; Deputy Clerk Nicole Hare & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.
- *Penny motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the Nov. minutes.* Unanimous.
- *Jeff motioned, Penny 2nd to add Budget as a discussion option and approve agenda.* Unanimous.
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Library Project

- Mayor Russell abstained from this discussion to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest pertaining to potential WCDA funding.
- The Library Board presented updated floor plans for 2 project options as well as estimated construction and operating costs comparisons. They also presented talking points regarding pros and cons of both options. The Council approved one option and requested that the Library Board reduce the size of the second option by 30-40%. The Council offered some suggestions on how and where to do that. The Library Board agreed that those cuts could be feasible and would present a new floor plan for option 2 at the next meeting.
- The Library Board will also prepare an informational packet and survey to present the two options to the public for their input. Jeff will help the Library draft the survey before submitting to the Council for their approval.

Spring WCDA Grant Request Options

- Mayor Russell abstained from this discussion to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest pertaining to potential WCDA funding.
- Steve presented a proposal to apply for a grant to paint the water tower. It has been over 20 years since the City has painted the tower and it is starting to rust out. The City obtained two separate bids. The low bid was \$80,000.00
- Eddie presented a proposal to apply for a grant to construct a bike path from the new Community Center to the Rhodes Island Park. The proposed path would abut up to the west side of 1st Street effectively increasing the size of the shoulder. The project would not affect water run-off or mowing capabilities for residents. The path would be separated from the road with a rumble strip and yellow paint. Signage would alert drivers of the right-away for pedestrians, bikers and golf-carts. Eddie had secured one bid from Heartland Asphalt and is waiting on two others, therefore the bid price will not be posted yet.
- Eddie presented a proposal to pave Main Street from State Street to 3rd Street. Eddie had secured one bid from Heartland Asphalt and is waiting on two others, therefore the bid price will not be posted yet.
- *Jeff motioned, Penny 2nd to approve application for the low bid for painting the water tower and the Heartland Asphalt bid for paving Main Street from State Street to 3rd Street (unless Heartland does not end up being the low bid—in that case a special meeting will be called).* Roll call vote was unanimous. The bike path will be considered for a future or alternative grant.

City Maintenance Report

- Steve has been babysitting the controls at the sewer lift station as they have needed to be manually restarted. Parts are ordered to fix the issue.
- The mower has been cleaned up with new blades and an oil change.
- The snow plow is back with 4 new tires, a new radiator and welding.

- IA Rural Water Association helped fill out our Sewer permit. This permit is required to be updated every 4 years.
- Lagoon draw-down was successful, everything closed up tight.
- Steve and Warren sprayed the thistles and re-seeded to help run-off.
- Steve did some repairs at the Library.
- Steve did some landscaping at the new Community Center.
- *Pat motioned, Tad 2nd to approve report.* Unanimous.

Mayor's Report

- Snow removal ordinance posted at City Hall, Library & Post Office. Please be considerate of the space needed to plow snow, keep all roads, alley ways and right-of-ways clear.
- Insurance companies have been calling requesting new FEMA flood plain maps. If you are currently required to purchase flood insurance, you may want to look at the new maps to see if you can discontinue.
- Repairs were done on the Emergency Management repeaters on the water tower.
- Eddie and Joyce obtained a quote from Simmering-Cory for updating the City Ordinances. The Council requested a second quote.
- Alliant Energy fixed a street light on West Main & N Hill Street.
- Larsen's fixed a water leak in the beverage room in the Community Center.
- *Tad motioned, Julie 2nd to approve report.* Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

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

7/1 - 11/30	General	Roads	Water/Sewer	Total
Income	79,805.14	15,138.55	74,057.05	\$169,000.74
Expense	66,798.13	9,431.20	65,037.70	141,267.03
Total	13,007.01	5,707.35	9,019.35	27,733.71
Fund Balance	49,372.23	48,883.31	100,922.36	199,177.90

- *Pat motioned, Tad 2nd to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous
- *Penny motioned, Julie 2nd to approve November Bills.* Unanimous
- *No liens were presented*

Budget

- Budget discussion began. Eddie had prepared a proposed budget as a starting point. The General Fund however needs to be cut by \$7000+ before approval. The Library presented their budget. All other Departments must present a budget at the January Council meeting.

Committee Reports

- No reports were presented

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, January 15th, 2013, at Fertile City Hall.

Next Meeting's Topics – beyond Department Reports

- Library Project
- Budget
- *Pat moved and Penny 2nd to approve next meeting's topics.* Unanimous. More items may be added before agenda is posted.
- *Pat moved and Penny 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous.

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S DAY**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Checking					
Paycheck	11/01/2012	6254	Russell, Grant		-372.20
Paycheck	11/01/2012	6253	Bruns, Warren		-308.99
Paycheck	11/01/2012	6256	Russell, Joyce		-870.56
Paycheck	11/01/2012	6257	May III, Edgar F.		-738.47
Paycheck	11/01/2012	6255	Roberts, Stephen J		-876.76
Bill Pmt -Check	11/01/2012	6252	Lonnie Knudson		-10.00
Check	11/01/2012	6251	Russell, Joyce	Community Center Cleaning	0.00
Check	11/01/2012	91	Miner, Harold or Elin	Supplies Adjustment to Right Fund	0.00
Deposit	11/02/2012			City Hall Rental adjustment to right fund	2,208.48
Deposit	11/05/2012			Local Option Sales Tax	256.42
Deposit	11/05/2012			Utility Bill Deposit	3,495.58
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2012	6258	Clapper Tree Service	Casino Funds Deposit	-300.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2012	6259	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Tree Trimming & Removal	-170.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2012	6260	Menards	Install Water Meter, Winterize Concession Stand	-274.42
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2012	6261	Pronto	Supplies, Ladder, Tools	-190.97
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2012	6262	Superior Lumber, Inc	Gas for Truck/mower	-22.28
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2012	6263	Waste Management	Sewer Gate Project - Concrete Form	-1,918.58
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2012	6264	WCTA	Landfill/Garbage	-143.66
Deposit	11/07/2012			Telephone/Internet	3,938.55
Deposit	11/14/2012			Utility Bill Deposit	1,786.47
Bill Pmt -Check	11/14/2012	6265	Black Hills Energy	Utility Bills, Fertile Days	-204.48
Bill Pmt -Check	11/14/2012	6266	Iowa Finance Authority	Natural Gas	-2,145.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/14/2012	6267	Iowa One Call	Sewer Loan	-20.70
Bill Pmt -Check	11/14/2012	6268	Iowa Rural Water Association	Utility location	-200.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/14/2012	6269	Johansen Welding Construction	Membership Dues	-265.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/14/2012	6271	UPS	Snow Plow Repairs	-11.50
Check	11/14/2012	6272	Fertile Public Library	Sewer Testing	-1,495.52
Deposit	11/14/2012			Enrich Iowa, Balance with Budget	1,711.43
Liability Check	11/15/2012	eftps	United States Treasury	Local Option Sales Tax	-841.95
Liability Check	11/15/2012	IQUK	IPERS		-607.27
Deposit	11/15/2012			Property Taxes	5,227.68
Check	11/16/2012		PeopleSmart	Background Check	-29.95
Check	11/18/2012		First Security Bank & Trust	Community Center Loan Payment	-2,500.00
Check	11/20/2012		PeopleSmart	Background Check	-29.95
Deposit	11/20/2012			Road Use Tax	1,443.71
Deposit	11/21/2012			Deposit	3,435.07
Paycheck	11/23/2012	6274	Roberts, Stephen J		-1,256.91
Check	11/28/2012	6275	Anderson, Kylie J		-150.00
Check	11/28/2012	6276	Willis, Phyllis	Utility Bill Deposit Refunded	-150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/28/2012	6277	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,353.18
Bill Pmt -Check	11/28/2012	6278	Green Canopy, Inc.	Porta-Poties	-430.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/28/2012	6279	Menards	Sewer Maintenance	-21.72
Bill Pmt -Check	11/28/2012	6280	Staples	Office Supplies	-67.01
Bill Pmt -Check	11/28/2012	6281	UPS	Water/Sewer Testing	-44.84
Bill Pmt -Check	11/28/2012	6282	USA Blue Book	Water Testing Supplies	-89.94
Bill Pmt -Check	11/28/2012	6283	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-46.69
Deposit	11/28/2012			Utility Bill / Rent Deposit	3,250.43
Bill Pmt -Check	11/28/2012	6284	North Iowa Media Group	Publishing Deputy Clerk Position / Library Bid Notice	-1.82
Deposit	11/30/2012			Utility Bill Deposit	1.00
Deposit	11/30/2012			Interest	5.06
Total Checking					8,589.58
Roads Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	11/30/2012			Interest	11.39
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					11.39
Water Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	11/30/2012			Interest	4.13
Total Water Revenue Accounts					4.13
Sewer Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	11/30/2012			Interest	3.61
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					3.61
TOTAL					8,608.71

Summer Activity Opportunity

The City of Fertile is looking for someone to carry on a great community tradition as Fertile Little League Directors!

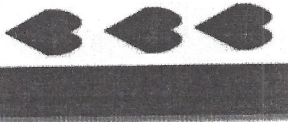


Directors recruit and supervise Players, Coaches and Umpires. Directors manage game schedules and concession stand operations.

Assistance will be provided by the City Clerk and City Council Members, with advice from the former Directors.



Please contact Eddie at: cityclerk@fertileiowa.us or 641-425-9878 for more details.



Letter to the Editor:

Dear Ladies, You all do a wonderful job and it's mighty appreciated.

Thank you, Patty Zobel

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City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2013 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Julie Jessen, Penny Miller, Pat Renchin; City Clerk Eddie May & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts. Absent was Council Member Tad Miller.
- *Pat motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the Dec. minutes.* Unanimous.
- *Penny motioned, Julie 2nd to add Vicious Dog Ordinance as a discussion option and approve agenda.* Unanimous.
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Library Project

- The Library Board presented updated floor plans for 2 project options as well as estimated construction and operating costs comparisons after shrinking option 2 by 18% from the last plan submitted. They also presented a letter to the residents including reasons for a new library, talking points regarding pros and cons of both options and cost comparisons. *Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the tentative floor plans for option 1 and the letter to the residents.* Roll Call Vote: Unanimous.
- The 2 options will now be presented to the Architect for final review and confirmation of cost comparisons. As long as the architect confirms the floor plans and cost comparisons, the letter and floor plans will be mailed to every resident of Fertile and Fertile Township. Representatives of the City Council and Library Board will go door-to-door to solicit public opinion regarding both options. Once opinions have been collected and organized, a public hearing will be scheduled to announce the results and fully explain the option chosen by the public.

Budget

- Eddie presented budget worksheets to help the Council prepare the budget for July 2013 - June 2014. The Library Board, Fertile Days Committee, and Garden Club presented financial statements and budgets to the Council for approval. The City estimated budget amounts for the Fire Department and Little League as budgets had not been submitted. The Fire Department is working on their budget and the Little League is currently looking for new directors.
- Each department submitting a budget was approved for their full request with anticipated grant assistance from the City Clerk.
- Tax rates were not increased for next year. (This Fiscal Year, *the City's portion* of property taxes is lower than 4 of the 7 cities in Worth County, only 2 cities are lower than ours. – *The school portion* of our property taxes raises our rate so that only 1 other city is higher than our overall tax rate. This last fall, the residents of Fertile had an opportunity to vote on removing a school tax from our property tax rates. The vote was overwhelming in favor of keeping the tax to support our children's education.)
- Next year's budget includes a 2% increase in garbage and recycling fees to cover a 3% increase in cost scheduled in our contract with Waste Management. Garbage would increase from \$11.95 to \$12.19 and recycling would increase from \$2.34 to \$2.39.
- A public hearing is scheduled for the next Council meeting on February 19th (7:00 pm at City Hall). The proposed budget will be published in the Northwood Anchor and posted at the Library, Post Office and City Hall. The public is encouraged to come to the meeting to voice their opinion.

City Maintenance Report

- Steve cleaned out the second unit in the business incubator so it is ready for development. Businesses looking to start-up or expand are encouraged to apply for the program. Rent is on a sliding scale (1st year is 25% of fair market rent value, 2nd is 50%, 3rd is 75%, 4th and 5th is 100% of fair market rent value.)
- Steve took down the Christmas lights off the footbridge.
- Steve fixed the leaky coffee pots at the Community Center.
- Steve found a water leak caused by frozen pipes. Leak has been fixed.
- The transfer switch at the sewer plant has been fixed.
- Remaining doors from the Community Center renovations have been sold and removed from storage.
- Steve called about a surcharge proposed by Waste Management and our representative arranged to remove the surcharge keeping in line with our contract.
- *Pat motioned, Julie 2nd to approve report.* Unanimous.

Mayor's Report

- Joyce and Eddie obtained quotes from Simmering-Cory and NIACOG for revising the City's Code of Ordinances. Iowa law requires Cities to revise their ordinances every 5 years. *Julie motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the low bid presented by NIACOG.* Unanimous.
- Joyce attended a retirement party for Worth County Auditor Kay Clark. The City wishes all the best for Kay and welcomes Jackie Backhaus as the new Auditor.
- Joyce and Warren filled out 2 DNR reports (Sewer, Tier 2) and (Water, Disinfection Monitoring Plain).
- Alliant will start converting our current street lamps to the new LED lamps starting in January. The new lights will save money and energy and will be brighter.
- The City received \$1,325 in rebates from Alliant for putting LED lights in the new Community Center.
- The City will be writing a grant to get new flashing stop light signs for the corner of 1st and Main.
- The City Council approved the mill and dam design for a bronze statue to be placed at the Worth County Fairgrounds. If fundraising is high enough, a second copy of the statue will be placed in Fertile.
- Interest in joining the Library Board was voiced to Joyce. Interested parties should contact the Librarian and/or Library Board who recommend membership to the Mayor who officially appoints the members and are approved by the Council. The Library Board consists of 5 members (2 from out of town and 3 from in town). There is currently 1 open seat on the Library Board. New members are welcomed.
- *Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve report.* Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

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7/1 - 12/31	General	Roads	Water/Sewer	Total
Income	88,221.34	17,957.52	83,894.03	190,072.89
Expense	76,735.53	12,774.53	77,963.79	167,473.85
Total	11,485.81	5,182.99	5,930.24	167,473.85
Fund Balance	47,851.03	48,358.95	97,833.25	194,043.23

- *Julie motioned, Penny 2nd to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous
- *Pat motioned, Penny 2nd to approve December Bills.* Unanimous
- *No liens were presented.*

- Eddie presented a \$79,670.00 WCDA grant request for painting the water tower. Eddie postponed the roads grant request. The second bid on the roads project raised questions that have to be addressed by the Council before approval of the grant request.

icole accepted a full time position with benefits at Mercy and therefore had to resign from the Deputy Clerk position. Cindy Peters had also interviewed with the Council and accepted the position to start immediately.

- Eddie gave a 2 month notice. Eddie is torn about the resignation as he has greatly appreciated and has enjoyed working with the City over the last 8 years. Eddie's decision comes as his business responsibilities have increased drastically. Eddie also believes it will be the best for the City as Cindy will be able to give more time to the position for additional grant writing.

Vicious Dog Ordinance

- The vicious dog ordinance was reviewed. No vicious animals including Pit Bulls or any derivative of Pit Bulls may be permitted in City Limits. Owners of such animals must remove them immediately.
- All dogs in City Limits must also be on a leash, or enclosed in a fenced in area, at all times while outside. Any dog found wandering may be reported to the Sheriff's Department and/or collected and taken to an animal shelter. If threatened, residents have the right to wound or kill an animal on their property or in the public right-aways to protect themselves or their family.

Committee Reports

- No reports were presented

Upcoming Meetings

- A public hearing for the budget will be held at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, February 19th, 2013, at Fertile City Hall.
- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, February 19th, 2013, at Fertile City Hall.

Next Meeting's Topics – beyond Department Reports

- Budget Hearing
- Pat moved and Jeff 2nd to approve next meeting's topics. Unanimous. More items may be added before agenda is posted.
- Pat moved and Jeff 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Checking					
Check	12/01/2012		Pronto	Gas for Steves truck to go to RWC class	0.00
Deposit	12/03/2012			Casino Funds Deposit	2,816.90
Deposit	12/05/2012			Utility Bill Deposit	1,289.70
Paycheck	12/05/2012	6285	Bruns, Warren		-308.99
Paycheck	12/05/2012	6286	Roberts, Stephen J		-876.77
Paycheck	12/05/2012	6287	Russell, Joyce		-937.49
Bill Pmt-Check	12/05/2012	6288	Lorrie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-10.00
Deposit	12/05/2012			Local Option Sales Tax	2,284.89
Bill Pmt-Check	12/06/2012	6289	AgSource Laboratories	Water/ Sewer Testing	-136.75
Bill Pmt-Check	12/05/2012	6290	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt-Check	12/05/2012	6291	K&H Cooperative Oil Co.	New LP Tanks	-387.00
Bill Pmt-Check	12/05/2012	6292	Kramer Ace Hardware	Pop Can Bags	-6.49
Bill Pmt-Check	12/06/2012	6293	Menards	Heat tape for Library Roof	-30.95
Bill Pmt-Check	12/05/2012	6294	Miller's Diesel and Automotive	Radiator and supplies for snow plow	-3,214.43
Bill Pmt-Check	12/05/2012	6295	Pronto	Gas for Truck/ Steves truck to go to RWC class	-221.65
Bill Pmt-Check	12/06/2012	6296	UPS	Sewer Testing	-11.56
Bill Pmt-Check	12/06/2012	6297	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-1,916.58
Bill Pmt-Check	12/06/2012	6298	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-149.68
Check	12/06/2012	6299	Russell, Joyce	City of Fertile Christmas Bridge Lights	-37.36
Deposit	12/11/2012			Utility Bill Deposit	328.94
Liability Check	12/11/2012	iQue	IPERS		-814.92
Paycheck	12/11/2012	6301	May II, Edgar F.		-946.92
Deposit	12/12/2012			Utility Bill Deposit	3,918.17
Liability Check	12/14/2012	efps	United States Treasury		-1,148.07
Deposit	12/14/2012			Property Taxes	1,150.92
Deposit	12/14/2012			Liens Collected	1,526.96
Deposit	12/15/2012			Road Use Tax	1,526.26
Check	12/18/2012		First Security Bank & Trust	Community Center Loan Payment	-2,500.00
Bill Pmt-Check	12/19/2012	6302	Bauer Built Tire	Plow Truck Repairs	-1,666.86
Bill Pmt-Check	12/19/2012	6303	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-346.90
Bill Pmt-Check	12/19/2012	6304	Fertile Reminder	Advertisement Costs	-220.00
Bill Pmt-Check	12/19/2012	6305	Menards	Edger block for city hall	-50.85
Bill Pmt-Check	12/19/2012	6306	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-48.44
Bill Pmt-Check	12/19/2012	6307	Menards	Lights for Manger	-11.98
Deposit	12/19/2012			Utility Bill Deposit	2,671.41
Paycheck	12/19/2012	6308	Roberts, Stephen J		-876.76
Bill Pmt-Check	12/26/2012	6309	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,658.37
Bill Pmt-Check	12/26/2012	6310	Hare Electric		-1,865.99
Bill Pmt-Check	12/26/2012	6311	Staples	Office Supplies	-121.20
Bill Pmt-Check	12/26/2012	6312	UPS	Water Testing and Nitrate Sample	-21.72
Deposit	12/26/2012			Utility Bill Deposit	2,453.06
Deposit	12/26/2012			Utility Bill & RUTF Deposit	4,107.14
Deposit	12/26/2012			Utility Bill Deposit	500.00
Paycheck	12/31/2012	6314	Berg, Jeffrey		-452.88
Paycheck	12/31/2012	6317	Renchin, Pat		-415.14
Paycheck	12/31/2012	6315	Jessen, Julie		-406.34
Paycheck	12/31/2012	6316	Miller, Penny		-452.88
Paycheck	12/31/2012	6323	Russell, Joyce		-943.50
Bill Pmt-Check	12/31/2012	6322	Miller, Josh v	Snow Removal	-90.00
Paycheck	12/31/2012	6339	Bruns, Warren	SS Adjustment	-28.00
Paycheck	12/31/2012	6335	May II, Edgar F.	SS Adjustment	-75.54
Paycheck	12/31/2012	6338	Roberts, Stephen J	SS Adjustment	-211.57
Paycheck	12/31/2012	6336	Russell, Grant	SS Adjustment	-11.72
Paycheck	12/31/2012	6337	Russell, Joyce	SS Adjustment	-94.61
Paycheck	12/31/2012	6334	Jessen, Julie	SS Adjustment	-8.80
Deposit	12/31/2012	eFile	Iowa Workforce Development	Payroll Taxes	35.00
Deposit	12/31/2012			Interest	5.51
Total Checking					867.10
Roads Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	12/31/2012			Interest	10.98
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					10.98
Water Revenue Accounts					
Total Savings					4.27
Total Water Revenue Accounts					4.27
Sewer Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	12/31/2012			Interest	3.73
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					3.73
TOTAL					886.98

OBITUARIES

Elaine A. Patten

JOICE - Elaine A. Patten, 89, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012 at the Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake. Burial will be at Brush Point Cemetery in Hanlontown.

Elaine was born on her home place, north of Fertile, on June 2, 1923 to parents, Louis and Laura (Midtgaard) Severson. She was a life-long member of Fertile Lutheran Church. Elaine graduated from Fertile High School in 1941 and this past summer her 71st class reunion was part of the all class reunion held at the Fertile Community Center.

Elaine was united in marriage to Howard C. Patten, on Oct. 11, 1953 and to this union a daughter, Virginia Lynn was born. The family made their home in Mason City until 1966 when they moved to an acreage, north of Elaine's home place. Elaine worked for many years for Dr. Robert M. Powell, in Mason City, and for a time with the Medical Arts Pharmacy. Elaine and Howard enjoyed traveling and spent many hours working on the family genealogies, taking day trips to locations involving family history. Elaine was also an active member of Medical Assistants, while working, and she was an active member of the Fertile Garden Club, becoming an honorary member in 2009. Spending time with family, friends, and especially grand and great-grandchildren was special to her.

Elaine is survived by her daughter, Virginia (Mark) Lovik, Joice; grandchildren, Nathan (Kim) Lovik, Iowa City and Laura (Paul) Beatty Clear Lake; great-grandchildren, Benson Lovik, Hailey, Garrett, Gage and Hailynn Beatty; brother Don (Marilyn) Severson, Joice; sister-in-law Arcola Hardeman of Colorado Springs, Colo.; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Elaine was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Howard, Oct. 29, 2000; brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law.

Memorials may be directed to Fertile Lutheran Church, Hospice of North Iowa, Fertile Library, or the Fertile Garden Club

ARVID HOLTAN

JOICE - Arvid Holtan, 85, of Joice, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012 at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City. Burial will be at Salem Memorial Cemetery in Lake Mills.

Arvid was born on April 2, 1927 at Rosendale, Mo., to Arthur E. and Mabel (Halverson) Holtan. While Arv was still young, the family returned to North Iowa where they resided and farmed west of Lake Mills. The family later moved to a farm south of Joice.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in April, 1945, and graduated from Fertile High School that year in absentia. He served in the Pacific Theatre on the island of Guam during the later days of World War II. After completing his service in the Navy, Arvid attended and graduated from Waldorf Junior College in Forest City, and Iowa State College in Ames. Then, for several years, he taught Veteran's Training on the GI Bill. He later worked as a turkey specialist for Golden Sun Milling Company, before moving back to the farm near Joice in 1958, where he resided the remainder of his life.

On Aug. 5, 1956, at Estherville, Arvid was united in marriage to Maryon Anderson. To their union one child was born, son Bruce L. Holtan.

Arvid and Maryon farmed together until their retirement in 1990. During the past 23 years they wintered in Florida, and enjoyed participating in many community activities. His hobbies were many, including camping, wood carving, model engine building, exhibiting at engine shows, and serving as 4-H leader. He was very proud to have had the opportunity to go on the World War II Veterans Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. during the summer of 2010.

Arvid was preceded in death by his parents; his brother-in-law, Lawrence Heyerdahl, Jr.; and his in-laws, Gus and Bertha Anderson. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Maryon; son, Bruce (Evelyn); sister, Norma (Don) Wakeley of Bellevue, Wash.; sister, Betty Heyerdahl of Green Bay, Wis.; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Memorials to Heritage Park of North Iowa, Forest City, in Arvid's name, would be appreciated.

Alice Larsen

Alice Larsen, 93, of Fertile, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2012, at the Lake Mills Care Center.

Funeral services were held with Pastor David Halvorson of Fertile Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be at North Prairie Cemetery in Scarville.

Alice B. Solomonson Larsen, the daughter of Louis and Inga (Kloster) Solomonson, was born on Aug. 15, 1919, on her parents' home farm near Scarville. She attended country school and graduated from Lake Mills High School. Alice attended Waldorf College. On June 29, 1941, she was united in marriage with Carl Larsen at North Prairie Lutheran Church.

In 1953 the couple moved to Fertile, where in 1958 they founded Larsen Plumbing and Heating. Alice worked for the business until her retirement in 1985.

Survivors include her daughter, Nancy (Dennis) Faber; grandsons, Timothy (Brooke) Faber of Charleston, S.C., Thomas (Jennifer) Faber of Clear Lake, and Edward (Ted) Faber of Woodbridge, IL; three great-grandchildren, Braden, Logan and Kennidy Faber; and many nieces and nephews. Alice was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carl; five brothers, Andrew, Ole, Carl, and Leslie Solomonson and Ted Sydness; and three sisters, Nora Wagner, little Anna, and Ann Gunderson. Memorials may be designated in Alice's name to Fertile Lutheran Church, Hospice of North Iowa or the Fertile Library.

THANK YOU

The families of Alice Larsen and Dorothy Faber, offer a sincere thank you to all who have called, visited and offered condolences since their passing in December. God Bless each of you. Dennis & Nancy Faber



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Nicole Knudson (pictured above) was our \$100 Wal-mart gift card winner! These wonderful people & businesses donated items for our drawing: Advantage Business Solutions (Eddie May), Craft Communications, Michelle Craft (Scentsy), Downtown Café, Humble Beginnings, Loni Knudson, Nicole Knudson (Scentsy), Barb Lovick, MBT Bank, Stacy Miller (Thirty One), Clete & Carolyn Nedved, Pizza Ranch Lake Mills, Pronto, Ruth Rhodes, Shryock Racing, Subway Forest City, Emily Suby (Pampered Chef), TSB Bank, Tammy Waddington, Walmart, Winnebago Industries & YMCA.

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LIBRARY NEWS

We will also 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

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Fertile Day's Spaghetti Supper and Concert

In behalf of the Fertile Day's committee, we would like to thank everyone for supporting our spaghetti supper and concert. Because all the food was donated, we had no upfront expense. We served a little over 100 people and 40 takeout meals. Thank you for donating (food, bars or money), for volunteering to work, and thank you for coming and donating to Fertile days! We received \$733.00!

Thank you again!
Fertile Day's Committee

COMPLETE AND FINISHED

NO dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED. However, in a recent linguistic conference held in London, England, and attended by some of the best linguists in the world: Samsundar Balgobin was the clear winner.

His final challenge was this: Some say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED. Please explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand.

Here is his astute answer: "When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. But, when you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!"

His answer was received with a standing ovation lasting over 5 minutes and it entitled him to receive an invitation to dine with the Queen, who decided to call him after the contest. He won a trip to travel around the world in style and a case of 25 year old Eldorado rum for his answer.

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 - You turn out the light for economic reasons rather than romantic ones.
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 - You are startled the first time you are addressed as "old timer".
 - You burn the midnight oil after 9:00 P.M.
 - You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.
 - Your pacemaker makes the garage door go up when you see a pretty girl walk by.
 - You get your exercise acting as a pallbearer for your friends who did exercise.
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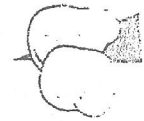
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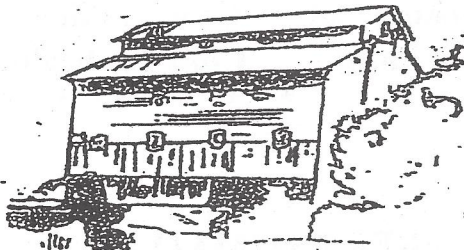
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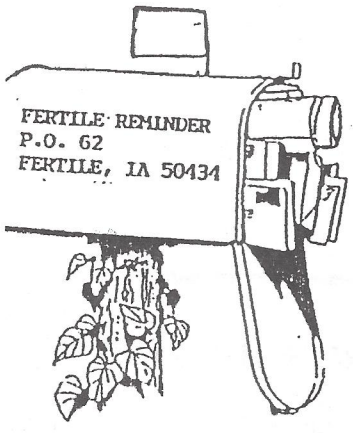
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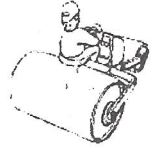
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